Homecoming Event Schedule

Friday Events

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
All reunion classes’ golf outing at the Grove City Country Club

3 p.m.
Men’s Soccer Game

8:30 – 11:30 p.m.
Homecoming Dance
Breen-HAL Courtyard

Saturday Events

8:30 a.m.
Women’s Soccer Alumni Game on the Varsity Field

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Registration in HAL Atrium

9 a.m.
Women’s Lacrosse Alumni Game on IM Fields

9 a.m.
Women’s Water Polo Alumni Game in the Competition Pool

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Education Department Book Fair in HAL 105

10 a.m.
Women’s Rugby Club Game on IM Fields

10:30 a.m.
Men’s Soccer Alumni Game on Varsity Field

10:30 a.m.
Men’s Water Polo Alumni Game in the Competition Pool

11 a.m.
Homecoming Parade

11 a.m.
Men’s Lacrosse Alumni Game on IM Field

12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tents on the Quad

1:15 p.m.
Float awards and pre-game show

2 p.m.
Grove City College vs. Thomas More Game on Thorn Field

Sunday Events

10:30 a.m.
Homecoming morning worship services

By Darin Miller
Collegeian Editor-in-Chief

Carnegie Alumni Center getting makeover

In January 2007, Grove City College moved its alumni, communications and development employees out of Carnegie Music Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus, to the Pew Fine Arts Center’s art gallery. Construction began soon after on what will be a larger, fully renovated alumni center.

Tedco Construction Corporation from Pittsburgh, Pa., is the general contractor for the project. The company was also hired for the construction of the colonial Hall Apartments in 2006. The building’s funding came from the last Capital campaign gift money donated by alumni.

Carnegie Music Hall was built in 1900. It is the oldest building on campus that the College built. “Everything had been down there,” said Jeff Prokovich ‘89, vice president for advancement. “It was a library, it was a gym, it was a men’s dorm — men lived in the basement at one point. It was our first chapel, first auditorium, first theater, a lot of ‘firsts’ happened in that space. It was the music department ... it has a great history and it has a lot of connection with a lot of alumni.”

And with the new renovations, Prokovich said he believes the building can remain relevant for another 100 years. James Wendelschafer, director of physical plant at the College, said, “Major changes include a large, open multi-purpose room on the main level for seminars and alumni events and the relocation of the alumni and development offices to the upper level, which was originally an auditorium.”

The other notable change is the addition of the building on the north side, which will primarily house the new main entrance and mechanical equipment but more importantly make the building accessible to individuals with special needs.”

Prokovich added that additional parking will be available across the street.

“One of the challenges,” he said, “has been in order to be sensitive to those living in Colonial [Hall Apartments], we...”

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Parade route set

By Kelley Smith
Collegeian Senior Copy Editor

All Grove City College supporters — students, alumni, families, friends and community members — are invited to enjoy the 2008 Homecoming Parade at 11 a.m. tomorrow, beginning on upper campus.

This year’s parade floats will correlate with the theme, “Tradition is Always in Style: Decades,” presented by College sororities and fraternities. Sharing the route will be the Wolverine Marching Band as well as the marching bands from both Grove City and Ellwood City high schools. Former College presidents John Moore and Charles MacKenzie will serve as grand marshals.

The parade will start on the drive between the Hall of Arts and Letters and Hicks Residence Hall, will continue right onto Campus Drive and then will exit west onto Pine Street towards Olde Town Grove City. The procession will turn north toward the Breen-HAL Courtyard. Floats will be identified with numbers to aid with awards. The winner will be announced on the radio at 10:30 a.m. on 99-9 FM, and the winner will receive a check of $100.

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Evaluators impressed with College

By Darin Miller
Collegeian Editor-in-Chief

Last April, a team of seven educators from peer colleges and universities of Grove City College came to campus to evaluate the College before its reaccreditation.

The team’s 23-page report was recently given to the College for its own review. This report will be passed on to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for review to determine whether the College should continue educating students as it has been since the last evaluation in 1998. This happens every 10 years. MSCHE has been responsible for the College’s accreditation since 1922.

To prepare for the review, the College underwent a two-year self-study evaluation, led by Drs. Tim Homan, chair of the chemistry department, and Gary Welsh, assistant dean of institutional assessment. When the evaluation team came to the College, they reviewed not only this self-study but also personally looked into all aspects of the College.

The team commended the College for its self-study and recommended that MSCHE use the self-study’s recommendations along with its own. The team also gave permission to openly share its report with the College. Moreover, the College’s self-study “was brutally honest, candid and even unnecessarily harsh in its self-assessment of Grove City,” the report stated. The team recommended that the College...”

See Evaluation, page 4

Band set to rock

By Anne Marie Booth
Collegeian News Co-Editor

The typical Grover loves books, but not in the way Blondille does. Senior Kelly Smith first met this budding bibliophile while on a mission trip in Cap-Haitian, Haiti. “I was playing with some of the children within our compound, and in my haste to join a game of soccer, I left my ‘Croise Made Easy’ book on the ledge of the porch.” Smith said “Blondille, a little girl from the village, found my book and held it in her hands, her fingers grazing the glossy cover of the book. She held the pages to her face and felt them against her skin. She took her fingers and ran them over the lines of text and though the pages were nearly always upside down and...”

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Doing things?

Buy the book!
Students see work of Heifer International firsthand

By Anna Brinkman

Four Grove City College students traveled to Perryville, Ark., over the weekend to attend Heifer University, a two-day program focused on ending world hunger through agricultural progress in developing countries. The event took place at Heifer Ranch, one of five learning centers run by the global charity Heifer International.

Heifer International is a non-profit organization working with communities worldwide to end hunger and poverty through sustainable, environmentally sound development. Founded in 1944 at the close of World War II, it has assisted over seven million families by providing livestock and other farming resources and training, reducing hunger with the slogan, "not a cup, but a cow."

Grove City students discovered this opportunity through an announcement from the College’s Office of International Education, as the result of correspondence with a Grove City alumnus involved in the organization. Junior Whitney Covert was already familiar with Heifer International through its work with the Church of the Brethren.

“I’ve worked with Heifer in the past, and I’ve always believed strongly in the organization,” Covert said. "I was so excited when I found out that Grove City students were partnering with Heifer, and I jumped on the chance. It was a wonderful opportunity filled with great hands-on experiences and superior weather – not to mention gargantuan spiders!”

Juniors Jacqueline Armstrong, and Olivia Williams, sophomore Anna Brinkman and Covert flew out of Pittsburgh International Airport on Friday morning and arrived in Arkansas in the early afternoon, where they were greeted by Rex Enoch, manager of adult education programs. Students from the University of Alaska, Purdue University and Hendrix College were also in attendance, bringing the number of participants up to nearly 30.

Over the course of the weekend, students enjoyed a tour of Heifer’s acclaimed eco-friendly headquarters at Heifer International in Little Rock, Ark., and participated in informational sessions and discussions to find out more about Heifer’s mission and how they could further the cause. Perhaps the most popular experience at the ranch was a walk through the Global Village, which featured authentically-constructed homes of the kind found in many countries where Heifer is at work. Williams was especially impressed with this display.

“Observing simulated living conditions of the families in different countries around the world in the Global Village was most enlightening,” Williams said. “The description of the methods Heifer uses to improve a family’s standard of living was interesting, and it was amazing to see how each animal could provide numerous resources to the family from food; a fuel source (by the use of manure for methane gas), draft power, to empowerment of being able to provide for a family.”

Students saw these animals firsthand during a hayride on Saturday morning. They had the opportunity to see water buffaloes, camels, hair sheep, goats and turkeys, as well as the more mundane American cattle and chickens. Heifer provides 30 kinds of livestock to recipient families, including such exotic varieties as grasscutters, yaks and guinea pigs.

“I was under the impression that we would be involved with the animals on the ranch,” Williams said. “But upon arrival we learned that Heifer no longer raises livestock to send to other countries. Instead they buy the livestock near the country where they are implementing a program to be more cost-efficient, and to ensure the animals are suitable for the geographical area.”

As can be inferred from the name, heifers and other livestock are a major component of Heifer International’s work. But their focus has stretched into other areas as well, including improving water quality, promoting gender equity and supporting community education.

“Heifer isn’t about animals,” Director of Animal Well-Being Terry Wollen said. “It’s about transforming people and developing strong community groups. Animals are a tool to help people improve their livelihood and develop community stability.”

Part of community stability includes the sustainable use and maintenance of natural resources. This aspect of the organization particularly resonated with Dr. Jay McDaniel, a religion professor and meditator from Hendrix College who accompanied his students to the program and incorporates Heifer materials into his eco-theology course. Many non-Hendrix attendees found his co-management of the program to result in much discussion irrelevant to anyone outside Hendrix. But with regard to the program as a whole, all four Grove City students felt positive about attending.

Armstrong is majoring in biology with certifications in secondary education and K-12 environmental education. An avid hunter who spent the summer working at Yellowstone National Park, she appreciated Heifer’s call for stewardship and wise management of the environment.

“I enjoyed the weekend overall,” Armstrong said. “I enjoyed learning about the Heifer organization and really getting to experience it at the Heifer Ranch, I enjoyed the warm Arkansas weather very much and I met some pretty amazing students from the University of Alaska. Overall, it was a very beneficial experience.”

One of the most challenging aspects of the program was brainstorming ideas for involvement while at college. Though the students expressed hopes of taking this beyond the typical level of awareness-raising and fundraising, the nature of the organization precludes many opportunities for involvement beyond actual volunteering, which naturally takes place off campus and usually outside the context of academics.

“I did not really know what to expect concerning this weekend; I just knew that I wanted to find out a lot of information,” Covert said. “I am still trying to figure out how I could best support Heifer’s program. Some ideas are sponsoring an animal or even spreading the word in general on what this organization is about.”

“I received all that I expected and more. We learned so much about the program and got to network with a lot of great people,” Covert said. “I'm hoping to find internships, intersessions and career opportunities with the organization.”

As part of their goal to develop self-sustaining communities, Heifer does not send Americans to other countries to work on projects but relies completely on locals to ensure long-term success. Students can, however, embark on two-week study tours to various countries to see Heifer’s models of development at work.

Volunteering at Heifer Ranch or another learning center is another option: volunteers receive free housing and a $200 stipend every two weeks, as well as a substantial noon meal seven days a week. No internships are on the horizon at the moment, but as Heifer develops greater connectedness with the world of higher education, they should be forthcoming.

For more information, visit www.heifer.org.
David Crosby
Major: Business Management
Activities: Varsity Men’s Basketball, Alpha Epsilon Chi, Orientation Board, 2007 Orientation Board Executive Committee
Parents’ Names: Don and Jean Crosby
Hometown: Williamsville, N.Y.
Guilty Pleasure: Whirlybirds
Favorite Place on Campus: Second Floor Lincoln, by Zeta

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Glad to know I don’t have to run from Campus Safety

Brian Sandell
Major: Christian Thought
Activities: Tri-Rhos, SGA, tour guide, authored two books (published “The Wager” last year), GCC TV News Weatherman
Parents’ Names: Mark and Annette Sandell
Hometown: Boomboro, Md.
Guilty Pleasure: Cute girls and Hicks blond brownies
Favorite Place on Campus: Chapel during Warriors
Best College Memory: Seeing the Indians beat the Yankees in last year’s play-off; beating AEX in football last year

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Married, 20 pounds heavier and hopefully a little richer

Kevin Sandell
Major: Elementary Education
Activities: Tour guide, Tri-Rhos housing group, tutor at Hillview Elementary School, member of kappa Delta Pi education honorary, chaplain of Mortar Board, Dean’s List with Distinction
Parents’ Names: Mark and Annette Sandell
Hometown: Boomboro, Md.
Guilty Pleasure: Disturbing as many people in the library as possible
Favorite Place on Campus: Anywhere an intramural sport is going on
Best College Memory: Beating AEX in the annual tackle football game

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Hopefully a loving husband and father and will be serving our nation’s students in a middle school setting as a math teacher

Andrew Snyder
Major: Electrical Engineering/Computer Engineering
Activities: Men’s Varsity Swimming and Diving, Orientation Board Publicity Committee, Theta Alpha Pi Sorority Sweetheart, five-time NCAA All-American in swimming, Captain of PAC Champion Men’s Swimming team, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary
Parents’ Names: Steve and Ellyn (Christian ’81) Snyder
Guilty Pleasure: Fives for $5.95 at Andy’s, always right before closing time
Favorite Place on Campus: Playing the piano in Pew Fine Arts Center
Best College Memory: Winning the PAC Swimming and Diving Championships in 2008

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Spending quality time with my Sigma Phi Omicron brothers

Bruce Stinson
Major: Marketing Management
Activities: Senior Chair of Orientation Board, Social Chair of Alpha Omega Housing Group, IM Sports, WSAJ, Orientation Board Executive Committee
Parents’ Names: Richard “Fuzzy” Stinson ’83 and Carol Stinson
Guilty Pleasure: Stealing food from the guys on the hall
Favorite Place on Campus: Steps of Rockwell, knocking out over the Quad on a nice night
Best College Memory: Mud sliding on the Quad freshman year

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Hopefully a husband, father and a successful businessman, God willing

Rachel Lee
Major: Sociology
Activities: Orchesis, Orientation Board Outreach Committee
Parents’ Names: Walter and Kathy Lee
Hometown: Ashburn, Va.
Guilty Pleasure: Memorizing Disney songs and putting them to choreography
Favorite Place on Campus: MAP dish room by the window
Best College Memory: Curling in Pittsburgh

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Embarrassed by what I’ve written here

Breyana Lehman
Major: Psychology and Sociology
Activities: Homecoming Special Events Senior Chair, Orientation Board, West Resident Assistant, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary, Mortar Board, Psi Chi psychology honorary
Parents’ Names: Gary and Kim Lehman
Hometown: Lebanon, Pa.
Guilty Pleasure: “Gossip Girl”
Favorite Place on Campus: My bed with hot pink satin sheets
Best College Memory: Sleeping under a table in the Student Union during finals

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Hopefully more professional than I am now, with table manners

Julie Miller
Major: Molecular Biology
Activities: Orientation Board Executive Committee, Sign Language Club, Dean’s List, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary
Parents’ Names: Sarah and Terry Miller
Guilty Pleasure: Dancing when I’m alone in my room
Favorite Place on Campus: The Upper Quad
Best College Memory: Being roommates with Karen Bennett all four years

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: A doctor

Lydia Pastor
Major: History
Activities: Resident Assistant, IM sports and Powder Puff football
Parents’ Names: Wesley and Susan Pastor
Guilty Pleasure: Always stealing my roommate’s clothes
Favorite Place on Campus: Sitting near the flagpole overlooking the football field
Best College Memory: Making 55 Valentine’s Day cards at 3 a.m.

