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## Students weigh in on Inauguration

By Jimmy Van Eerden  
*Collegian Writer*

It was a cold and blustery day in the heart of our nation's capital, a day like many others that have marked the swearing in of our nation's new president to the highest position in the land.

It was, however, also a unique day in history that would be recorded as a landmark moment for generations to come. It was Inauguration 2009.

On Jan. 20, President Barack Obama accepted the Oath of Office and became the 44th President of the United States.

This particular Inauguration was unprecedented as people filled the long strip between the Capitol Building's West Front and the Washington Monument and the vast maze of streets in between.

The Washington Post reported that the Metro conducted more than 1,544,000 trips on Inauguration Day, a new record in the transit authority's history.

One thing, however, remained the same: the all-important Presidential Oath of Office as mandated by Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

History referenced the first Inauguration of President George Washington and suggested that in addition to the stipulations of the Constitution, Washington added a personal charge, "So help me God."

Ever since, this phrase has been commonplace at Inaugurations throughout history to invoke the guidance of divine providence.

Students on Grove City College's campus differed in opinion regarding the implications, effectiveness and significance of the recent Inauguration.

Many suggested that they were not satis-



Andy Drabic

Student watch a history-making Inauguration in the Breen Student Union.

fied with the results of the election and therefore would not view the festivities.

According to freshman John Bianchi, a member of the Grove City Debate Team and active student of public policy, "One key factor which struck me as I viewed the attendance in the Student Union was the somewhat sparse turnout among a fairly large and extremely politically active student body."

Bianchi continued, "I believe that perhaps the underlying reason for this sparse turnout could simply be attributed to the fact that a Democratic president was sworn in."

There were, however, alternative perspectives, and some students were impressed with the impromptu gathering at the Student Union and the respect given to

President Obama.

Grove City College's student body president Andrew McIndoe said, "Everyone was respectful and interested in this historic event regardless of their views on his policies."

McIndoe also said, "After being at the inauguration in 2004, it was nice to watch the festivities where it was warm with a much better view."

In addition, freshman Rebekah Van Eerden said, "As a first semester transfer, it was neat to see the kids use their small lunch break in between classes to watch the speech."

Other students seemed to appreciate the compelling element of unification that was apparent in the Inaugural festivities.

Freshman Ron Templeton said that "few events seem to draw the nation closer together in a time of peril than the establishment of a new president."

Bianchi said, "One of the first aspects I recognized with the viewership of the Inauguration was a sense of real unity. As we watched history unfold together, we became more than 'Grovers;' we were Americans."

Dr. Jennifer Scott, assistant professor of communication studies and former editor-in-chief of The Collegian, permitted her students to view the Inauguration for her Public Relations class.

With a unique perspective, Dr. Scott described the effect of such a monumental event in the eyes of the public.

She explained, "In addition to being an historic moment, I thought it was fascinating to watch the inauguration from a public relations perspective."

She added, "I thought it would be an ideal case study for us to begin to engage the world of public relations and to see that, in the words of Stuart Ewen, that the history of public relations is a history of a battle for what is reality and how people will see and understand reality."

Freshman Nate Heinen, freshman biology major and varsity football player cited his enthusiasm for "the opportunity to make the best out of what we've been given, and the ability to renew our personal commitments to our nation."

As we look back on the Inauguration of the 44th president, perhaps we can also look back to the inception of our nation and to the Inauguration of the first president as we each profess an oath of citizenship and cherish those sacred words: "so help me God."

## 'Fiction Family' finds fans

By Mallory Fisher  
*Collegian Writer*

Stonebridge Concerts' first show of the semester at Grove City College turned out to be more than a success. It was an experience to be treasured and remembered by all those in attendance. Fiction Family, an acoustic folk band made up of legendary musicians Jon Foreman, frontman of Switchfoot, and Sean Watkins, guitarist of Nickel Creek, drew a crowd of nearly 500 college students and community members to Crawford Auditorium on Jan. 23.

The event was sponsored by SGA and was the 10th performance of Fiction Family's first-ever tour. The opening act featured the frontman of an indie rock band called Army of Me. He successfully pulled in the crowd with his acoustic set and gained some new fans along the way.

California natives Foreman and Watkins began "Fiction Family" after their respective bands played a number of shows together. Their



Josh Kitamura

Jon Foreman of Switchfoot fame plays harmonica at the concert. See more photos on page 9.

primary music projects kept the songwriting process at a slow pace for the two, but this resulted in more relaxed, creative, and diverse music. After seeing the concert, senior Mark Lyon-Vaiden said, "I was impressed with the overall creativity and the variety

of sound across the different songs. It was a very enjoyable show, and probably one of the best shows I've been to in the past year or so."

Junior Aaron Henley said that

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## Miss West Virginia makes peers proud

By Anna Brinkman  
*Collegian Entertainment Editor*

Hundreds of students packed the Breen Student Union at 8 p.m. Saturday to watch junior Kayla Lynam compete in the Miss America Pageant. As the finale rolled live from Las Vegas on the TLC cable network, members of Theta Alpha Pi managed the campus-wide viewing party and wore tiaras in support of their now-famous sorority sister.

A native of Short Gap, W.Va., Lynam entered and won her first pageant at age 17 to secure scholarship funds; she never expected to reach the national stage. This year, she competed against 51 other contestants from the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In the end, Katie Stam of Indiana was crowned Miss America 2009.

The Student Government



Dale Sparks

Junior Kayla Lyman

Association co-sponsored the party and provided Theta Alpha Pi with four hundred dollars. The Thetas used a classic red and white decorating scheme and baked the dozens of heart-shaped sugar cookies that filled the long tables on either side of the room.

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# Construction projects progress

By Darin Miller

*Collegian Editor-in-Chief*

Last winter, Grove City College's Advancement moved from Carnegie Hall on lower campus to the Pew Fine Arts Center's art gallery while Carnegie was renovated. In March, staff hopes to move back.

"We had our timeline meeting this week, and we are scheduled to move back in the week of March 23," said Vice President for Advancement Jeff Prokovich '89.

"The work is coming together nicely at this time," said Vice President for Operations Tom Gregg '80. "We were several weeks behind over the summer, but were able to catch up most of the time in the fall."

New features of the building will 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, according to James Wendelschaefer, director of physical plant. Other notable changes include the addition on the building's north side, which will primarily house the new main entrance and mechanical equipment, Wendelschaefer said.

Nearing the final stages of construction, Gregg said, "We are currently confirming furniture delivery schedules to make sure

all is progressing according to plan." He added, "Due to the weather, some of the final site work and landscaping will take place later in the spring."

Prokovich said that plans are in the works to hold a senior class event in the new building at the end of the year. There will also be a thank-you event for students who live in the Colonial Apartments.

"They put up with a lot," Prokovich said of the Colonial Apartments residents, "from noise and dirt and construction crews – and just inconvenience with parking."

On upper campus, construction has begun on Harbison Chapel, and will continue until August.

"We plan work on all campus buildings to insure that we do not defer required maintenance," Gregg said.

Due to the high volume of activity – from student chapel services to weddings – that occurs in the chapel throughout the year, project work must be planned well in advance to avoid inconveniencing those who want to use the facility.

"We have been planning a summer 2009 outage for some time in order to paint the interior, update the lighting and fix the ceiling fans," Gregg said.