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: 31 and graduated

Katherine Terrana
Major: Psychology
Activities: Orientation Board Executive Committee, SSWAPA, intramural football, Dean’s List
Parents’ Names: Charles and Kathyn Terrana
Guilty Pleasure: Coloring instead of studying
Favorite Place on Campus: South Library
Best College Memory: Winning the IM football Championship with Triple Threat

When I Come Back for Homecoming in 10 Years, I Will Be: Married and a family therapist

HOMECOMING COURT
Debate sparks dialogue on discourse

By Sean Morris
Collegian Writer

18 days to go and counting. As Election Day rumbles toward the nation like a freight train with no intention of stopping, Grove City College students continue to take in the political issues, controversies and perspectives. The College Republicans, College Democrats, Gun Club, Crimson Conservatives and the Society for International Business Affairs were all present.

College president Dr. Richard G. Jewell ’67 opened the evening with remarks about the nature of civil discourse: an exchange of ideas and opinions in a manner that is neither rude nor obnoxious. Jewell said, “We must be passionate in our beliefs, compulsive to those to whom we express them and dispassionate in how we present our opinions.”

By 8:30 p.m., the debate itself, moderated by the Hon. Harold M. Flax, assistant district court judge in the PA Court of Common Pleas for Huntingdon County, was in full swing. At 9:15 p.m., the national Gallup tracking poll on Tuesday showed Obama up nine points, and surveys show McCain also trailing in critical election battlegrounds. The intense focus on economic turmoil appears to have hurt McCain, whose strong suit is considered foreign policy. The Republican nominee’s campaign, therefore, has recently shifted its focus to Obama’s personal relationships, bringing up his ties to 1960s radical William Ayers. But those ties did not come up in Tuesday’s debate. Each candidate instead explained to voters why he was the best choice to steer the economy away from recession. McCain accused Obama of being the Senate’s second-highest recipient of donations from individuals at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two now-disgraced mortgage industry giants. Obama responded that McCain’s campaign manager, Rick Davis, has a stake in a Washington lobbying firm that received thousands of dollars a month from Freddie Mac until recently.

When asked whom they would appoint as their treasury secretary, neither McCain nor Obama definitively named a candidate. McCain mentioned supporter and former eBay CEO Meg Whitman as a possibility, while Obama mentioned supporter and billionaire Warren Buffet.

The third and final presidential debate took place on Wednesday at Hofstra University.

Presidental candidates shake hands before last Tuesday’s debate.
The first night football game of the season provided excitement for both the campus and community. The crowd's energy stayed high throughout the game, and both cheerleaders and band members led the fans in supporting the Wolverines. A huge factor to the success of the night came from the collaboration of the Student Government Association and Athletic Director Dr. Donald Lyle with their creation of the Wolverine Den student section.

The idea for the Den came from SGA. Junior Andrew McIndoe, executive president of SGA, together with sophomore Daniel Hanson, executive vice president of student affairs, and Larry Hardesty, vice president of Student Life & Learning, approached Lyle about creating a way for students to support the football team.

In the meeting, Lyle shared ideas for the night game including showing appreciation of various students, faculty and staff and moving the band to the end zone. Ideas grew and the group decided to create a sign for the Wolverine Den.

The hope is for the sign to be used at other events, as well. Lyle hopes the Wolverine Den will create a place for students to gather and cheer for their peers and foster a sense of unity within the campus.

“It’s a location and a meeting place for students to come in and cheer on their teams,” Lyle said. 

McIndoe shares a similar vision. “One of SGA’s many goals this year is to increase school spirit, and creating a student section seemed like one of the best ways to accomplish that. ‘The Den’ is meant to be an area where students can get hyped up and show off their pride for the Wolverines,” McIndoe said. “It would be amazing if the Den was full for every home game.”

“We would ultimately like to see all of Grove City’s sporting events very well attended by excited – and loud – fans,” he added. “The student athletes who represent our college deserved to be fully supported by their fellow classmates.”

The success at the night game speaks well for the future of the Den. The game had 6,500 people in attendance, the most ever, and students added a lot of enthusiasm by filling up the whole section.

“Enthusiasm is contagious in the ‘Wolverine Den.”

Hanson also sees the Den as a way to bring students together. He hopes the Den will continue to be an exciting place for students from all different social groups to come together in support of their team.

“The student section came about as a way to enable crazy fans to be even crazier. The general idea is that when you pack tons of people who love the Wolverines together, their enthusiasm becomes infectious and that section grows,” Hanson said.

Not only does SGA hope to encourage the same support at all home games, but Homecoming specifically looks to benefit from the momentum created by the Den’s presence at the night game. A bonfire was held along with the many other events set up for this weekend, to support all the athletic teams on campus.

“We’ll be hosting a variety of events throughout the school year. The idea is to continue pumping up Wolverine pride so that the spirit crescendos,” Hanson said.

“As the year goes on, the pep evident at the night game will spill over into this weekend’s home football game, into Homecoming and onward into other seasons. We hope to pack the Wolverine Den during basketball, baseball and so on,” he added.

“SGA is going to continue the huge success of the Wolverine Den at the night game by working to increase student attendance at all home games (especially the upcoming Homecoming games),” McIndoe said. Students can contact SGA with any ideas they have at sga@gcc.edu.

Fans roar in ‘Wolverine Den’
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Alumni

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have not allowed the construction teams to start until 9 o’clock, which presents a problem, especially as daylight becomes more and more reduced every day.”

Recently, though, work began at 8 a.m. so work could be completed fast before winter arrives. Wendelschafer said, adding, “The contractors are working on plans to get caught up, which should be accomplished once the building is closed in and protected from the weather.”

Prokovich said the College’s employees should be working in Carnegie again by the end of the spring semester. When completed, Carnegie will house the offices of 20 full-time staff members, as well as work stations for some of the Crimson Callers, student workers and interns.

The new Carnegie will serve as a “visitor’s center” for alumni, Prokovich said. The renovated center will “give alumni a place to kind of focus their visit on campus.”

Carnegie will also serve alumni business needs. If an alum passing through the area needs to hold a meeting, the alumni center will have conference rooms available for their use. Prokovich said that the building will also serve as a “hub of historical information for the College.”

Alumni interested in finding fellow alumni or an old colleague will be able to use the archives that will be on hand.

Additionally, there will be displays of historic artifacts and memorabilia, commemorating things like May Pageant, the College’s athletics, Greek life and college history. Pipes from the College’s original pipe organ were found during the renovation and will be on prominent display in the lobby. Prokovich mentioned that the College is accepting gifts of historical value to the archives.

The Center will be open for personal events for alumni, such as anniversary parties, Greek reunions and the like.

For students, rooms will be available for holiday or formal functions such as induction ceremonies. Additionally, two outdoor wood burning firepits will be open for student use.

Because of the construction, activities have been moved to various locations around campus. This year’s Carnegie Christmas concerts, for example, will be held in the Pew Fine Arts Center recital hall. Next year, they will return to Carnegie.

“This is really a space that is dedicated for [alumni events],” Prokovich said. “It’s an extension of the state-of-the-art [audio-visual technology], lighting, the whole bit.”

The building isn’t just for the College, however. The community will also be able to use the facility for various events, Prokovich said, although the details of this arrangement have not been worked out yet.

The actual ribbon-cutting ceremony and formal dedication is planned for Homecoming 2009, but Prokovich hopes to introduce it earlier.

“My desire is to do a big senior class event to kick off the alumni center,” he said.

“It’s going to have to have a building that has so much history with the College,” Prokovich said. “And the fact that we can make it usable for another hundred years and not tear it down and not destroy it, I think, is a real testament to our ties to the past.”

By Sarah Boyd

Collegian News Co-Editor

The Grove City debate team showed its strength in a tournament at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. on Sept. 27 as it competed against Hillsdale College and Central Michigan University.

Team captain and junior Luke Juday said, “We always enjoy a tournament with Hillsdale – their squad is very similar to ours, and our campus is closed in and protected from the weather.”

Juday and his teammate, sophomore Danev Batten, along with the team of sophomores Daniel Hanson and Kelsey Winther, eliminated all other competitors before the final round.

Sophomores Harrison Ealey and Alex Pepper also finished in the varsity division with a 2-2 record. Individually, the College’s varsity team comprised of freshmen John Blanchi, Lauren Thomas, Holly Stansbery and sophomore Altay Hunter took second and third place in their division.

Novice teams comprised of freshmen John Blanchi, Lauren Thomas, Holly Stansbery and sophomore Altay Hunter took second and third place in their division’s novice topics. The novice team, which also included freshmen Kirby Gowen and Jimmy Vandenbush, finished with a record of 8-4.

Thomas said, “As a freshman, it was my first debate tournament, and I was definitely anxious. My partner and I did unexpectedly well and broke to finals in the novice division.”

The team captain especially praised the College’s novices. “Most memorable for me is always seeing a new team of novices do well,” Juday said. “As the captain that drills them during the week, I’m always happy to watch them improve, it’s more than a little exciting to see them do so well in competition and find out they love it.”

At the Wayne State tournament, teams argued positions on topics including U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan, the usefulness of feminism as a social movement, the 2008 presidential election, the strengths of the European Union and NATO and the comparison of American patriotism to Islamic fundamentalism.

To prepare for tournaments, team members remained informed on current events and meet twice each week to practice debating among themselves.

Batten said, “We try to stay fairly aware of what’s going on in the world and will spend a rather significant amount of time reading up on the news before tournaments.”

The College’s teams participate in parliamentary style debate as members of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. A typical parliamentary debate tournament begins with anywhere from four to eight preliminary rounds, where each round focuses on a different topic. Teams receive new topics fifteen minutes before the round begins. According to Juday, this gives teams “a madly short amount of time to write their arguments in.”

Judges determine the winners in each preliminary round.

Winning teams then advance to single-elimination rounds, which Juday described as being in “the form of an NCAA-style bracket.”

Debate continues until either the judges determine a winner or one school eliminates other competitors. Whenever a new team of novices did at Wayne State.

Batten said, “I enjoy debate – it’s a fun, competitive way to challenge yourself intellectually and improve your logical and rhetorical skills – and it forces me to keep up with what’s going on in the world.”

Thomas agreed and said, “I love wrestling with ideas and strategies. In debate, I have to make myself see the other side of the issues and I often end up believing it by the end of the round.”

At the same time, team members agree that the bonds formed within the group are the most valuable part of the experience. Juday said, “Debate itself is a lot of fun, but the team makes it even more worthwhile. Put in close proximity for multiple weekends a semester, we grow close quickly.”

Batten added, “Spending time with the other Grove City debaters is a blast. We have great friends and teammates, and we have a lot of fun together at tournaments.”

“Of course,” Thomas agreed, “I love spending time with the team. Dr. [Steven] Jones is a stellar coach, and the debaters are a really fun group.”

Jones is an associate sociology professor.

Over fall break, the College’s debate team will compete in a tournament at Berea College in Kentucky.

Other upcoming tournaments will take place at Carson-Newman College, Carson-Newman College and Loyola University.

“All four will be tough tournaments and will take everything we’ve got,” said Juday, “but I’m optimistic.”

-looking for a good place to ride?

Red Box story garners award

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Dr. Jason Edwards and his son R.J. have found some thought-provoking reading material at the book fair.

**Books**

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“...being continued for this year's Fair. Flyer's around campus feature “great minds reading little books” – professors reading children's books that are either personal favorites or have a humorous tie-in to that professor's specialty, interests or name. However, the most popular pictures with fairgoers have been the ones of Dr. Jason Edwards, associate professor of education and history, and his son R.J. In the pictures, father and son are both reading Neil Postman’s “Amusing Ourselves to Death.” These pictures were used to advertise another recent addition to FCE Book Fair history – the student Teacher Sneak Peek event.