Work has already begun on one segment of the chapel refurbishment: The "teaching window," behind the balcony in the chapel, was removed and is currently being restored at the studio of stained



Josh Kitamura

## Construction nears completion on Carnegie Hall.

glass artist H.B. Mertz in Pittsburgh. According to Prokovich, this is the first time any of the chapel's windows have been restored.

The windows are nearly 80 years old.

"Every little piece of glass has to come out," Prokovich said of the window's restoration. "Each little piece is removed from the lead."

According to Gregg, the lighting project will have two aspects. "One is to improve the overall light level in the chapel, mak-

ing it easier to read hymnals and Bibles during services. The other is to better illuminate and highlight the beauty of the wood roof support beams and ceiling area."

Gregg said that due to the scaffolding requirements for these projects, the chapel will be unavailable for use while the work takes place.

He added, "The [chapel] work will be completed by the time the fall semester begins in late August of this year."

# Hibernation: Not just for bears anymore

By Anne Marie Booth

*Collegian News Co-Editor*

When the temperatures drop and the wind chill is more brutal than usual, it is easy to envy bears. They spend their winters in caves deep in hibernation – a form of sleep that lasts from the beginning of cold weather to the first warm days of spring.

Hibernation does, however, have its downside. One's slumber, if too deep, can be misinterpreted for death. For proof of this, just ask junior Everett DeVries, who

spent part of intersession in a cave-like atmosphere. He can attest firsthand to the dangers of overachievement in the subject of deep sleeps.

DeVries is no stranger to large amounts of snow and the art of building snow structures. As a child, he often made snow forts. When a storm covered the campus with over a foot of snow midway through intersession, he set his sights on something bigger – an igloo.

Junior Jacob Sims helped DeVries make the igloo, located between the TLC and

Hicks cafeteria, and the builders created a structure big enough to sleep two – students, not bears.

DeVries and Sims decided to test the sleeping capacity of the igloo personally. Even though the temperatures that night dipped into the single digits, the two stayed warm due to the igloo's structural integrity. The next night, a different friend joined DeVries for an evening of braving the cold.

A member of Campus Safety came across the igloo about 2 a.m. DeVries' feet were sticking out of what appeared to be nothing more than a large mound of snow. After several unsuccessful attempts to arouse DeVries from his hibernation, Campus Safety called an ambulance but cancelled the request once DeVries stirred.

This started a flurry of discussions and phone calls that eventually made their way to Larry Hardesty, vice president of Student Life and Learning. The students' daring feat of endurance raised numerous questions: was it wise to sleep out in such temperatures? What if the roof collapsed when they were sleeping?

In the end, it was decided that the bears-in-training could not sleep outside for safety reasons. Similar concerns extended to the structure itself. In order for it to remain on campus, the roof had to be removed.

"I voluntarily made the necessary structural modification to allow the igloo to remain upright and not be destroyed," DeVries said.

The "structural modification," however, opened the igloo not only to the elements but to other students. It has since been damaged both by traffic and warmer temperatures and is but a shell of its former self.

This was not the first instance of an igloo being built on campus. Two years ago, an even larger structure capable of seating close to a dozen students was built near Hopeman and Memorial Halls. It lasted for the better part of the winter.

The two architects remain coy about their own future snow construction plans but acknowledge that, if Grove City experiences another heavy snow, an igloo will appear, "but it will be in a more discreet location."

## The Physics of Sledding



Courtesy Dr. D J Wagner

Students spent last Sunday afternoon sledding at the Physics Club Sledding Party.



Courtesy of Evan Moore

Everett DeVries prepares for a long winter's nap.



## Teams travel into the world

By Sarah Boyd

Collegian News Co-Editor

"There is nothing quite as freeing for the soul as heading into wild, unfamiliar territory," senior Mark Jeffries said, reflecting on an Inner City Outreach trip to Mexico. During the College's January break, three teams of students experienced this freedom as they faced the unfamiliar in Monterrey, Mexico; Chennai, India; and Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic.

The first team to leave the United States included seven students bound for Chennai, India. From Dec. 27 to Jan. 14, the group worked with Disciples Church in Chennai under the direction of Pastor James Pandian.

Senior Shamina Christian, coordinator of ICO India, said, "We went to serve and help with the ministry of Disciples Church to help further their mission in Chennai. This was the first time they had a team come to help with

their ministries."

During their two-week stay, the students in India focused much of their ministry on outreach to children. They spent time interacting with the children who live at the church's children's home, organized a child sponsorship program and took a Vacation Bible School program to two Indian schools.

"The greatest joy," Christian said, "was seeing how much the children loved having us there and showing pure love to the children."

Sophomore Deb Loych said that the most memorable moment of the trip was a chapel service with the children before the team left India. During the service, the children shared testimonies and the team members prayed for each child individually.

"You could see eternity on their faces," Loych said.

In addition to children's ministry, the team painted the church, distributed rice among gypsy and tribal groups, visited and prayed

with families and participated in a house dedication.

Reflecting on the house dedication, Christian said, "It was really awesome because they dedicated the house to God and prayed that the inhabitants of the house would follow the Lord."

On Jan. 3, a team of 12 students traveled to Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic, where they worked with Meeting God in Missions for two weeks.

Once in Hato Mayor, Grove City College students joined with between 70 and 80 other volunteers to carry out their ministry. During the first week, the teams ministered through optical, medical and dental clinics, a baseball program and Vacation Bible School. The team also installed a floor at a school affiliated with the child sponsorship program Compassion International.

One senior team member, reflecting on her experiences at the optical clinic, said, "Giving people glasses and vision ... reminds me of how it will be when we get to Heaven, and God shows us how things really are."

After each day's service, the Americans working with Meeting God in Missions joined the Dominicans in evening worship services at local churches.

From these times of intercultural worship, the team learned, "True joy is from the Lord, not from things."

The final team to embark on their journey traveled to Monterrey, Mexico on Jan. 5 and volunteered for one week with Back2Back Ministries. The organization works particularly with orphans, and they aim to provide "care for today and hope for



Shamina Christian

**The coordinator for ICO India was senior Shamina Christian (front row, second from the right).**

tomorrow."

Junior Emily Greider traveled to Monterrey for her third time this January. She said, "We were working with the same kids that I knew from years past, and it was awesome to see how our relationships are growing."

The 12-member team, which Jeffries described as "an eclectic group" that was "incredible together," helped to construct a soccer court at a children's home outside of Monterrey, in the city of El Limon.

"We were working on putting up fencing, sealing the concrete walls and jack-hammering some holes for the goal posts," Greider said.

For Jeffries, a three-year participant in ICO Pittsburgh, the trip to Mexico was his first international mission trip.

"Both trips were similar in that they both managed to bring me more out of my comfort zone, and they both helped bring me a little closer to God," Jeffries said.

After traveling to Mexico, Jeffries was convinced, "I want my life to be an adventure rather than a routine."

Whether serving with Back2Back for the first or third time, team members learned from the children they served.

Most of all, like those who served in the Dominican Republic, members of the ICO Mexico team learned the secret of joy.

"True joy," Greider said, "is really not dependent on circumstance. The kids that we work with ... are some of the most joyful people I have ever been around."

Each of the ICO teams returned from their trips abroad with far more than souvenirs, suntans and snapshots; they brought back a vision for seeing the extraordinary at work in ordinary places.

"God uses the small things to make a big difference," Christian said, "we just have to open our eyes to see them."



Crista Heineke

**Members of ICO Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic.**



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# 'La Bête' lauded again

John Kloosterman  
*Collegian Writer*

Last year, Grove City College was given the unusual opportunity of seeing two plays – David Hirson's "La Bête" and the lesser-known "Lettice and Lovage" – both produced by Professor of English Betsy Craig. Students and faculty alike were impressed, but when the week was up, they considered the affair over and went back to work.