This event, held last Sunday, was open only to student teachers. They got to preview the titles offered at this year's Fair and to create ‘wish lists’ of books they would like for their future classrooms. Fair attendees can purchase books to help these student teachers so they will have the beginnings of a collection of material to share with their future students.

On Saturday, children who attend the Fair will have a chance to win a $10 gift certificate by taking part in a special scavenger hunt. They will receive a list of professors and will have to find out which book each professor is reading in the flyers used to advertise the Book Fair. These flyers each ask the same question: “Great professors are reading children’s book - why aren’t you?”

Visiting alumni and their families will have a chance to answer that question on Saturday at the Fair which will be held in HAL Atrium near the registration tables.

The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except during the parade.

News

Deep Springs’ work in Haiti highlighted on Pittsburgh TV

By Kristen Carter
Collegian Writer

On Sept. 13, Deep Springs International, a nonprofit business founded by recent graduates of the Grove City College Entrepreneurship Department, was the focus of the TV show 501c3 LIVE.

This TV show occurs monthly on the Pittsburgh Community TV station and highlights nonprofit organizations in the Pittsburgh area. The show’s name comes from the IRS code for nonprofit organizations, which is 501c3.

According to the TV station’s website, the goal of 501c3 LIVE is to “give nonprofit organizations an opportunity to share information about their organization’s services, opportunities, events, etc. within the Pittsburgh community.” The show runs for roughly one hour and has a live call-in section.

In September, Deep Springs International and Friends of Haiti shared the hour-long show. Both organizations are nonprofit and work to bring better health to the nation of Haiti. Friends of Haiti was incorporated by Dr. Daniel Lattanzi, a medical doctor from the greater Pittsburgh area. Friends of Haiti has established a birthing center and a medical clinic; supports several schools in LaCroix, Haiti, and focuses on bringing better medical services to the Haitian people.

Similarly, it is the goal of Deep Springs International to bring better health to the Haitians. DSI’s mission is to empower Haitians to own and operate their own businesses that provide safe water. The president and founder of DSI, Ruth (Dykstra) Entwistle ’07 first considered starting a nonprofit business in 2006 after traveling on a mission trip to Haiti and seeing the country’s great need for clean water. Later that year, Entwistle, Michael Ritter ’06 and three other Grove City College students wrote the business plan for DSI and submitted it in the College’s Business Plan Competition where it won the first place prize. Upon graduation, Entwistle, along with Ritter, incorporated DSI and began the process of bringing clean water to Haiti.

Currently, Haiti has the worst water supply in the entire world, and one out of every eight children dies before their fifth birthday, mainly due to water-borne diseases. Consequently, DSI established a program that not only brings Haitians clean water but also educates them about sanitation and health and how to run their own water treatment businesses.

The Chairman of the Board for DSI and professor of finance at the College, Dr. Timothy Mech, hosted the 501c3 LIVE show. In fact, much to the surprise of the two nonprofit organizations, only Mech, Lattanzi and Denise Douglas, an employee of Friends of Haiti, were in front of the camera. As a result, the organization had a great deal of freedom to direct the show as they chose.

Mech stated that he wanted viewers to come away from the show not only understanding the two organizations but also having seen some of the strengths of Haiti and its people. According to Mech, many view the Haitians as victims and thus mainly give them handouts. While these efforts are helpful, Haiti also has many strengths, and empowering the Haitians through education and job training is part of the solution to clean water and unemployment.

The two nonprofits were able to work well together to help viewers understand what each of the organizations is currently accomplishing in Haiti. “We worked together with cooperation and mutual respect,” Mech said. For example, during the show Mech explained that by empowering and educating the people of Haiti, DSI is not just giving the Haitians a fish, metaphorically speaking, but also teaching them to fish. Lattanzi quickly added, “It sounds like you are doing even more than that, it sounds like you are giving them a pond to fish in.”

Overall, the program received a very positive response from the audience. Viewers later stated that the show was very informative and interesting.

Mech stated that he was very pleased to have had the opportunity to show “the strength of our organization and the strength of the people of Haiti.”

The 2008 Grove City College Alumni Achievement Awards will be presented during a ceremony tonight in Mary Anderson Pew Hall. The recipients are Anne (Golden ’81) McClelland, Douglas Meutzel ’80, Jerome Nairne ’76 and William J. Smith ’69.

The awards were established in 1964 by the Alumni Association to recognize those who have made significant contributions to their fields and to society. The awards were later named in honor and memory of longtime Director of Alumni Relations and Career Services Jack Kennedy ’37. The program has recognized 151 alumni.

Anne (Golden ’81) McClelland is senior director of industry channels and business development for Microsoft’s Enterprise and Partner Group in Durham, N.C., where she is responsible for driving Microsoft’s industry business, cultivating business and technology. McClelland has more than 25 years experience in the computer solutions business, serving in roles from sales and marketing to development and quality management with 21 years at IBM. She majored in music with a concentration in vocal performance and music education. McClelland serves as the chairman of the board of the North Carolina Technology Association. She is married to Tim McClelland ’82, founder of the Cary Christian School in Cary, N.C. They have been married for 25 years and have two children, Kristen and Zack.

Jerome Nairne ’76 is the president of the Chesterton Companies, where under his leadership the company has grown into a nationwide service organization with more than 100 employees. After obtaining a bachelor’s degree in math, he went on to earn a juris doctor degree from the University of Akron in 1982 and a master’s degree in business administration in 1984. Armored with his Certified Public Accountants license, he entered private practice before joining his current employer as an executive vice president. Nairne is very active in his church, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and serves as a member of the Salvation Army advisory board for Summit County, Ohio, and on the Walsh Jesuit High School School board of trustees. He is also an active member of the Episcopan Pi Fraternity Alumni Association. Nairne married Terri Finch in 1980, and they have three children.

Douglas Meutzel ’80 is chief executive officer of Wesley Spectrums, where he served on the board of trustees prior to his transition from a corporate sales and marketing career to the non-profit community. His sales and marketing experience includes positions with Conomestone Publishing, Energy Systems and Service, Beecham Products and Proctor & Gamble. Wesley Spectrum helps children and families as they strive to become more independent, responsible and caring members of their communities. Meutzel recently completed his term as president of the Children, Youth and Family Services. He is on the board of directors of Community Care Behavioral Health Organization and the advisory board of Pro Youth Brazil. A business administration major at Grove City, Meutzel and his wife, Linda (Baptist) ’80, have two children, Amanda ’07 and senior Matt Meutzel.

William Smith Jr. ’69 is the president, CEO and co-founder of Smith Micro Software Inc., a global software company that develops and markets wireless multimedia and communications solutions for the wireless telecommunications industry. After launching his business in 1982, Smith took the high-growth company public in 1995, and today it is listed and traded on the NASDAQ stock exchange. He graduated with a degree in business administration and was employed by Rockwell International Corporation, serving also with Xerox Data Systems and RCA Computer Systems Division in mainframe sales and pre-sale technical roles. Smith and his wife, Deva, reside in Newport Beach, Calif. He has one son, two step-sons and six grandchildren. His younger sister, Pamela Masson ’79, also graduated with a business degree.

’68 alumnus bikes from Colorado to Grove City

By Darin Miller

Collegian Editor-in-Chief

Author Jim Collins has coined the term “b-bag” to stand for “big, hairy, audacious goals” which companies identify as objectives which appear out of reach and then go for anyway.

For one alumnus, the term applies very differently. “Our trip [to Homecoming] has become our b-bag,” Bill Vorlage ’68 said.

Vorlage and his wife of 39 years Rosalie came from Colorado for Bill’s 40th year reunion. But they didn’t fly. Bill didn’t even drive. He rode his bicycle. “It’s a great time of year for biking,” Bill said.

Bill and Rosalie live in Boulder, Colo., the third best city in the nation for cycling. Bill retired not long ago from J.P. Morgan, and Rosalie is a semi-retired registered nurse.

They left on Sept. 14, allotting about a year. This is the first reunion he is attending, though. Bill decided it was time to come back to the College for the 40th reunion because “the downtown looks pretty well leased up.”

Among the Vorlages’ many friends settled in the Pittsburgh area after college, and Bill moved to Colorado soon after graduating to join the Air Force. He met Rosalie while serving in Denver. Of his friends he said, “When you’re out of state the opportunities [to see them] don’t arise.”

Bill is originally from New Kensington, just outside of Pittsburgh. Bill plans to participate in the alumni golf tournament and attend the football game, among many other things over Homecoming weekend. “I’m looking forward to it,” he said. “I think the real test is if he tries to [bike here] for his 50th reunion,” Rosalie said. “That’s a b-bag for you.”

Biker Bill Vorlage ’68 rode from Colorado to Grove City for his 40th reunion.

Andy Dobos

By coincidence, Maneiro is the Crimson Editor who contacted Bill earlier that year about giving to the College’s Full Circle Challenge.

Bill has been on campus less than half a dozen times since he graduated in 1968. His most recent time was 1999, a quarter-century ago.

Bill went around the hall of fame to check out [the College] played a big role in my life.”

In college, Bill was a member of the Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity a freshman dorm counselor in Cunningham Hall. “I think they counseled me more than I counseled them,” he said. Bill was also a member of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, a tennis player and an Orientation Board member.

“But that was always a good thing about Grove City was the ability to get involved if you wanted to,” Bill said. Of the College, Bill said “the campus is vibrant.”

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This will be the first time Bill has seen many of his college friends in years.

[“Around 60 of my classmates have registered,” Bill said, “and eight or 10 of them are fraternity brothers.”

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Career Fair: To go or not to go?

By Hannah Schlaudt
Contributing Writer

“What are you going to do when you grow up?”

Every child has either loved or loathed that question. Not having a good answer to it, or vacillating between choices, commonly makes the answer seem confused. When a child finally stumbles upon an answer, spattering that they might want to do something with books or writing, the grown-ups in their lives would smile over their glasses and say something kind and reassuring about how not having to know yet, there would be time for that later.

But years pass, children grow up and what was once a playful inquiry into a child’s interest suddenly becomes a frantic rushing into their plans for the future.

As Growers chucked flyers for “How to Work a Career Fair” seminar into the recycling bins like good citizens and the Career Fair directories gathered dust on desks behind stacks of home-work, many students found themselves shoving thoughts of the future along the wayside: Why should anyone bother with a career fair?

Dr. Jim Thrasher, director of career services, argues against this mindset. Not just because it relates to his job, but because he’s eager to see Grove City College students be competitive and sharp in the job hunt process. That process is not just a senior-year project but a learning experience to prepare students for when they are actually on the job market. “If you didn’t go this year, make sure you go next year,” Thrasher said. “The earlier students start going to the Career Fair and networking with the representatives, the sharper they’re going to be later on.”

Although students arrived uncertain about the necessity of attending the career fair before really looking for a job, hopefully skepticism waned as Dr. Thrasher pointed out that the 150-plus representatives who came to our career fair aren’t just there to tell students who they are and set up interviews. They come with experience and insight into the job hunt process and are glad to give students direction on how to prepare and present themselves effectively to potential employers.

This valuable guidance is what Career Services wants students to capitalize upon.

The College’s Career Services department is determined to provide all the opportunities they can for students to network and plant seeds for their job searches. Because of this, the Career Fair is not just a show-and-tell of different careers. Students acquire networking contacts, and hiring occurs as a direct result of a student being well-prepared and having the courage to shake a representative’s hand.

“It’s an actual human resources event,” Thrasher said.

Canvassing various representatives at the Career Fair on Wednesday afternoon, students may have found responses to mostly be variations on the theme of “be prepared” — yet it seemed that just having a resume printed out wasn’t going to cut it.

“Have your thoughts organized; ask pertinent questions,” said Vick McHenry at the Air Force Health Professionals booth. “Be polite. Take interest in the company for its own sake, rather than just to inquire after a job. Know who we are and what we’re about beforehand,” JoAnn Sweeney ’03, representing Lockheed Engineering, said.

Thomas McCoy, director of graduate programs at Duquesne University’s School of Business in Pittsburgh, said, “I like to see someone who’s not just looking for the next thing to do [in life], but are really passionate about the subject area. It’s evident when they actually care.”

All during the Career Fair, students were swarming the booths in the I.M. Room. Potentially, the conversations taking place at the booths and filling the room with a dull roar could be laying the foundations for successful careers.

Overall, approximately 1,200 students attended this year’s Career Fair, which was a remarkable turnout for a school the size of Grove City College.

Many of these students gained guidance, insight and perspective on their job searches from the Career Fair, and even lowerclassmen, who were unsure of what to do after graduation, realized that the Career Fair was still worth the time. Anyone can at least go in seeking to learn about opportunities and ask questions, even if they are not necessarily seeking a job at this point in time. Other schools might have the Career Fair beyond just exploration.

 “[I] got to hear about some really neat programs and companies that I’m pretty sure I wouldn’t have looked into otherwise,” senior Chelsea Stanford said.

“Everyone was very nice and helpful,” senior Megan Osborne said.

Until next year’s Career Fair, students can visit JobGrove and the Career Services Office.

Former prof honored

By Darin Miller
Collegian Editor-in-Chief

This summer, the Mackinac State Historic Park’s visitor’s center was renamed the David A. Armour Visitor’s Center in honor of Dr. David Armour and his 38 years of service to the center.