The curtain had not yet fallen on Craig and her crew, however, and especially not on "La Bête." Unknown to most of the college community, critics from the Kennedy Center American College National Festival, by the college's request, had attended the performance.

Impressed by what they saw, the judges recommended the play for performance at the regional festival, along with over two hundred other colleges from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Only nine of these two hundred would be chosen for actual performance at the festival, so Craig's team did not hold out much hope. They were up against much larger colleges with much more developed theatre programs. It was an honor just to be considered. Taking on the challenge, the cast and crew began extensive preparations for the performance, and they practiced time after time and worked out technical details.

That preparation paid off. "La Bête" was selected as a "partici-

pating production for the regional festival." Craig's team was dumbfounded. They would get to perform at the Kennedy Center in the festival, where they would be under scrutiny from experts from the entire region. On top of that, they would also be under consideration for the national competition.

Work began almost immediately. "Since I found out on Dec. 8 it was pretty much non-stop," Craig said. "First we did a lot of preliminary technical meetings here. I also took a trip to Philadelphia to see the space. Then on Jan. 4 everyone showed up in Grove City and we worked around 14-hour days every day till the festival began on Jan. 14."

By all accounts, the performance went well. "The respondents were very gracious and kind in their response to our production," Craig affirmed.

"The next day after the show the entire cast and crew has an hour talk-back session with the respondents. They really seemed to like our show a lot, and we had a wonderful dialogue."

By the end of the festival, it was announced that "La Bête," along with one other play, would be nominated for the final stage, the national festival itself, held in Washington, D.C.

Although nomination does not necessarily mean admittance, the selection has been a source of pride to the theater community, as well as the English department.

Professor Craig said, "... we were so amazed just to have a



Chris Capitolo

Senior Pierce Bairak and 2008 alumni Doug Baker and Patrick McElroy perform a scene from "La Bête."

show in the festival that we feel that it is an embarrassment of riches to have this national nomination." Craig gave a great deal of credit to her cast and technical support team, saying, "This is truly a story of what happens when people come together without any sense of selfishness. I am so very very proud of each person in this cast and crew."

She isn't the only one to say this. The judges at the regional festival commented on the cohesiveness and dedication of the team, all the more notable as several of the actors, including three of the main characters, have since graduated from Grove City College: Jesse Aukeman '08, who played Prince Conti in last year's performance, and Doug Baker '08, who played the street performer

Valere, were both seniors last year and are now graduates. Patrick McElroy '08, returned as well, to resurrect the role of Bejart. Seniors Pierce Babirak and Jennifer Ford reprised their roles as Elomire and Dorine, respectively, and junior LeeAnn Yeckley continued as technical director.

Where the team goes from here is still uncertain. The judges have yet to consider the nomination and decide whether this troupe will, indeed be going to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. If they do, they will be competing among the best in the nation, among some of the sternest critics. The eyes of America will be on them. But wherever they go, the hopes of Grove City College will go with them.

## Super Bowl celebration set

By Sarah Beth Gross  
*Collegian Managing Editor*

This year's 43rd Super Bowl, held in Tampa Bay, FL., pits the Pittsburgh Steelers against the St. Louis Cardinals.

In the heart of Steelers country, the campus is naturally alive with fervor about the game, and the Student Government Association has planned great festivities for the evening.

At the All-Campus Super Bowl Party, which commences at kick-off, the SGA will provide pizza, refreshments and chips for students watching the game, SGA President Andrew McIndoe said.

The game will be shown on a "big projection screen," McIndoe said.

Students are invited to join the rest of the campus to cheer on their favorite team this Sunday evening. The kick-off will take place at 6:20 p.m.



## Musicians compete for concerto solo

Now in its 15th year, the Grove City College Concerto Competition will feature nine student finalists competing for solo spots in the spring orchestra concert. The competition will begin at 7 p.m. this evening in Ketter Auditorium of the Pew Fine Arts Center on campus. The event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required.

This year's finalists include: Junior Elizabeth Bieber, sophomore Emily Bzdafka, junior Monica Dudek, sophomore Elizabeth Heist, sophomore Danielle Henry, senior Julie Kulin, sophomore Jimmy Pang, Junior Sarah Parris and sophomores Emily Stumpf and Alexis Stave.

## Pageant

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"The Thetas did a good job," Dan Hanson, sophomore SGA officer, said. "It's great seeing the support shown by students – even students who don't know Kayla."

The pageant began at 8 p.m. with a narrowing of the 52 contestants down to a final pool of only 15.

Four of the finalists were chosen on the basis of their performance in the four-part reality show leading up to pageant week, titled "Miss America: Countdown to the Crown."

These "America's choice" finalists were selected through the online voting and text messaging of their nationwide audience.

The 11 remaining spots were allocated on the basis of performance in the preliminary rounds, where participants were judged in a number of categories. These included talent, private interview, on-stage question, evening wear and fitness – better known as the swimsuit competition. The 15

finalists, once selected, would compete in another round of the same categories.

When the last of the 15 contestants was chosen and it became clear that Lynam had not made the cut, groans could be heard across the Student Union.

Some students left the party immediately, saying, "There's nothing left to see here." Others waited until the commercial break to make their exit, while many remained to watch more of the pageant.

Overall attitudes towards the pageant varied. Some students were excited, while some attended the party merely out of curiosity. Others expressed concern.

"I'm disappointed," one student said. "I don't think pageants like this promote the right values. They say it's about scholarship, but what about the bikinis?"

Aside from the differing viewpoints – and despite the pageant's labels of "outdated" and "unappealing to youth" by critics – nearly one-fifth of the students on campus attended the viewing party. Junior Sammi Vermilya, president of Theta

Alpha Pi, was thrilled with this success.

"All the Thetas all worked together to organize this party, along with SGA," Vermilya said. "This is awesome. We expected maybe 200 students, but it looks like we've ended up with around 400 here."

What does the future hold for Lynam? She hopes to earn a Master of Business Administration and eventually become a naval nuclear propulsion system contract specialist, as

she already completed an internship in that field. But in light of her achievements, her future plans are flexible.

"Kayla will be Miss West Virginia for a full year, so she'll be traveling and promoting her platform until June," Vermilya said. "She's a junior, so she'll probably be back at Grove City this fall for her senior year. But we don't know for sure – who knows what opportunities could open up for her as Miss West Virginia?"

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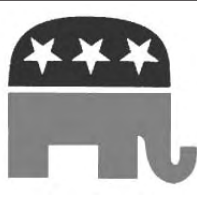
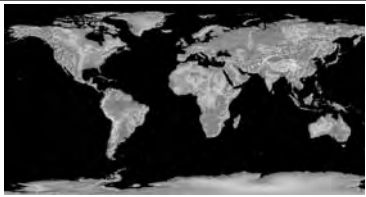
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## OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE...

### Dems take on talk radio

On Jan. 23, President Barack Obama warned Republicans to not listen to talk radio host Rush Limbaugh if they wanted to get things done and get along with Democrats and the new administration, The Chicago Tribune reported.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has taken that sentiment one step further and “has launched an online petition for readers to express their outrage at conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh,” CNSNews.com reported.

The DCCC Executive Director Brian Wolff expressed his own sentiments in a blog on the DCCC website, saying that Limbaugh has given Democrats “a preview of the outrageous Republican attacks that are on the way against President Obama and every Democrat working for change,” CNSNews.com reported.

“Limbaugh’s cheap shot at President Obama might be the first by the Republican attack machine this year, but we know that it won’t be the last. We need every grassroots Democrat to show Rush Limbaugh and all of the Republicans what they’re up against if they start attacking President Obama and Democrats who are working to end the failed GOP policies of the last eight years,” Wolff continued. “Creating real change requires every American stand strong against Rush Limbaugh’s attacks – and all of the other partisan attacks from desperate

Republicans that are on the way.”

The original disagreement began when a quote of Limbaugh, saying that he wishes Obama’s policies would “fail,” was taken out of context and Obama responded by cautioning Republican minority leaders in a private meeting to cease listening to the talk show host.

The outrage on the Democrat side has also generated renewed interest in the Fairness Doctrine.



politico.com

Brian Wolff of the DCCC.

### Police use footprint to discover criminal

British police officers recently acquired evidence found on a victim’s forehead – the imprint of a robber’s shoe.

“One of the thugs walked up to him and viciously stamped on his head before seizing the cash,” MailOnline.com reported. “Detectives are checking footwear data-bases and speaking to manufacturers to try and find a match for the footwear.”

The victim was hit by a car and knocked over as he left the Golden Lion in Salford, England. A group of four thieves stole £2,500, equal to about \$3,500.

“It is an absolutely vital clue, and many people have been convicted of crimes by matching the footprint to the footwear,” Detective Sergeant Julie Connor said. “We can even make matches to latent prints found, for instance, in a house or on a path. This was a particularly horrific attack where the men involved in this used excessive and unnecessary violence on a family man going about his work.”



MailOnline.com

The victim.

### Congress urged to act on climate change

“Former Vice President Al Gore is urging Congress not to be sidetracked by the current financial crisis and to take ‘decisive action’ this year to reduce the heat-trapping gases responsible for global warming,” FOX News reported.

Gore testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday, braving the harsh snow and ice storm that hit Washington, D.C., on Tuesday night.

He not only urged Congressmen to move American to the forefront of the fight on global warming, but he also urged Congress to “pass President Barack Obama’s economic stimulus plan, saying investments in clean energy and green jobs will help dig the country out of its economic rut,” FOX News reported.

The Democrat-majority Congress reports that it is eager to move quickly on climate change, and Gore’s comments come “days after Obama has signed orders that will boost the fuel efficiency of the nation’s cars and trucks and could allow states to limit emissions of greenhouse gases from exhaust pipes,” FOX News reported.

“Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he asked Gore to testify before the panel so ‘the message can go out loud and clear that the committee is going to be relentless and superfocused’ on the preparations for Copenhagen,” FOX News reported, adding that Kerry said, “Gore is the perfect messenger.”

-Compiled by Sarah Beth Gross  
Collegian Managing Editor

Come now, let us reason together,  
says the LORD: though your sins are  
like scarlet,  
they shall be as white  
as snow.

Isaiah 1:18

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## Fiction

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Fiction Family’s music included “an awesome combination of genres that made a great, relaxed show.” Freshman Anna Hussey said, “I really liked the variety of instruments they used and how they switched instruments mid-concert.”

Fiction Family accomplished that variety by the musicians’ versatility and skill in playing a number of instruments. Multiple acoustic guitars, a piano, a keyboard, a harmonica and a uku-banjo (a combination of a ukulele and a banjo) lined the stage and were played by Foreman and Watkins, in addition to the bass guitar and drums played by their bandmates to create their full, dynamic, folksy sound.

At the concert, they created a variety of thoughts and feelings in the audience with their songs about relationship breakups, loneliness, the power of love, hope, living life to the fullest, God and the reality of humanity’s fallen nature.

In addition to Fiction Family’s songs, Foreman and Watkins sometimes stepped back to listen to and watch each other perform solo music, occasionally adding back-up vocals. Watkins told me afterwards, “Well, Fiction Family

really doesn’t have enough material to do a full show. And Jon and I really respect each other’s solo efforts and like to take time to let each other shine.” The performed songs were written by Watkins, Foreman or both, except for a few cover songs.

Another noteworthy aspect of the concert was Fiction Family’s stage presence. Lyon-Vaiden said, “Jon Foreman is a master at engaging the crowd ... It was easy to see that both Jon and Sean had a blast while on stage.” The audience responded to the show with loud applause, cheers and chants for an encore.

Foreman and Watkins made time at the end of the concert to talk to and hang out with fans, happily signing autographs and sharing in everyone’s excitement. Stonebridge Concerts member sophomore Dan Van Matre said, “Off-stage and out of the spotlight, the guys were very friendly and easy to work with.”

Junior Cerise Fereshetian said, “The music was beautiful. I just wished they would play all night!”

Fiction Family released their first full-length, self-titled album on Jan. 20. The songs are all folk-based, yet are extremely unique. They demonstrate the work of two men that are not out to sell loads of records or to have tons of fans, but to make good music together: pure and simple.



# Chairman to lecture Monday

United States Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen will deliver the 2008-09 Grove City College Pew Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in Ketler Auditorium of the Pew Fine Arts Center.

Mullen was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 2007. He serves as the principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council. A native of Los Angeles, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968.

He commanded three ships: the gasoline tanker USS Noxubee, the guided missile destroyer USS Goldsborough and the guided missile cruiser USS Yorktown. As a flag officer, Mullen also commanded Cruiser-Destroyer Group 2, the George Washington Battle Group and the U.S. 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic.

Ashore, he has served in leadership positions at the Naval Academy, in the Navy's Bureau of Personnel, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and on the Navy staff. He was the 32nd Vice Chief of Naval Operations from August 2003 to October 2004.

His last operational assignment was as Commander, NATO Joint Force Command Naples/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe. Prior to becoming Chairman, Admiral Mullen served as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations.

Mullen is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School and earned a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1968.

The admiral delivered the Grove City College Commencement address on May 20, 2006, at which time he was presented with an honorary Doctor of Science



Adm. Mike Mullen

degree.

In preparation for his visit, The Collegian asked Admiral Michael Mullen, the 17th Chairman of the Joint chiefs of Staff, a few questions:

**Q: What role are you playing in the transition of presidential power?**

**A:** Well, that transition is pretty much over now. But what I had wanted to do, and what I think we did very well, was two things: first, make sure the U.S. military stayed prepared for any contingency during this period of vulnerability. If you look at past presidential transitions, you can see that many crises and catastrophic events occurred right around the time of an inauguration. Actually, that period of vulnerability, I believe, won't really abate for another six to nine months, so we are still focused on readiness and flexibility.

And secondly, I wanted to be sure that we played our part in making as smooth a transition as possible, which for me and the Joint Staff meant being available and willing to answer questions from the new team

in a prompt, efficient manner.

But it also meant preparing myself. I wanted to be able to give the new team and our new President my best military advice on a range of issues I knew were going to be important to them. I feel like we accomplished all that, so I was very pleased with the role we played.

**Q: Though it is early, have you seen any key differences in how President Obama plans to manage the military as opposed to how former president Bush did?**

**A:** It's too early to characterize specific differences, and I wouldn't want to do that anyway. If and when policies change, and I expect they will, the military will quickly adjust to support them. That's what the American people should expect their military to do.

**Q: President Obama has called for a military withdraw from Iraq for a long time. With that plan now in the works, what do you foresee as the biggest obstacle to that withdraw?**

**A:** The President has asked the Department of Defense to continue planning for a responsible drawdown of troops in Iraq, and that is what we're working toward.