He is a former faculty member at Grove City, teaching history. Armour grew up in Grove City and attended Calvin College, where he graduated with a history degree in 1959. He earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University and taught at the University of Wisconsin until he finished his dissertation in 1965.

But the life of a professor was not for him. In the spring of ’65, at a student’s suggestion, Armour applied for a summer position at Fort Mackinaw to work with an archeological excavation. A 38-year career at the center followed.

During his career, Armour served as deputy director of the park, from which he retired in 2003. He also spearheaded a project to recreate a historic compound. Historic Mill Creek Park officially opened June 15, 1984, with a water-powered sawmill and a visitor’s center with a theater.

This is only the second time since its founding in 1895 that one of its more than 100 buildings has been dedicated to a person, according to the Mackinac Island Town Crier newspaper.

Armour was honored at the grand opening of the renovated Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park.

Contest offers energy tips

The winner for this week’s Bright Ideas for Energy Conservation Tip Contest is freshman Lisa Marcellus. Marcellus’ tip was to “unplug chargers, hair straighteners and other electronics when not being used because they drain energy.”

Cell phone, digital camera and other electronic device chargers that have a transformer (big block-like plug) will still draw power even if the device is not connected to them.

Drill canceled

Emergency officials have canceled the mock disaster drill set for Sunday in Grove City due to a lack of volunteers.

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Wildfires force evacuations

Firefighters reported Tuesday that the wildfires burning in and around the Los Angeles area almost doubled in size overnight due to erratic winds, Breitbrart.com reported. As of Tuesday, the fires had killed 11 people. "The whipping winds caused a fire in the west end of the San Fernando Valley, in the Porter Ranch area, to double in size from 5,000 to nearly 10,000 acres overnight," Breitbrart.com reported fire officials saying. "But just 10 miles away, the erratic Santa Ana winds subsided, allowing firefighters to contain nearly 70 percent of a blaze burning at the northeast end of the valley," Breitbrart.com reported. "Hours earlier, that fire was only five percent contained. Authorities reduced the acreage on that fire to 4,800 acres from 5,300 acres."

The fires first began on Monday in a base training area, although Breitbrart.com reported that the fires were not caused by any military exercises. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency on Tuesday as the winds moved toward Ventura County and the Simi Valley.

Middle States Report looks at mission, faculty, leadership

By Darin Miller
Collegian Editor-in-Chief

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education’s evaluation team analyzed Grove City College on 14 standards. Above all, the team emphasized the quality of the College and recommended it for reaccreditation. The team’s recommendations are already being put into practice.

The following are the 14 standards and the team’s recommendations for these standards:

Mission and goals: “The institution continues to be dedicated to a Christian education” directly and boldly builds major thrusts to support the challenge.

Planning, resource allocation and institutional renewal: How the College plans to spend its money. The team evaluated the College’s first strategic plan, which began in August 2006 and is currently past its half-way point. The team suggested that the College stay the course and consider providing periodic reports on the plan’s progress to keep the community informed such as the “Half-Way Mark Progress Report” distributed on campus earlier this year.

Institutional resources: How the College covers operating costs. The team said, “[The College] continues to be fiscally sound, continuously reduced budget each year.” The report also said the College has checked its faculty’s salaries against other national and regional institutions and “has identified a desire to increase salaries as one of its goals.” The report discusses the Office of Institutional Advancement, created in 1998, which is responsible for the annual Full Circle fund. Suggestions for this section were minimal.

Leadership and governance: The report notes that the College’s governance structure has been arguably “one of a kind” in American higher education. The College is governed solely by the Board of Trustees (made up of 24 men and 10 women) for 39 years was run largely as a subsidiary business of the two long-standing Board chairs, according to the team. This has changed recently, as the Board’s interest is now “not to yield its decision-making responsibilities but to seek ‘appropriate input’ prior to making [decisions],” the report stated. The team praised the College’s Board for its efforts to “broaden its vision while remaining true to its founding principles.”

Administration: “Clearly, the President is an effective leader,” the report said. The team noted that the College’s President, Dr. Richard G. Jewell ’67, has led the College from an “insular” mentality to a more open one in dealing with faculty, staff and outside agencies. “As such, the President has changed the culture but not the mission, values or goals of the College.” The team was very impressed by the new culture of openness there on campus to discuss issues openly and not hide them from public view. They suggested patience through the process of adapting to this new-found openness.

Integrity: “The College models integrity in its daily life as an institution,” the report stated. It went further, discussing racial diversity in the student body and both racial and gender diversity in the faculty. The team noted that the College has been diversifying and suggested it continues to do so.

Institutional assessment: The team discussed the College’s addition of two positions — assistant dean for institutional assessment and director of academic research and testing. The team mentioned that these positions were incorporated into the College quickly. The team suggested that the goals of each class taken at the College should appear in the College’s catalog. Also, time should be set aside to assess each course to see that it meets the College’s hoped-for goals.

Student admissions: The team said the process and materials are used well to inform potential students about the College’s mission. Enrolled students who choose to leave the College did so primarily based on availability of their desired major or for personal reasons. The team suggested that the College examine how the use of financial and merit-based aid can assist in recruiting more diversified students.

Student support services: The team recognized the increased staff in the Student Life and Athletics offices. The team also recommended that the freshman class be assigned a faculty mentor who might complement their degree plans and academic interests. The team recommended that the College continue to maintain a library that can support the subject requirements of these majors. Suggestions included expanding “educational offerings” and seeing what programs might complement the “educational offerings” well.

General education: The College made three significant changes in 2003: it strengthened the focus on writing, speaking and information literacy; required the Science, Faith and Technology class; and eliminated the existing institutional studies requirement. The team commented that for the general electives cores that students were required to take the College had not yet developed “global objectives” for what it wants students to get out of the courses. The team suggested that the College move forward with its plans to develop goals and outcomes for the general education curriculum.

Related educational activities: Not applicable due to the College’s focus on undergraduate education.

Assessment of student learning: “The College has a documented, organized and sustainable assessment process and this includes direct and indirect evidence of student learning,” the report stated. “The team commends the faculty, staff and administration for their efforts in documenting the College’s wide-ranging efforts to design and begin to implement the assessment of student learning at Grove City College.”
By Kelli Gradel

Guthrie first opened the theater in 1927, said. “Growing up in Hawaii a wide variety of cultures and he spent most of his adolescence associate professor of history, life. “I was a minority,” Wyneken said. “Fortunately you have forgive out,” Wyneken said. He argues “I have a side of me that will...turing about the New York World. He highlights the 1998 film “Run Lola Run” as an excellent way to introduce his students to...”Wyneken bear...bears little resemblance to the stereotype of a stoody old historian. As he says, “I think I enjoy things.”
Junior Klepacki bucked a cultural norm by kicking around a soccer ball in Botswana. The local children called her a man because women do not play soccer in their country.

The soccer incident marked one of many cultural differences that Klepacki encountered while she served with Youth With A Mission in Botswana and South Africa.

Her journey started at Grove City College as a freshman.

“I had ... to go places by ourselves.” she said. “[I had] no idea where God was leading me.”

Several events and conversations pointed her toward YWAM. She said, “It was almost like God was showing it in my face.”

Klepacki planned to serve in Russia but could not obtain her visa. She learned about an opportunity in South Africa through senior Rachel Lee, who knew the base leaders and made a decision with little time to spare.

“I decided about a month before I got on the airplane,” she said.

She traveled through seven airports on her way to South Africa, spending 48 hours in transit. For her five-and-a-half month stay in Africa, she brought two suitcases, a guitar and a carry-on bag. She purchased additional necessities from local stores.

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In the afternoon, Klepacki attended fellowship groups and work groups. Her group spent much of their time at a children’s shelter, where most residents were under age six. Many of the children had parents with HIV, and they were infected with both HIV and tuberculosis.

Klepacki invested her time in five children who lived in their own house with a personal caretaker. Together they played with each other’s hair, watched exercise videos, played games and took naps.

“The children just flocked to me. God just gave me a love for them. They are precious to him,” Klepacki said.

The pronunciation of the children’s names challenged Klepacki. But she did not struggle to remember them because every name had a meaning like “griff, comfort, grace,” she said. Still, she grappled with the language barrier.

South Africans speak English, Afrikaans and numerous tribal languages.

“You don’t learn anything new when each day you hear a new word for hello,” Klepacki said.

Next, Klepacki’s team spent two and a half months in Botswana. The team worked with a village feeding program, taught Bible lessons and performed evangelism.

In addition to ministry challenges in Botswana, Klepacki also enjoyed some survival. For her five-and-a-half month stay in Africa, she brought two suitcases, a guitar and a carry-on bag. She purchased additional necessities from local stores.

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Student staff makes Chapel possible

By Kelley Smith  
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Religious life at Grove City College centers around Harbison Chapel, the spiritual headquarters for worship, prayer and fellowship. A small, full-time staff works diligently to encourage students’ moral and spiritual growth through a vast array of services and speakers. But without the help of six students, their jobs would be impossible.

Chapel Administrative Assistant Donna Cales ‘79 said, “The students who serve on chapel staff are invaluable to the events that occur within the Chapel.”

“As Dean of the Chapel, I appreciate their insight regarding campus life and observations about student attitudes,” Dr. F. Stanley Keehlwetter said. “I also am inspired by their enthusiasm and grateful for their friendship. They are a very valuable resource for our chapel program.”

Keehlwetter personally asked seniors Phuong Bui and Charles “Cody” Crumrine to join the student staff; Bui in 2007 and Crumrine in 2008.

“Aside from scanning cards and making sure you don’t walk in halfway through the service,” Crumrine said, “we assist in facilitating chapel services and special events. We also usually accompany guest speakers to breakfast and see that they feel welcome.”

“I enjoy getting to know some of the speakers on a more personal level,” senior Leslie Breitnach, a staff member for three years, said. “I have made some wonderful connections as a result.”

“I think chapel staff is a great opportunity to contribute to the spiritual atmosphere of this campus,” she said, “even if it is just in a small way.”

“The worst part about being on staff,” junior Darius Pugh said, “is trying to speak clearly and not stumble over words while reading Scripture and announcements. The worst is when you get an exotic name and you’re like, ‘Oh no! How do you say this?'”

Pugh has been on staff since his freshman year, when he heard about a possible staff opening through former chapel staff members.

“I jumped on the opportunity,” he said. Senior Melissa Chambers has been on staff since the spring of her sophomore year.

“I took Biblical Revelation over January intersession with Keehlwetter,” she said, “and toward the end of the second week of classes, he stopped me one day after class and wondered if I would be interested in a spot on the chapel staff. I prayed about it and later accepted.”

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Contributing Writer

Whenever the sound of bagpipes wafts through the air, heads turn. Sometimes people can trace the sound to a solitary figure standing in the middle of a wide field, while other times the player remains hidden. But some of the pipers will no longer be anonymous. Three bagpipers who share their music with the Grove City College campus are seniors Mary Cramb and Amanda Snead and junior Andrew Welton.

Bagpipes are one of the oldest instruments still played today. Welton explained that people played ancient versions of the bagpipe throughout the Roman world and the Middle East. The most well-known type of bagpipes are Great Highland bagpipes, which are used to play popular songs such as "Scotsland the Brave" and "Amazing Grace." There are also Irish pipes — called Uilleann — which have a quieter sound. The score for the movie "Braveheart" features Irish pipe music.

Greece, Spain and many other countries also have their own versions of bagpipes, created without British influence. The instruments look and sound completely different. Today, Great Highland bagpipes are becoming more common in the United States. Canada and other countries influenced by British culture, especially Pakistan and New Zealand.

Bagpipes are a double-reed instrument, like the oboe. They can play nine notes only, and they use a Mixolydian scale, in which the seventh step in the scale is flat. An A Major scale, the seventh step would be a flat C. Welton added that a Mixolydian has a G natural instead. So it is a little difficult for bagpipers to play with other musicians.

Beginner bagpipers learn by fingering on the chanter, which includes the double-reed mouth piece and eight holes. After a year of practice, they start playing with the bag. "[They] kind of have to learn everything all over again," explained Cramb. The bag is usually made of elk skin or a synthetic material. In addition to the chanter, the blowpipe and the bag, there are three drones from which the sound comes. Cramb explains that to "start up" the bagpipe, you have to blow the bag up like a balloon and then punch it so that the air starts flowing through the drone reeds.

The hardest part of playing is keeping the pressure consistent in the bag. The piper must maintain a fine balance between blowing into the bag, breathing and applying pressure to the bag with their arm. It is a constant cycle that requires endurance.

Cramb took interest in bagpiping when she learned Scottish Highland dancing. After two years of lessons, she joined a pipe band that practiced in Ashby, Mass., not far from her home in New Hampshire. She has played with the band, the Scots Highland Pipes and Drums, for over five years. Cramb says that the members of her band are like grandpas and uncles to her.

Welton took lessons for about four and a half years and played with a band now known as the Seaton Hill University Pipe Band, which practices in Cranberry, Pa. He has not participated recently in the band, since band rehearsal and individual practice add significantly to his college workload. Both Welton and Cramb look forward to playing in pipe bands after they graduate.