We are all aware of the current security situation and mindful of the need to draw-down safely. The Secretary of Defense and I will present the president with a range of options and be prepared to execute whatever decisions he ultimately makes.

**Q: You have said that we are losing the war in Afghanistan. What would it take to turn that around?**

**A:** What I have actually said is that we are "not winning" but we can.

The levels of violence and sophistication of tactics in Afghanistan have surprised us, and I'm very aware of the need for more forces. We're working to get the requested 20,000-30,000 troops there as quickly as

we can.

That said, I believe no amount of troops, in no amount of time, will ever achieve long term success there. What I believe will eventually turn the situation around is a comprehensive, whole-of-government approach that addresses political and economic needs in Afghanistan.

And not all those needs, indeed very few of them, can be met by military force. Troops can help foster the security from which other progress can be made, but they cannot – in and of themselves – sustain that progress.

We need help from the other branches of the U.S. government, people and agencies with the skills and expertise to address things like the illicit narcotics trade and local governance and education. We also need the continued support of the international community and non-governmental agencies.

There are no quick fixes in Afghanistan. And there are no single source solutions.

**Q: In an interview on CBS' "60 minutes," David Martin said that the war in Afghanistan is likely going to define the Obama administration in the way that the war in Iraq defined the Bush administration. Do you agree with that statement and why?**

**A:** That really isn't for me to say.

What I can say is that the President understands the challenges in Afghanistan and is already hard at work on reviewing what our policies should be.

**Q: After meeting President Obama, how would you describe him?**

**A:** The president reached out to me early on, and I really appreciated that. I found him then, and in every other instance I have met with him since, to be extremely thoughtful, focused and engaged.

**Q: Who are you rooting for in the Super Bowl?**

**A:** Yes. Is that vague enough?

## Meyer to deliver Reagan lecture

"We win, they lose": four simple words that summed up Ronald Reagan's strategy for the Cold War.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Herb Meyer, the man credited as the first senior U.S. government official to forecast the Soviet Union's collapse, will share just what those words meant at the third annual Ronald Reagan Lecture in Ketler Auditorium of the Pew Fine Arts Center on the Grove City College campus.

The event is sponsored by The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

The Ronald Reagan Lecture is held each year around Feb. 6, the anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth. The lecture series aims to bring to light Reagan's contributions to America and the world. Each year, the Center hosts an individual who worked for, knew or has produced important work on the 40th President of the United States of America.

Meyer, who was Reagan's special assistant to the director of Central Intelligence and vice chairman of the Central Intelligence Agency's National



Herb Meyer

Intelligence Council, will share how Reagan's policy turned decades of managing, not winning, the Cold War upside down through a town hall discussion moderated by the Center's executive director, Reagan biographer and Cold War historian Dr. Paul Kengor. The event will feature a question-and-answer session.

A central player in the economic-warfare "take-down" strategy to undermine the Soviet Union, Meyer managed production of the U.S. National

Intelligence Estimates and other top-secret projections for Reagan and his senior national security advisers. An economist and Soviet specialist, Meyer was handpicked by CIA Director Bill Casey to serve as his aide.

In a November 1983 memo, Meyer correctly forecast what Reagan had been hoping and working toward: The Soviet Union was entering a "terminal phase" – a prediction that was met with considerable political derision at the time. Meyer was later awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, which is the intelligence community's highest honor.

Prior to his service with the U.S. government, Meyer was an associate editor of Fortune, where he was among the magazine's top international specialists.

He is author of several books, including "Real-World Intelligence," "The War Against Progress" and "Hard Thinking." With his wife, Jill, he is co-author of "How to Write," a handbook used widely at col-

leges throughout the world.

Meyer remains a top analyst on Russia, energy policy, and defense and foreign affairs. Meyer's articles and essays on politics and the country's intelligence service in the wake of Sept. 11 have been published in The Wall Street Journal, National Review Online and Policy Review. He is a frequent guest on leading television news programs.

Three registration options exist for the public: \$75 includes a pre-lecture reception, lecture, reception and book signing; \$20, includes lecture, reception and book signing; \$10 for non-Grove City College students, includes lecture and reception (college ID required).

To register, log on to [www.grovecityconference.com/reagan](http://www.grovecityconference.com/reagan), contact Brenda Vinton at (724) 450-1541 or mail registration fees to Brenda Vinton/Ronald Reagan Lecture, Grove City College, Box 3147, 200 Campus Dr., Grove City, PA 16127.

Checks should be made out to The Center for Vision & Values.

## Center for V&V sets spring conference

The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College will sponsor its fifth annual conference on April 16-17 on the College campus.

The two-day event, titled "Faith Freedom and Higher Education," will feature speakers such as renowned professor and writer George Marsden, national radio personality Michael Medved, College Trustee and acclaimed columnist Walter Williams, George Nash, Naomi Schaefer Riley, Annette Kirk and many more, including several faculty members.

Past conferences have focused on the war on poverty, the Middle East, the decline of Christianity in Europe and the history of church-state relations.

For more information or to register, contact Brenda Vinton at (724) 450-1541 or log on to [www.grovecityconference.com](http://www.grovecityconference.com).



## Teaching in China

### Senior travels to Asia for lessons of a lifetime

By Alma Jean Mitchell  
*Collegian Writer*

In the summer of 2008, senior Dustin Kunkle traveled to western China. There he assisted a couple who run a business associated with a large organization devoted to spiritual work.

Before college, Kunkle spent six months with Youth With a Mission, where he participated in missions training and traveled to different places in outreach efforts. He said God has been leading him from a broad vision to the more specific call of business in western China.

Kunkle spent his latest two-month trip in the city of Chengdu, located in the Sichuan province. It is the seventh-largest city in China containing 11 to 12 million people, making it larger in size than New York City. Those he worked among strive to reach their community through running a western-style restaurant and teaching

classes.

Kunkle originally intended to go to Chengdu in order to help implement a business plan that he had helped to put together. The plan called for a pizza restaurant and a program to teach business skills and English.

A complication occurred three days before he arrived in Chengdu: several English teachers broke their contract and left the area because of the 2008 earthquake, which occurred an hour north of the city. So in addition to implementing the pizza restaurant business plan, Kunkle taught classes with the help of an interpreter. Another of his duties involved hosting short-term service teams.

Kunkle's first English-teaching experience was in Thailand after his high school graduation.

"It was the most out-of-comfort-zone thing I had ever done," he said.

The experience served as



Courtesy Dustin Kunkle

#### Kunkle takes a break from teaching English, business and the Bible to his Chinese students.

preparation for his work in Chengdu. He found himself in front of a classroom of about 10 college-age students who knew little English. They were taking classes with others because they could not afford college or had otherwise missed the opportunity.

Kunkle recalls that they challenged him even more than he to them. At the end of his time in Chengdu, each student came to him with a word of encouragement.

Kunkle was amazed at the passion shown by the Chinese he served with despite the hardships they face.

As a westerner in China, Kunkle had more freedom than his Chinese brothers and sisters. "The Chinese government assumes that all Americans are Christians, even though that's not the case," he said. He attended an international church in Chengdu but never had the opportunity to participate in church fellowship with Chinese.

As an individual, he was able to express his faith more freely, albeit cautiously. The Chinese government retains the right to remove Americans from their country, and Kunkle could have

been forced to leave China.

Discovery could also have endangered any Chinese who were already under government suspicion.

During Kunkle's stay he managed to keep himself inconspicuous. While he was in Chengdu, the government began a search for records of every westerner in the area.

In Kunkle's case, the previous teachers had left with a month of rent already paid, so he took their place and his name was not found.

The people Kunkle assisted are in charge of a legitimate business which interacts with believers and non-believers, so they have to use discretion when they share the good news.

"Some people are ready to hear and some are not as ready, so you have to be discerning," Kunkle said.

Kunkle also came into contact with non-believers and found opportunities for spiritual work outside the business. He often took part in "English corners," where Chinese students practice their English with native English-speakers.

It was a friendship-making place; sometimes Kunkle and his new Chinese friends would start talking about their beliefs. If this happened, they would try to con-

tinue the conversation in another place.

"In China, the god of most non-believers is materialism," Kunkle said. "Religion is not a huge part of life." On the other hand, he was also able to see the countless miracles and the growing body of believers in China.

Kunkle said the hardest part of his experience was comparing it to his expectations about spiritual endeavors.

"So much of it was being in a different culture, but I was the same person with the same challenges and passions," he said. "It's not a super-exciting experience, just living our Christian life in a different place."

Americans often mistakenly think they have the answers to the rest of the world's problems, Kunkle said. Although he has a passion for service and business, he believes what the world needs most is not wealth, democracy or freedom, but the Father.

Kunkle explains that one of his goals is to constantly expand his comfort zone.

"If something scares me, I really want to do it. A lot of times we get really comfortable with what we do," he said. "Not everyone is called to go overseas, but if God calls you to go, then you should go."



Courtesy Dustin Kunkle

#### Kunkle befriends Chinese children from an earthquake zone.

## Sisters sell roses for charity

By Carl Laamanen  
*Collegian Writer*

A gift of beautiful red roses on Valentine's Day is one of the most traditionally romantic ways to express love. Unfortunately, this makes them more expensive and harder to find around the 14 of February – unless you happen to live on campus.

From Feb. 4-13, the Sigma Delta Phi sorority will be selling roses in the Breen Student Union from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its annual fundraiser that supports Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is an annual event held to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

During the sales period, the roses are ordered and can either be picked up on the day before Valentine's Day or can be delivered by the sorority on Valentine's Day.

"The rose sale is a tradition for our sorority. It has been going on for a while," said junior Carrie Mohn. The sorority gets the roses from South America in a large shipment, and the sisters de-thorn the roses themselves in order to keep the prices reasonable.

A dozen roses are \$20, a half-dozen are \$15 and a single rose is \$3. The sorority's president, senior Lizzie Falknor, said that this is a good deal throughout

the year, but especially around Valentine's Day.

Falknor said that she tries to remind her friends that have girlfriends about the sale to help them out. Last year, however, one of her friends ended up spending \$80 for a dozen roses online instead of taking advantage of the sorority's deal.

"The money goes to a good cause and it's convenient, personable and inexpensive," said Falknor, noting some reasons to participate in the sorority's fundraiser and maybe impress that special someone.

Also, the sorority's flower is the rose, which makes this fundraiser all the more special.

## In Chapel this week

**Sunday, February 1**  
Vespers "He Descended into Hell" 5 p.m.

**Monday, February 2**  
Alternative Chapel: 9 p.m.  
sophomore class

**Tuesday, February 3**  
Senior Dustin Kunkle, 2008  
Red Box to Chengdu, China

**Thursday, February 5**  
Senior Rachel Kenzie, Red  
Box to La Ceiba, Honduras





# Snow welcomes Grovers back



Andy Drabic

A snowman sits eloquently on the upper quad.



Andy Drabic

A student winds up to throw snow during a friendly snowball fight.



Andy Drabic

A well-aimed snowball nails junior Jonathan Dennis in the back.



Andy Drabic

Students work together to build a snowman in front of the Hall of Arts and Letters.



## Fiction Family rocks Crawford



Josh Kitamura

**Vince Scheuerman of Army of Me opens for Fiction Family.**



Josh Kitamura

**Sean Watkins from the contemporary folk band Nickel Creek, is now a member of Fiction Family.**



Josh Kitamura

**Jon Foreman entertains the crowd.**



Josh Kitamura

**Jon Foreman, originally of the Christian band Switchfoot, entertains on the harmonica.**



# Self-employed student crochets for cash

By Ellie Haizlett  
*Collegian Writer*

“Once a crocheter, always a crocheter...”

For sophomore Jayna Grassel, all it took was yarn and hooks to kick-start a life-long hobby and business.

Grassel runs her own business called “JJCrochet.” The “JJ” comes from her first and middle name, “Jayna Janelle.” Though she specializes in homemade hats, she also designs and sells crocheted accessories such as scarves, headbands and necklaces.

Grassel first began crocheting at age eight under the tutelage of a woman in her church. She crocheted as a hobby and taught herself different designs. It wasn’t until she was 14, however, that she really began cranking out the products.

At that time, Grassel had back surgery to treat her scoliosis. She was bedridden the entire summer before her freshman year of high school and used the time to crochet items for her friends and family.

“I created so many crocheted products that my friends told me they couldn’t take any more,” Grassel chuckled.

Also, her summer-long crocheting recovery is an important part of her testimony. “When I first had the surgery, I was angry that I wouldn’t be able to move around for so long, but God used



Sophomore Jayna Grassel (left) and her friend Sara (right) model hand-made hats.

the situation for good,” Grassel said.

That fall Grassel went to her first craft show and used the internet domain that she got for her birthday to begin her business.

“JJCrochet” boomed and she currently enjoys her fifth year of business. She has sold 240 crochet patterns and has sent her products to 45 states and 12 different countries, via her website, [www.JJCrochet.Etsy.com](http://www.JJCrochet.Etsy.com). She attends two to four craft shows a year and even crochets for Grovers; she recently designed hats for the RHOS housing group.

Because of her success, Grassel has never had to find a summer job. She aims to create an average of 250 hats a summer and spent this past Christmas break designing more patterns.

She crochets year round, and teaches her Grove City College friends while she’s on campus.

Of course, Grassel enjoys more than just the financial benefits of her business.

“If I haven’t crocheted in awhile, I start to feel restless. It’s very calming and has even been statistically proven to help lower your blood pressure,” Grassel said.

Even though Grassel relaxes when she crochets, her fingers fly. It takes her about 45 minutes to make a typical hat. Last time she checked, she was just stitches away from beating the world record for crocheting; she can make 92 stitches in three minutes as opposed to 97 stitches in three minutes.

Who knows? Maybe the fastest crocheter in the world goes to College in Grove City.

## THE CAREER CORNER New career column

By Emily Dalpiaz  
*Collegian Writer*

As a senior preparing to venture into the job market, I know how overwhelming the current economic downturn can be when looking to the future. Whether you are a senior searching for that perfect job or an underclassman looking for a dynamic internship, the key is to get started now. Look at all options and be willing to broaden your expectations.

The Career Services Office is excited to help students at all stages of the job and internship search. CSO staff members are committed to paving the way for search success. Sometimes, as students, we just don’t know where to start. So here are some easy ways to get going:

**Tip 1** – Register on JobGrove ([www.myinterfase.com/gcc/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/gcc/student)). Numerous job and internship postings in all fields can be found here. To show students how to get the most out of this resource, the CSO will be holding an orientation session on Tuesday from 4-4:30 p.m. in the CSO Conference Room.