A medium-sized pipe band typically consists of twelve bagpipers and eight to ten drummers, including snare, tenor and bass drums. Many pipe bands play in competitions against bands of comparable skill. They also play at weddings, funerals and parades. But people don’t have to play in a band to enjoy bagpiping. Snead started taking lessons from a bagpipe teacher in Slippery Rock after she came to the College.

"It’s so much fun," she said. "I encourage people to try it if they’re interested." Bagpipe music can suit a variety of tastes as well. Much of the music is traditional, but artists have also created contemporary music. Cramb enjoys tradition-al pipe bands such as Shotts & Dykehead and the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, as well as bagpipe rock bands such as Seven Nations and Enter the Haggis. Welton recommends Field Marshall Montgomery and St. Laurence O’Toole, while Snead lists to Gordon Duncan, Riverdance, Skydance and the German band Inextremo.

This year, Cramb will play in the Homecoming parade as well as the Franzfolkies on Nov. 10. To learn more about bagpiping, visit "Oliver Seeler’s Universe of Bagpipes" at www.hotpipes.com.

By Jenifer Gearhart
Contributing Writer

Al Capone said, "You can go a long way with a smile. You can go a lot further with a smile and a gun." Violence-wary Grove City College students may avoid guns, but the members of the Gun Club choose to embrace their right to bear arms.

The Grove City Gun Club was formed this spring under the direction of Jordan Granger ’08 and Alex Linn ’08, but it is still considered an unofficial group. The College classifies the group as a community gun club for reasons regarding administrative involvement.

Sophomore Anna Brinkman, club secretary, is also affiliated with the Leadership Institute, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting conservative values.

The gun club provides a safe way for students to exercise their Second Amendment rights. According to junior Mark Warner, "The purpose of this club is to promote knowledge and safety of firearms in a fun and interesting fashion, to teach people how to arm themselves in a professional and respectful manner, to allow them those with a preexisting interest in firearms to express themselves in a way they normally would not be permitted to offer them." The club is not limited to students who own guns, but many students join so that they have a place to store their firearms. The group’s faculty advisor, professor of religion Dr. T. David Gordon, provides an off-campus safe for members to store the guns. Having weapons on campus would violate the College’s regulations, but storing them off campus allows students to use their guns while at school.

The group is in the process of choosing a location for shooting activities. "We’re still trying to pin down a range where we’ll go regularly for events," Brinkman said. "The Grove City Sportsman’s Club would be ideal because it’s closest, and our advisor . . . is already a member there.

The majority of club members also belong to the Outing Club, so the Outing Club’s cabin presents another possible location for a shooting range. The Grove City Gun Club is not limited to men. Women are a minority in the group, and they are highly encouraged to join. In fact, the gun club is in the process of organizing an all-girls shoot in November. Students interested in the shoot do not need any experience, since the club will offer lessons to participants. In addition to holding events like the all-girls shoot and a “fruit shoot,” the group hopes to get involved in rallies against gun legislation and bring in pro-gun speakers. Activities will be announced as they are organized. Past events have featured speakers such as best-selling conservative author Gregg Jackson.

Members of the Gun Club are enthusiastic about shooting and defending their right to shoot. "I’m involved in the Gun Club because I am very passionate about our God-given, Second Amendment right," Warner said. "We act on our beliefs; we don’t just talk about them.

"[I want] to resist those who would overtly take my rights away and to educate those who are concerned about the issues surrounding guns," he said. "Not only that, I love to shoot." Brinkman agreed, saying, "[We] enjoy shooting guns and want the opportunity to do that while we’re at college."

For more information about the Grove City Gun Club, contact Mark Warner at warnerm1@gcc.edu.
The volleyball team congratulates senior Natalie Liberati on breaking the kill shot record.

Senior Mike Baker (20) leaps to tackle his opponent.

A tennis player serves up a winning shot.

Freshman Emily Hurley moves the ball up the field.

Sports teams battle their way through the autumn season.
Music and games pave the way to Homecoming

Pam Larson, captain of the junior Powder Puff football team, looks for an open receiver.

Juniors Brittany Klaas and Dominic Versace band together at the Java Jam.

Senior Lydia Pastor passes just in time.

Junior Jacob Knox performs in the Powder Puff half-time show.

Senior Cody Crumrine entertains on guitar and vocals at the Homecoming Java Jam.
Housing groups function on brotherly love

Delta Rho Sigma

By Carl Laamanen
Collegian Writer

“We’re not all swimmers,” junior Chad Cressman said, president of the Delta Rho Sigma housing group, or as they are more commonly known, the Buffaloes.

“We have a good mix in our group,” said junior Douglas Pichler, group vice president. The Buffaloes have been very active in recent years in raising money to support the Friedrich’s Ataxia Research Alliance, because one of their alumni has the disease. The Friedrich’s Ataxia Research Alliance does research to help improve the quality of life for those with the disease, a degenerative neuro-muscular disease, as well as continue research for a cure.

In years past, the Buffaloes have held a date auction to raise money for FARA, but this year they plan to hold a karaoke night instead. The Buffaloes also sponsor a few children each year for Operation Christmas Child and participate in the Relay for Life. The group has had a few events lately that brought them together for a time of fellowship and bonding. They had a bonfire last year which was a great opportunity to get to know each other, hang with the campus and relax and they plan to go to Moraine in the spring for a group picnic.

The Buffaloes strive to create great friendships in their group, and for Pichler they have succeeded. “I feel like a good friend with almost everyone in the group,” he said. He also said that the group seems to be tighter knit than a lot of other groups because of the sports and activities they are involved in together.

Sigma Phi Omicron

By Carl Laamanen
Collegian Writer

According to vice president senior David Rump in previous years the Sigma Phi Omicron housing group, or the Crons, had been mostly divided between academic classes instead of uniting as a whole group of friends.

“This year everyone hangs out with everyone, all the time,” Rump said. This mentality is more in keeping with group’s purpose of supporting and encouraging each other. The Crons have a full retreat and a weekly Bible study which helps the group grow together.

The Crons’ biggest event on campus is the Cron’s House of Blues, which, when it transpires next spring will be its eleventh annual occurrence. The group brings in a local blues band and turns Ketler Rec into a “Grove City–ized blues club,” said senior Brent Kerul, Cron president. In addition to the music, the Crons serve bagels and coffee to the students who come. “It’s a chance to hang out, listen to some music and get some free food,” Kerul said.

“We’re chill,” said both Kerul and Rump, agreeing that the group is made up of men who want to spend time together relaxing and having a good time. When the Crons accept new members they try to take groups of friends so they know the group will get along with them.

However, even though they accept groups of people that are similar Kerul stresses the group diversity. He said, “We’ve got a bunch of different guys in the group. We hope we haven’t placed ourselves in a nook in people’s minds.”

Alpha Epsilon Chi

By Carl Laamanen
Collegian Writer

The Alpha Epsilon Chi housing group was founded in 1977 by an intramural softball team of close friends. The group’s Greek letters stand for Adelphoi En Christo, which means Brothers in Christ.

Group president senior Christopher Martin said that the group’s purpose is to support one another in Christ, consistent with their name. They do this by “discipling one another, and by being a community together that can love the campus and [show] the world how God loves them,” Martin said.

AEX tried to have a service project together once a month and some of their recent projects include helping an inner city school storehouse by donating supplies and doing some work on the local Snow Goose Inn to help the owner whose husband recently passed away. They also hold a food drive around Thanksgiving every year.

Martin said that by doing service he can see a difference in the community and also the group growing closer together. “It’s neat to see the depth of fellowship we have together,” said senior Jacob Hillegas, group vice president.

Along with their service in the community, AEX also holds AEX Live each spring for the members of the whole campus. AEX Live is on Lincoln Lawn, and bands that have at least one current or former member of AEX come and play for the students.

“We’re striving to be completely genuine and real,” Martin said. AEX is committed to being brothers in Christ and reaching out to the campus and community.

Alpha Sigma

By Carl Laamanen
Collegian Writer

Founded in 1974, Alpha Sigma was the first housing group to be started and was formed by six men who were all in the marching band. “A big part of our history is music and that has kind of defined the inter- est of our group throughout our existence,” said senior Brian Jinks, Alpha Sigma president.

Because of the group’s involvement with music, they began using the Moraine Center and now this is a central part of the group’s service on campus. They also have several members involved in many of the worship bands on campus.

Last year the group started “The Moose Market” on their hall, where they purchase snacks and sell them to their members for a profit and then donate those proceeds to an important cause. Last year they donated to Mark Smith ‘07 to help pay for his medical bills after he was shot. They also had a game of Nerf Assassins last spring to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Junior Jon Bush, the group’s chaplain, said that serving the campus for Christ is a “big centerpoint” for the group.

Bush has seen relationships deepen since the beginning of the semester through the three accountability groups on the hall. For Jinks the group’s participation in All-Campus Sing as Alpha Sigma for the first time in 20 years was really instrumental in helping the new members bond with the older members.

Jinks said, “I like the way the group is headed, we can sincerely claim that we are taking more ownership of the group that we truly desire to grow as brothers in Alpha Sigma and as men of God.”

This is the third in a series on the Grove City College Community Living Privilege. Through the end of the semester, Collegian Writer Carl Laamanen will profile groups on their role in the community.
GAME REVIEW

Seeing more of ‘Spore’

Video game offers players chance at small-scale world domination

By Anna Brinkman
Collegian Entertainment Editor

“Spore is more of a toy than a game,” said one Grove City computer science major. It was unclear whether this was meant as a compliment or an insult, but Spore’s popularity has made the answer irrelevant.

Officially released Sept. 7, Spore is the latest brainchild of Maxis, a brand name of Electronic Arts – a company perhaps best known for the wildly popular series of Sims games.

Yet Spore is no Sim Tower – with cutting-edge programming and unparalleled room for player creativity, Spore pushes the limits of Maxis’ past achievements.

The gist of Spore is simple: design a creature and nurture it through five stages of evolution, building in improvements and characteristics of civilization along the way. Each stage – Cell, Creature, Tribe, Civilization, and Space – offers its own unique challenges, delights and frustrations.

The cell phase is so simple that it is easy to overcomplicate things, clicking here and there in a frenzy to escape various spiky, poison-emitting creatures. Eat green splotches to become a herbivore; attack smaller neighbors to become a carnivore. Maintain a careful balance of both to become an omnivore. Players may find the bacteria-inspired appearance of their cells equally disturbing and intriguing. Even at this lowest stage, the possibilities for customization are broad.

Evolving out of the tidepool and onto land, the animation can become visually grating while players may be disappointed at what is even a mobile phone version. Spore is rated E 10+ for animated blood, comic mischief, virtual dollhouse. Spore is available on numerous platforms, including PC, Mac, and Nintendo DS – there is even a mobile phone version. Spore is rated E 10+ for animated blood, comic mischief, and fantasy violence. Details can be found on the official Spore website, www.spore.com.

Any game simple enough to be played by ten-year-olds is clearly not for everyone. But while players may be disappointed at what Spore is not, it does a lovely job as what it is – a virtual biological playground.
**Four novels and a movie**

**‘Twilight’ series an unexpected hit**

By Anna Brinkman

Collegian Entertainment Editor

Most authors only dream of writing one New York Times bestseller – let alone four in a row. But for Stephenie Meyer, dreams have become reality in more ways than one.

Meyer is a dedicated Mormon, mother of three sons and wife of an accountant, living just outside Phoenix, Ariz. But thanks to her memory of an inspiring dream, she has also become the author of the wildly popular Twilight series – four suspenseful novels chronicling the unorthodox romance between the enigmatic vampire, Edward, and the girl, Bella, whose blood he craves.

Meyer’s writing career began on the morning of June 3, 2003, after waking up with the urge to write the story of two characters in a vivid dream. She wrote “Twilight” in just three months and has been catapulted into the global limelight ever since its publication in 2005, even to the point of inclusion on Time magazine’s list of “100 Most Influential People for 2008.” The three sequels – “New Moon,” “Eclipse,” and “Breaking Dawn” – have all spent weeks in the number one position on the New York Times bestseller list and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Meyer is currently working on “Midnight Sun,” telling the story of Twilight from the perspective of Edward instead of Bella. After a partial draft was posted on the Internet without her permission, she released a portion of it before completion and took it hiatus; however, she expects to eventually finish and publish the entire work as a complementary novel to “Twilight.” The much-anticipated film adaptation of “Twilight” will also be released on Nov. 21.

“Twilight” is more than just another vampire story. Inspired by Meyer’s dream and drawing little from other vampire tales, the plot relies on many non-traditional ideas about the nature of vampires and related supernatural phenomena. In an interview with “Entertainment Weekly,” Meyer said, “I can’t read other people’s vampires. If it’s too close to my writing, I get upset; if it’s too far away, I get upset. It just makes me very nervous.”

Fans of vampire fiction may find this step away from canon to be jarring, but those without rigid preconceptions about the genre will likely find these deviations to be intriguingly original.

In light of all the hype, the Twilight books themselves don’t shine too brightly. The start of “Twilight” is halting, racked with clumsy first-person exposition more fitting for self-published memoirs than a young adult fiction book. Meyer falls into self-conscious sentence fragments which are intended to convey Bella’s thoughts, but succeed only in drawing attention to themselves. Her writing feels amateurish, almost as though she is telling a story to a friend rather than writing a novel.