**Tip 2** – Get that resume polished and perfected. Dr. Jim Thrasher ’80, director of career services, will lead a Resume Writing Seminar at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the TLC Auditorium. Instructional packets to help you get started are also

available in the CSO.

**Tip 3** – Make an appointment. The CSO career counselors are available five days a week to meet with students about anything from the job search to resume reviews to exploration of life goals. To make an appointment, stop by the office, call 3371, or e-mail [career@gcc.edu](mailto:career@gcc.edu).

**Tip 4** – Explore the Alumni eCommunity ([www.gcc.edu/Alumni\\_eCommunity.php](http://www.gcc.edu/Alumni_eCommunity.php)). Seniors can register and access all areas of the site. The eCommunity is an invaluable way to network with the College’s alumni all over the country in all different fields.

**Tip 5** – Watch for CSO staff members on campus. From eating lunches in the Breen Student Union to sitting under an umbrella in HAL courtyard, staff members are finding creative ways to be more accessible to students. If you see them, take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself. They look forward to meeting you!

The Career Services Office is here to help us navigate the job market in this unstable economy, but we as students have to take responsibility in charting our own course. Watch for more tips in future issues on how to jump-start your job or internship search and pursue that ideal position.

*(For the duration of the semester, Emily Dalpiaz will write a column on the Career Services Office called the Career Corner.)*

## The Bay State Bias

By Shawn McGonagle



## Sudoku

**Instructions:**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

The catch is ...  
\* a number can appear only once in each row  
\* a number can appear only once in each column  
\* a number can appear only once in each 3x3 box

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Courtesy of [www.sudukogame.com](http://www.sudukogame.com)

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Turn upside  
down for  
solution.



## Cardinal fans in Steeler country

### Hometown pride not hidden for Super Bowl

By Kara Weaver  
*Contributing Writer*

Black and gold. In anticipation of the Super Bowl on Sunday, Steelers jackets, jerseys, mugs and countless other displays of allegiance dominate the towns of Western Pennsylvania.

Grove City College is no different. Students and professors alike are not afraid to show which team they are cheering in the upcoming Super Bowl.

"It's really exciting that the Steelers might end up with more Super Bowl wins than any other team," freshman Kat Bishel said.

Considering the College's location, it is no surprise that the campus is dominated by Steelers fans. However, fans of other

teams do exist, and they have their loyalties.

"It's a huge deal for Arizona football to be doing this well," said freshman Rebecca Yuhas, a native of Arizona. In 2003, the team earned four wins and 12

losses. Their performance has improved in recent years, however, leading to this season's record of nine wins and seven losses.

"The Cardinals are a picture-perfect underdog," freshman Matthew Coate of Tucson, Az. said.

Coate recognizes his minority membership on the Steelers-dominated campus. He said, "It is kind of intimidating being around all of these Steelers fans."

Though rivalries abound on campus, fans keep it lighthearted. "It's kind of a fun feeling," Yuhas said. "You bond really well with your Arizona buddies."

Coate had a particularly gratifying time during the Cardinals' last game. "A pleasurable Cards experience this season? Flying out here on Sunday night with Eagles fans and listening to the periodic scores and ultimate win by the Cardinals," he said.

As the Super Bowl approaches, look out for the few students on campus who will not be cheering on the Steelers. They will add more conflict and excitement to the eagerly anticipated Super Bowl XLIII.



#### PROF-FILE

## Debunking 'Dean, Dean the Failing Machine'

By Arielle Bateman  
*Collegian Life Editor*

Imagine taking a class with a professor known as "The Failing Machine." To students of Daniel Dean, professor of mathematics, that image is a reality, especially as they envision their grade point average plummeting like the Titanic.

But Dean only laughs at the nickname, noting that students used to call him "The Smiling Assassin."

"If students actually had the GPA data, they would see that it isn't true," he said. "I'm actually a softie."

Instead of taking delight as his students wrestle with difficult material, he responds with concern. He said, "If we have a class that's struggling, we lose sleep over that."

This semester, Dean is teaching Calculus II, Senior Seminar and Classical Analysis. He normally teaches statistics in the spring, but he appreciates the chance to lead the small group of students in the analysis course.

Dean admires math for its symmetry and patterns. He values "the insight you get from constructing a mathematical argument."

Within the cleanliness of math, Dean also sees God's truth "distilled."

"We have it reduced down to the essentials," he said.

Here at the College, Dean benefits from the popular stereotype of a math pundit. "You can be a nerd in mathematics, and no one will think it's unusual," he said.

Dean had never considered the possibility of teaching until

his graduate studies at the University of Indiana provided the opportunity. He pursued his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh, completing coursework and preliminary exams. In 1986, however, his advisor died before he could complete his dissertation.

Afterward, his second advisor moved to Pennsylvania's State University and drew many of his graduate students away with him. Dean said, "Enough is enough," and decided not to finish.

"I would need to start all over again," he said. Now he maintains his academic edge by researching technological developments in mathematics.

Dean realized that teaching improved his understanding of math and allowed for schedule flexibility. "I like the ability to go with the flow," he said.

Additionally, Dean values the opportunity for ministry. Few other jobs have the ability to bring younger and older people together like teaching, he said.

When teaching courses to non-math majors, Dean inevitably encounters panicked students.

"Math anxiety is almost a given if you're teaching [lower-level courses]," he said.

"You've got to do what you can to calm them down and really build their confidence."

In the process, he seeks to penetrate any "psychological barriers" that hinder understanding of the material. He said, "It's always great to have a break-through."

Dean finds that many students flounder in math courses because they do not work through assigned problems.



Josh Kitamura

#### Professor Daniel Dean of the mathematics department.

"They've been reading it but they're not actually getting their hands dirty," he said.

With math majors, Dean desires to create budding mathematicians who can write and understand mathematical arguments, he said.

Outside of class, he developed another venue to interact with students: he hosts challenge matches in racquetball and table tennis. For him, the stakes are high. Victorious students earn an extra quiz grade for themselves and for their class. Students accept his challenge three or four times per semester, though Dean usually wins; his last loss was about four years ago.

Dean also enjoys playing golf. He and fellow professor of mathematics Dr. Ralph Carlson usually vie for top honors at the annual faculty tournament. Last

year, he suffered defeat by one stroke, so he seeks redemption this year.

At home, Dean spends time with his wife, Julie, whom he met at Wheaton College while working with her in the dish room. When Dean learned that she was the child of a faculty member, he almost stopped dating her; as a "painfully shy" person, he disliked talking to faculty members.

Regardless, they married in 1976 and later moved to Grove City when their oldest son was eight months old. They have three children, Taylor, Bethany and Aaron, who are pursuing careers or graduate studies.

When Julie has a break from her nursing shifts at Grove City Medical Center, the couple enjoys cheering for Chicago sports teams, taking walks and camping. They regularly vaca-

tion on the white shores of Lake Michigan, which Dean considers the best beaches in the world.

Dean's life experiences stretch far beyond the bounds of Grove City, his hometown of Chicago, and even the United States. During his junior year of college, Dean attended the University of the Andes in Bogotá, Columbia for five months. He developed a love for the culture and a heart for missions during the time; he has made subsequent missions trips to Latin America, once teaching at a missions school in Lima, Peru.

While in Mexico, Dean appreciated the warmth of the people he met. Explaining that Mexicans placed greater emphasis on physical affection, he said, "You can't go into a room without embracing everyone."

Dean's travels afforded unusual experiences such as the consumption of guinea pig, a Peruvian delicacy.