Nonetheless, as the plot picks up and the characters grow more real, it becomes easier to overlook Meyer’s sometimes painfully bad writing. She thankfully stays away from the incessant mention of hip brand names, and the clear sexual abstinence of her characters will relieve readers offended by the pervasiveness of contemporary page-turner fiction.

Meyer’s characterizations, plot structure and dialogue all improve as her tone becomes more refined; each book feels more sophisticated than the last. Still, “Twilight” has an appealing rawness that the other books lack. Perhaps they suffer from more static characters – the bane of sequels everywhere; or perhaps the originality of the concept becomes worn by the fourth installment.

**The movie**

The much-anticipated film adaptation of “Twilight” is expected to hit the big screen on Nov. 21. But independent of Meyer’s evolution as a writer, the series remains consistently engaging enough to draw in millions of readers despite some literary hurdles.

It can be difficult to sympathize with the main character, Bella, whose emotional instability and victim mentality soon become tiresome. It is hard to swallow her shallow disrespect for her father Charlie – an incompetent dullard addicted to televised sports – and her complicated relationship with her flighty mother, who has moved out and remarried. Yet Bella’s ongoing feelings of inferiority and inadequacy doubtless resonate with many young female readers, and Edward’s insensitivity and persistent need that.”

**By the numbers**

- The Twilight phenomenon has been characterized by two very different things: the dark romantic vampire that has become reality in more ways than one, and the movie that will hit the big screen on Nov. 21.

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By Kelsey Keating
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Based partially on personal bias and mostly on objective truth, I have chosen for each 10-year reunion decade a film that begs to be seen. While each movie was not necessarily a hit upon release, the following films are considered “classics” by an overwhelming consensus of viewers.

1958: “Vertigo”
Alfred Hitchcock was early one of the key directors of the twentieth century. He created psychological thrillers that were able to show with dialogue and clever cinematography, what modern films fail to do with the aid of special effects and better equipment. The classic thriller “Vertigo” is his most acclaimed film.

James Stewart plays police detective Scottie Ferguson who develops acrophobia (the fear of heights) after a bungled chase sends a fellow officer plummeting to his death. Unable to even climb a steep ladder confidently, the retired detective is offered a job by his buddy, Gavin Elster, to follow his wife, Madeleine (Kim Novak) who he assumes is mentally unbalanced, possibly even possessed.

We then learn Madeleine has some connection to a woman who killed herself 100 years ago. Madeleine attempts suicide by jumping into the San Francisco Bay but is rescued by Ferguson. Her possession by the spirit leads her to seek out an old mission, where she climbs into a tower and jumps, plummeting to her death. Scottie is paralyzed by his vertigo and unable to save her. But things are not as they seem, and Scottie eventually learns that the Madeleine he once knew may not have been who she thought she was. At the time of its release, “Vertigo” failed to perform at the box office, leading to a falling out between Stewart and Hitchcock. However, in recent years it has grown to become one of the most widely regarded movies of the twentieth century and the American Film Institute called it the tenth best film of all time.

1968: “Rosemary’s Baby”
Director Roman Polanski has made some interesting films throughout his career, as well as some bad life decisions. However, one of his greatest accomplishments is the epic horror/thriller “Rosemary’s Baby,” a film that blends paranoia and occult.

Actress Mia Farrow plays Rosemary Woodhouse, a young woman who has just moved into a gorgeously eerie New York City apartment along with her socialite wife who has just moved into a Rosemary Woodhouse, a young woman who has just moved into a.

Rosemary then finds herself pregnant through mysterious circumstances that she is unable to remember. Minnie and Roman become more stifling in their attention towards her, Guy becomes more distant, and her paranoia heights as she believes someone is trying to poison her baby.

What we see are brilliantly executed performances on behalf of Farrow and Gordon and a smooth script, written by Polanski, with just enough mystery to keep us interested and enough slowness to demonic things to keep us scared. Gordon was awarded an Oscar for her performance.

1978: “Midnight Express”
There are only two lessons to be learned from this film: (1) never attempt to smuggle drugs, (2) never give the Turkish government a reason to put you in prison.

“Midnight Express” is the heart-wrenching story of an American college student, Billy Hayes (Brad Davis), who tries to smuggle marijuana from Turkey into the United States to pay off his loans. He doesn’t even make it onto the plane before the Turkish police nab him and throw him in jail. Originally he is sentenced to five years in prison. But five years in hell is far too long for this naive American. The prisoners themselves are rough, but the guards make their lives so much worse, brutalizing them both physically and sexually.

Hayes makes a few friends in prison, mostly other Americans or Europeans, whom he plots with to make an escape. Things become more difficult when the guards become harsher, and Hayes’ sentence is extended to life because of the added smuggling charge. After the murder of a fellow inmate and friend, Hayes loses it completely and attacks a guard. He is then sent away to a section reserved for the insane.

“The Midnight Express” is a very dark film, based on true events and aims to shock and awe. It was nominated for Best Picture in the 1979 Academy Awards. And while that remains quite an achievement, the character development established by director Alan Parker is some of the best in modern cinema.

1988: “Die Hard”
The first film in the “Die Hard” series is far and away the best of the four. The original introduces us to John McClane, played by Bruce Willis in the role he was born to play. McClane is an NYPD cop whose relationship with his wife is on shaky ground. She has moved to Los Angeles, and McClane tries to reconcile things between them by visiting over the Christmas holidays. As they attend a Christmas party at her high-rise office building, a group of terrorists led by Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman) hold the partygoers hostage in order to secure the release of imprisoned terrorists. McClane escapes and decides to take action against Gruber while trying to inform the LAPD about the scenario.

But the hostage situation is only a cover as Gruber really seeks the hundreds of millions in bonds stored in the building’s vault. McClane takes control of the situation through communication with a local cop. McClane must attempt to take out Gruber from the inside, while keeping his identity hidden so as not to endanger his wife. What ensues is drama, death and a lot of explosions. Rickman is a fantastic villain to Willis’ hero. The film really hinges on the acting talents of Rickman and Willis’ ability to portray Willis’ status as an action icon.

1998: “The Big Lebowski”
While 1998 was without a doubt an epic year for cinema (“Saving Private Ryan,” “The Thin Red Line”) there was one film whose truth and beauty stood like a pillar of hope in a crowd of despair or something like that. “The Big Lebowski” isn’t just another Coen brothers film, it is some- thing much more epic and transcends common plots and cinematic clichés.

It is the tale of The Dude (Jeff Bridges), a man who works when he suits him, is an avid bowler, a fan of Creedence and likes to sip on the occasional White Russian when he isn’t getting high. Too bad for The Dude that he shares his given name, Jeffrey Lebowski, with an extremely wealthy Los Angeles Philanthropist.

What we have then is a case of mistaken identity, a comedy of errors if you will. The other Jeffrey Lebowski’s young trophy wife, Bunny, (Tara Reid) has been “kicked down” and The Dude, who only wants his stolen rug back (“it really tied the room together”), must play the go-between to secure her release. Every hero needs a sidekick, so The Dude shares his task with his bowling partner and Vietnam veteran, Walter (John Goodman) who has a penchant for packing heat and comparing everything to ‘Nam. Even Walter has a sidekick, the sheriff and his sidekick (Steve Buscemi) who is told countless times “you’re out of your element.”

“The Big Lebowski” succeeds in being hilarious, entertaining, quotable and sometimes surreal. Maybe a film ranked 151 on imdb.com’s top 250 filmserves a chance?
‘Acid Tongue’ a spit in the face

Jenny Lewis’ new release has sunk oh-so-low

By Jessica White
Collegian Staff Writer

On her last album released with former band RiloKiley, “Under the Blacklight,” Jenny Lewis had made a lot of progress since the simplistic, sickingly sweet 90s pop circa “The Frug.” Lewis is back again, sans the RiloKiley Watson Twins. This time she’s got an acid tongue, or so she professes. “Acid Tongue” ushers in a new sound, which, although at first is catchy and eclectic, upon repeat is dull and listless.

Lewis, having taken a break from RiloKiley to produce her first solo album, “Rabbit Fur Coat,” showed her truly twangy side. Finally able to unleash the plucky side of her guitar, it seemed as though Lewis had discovered her niche with “Happy,” “The Blackboard.” “Rabbit Fur Coat,” showed her truly twangy side.

Now, truly alone, it seems as though she can’t decide what kind of music to make. Each song seems to either be a throwback to a previous RiloKiley album or simply a purposeless track, i.e. “Bad Man’s World” and “Trying My Best to Love You.”

The album starts off weak, especially in vocals, with “Black Sand.” Not only is it sung through the nose, the lyrics are equally terrible.

Gone are the complex structures of songs like “A Man/Me/Then Jim” – instead we get “I fell in love with a beautiful boy on the black sand” / “He took me away, I was never the same on the black sand.” Genius.

The second track, “Pretty Bird,” flounders for awhile and still never gets anywhere but a few electric guitar riffs. The song would have been better served at the end of the album, or perhaps not included at all. But that’s the way with this LP.

It seems as though Lewis amassed 11 songs and decided she had enough material to make an album; who cares about the quality of the stuff?

“Next Messiah” is the closest we get to the days of “Rabbit Fur Coat,” but it’s certainly no saving grace for the album.

“Bad Man’s World” is just that – bad. The title track is vocally solid and includes some nice male-part harmonies, but it is purposeless track, i.e. “Bad Man’s World.” Not only is it sung through the nose, the lyrics are equally terrible.

“See Fernando” sounds most like a synthesis of all her previous discography, and perhaps we can hope that the next release will be more in this direction instead of the aimless one she’s wandering in now.

“Carpetbaggers” features a special guest: Elvis Costello. Surprisingly it doesn’t make it a worthwhile listen and would have been better without him rasping through the second verse. “Trying My Best to Love You” is another song with no movement or point. “Jack Killed Mom” at least opens with a catchy piano and a metronome beat. This is the first true narrative song on the album, which is surprising because it’s track 10, and narrative songs are Lewis’s specialty ("Portions for Foxes," “A Better Son or Daughter,” and “Love and War”). Outstanding? No. But it is another album and now Lewis can scratch another mark on the blackboard. “Acid Tongue” was apparently produced just for the sake of producing another album.

For now, keep “Under the Blacklight” and “Rabbit Fur Coat” in your five-disc changer. Save your money for the next release; maybe it’ll actually be worth buying.
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By Ryan F. Biese  
Collegian Writer  

"Are you not entertained? Is this not why you are here?" cries Russell Crowe in "Gladiator" in a fury at his frustration that he was now strictly an entertainment device.

Many "educators" now ask that same question to their students. In the Jan. 6, 2006, issue of the "Chronicle of Higher Education," Dr. Mark Bauerlein cited a Pew study in which learning style is best but students are not engaged students.

The entertainment addiction has so "anesthetized" youth that the National Conference of State Legislatures ominously concluded, "young people do not understand the ideals of citizenship...[they] lack the knowledge necessary for self-government" – which perhaps explains Barack Obama’s candidacy.

This is because of their addiction to entertainment, which crowds out any learning by making learning one more obstacle to acquiring more entertainment.

In order to be relevant, the pedagogical potentates have decided that instead of confronting the addiction, teachers must entertain.

By pandering to the youth’s self-centered desire to be "entertained," the American education system has worsened the trend of entertainment’s increasing hegemony over life and learning in young people.

The American education system, because of adopting an entertainment model for teaching, must forge teaching subjects requiring serious contemplation. An institution in which the instructor is simply a performer whose chief mission is to elicit or excite the learners will find that learners are not actually learning much at all because the subject and messages is lost in the medium.

Entertainment is not education. Students are not engaged students.

Instead of helping students learn the material, entertainment education via the "digital generation" has transformed this campus.

Students constantly distracted by technology, accustomed to receiving a few spoon-fed facts from an entertaining "educator" to regurgitate on a state test cannot contribute to higher education's effective course.

Bauerlein notes his colleagues’ concern about this generation of students’ "puny" knowledge reserves compared to previous generations, leaving them unable to participate in discussion "beyond their social circle."

Business-minded college administrators have noticed the change in "demand" and are urging the faculty to cope with the change by providing entertaining classes.

Today, all too often, students try to simply excite the students with flashy presentations and laughable projects.

By changing instruction in this way, it becomes impossible to assess what students have learned. Ever since computers are even more available, we use them at all. The question is not whether we use them, but whether we are merely enthralling them with shiny apples of wisdom – will turn to ashes upon the lips of students, not worth anything at all.

Not only has this education-light substituted more entertaining media for education – or was it merely normal and should not be considered entertainment – but that … (the rest of the argument is not in the copy).

Our digitized society modifies the entertainment addiction. Computers are common. If I never saw computers, I would not be tempted to misuse them.

Because computers are even more available, the temptation to misuse them is even greater. That is why we use them at all. The question becomes, is less intellectual strain better in education? Learning is hard work and always has been.

We, however, are less intellectually straining. That is why we use them at all. The question becomes, is less intellectual strain better in education? Learning is hard work and always has been. Human sin nature dictates that we carefully avoid such a thing, especially if it is in our best interest, as is true in higher education. Paul made this observation in Romans 7:19 – we avoid doing the good we want and do the opposite (I am not accusing computer users of sin or comput¬ers of being inherently evil here, but that …).

Natural human tendency is to use tools to make labor easier, and since computers have so many capabilities to do so, we have carved a niche for computers in nearly every corner of our lives; thus their commonality. Yet something common in one place, like cannibalism, is not necessarily normal and should not be common in all or any, in cannibalism’s case, areas.

The commonality of computers in society does not mean they should be common in the classroom, much less normal. Computers, being tools that make daily labor easier, are less intellectually straining. That is why we use them at all. The question becomes, is less intellectual strain better in education? Learning is hard work and always has been. Human sin nature dictates that we carefully avoid such a thing, especially if it is in our best interest, as is true in higher education. Paul made this observation in Romans 7:19 – we avoid doing the good we want and do the opposite (I am not accusing computer users of sin or computers of being inherently evil here, but that …).

Our digitized society modifies work to make it easier. We must remember, however, that hard work is rewarding. The preacher in Ecclesiastes says, “There is nothing better for a person than that he should find enjoyment in his toil” (2:24). Doing so is difficult. Discipline, therefore, is crucial and yet antithetical to youthful impulse. Discipline must come from a variety of sources then.

First, self- and mutual accountability is critical. Ask yourself if something common is also normal. We must call ourselves and others to a higher standard when it is not.

Second, those in authority have the right to enforce what is best, the knowledge of which arises not from experience and will. Youth are not wise and thus need an example of both wisdom and discipline. True education requires the hard work and the discipline of stretching ourselves. Students learn from those who know better than ourselves how to learn and how to be disciplined so that we have a model to aspire to. Paedo-centric, undis¬ciplined society wants to let the students manage a classroom, but beware the praise of youth.

By William Ross  
Contributing Writer  

The recent Learning Style Survey administered via e-mail to the campus intended to aid students in knowing their own learning style and enable them to make a better learning choice.

Noteworthy, however, was the lack of a digital versus manual style comparison in the survey, thereby assuming students’ learning (and testing) style without the question.

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By Darin Miller

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Alumni are returning from the College what it is today, welcome back Grovers, Wolverines.

A few days ago, while preparing for the Homecoming issue of The Collegian, I browsed the archives to get a sense of how Homecoming issues have looked in the past and to get a sense of what was happening on campus in the last 50 years. The Collegian itself varied vastly from year to year, in length and style. It evolved through time in its design, layout, content and phrasing. But I also saw what remained the same. The Collegian’s purpose has consistently been to deliver news to the campus, and since its inception in 1891, that’s what it has done.

Let’s take a look at some of the stories from past Collegian issues:

In the 90s, a dance founded by a group of men on campus enjoyed a four-year span. Former Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Nancy (Lee) ’54 Paxton was hard at work in those days teaching etiquette through semi-annual dinners. In 1998, the College hosted Oxford’s debate team. Then again in 2008, the present debate team won over teams from Hillsdale and Central Michigan to begin the season. Finally, in 1957, students performed William Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice,” which has also come full circle here at the College. It would be delightful to see how the College would be able to marvel at the new section of homecoming.

Welcome home.

By Sarah Beth Gross

Senior year passes uncontrol-
ably and soon my class will step outside the bubble into the world I will be entering. Will my children grow up in the same. I wonder more and more at the world we’re leaving—Will they know where they were going? Do they come back 5, 10, 25, even 50 years ago.

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**A schoolhouse becomes a jail?**

By Katie Drabik  
Contributing Writer

An occurrence is happening where students in public schools slip through the cracks and, while still very young, they become very lost. In an age where education is at the forefront, the bill called “No Child Left Behind” is discussed relentlessly and where the President desires to be the Education President as he was the Education Governor, the instruction of one group of adolescents is far from center stage.

Indeed, a number of children in the United States are being left behind every day. These are the unwanted children, the overlooked children which may be the very reasons why it is so dangerous to let them slip away. These students are what society calls delinquents. How does education fit into their lives of crime? The answer may come as a surprise.

First, it must be stated that few articles are ever written on this group of students. Most educational documents are written about issues such as vouchers, discipline, or achievement, because why would parents care about the education of any student other than their own? This is a valid question asked of an increasingly self-centered society. The answer is that it is going to meet the needs of this group, the end result is a grave danger to the general public. Theft, murder, hate, and mayhem begin to run rampant as is now the unfortunate case in Chicago, III.

A recent report from ABC News found that, for the second year in a row, there has been an obvious surge in students killed by students with gun violence in Chicago for every number year. Delinquents pose a threat to society. Instead of punishing and discounting them after their mistakes have been made, a better solution is education.

According to Travis Hirschi, a prominent author on juvenile crimes, “Delinquency is a means of relieving frustration generated by unpleasant school experience.” If this is the case, the answer will not be found in the prison cell but rather in the classroom. Hirschi goes on to further show that, “Forty nine percent of the boys who dislike school have committed two or more delinquent acts in the previous year, compared to only nine percent of those who like school.” Obviously, education happens to be the crux of the juvenile delinquency problem.

Students who feel uncomfortable and unwanted in school tend to lash out at the society that puts them in the institution. And, although some may see it as a waste to try so hard to educate these troubled youth, it would in fact be of great benefit to them.

If in schools the problem of delinquency is created, then it is also in schools that the problem can be solved. School-based interventions on delinquency are the answer.

As recent research from David Farrington and Brandon Welsh in “Saving Children From a Life of Crime” points out, “there have been a number of comprehensive, evidence-based reviews on the effectiveness of early school-based programs to prevent delinquency and offending.”

Environmentally focused interventions — such as school and discipline management — and individually focused interventions — such as counseling, social work and other therapeutic interventions — have been shown to decrease aggressive behavior and delinquency by more than 15 percent in all cases. These school programs are the answer to preventing juvenile crime.

There are many issues in education that need to be addressed. Yet no issue is ever more important than any one student. Thousands of students are being overlooked every year; they enter a life of crime, and they stay in that life. Education is the last hope that this seemingly hopeless group has.

If education is your calling, I invite you to recognize this overlooked fraction of your future mission field.

**Distant Drums**

By Bob Wilson  
Reprinted Collegian Writer

A century or so ago, Henry David Thoreau wrote, “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a distant drummer. Let him step to the music he hears however measured or far away.”

As college students, our increased intelligence and broadened interests should tune our ears to the distant drums of self-development and leadership, but what a pitiful few of us attempt to march to the cadence. In other words, instead of our emerging as leaders, now and in the future, we find ourselves sinking into the quagmire of conformity.

So many of us fail to realize our ambitions and produce to our highest potential. Instead, we yield to social pressure and fall to progress. Before our eyes, our convictions and goals fade and disappear.

We ask ourselves, “Why?” and the answer is that we are afraid — afraid to deviate from the norm. We fear departing from the safety of mass behavior and becoming self-sufficient individuals.

When one becomes an individual, the group withdraws its protection and approval. The group will do everything in its power to dominate a life and repress all attempts to rise above its low standards. Not to move in lock step with the group is to risk removal from its confines and no one wants to be left alone on a barren plateau.

The group is composed of two types; those who can produce and won’t for fear of losing the approval of the group, and those who cannot produce and are afraid that the progress made by the individual will only serve to mirror their own shortcomings. When progress is made, someone is left behind and no one wants to be left behind. If the individual quickens his pace, the group must step lively to keep from falling back, however, the group would rather hind the leaders to the tortoise like speed of the slowest element. Hence, when an individual attempts to better, establish, or enrich himself by delving into the activities not approved by the group, he becomes “a stone,” “out of it,” or “meester.”

It is relatively simple to join the group here at Grove City College. To overcome the fear of becoming a social outcast is, indeed, a difficult task. For example, it is not acceptable procedure for members of the group to attend assemblies or any other cultural program on campus. An awareness of the finer things in life develops taste and is an individual matter. The group consequently cannot accept culture. Moreover, if you are a capable organizer or leader, you must remain separate from the group, for there is no place in the group for initiative. Thus, in the past, only a few students have been willing to resist the group’s displeasure. Finally, if you are a student, pre thee or otherwise, with strong religious convictions, you are convicted to forget your beliefs or at the very least, to keep them to yourself.

The point of this article is not to advocate non-conformity to the point of violating all acceptable social behavior. It is, however, an appeal for students to assert themselves. If we as college students are to be the enlightened leaders of tomorrow, we cannot allow ourselves to blend into the masses. We must leave this institution as creative individuals, possessing strong convictions and high ideals, and willing to become active responsible members of our society.

No group has the right to dictate the limits of any man’s abilities or talents. Any group has the right to mold an individual’s opinions or beliefs to its own standards of mediocrity. When any group denies us the freedom of thought and deed and we allow it to do so, we cease to exist as men, for every man has the right to “step to the music he hears — however measured or far away.”

This article was reprinted from the Oct. 7, 1958, Homecoming edition of The Collegian.
**Liberal breaks record**

Grove City College senior middle hitter Natalie Liberati became the school’s all-time leader in kills on Oct. 8 but the host Wolverines dropped a 24-26, 25-16, 25-22, 25-20 verdict to Geneva (14-3) in Presidents’ Athletic Conference volleyball action at the College Arena.

Liberati recorded 17 kills in Wednesday’s match to eclipse Lizスポーツのページでした。
College grads reconnect on and off the field

By Joey Charlton

Homecoming, friends, food and festivities. Football games, dancing and of course, the crowning of a king and queen.

While it is easy to get caught up in the myriad activities surrounding Homecoming, few realize how far some current students have gone to ensure that the traditions continue.

These are the faces of the alumni who are welcomed back to the Grove City College campus this weekend, many of whom are gearing up to relive some of the glory days of competing in college-level sports.

While traditionally Homecoming is a time designated to officially “welcome back” students to campus and put on a grand display of many noteworthy college events, it is also a time for graduates of years past to once again stroll the sidewalks and check out what has changed since they departed with diploma in hand.

Many of them will catch up with old acquaintances and swap stories while most likely making some new friends along the way.

One of the most popular events for returning alumni is the annual soccer game, followed by the team’s Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Men’s Head Soccer Coach Mike Dreves ‘97 explained that the team’s long history coupled with the addition of two new Hall of Fame members every year is a huge incentive for alumni to return and interact with the varsity squad.

“We’ve had our alumni games since 1978, so this is the 30th one,” he said. “It’s a great draw for the guys who still play.”

In the future, many more varsity soccer players show up that the alumni typically create teams based on the decades in which they graduated. A full roster of players from the 1970s has been put together before, and Dreves is expecting an overall large turnout based on the 73 alums that traveled back to Grove City last year to kick the ball around.

The varsity soccer Hall of Fame began in 2001 and was created partly to encourage former players to attend Homecoming and support their former teammates who were chosen for the inducement.

“We play the game, have lunch, then have the ceremony,” Dreves said.

Hosting the alumni that range from recent graduates to members from classes dating back to the ’50s, Dreves is thankful that his current players have the opportunity to mingle and learn more from those who have gone before them.

“I encourage my players to talk to these guys about what it was like to 30 years ago,” he said. “While extra soccer tips always come in handy, there are other opportunities the alumni can offer to the current student – athletes.

“It’s great networking – we’ve had former players get job advice and internships,” Dreves said.

While soccer may receive much of the publicity this weekend, many other varsity sports are also gearing up to welcome and compete against smaller groups of alumni. Women’s Head Volleyball Coach Susan Roberts is eagerly looking forward to hosting a group of returning players that will square off against the current roster and enjoy some fellowship afterwards.

“We have a great time,” she said about the event that began for their sport in 1997. “We have a list of all alumni and usually have 12 to 14 coming each year. They play against each other as well as the varsity team and then have a luau to sit around and catch up.”

Despite the fact that the alumni games are always friendly matches, the action is far from uncompetitive.

Chris Reed ‘07 is looking forward to coming back for his second men’s lacrosse game as an alum and sixth overall. He spent his time on varsity as a student.

“In the fall the alumni games that I’ve played, it’s hardly ever a blowout, because the guys take it pretty seriously,” he said. “Last year’s game was a one-goal game.”

While the alumni are always eager to show that they can still run with the younger players, the experience is also beneficial for the current varsity roster as they get in shape for games in the spring.

“You don’t want the alumni to come back and beat you, and the alumni still want to prove themselves, so there is a lot of interest on both sides to go out there and play,” Reed said.

Like the interaction between the current and former soccer team members, the varsity lacrosse team enjoys chatting with the older guys before and after the game.

“The alumni get to know the students at the time, and what they’re into on campus, and the students get to learn about what the alumni are into,” Reed said.

“It’s neat because there is that sort of brotherhood and camaraderie of it all.”

Collegian Writer

Soccer Hall of Fame inducts two tomorrow

Grove City College will induct two former standouts into its Men’s Soccer Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend Oct. 11-12. Phil Donatelli ’77 and Greg Kreutzberg ’97 comprise the eighth class of inductees.

Their inclusion brings the total number of inductees to 23.

Donatelli captured Grove City’s 1976 squad that advanced to the NCAA Championship Tournament quarterfinals.

That year, the Wolverines set a program record with 10 victories.

A versatile player during his career at Grove City, he lettered three years as a midfielder, back and forward from 1973-76.

The Western Pennsylvania Intercolligate Soccer Conference honored Donatelli as First Team All-Conference following both his junior and senior seasons.

Kreutzberg earned four letters as a center forward during his career (1993-96).

As a senior co-captain in 1996, Kreutzberg racked up a school-record 25 goals and helped the Wolverines to a share of their first-ever Presidents’ Athletic Conference title.

Grove City capped the season by winning the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Championship title.

The Wolverines finished 16-2 overall and set a new program record for single-season wins.

Kreutzberg finished the season with a school-record 55 points. He earned NSCAA All-Region honors along with the PAC’s Most Valuable Player award in 1996.

Kreutzberg also earned All-PAC honors three times in his career. His 46 career goals rank third in program history.

Grove City established its Men’s Soccer Hall of Fame in 2001. The honorees will be introduced and recognized before the annual Hall of Fame Game Oct. 18, which features alumni against current varsity players.
Wolverines rank first

By Chuck Witt
Collegian Writer

Early in the year, the Grove City men’s soccer team met to define several goals for the upcoming season. Near the top of that list was a berth in the NCAA tournament, obtained by winning the President’s Athletic Conference. It was a light in the distance that kept hope alive as the team struggled through a tough non-conference schedule. Perhaps that was what allowed the team to stay unified as the losses and frustration mounted. Whatever the case, that goal has remained very much alive.

Morale was high on the bus ride home from Waynesburg Saturday night, as the team had just completed its most successful week of the season. In the recent contest, the Wolverines defeated the YELLOW jackets of Waynesburg by a score of 3-0. The game-winning goal was scored a few minutes into the second half when junior Joel Metz headed in freshman Adam Brewer’s well-placed corner. Sophomore Chuck Witt added a second goal shortly thereafter, assisted by sophomore Jake Kern. Witt and Kern combined again for the third goal, late in the game. Kern, on a breakaway, was able to sidestep the keeper and calmly lay the ball back for Witt to place into the empty net. The victory was the team’s third in as many tries.

Earlier in the week, Grove City defeated Bethany 2-0 at home on College Field. The first goal was scored by senior captain Bob Terhune at the 11:18 mark. Terhune intercepted a throw from Bethany’s keeper and unleashed a missile from 20 yards out that found its way into the upper right corner of the net. An insurance goal was added late in the second half by Kern. Much of the team’s recent success can be attributed to the play of its back line, considering that the last three victories have all been shutouts. Sophomore Zack Barzanty, captain, and junior Jack Adams and sophomore Evan Harding are those field players most responsible for protecting the Wolverines net. The team has also welcomed back sophomore Dave Larkin from an injury, who has provided a warm-up spark on defense.

“It is good to be back,” Larkin said. “Though it was not easy watching the games, knowing you can’t go out onto the field and contribute, it was that much easier since we played well as a team and came home with three key victories.” Keeper junior Sean Osborne had stellar week as well, making a combined nine saves.

The last three victories carry extra significance because they all were against PAC opponents. Moreover, Grove City is now 3-0 in the PAC, leading the conference. With only three PAC games remaining, one more win would secure a spot in a conference semi-final. More wins could mean that the playoff game would be played at home.

“A home-field advantage would be huge for us. Not only are we used to playing on our field, but our fans are amazing and always provide us with extra energy,” Larkin said.

Granted, the toughest half of the conference schedule is forthcoming, but the team is eagerly awaiting these new tests. The men are playing with an increased confidence, and of course, always keeping that end goal in mind.

LADIES PERFECT IN PAC PLAY

By Esther Harclerode
Collegian Writer

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MEN’S CLUB WATER POLO

Team goes down swimming

By Andrew Parry
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**FOOTBALL**

By Luke Harmon

Collegian Writer

Head football coach Chris Smith ’72 has quite a range of experience when addressing football. He can attest to the fact that the football program at the College has changed from his first years as a player until the current football team in light of the upcoming Homecoming game. In his office, surrounded by pictures and trophies remembering and honoring the great student athletes at Grove City College, Smith told of how the football program has changed in some ways but in others remains the same.

He began by describing how Homecoming has always been a big event but that attendance has increased through the years. Night games have had an astonishing number of attendants, but besides those games, Homecoming has been and still is big. Although Western Pennsylvania is known for its harsh weather, an ideal Homecoming game would be on a sunny fall day to accommodate both players and the returning alumni.

Freshmen used to be required to attend home football games until 1974. They were put in the visitor section and given red and white cards which an organizer would arrange to spell words to cheer on the team. Though this practice has stopped, the continued use of the visitor section led to revitalization efforts, and our visitors can still use the seats today.

Smith played football for Grove City College from 1968 to 1971. In 1979, he was hired as an assistant coach by former Head Coach Jack Baringer, and in 1984, he replaced Baringer as the head football coach.

Before practice, I enjoy the time I get to spend with the other coaches in the field house. They are the best around. They treat me with great respect and appreciate my insight. That’s the biggest advantage I would probably have on any other first-year coach. I feel like I’m still in the Wolverine family, just with a new role.

Despite the changes through the years, the spirit of the game remains the same. The football program work, quality student athletes are necessary, and no other players would make the program what it is.

By Luke Harmon

Assistant football coach Matt Gregg is a former Grove City College football player who currently coaches the offensive line. While at Grove City, he represented the college by playing in the Aztec Bowl and was also known for his radio broadcasts and fun-loving personality.

He recently responded to some questions about his new job position.

Collegian: Which do you like more: being a coach or being a player?

Matt Gregg: I loved being a player, and if Coach Smith told me I could put on the pads again, don’t get me wrong, because I would. However my playing days are over, and I’m way too "old" to play anymore, so I’m starting to like my new role more and more. I think I definitely have a future in coaching, giving me a way to stay with the great game of football.
By Brandon Stiles
Collegian Writer

Sophomore Josh Thompson enjoys living life on the edge – literally. Ever since he can remember, Thompson has always enjoyed not only adventure but a good challenge: this is what planted his passion for rock climbing.

Climbing is a diverse sport and is filled with a variety of different niches which is not surprising considering climbing’s vast participation and appreciation. The two main categories of climbing involved in competition are sport class climbing and bouldering. Sport class climbs consist of different routes set up on artificial or natural wall surface. Competitors individually traverse the wall trying to reach the top in a certain amount of time. As competition progresses, routes are changed, making it increasingly difficult to complete the course.

The second class of climbing, bouldering, is done on a smaller scale, with a focus on horizontal traversing versus vertical gains in the sport class. To make it easier for competitors, the two seasons are broken into a beginning of the year season, sport climbing, and a second half of the year season, bouldering.

“I enjoy sport climbing because it is more relaxed,” Thompson said. A big part of the sport is building and maintaining relationships with one’s fellow climbers.

Because the sport is relatively grass-roots established, most of the people one meets help develop social networks with different forms of information sharing, he said. Details on new climbing spots, advice and friendship are all things that are taken away from the student community. While connecting passes were sparse, spiritually members of both teams had a number of good runs, weaving through their opponents. Much of the defense was solid, as quick hands were required to take a snap at passing flag belts. The senior team was led by captain Lydia Pastor and the junior captain was Amy Hivnor.

The seniors also utilized strategy supervision from coaches junior Jonathan Coopersmith and senior Kory Kaye, and junior Laura Mercer’s brother, captain Brian Mercer, helped the junior team on some last-minute plays. Junior Karyt McCready made a touchdown for the junior girls during the first 20-minute half, and the score remained 6–0 to the end, despite valiant efforts on both sides, including intercep-tions and some successful first-downs. “We were the undereogs, so we didn’t have anything to lose,” junior Kelsey Drefs said. “We just wanted to come out tenna-cious, and we did.”

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As far as climbing participation from the student community, on campus goes, involvement is under utilized but not limited. There are a few places nearby to climb, including locations in Slippery Rock, Pittsburgh and Beaver Falls.

Thompson says he is always excited to meet new people who are also interested in the sport and is more than happy to talk to them. Thompson continues to push the edge in his climbing endeavors, leaving readers with this final, parting advice for those interested: “don’t die.”

Grover prefers rugged sports

Turf, cleats and pony tails

Powder Puff game new part of Homecoming

By Jane Wilson
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Don’t be alarmed by the 22 raging women squatting down Robert E. Thorn Field. These girls probably aren’t average Grovers seeking the cliche, “ring by spring.” Rather, they have taken on perhaps a more difficult challenge: the battle between the classes: juniors versus seniors.

The first annual powder puff football game on Monday was a great kickoff to this week’s Homecoming festivities, with a few hundred attendees under the Thorn Field lights.

The competition was intense, and the crowd was definitely involved in the action. The athletes’ eye black, intense play and loud fans with blow horns and signs of all shapes and colors proved the rivalry between the teams.

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What was the juniors’ winning strategy?

“Don’t let them win,” said Laura Mercer.

One primary crowd pleaser was the support of the junior team’s testosterone-filled cheerleaders, decked out in effeminate attire – shiny pink jackets, red dresses, wigs and pleather skirts were included.

The role reversal that evening had come into full circle; the women took the place of the men on the field, while the men acted as their cheerleaders.

Looking at the steady attendance throughout the game, which was put on by the Homecoming committee and organized by seniors Dave Crosby and Brenyana Leyman, students hope that this will be the beginning of a long tradition of powder puff football games on campus.

“It’s one of those things that I think will take a couple of years to get hype,” Coopersmith said. While the support of attendees proved good organization and publicity, there were, however, some glitches that need to be smoothed out during future competitions.

Due to time constraints, the game had to be cut short but after the announcer commented apologetically, “We recommend that the seniors run a hurry-up offense. Thank you.” Since the homecoming week began with a football performance from the Lady Wolverines, it is appropriate that the week’s festivities will culminate when the varsity football men will rival against Thomas More at 2 p.m. tomorrow on Thorn Field.
The Varsity G

New logo connects generations of athletes

By Kristen Carter
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Over the past few years, Willie the Wolverine has become a familiar sight at football and basketball games, on T-shirts, baseball hats and sweatshirts. This fall, however, the Grove City College athletic department introduced a piece of history that the College’s athletes can truly call their own – the Varsity G.

The “G” design, which is similar to Ohio State’s block “O” and Notre Dame’s “ND,” first appeared only a few years after the athletics program was instituted in 1882. Hanging on the halls of the Physical Learning Center are pictures, dating back to the early 1900’s, of athletes with the Varsity G clearly displayed on their chest.

Similarly, many of the College’s oldest yearbooks display articles and pictures of the Varsity G Club. This student organization was composed of campus leaders who were awarded their block “G” for participating in varsity athletics. The club sponsored the official program of Homecoming, which was known as “The Spotter,” held a dance each year and was in charge of the annual “Play Day.” Each senior letterman was awarded a maroon blanket, with a white “G” in the center, upon graduation. “The Varsity G carried a lot of status...it was respected by the student body,” said Ryan Briggs ’01 sports information director.

In the 1980s, however, the “G” faded out, and the College turned to Willie the Wolverine. Willie had first appeared in 1948, at the Homecoming football game. Rev. Richard S. Beidler ’51 dressed as Willie by wearing a football uniform and a wolf’s head with a large snout.

Don Kingsley ’49 created a cartoon of Willie for the 1949 yearbook. In this picture, Willie, who is bursting through the Grove City College Shield, looks much like a wolf but was called a wolverine. The Varsity G was clearly displayed on Willie’s chest.

Next to the picture, the yearbook read, “‘Tis said when first this college came to be, a powerful wolverine came out of the North to lie in the shadows of our campus to protect and keep eternal vigilance over all those who call themselves ‘Wolverines.’ ‘Tis said and ‘tis true...for here he is...Meet Willie the Wolverine.” Many, however, were bothed by the “Wolverine” name and the “Wolf” costume.

For the next few decades, Willie was continually transformed in attempts to make him look like a wolverine and athletic. The athletic department discovered, however, that wolverines, which look similar to weasels, are hard to replicate. As a result, the Willie logos were discontinued in the mid-2000s.

The department began looking for an athletic branding that would be specific to Grove City College’s athletes, said Dr. Don Lyle, chairman of the department of physical education and athletic director. They were looking for a logo that was athletic in nature and was linked to the College’s athletic heritage.

As a result, the College employed a professional branding company – SWP Agency in Minneapolis, Minn. – and assembled a committee comprised of College coaches, alumni and staff members to help create a new athletic identity. Multiple icons were created, but none that the committee agreed on.

Finally, after nine months of research, the committee decided to bring back the Varsity G. While the committee looked at various options for their new logo, the members decided to choose the Block “G” as the official department logo. The committee wanted something that would be consistent through all sports and all generations.

Along with bringing back the “G,” the athletic department began focusing on the tradition and history that surrounds the “G” and Grove City College athletics. The goal of the athletic department by establishing the Block “G” as the formal department logo is to “pass on our athletic heritage to the current student athletes,” Lyle said, “Our hope is that it will be recognized by every generation of athletes.”

To further this goal, the athletic department continues to give a Varsity G Card to every alumni who participated on one of the College’s varsity teams. These cards allow alumni to attend any varsity sporting event on the College’s campus for free.

The athletic department hopes that the Varsity G will be an easily recognized icon for many years to come and that it will help tie together all the athletes who participated in varsity sports between 1882 and 2008.

“The College is all about tradition,” said Lyle, “and this is one leg of that history.”

For more information on the evolution of Willie and the Varsity G, visit www2.gcc.edu/sports/thewolverine.html.