"It's all dark meat, and it's actually pretty good," he said.

His daughter, Bethany, exhibits the same enthusiasm for missions. For three years, she has served as a missionary in Mexico City. Her parents visited her in Mexico as well as Costa Rica, where she attended training school.

Dean hopes to embark on short-term missions work in the future, perhaps teaching at a missions school again. But for now he enjoys interacting with students, teaching in the classroom and dreaming of different ways to curve exams.

"I've never had the guts to use [a] square-root curve," he said, "but I've thought about it."



# Nice packaging, toxic agenda

## Telling the truth about 'Lie to Me'

Anna Brinkman

Collegian Entertainment Editor

A girl becomes pregnant with the baby of the high school principal. A boy spies on, photographs and obsesses over his attractive teacher. A senator habitually visits a prostitute who turns out to be his long-lost biological daughter.

No, these aren't stories pulled from tabloids, but rather are the plot threads of the pilot episode of "Lie to Me," a new FOX show created by Samuel Baum that first aired last week. Although the show had potential for good character development and focuses on an intriguing concept – deception detection – its sexual saturation and sermonizing progressive tone sends it into a tailspin of mediocrity and sensationalism.

"Lie to Me" protagonist Dr. Cal Lightman (Tim Roth) plays a believable deception expert running his own consulting service. A likeable hybrid of Dr. House and Jerry Orbach, Lightman has no trouble acknowledging fallen human nature. He takes the view that all human beings lie and

claims that the average person lies three times over the course of a 10-minute conversation. (The sole exception to this rule seems to be his goofy colleague, who practices "radical honesty" – as when he meets a new co-worker and tells her immediately that he wants to sleep with her.)

Lightman's attractive, married partner Gillian Foster (Kelli Williams) behaves more cheerfully and spontaneously, enjoys comfort foods and tells Lightman that "you just think I'm naïve because I don't share your cynical view of the world." When Foster admits to reading romance novels because they make her happy, Lightman replies, "Truth or happiness – never both." Their repartee is winsome, but the appearance of Foster's lying and possibly philandering husband hints at romantic tension between her and Lightman, setting the stage for office drama and a possible future affair.

"Lie to Me" follows the same expository dialogue style and formulaic plot arc as "Law and Order" and "CSI," but expresses its agenda so ham-handedly that

it is hard for a thinking audience not to feel subjected to a brain-washing attempt. As seems to be the current requirement for crime dramas, "Lie to Me" loses no time in demonizing fundamentalist Christians, this time in the guise of an extremist Jehovah's Witness family. Among their faults: disapproving of the sexually explicit book "The Color Purple" being taught in school, condemning fornication based on Biblical teachings and home-schooling their son. The fruits of their religious extremism are apparently manifested in this son, a sexually repressed and voyeuristic social outcast. This critique of traditional values uses the shock value of a dysfunctional and cultish family to push a platform of sexual liberation, disregard for parental authority, and lukewarm, feel-good faith practices.

As for lying itself, "Lie to Me" offers no clear verdict on whether deception is inherently immoral. In the pilot, a senator allows his career to be destroyed by lies in order to protect his daughter from the media. Lightman remains

silent although he knows Foster's husband may be cheating on her, and also practices deception to trick a reluctant witness into providing information. All the show seems to suggest is that whether for good or evil, lying is something all people do. This emphasis on the universal nature of lying may cause some liars to feel convicted, and others merely justified.

In short, "Lie to Me" offers the

promise of a high concept with many real-life implications and the possibility for a meaningful exploration of human nature. The pilot even featured an unexpected twist that was deeply refreshing after such cliché content. But for all its entertainment value, the show's self-indulgent script and on-the-nose agenda will come across as condescending and formulaic to any discerning viewer.



Tim Roth plays Cal Lightman in 'Lie to Me.'

# Jack is back

## Viewers anticipate return of hits '24' and 'LOST'

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Collegian Entertainment Editor

It's that time of year again. With the launching of the seventh season of "24" and the fifth season of "LOST," millions of viewers across the country – and not a few at Grove City College – eagerly anticipate each week's next installment of their favorite action dramas.

"24," broadcasted by Fox, centers on Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland), a former counter-terror agent who works with the U.S. government to eliminate threats to the security of the United States. "LOST," broadcasted by ABC, revolves around the survivors of a plane crash on a remote and mysterious island, with particular attention given to surgeon and protagonist Jack Shephard (Matthew Fox). In each, the cast of characters waxes and wanes, and the plotlines twist and turn season after season. But each show has a coherence to it – a coherence of agenda, style and perspective – which has remained consistent since the very first episode of each.

The real-time format of "24" creates a deep sense of a structured, limited, controlled reality. Because of converging plot threads that must be covered simultaneously, the focus must remain on pivotal events with few digressions, switching from one revealing plot point to another. This constantly pushes viewers into a mindset of the present and the future, encouraging them to predict what could

happen next. The timeline is clearly delineated.

"LOST" offers a more distorted sense of time and space. With ample flashbacks, flash forwards, and dream sequences – not to mention jumping back and forth between different characters' perspectives – it can be difficult to tell when exactly on the timeline a given event is happening. Often a revelation from the past creates an entirely new frame of reference for the present, leaving the future uncertain.

In "24," events occur in logical and chronological progressions – albeit unpredictably – and can always be explained rationally in hindsight. Causes and effects could be graphed on a tidy flow chart. This outcome-oriented perspective places individual choices under a microscope, scrutinizing the ripple effects created by every decision of every character. Characters act for reasons that can be articulated – which is one reason why the element of surprise is so satisfying; it is not surprising because it is non-sense, but rather a delightful shock because each surprise makes so much sense.

While the characters in "24" are always oriented towards their goals, "LOST" creates the sense of an undirected journey or process, in which characters discover more about themselves while being tossed along by the winds of destiny. Fate is capricious and characters are not governed by personal responsibility or choices, but

rather are shaped by their haunting pasts and situations. The frequent use of deus ex machina – whether it be through unexplained supernatural phenomena or convenient explanatory flashbacks – reflects this volatile story framework, as well as strains of moral relativism.

"24" presents a clear view of good versus evil. Although sometimes seemingly bad characters turn out to be good, and vice versa, issues are consistently presented in morally absolute terms of black and white. A sense of duty is central to Jack Bauer's actions and the behavior of the "good guys" around him. The cast of "bad guys" consists of whoever stands in the way of justice, and even when culprits are not duly punished, the audience is inclined to wish they had been.

"LOST," on the other hand, features a more postmodern perspective. Moral ambiguity abounds as characters deceive each other, love each other, and even kill

each other. The presentation encourages the audience to understand and empathize with the characters rather than judge them. Jack Shephard has enough flaws to dance the line between hero and anti-hero, and "bad boy" Sawyer (Josh Holloway) is presented as winsome and sympathetic. Good intentions are often more meaningful than the (occasionally disastrous) results of those intentions.

For all their differences, "LOST" and "24" share some important qualities. Both present the concept of the team as a surrogate family – whether it be a team of survivors or a team of counter-terrorist agents. Both rely on an element of surprise, pushing the envelope and playing with audience expectations to keep the stories engaging and original. Both appeal to young people. But at their core, they reflect radically different perspectives on reality. To watch both is an exercise in discernment.

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## Things to Do

The weather outside is horrendous, so while you're stuck on campus thinking of things to occupy your time, consider the following activities.

The **Concerto Competition** is tonight in the Ketler Auditorium at the Pew Fine Arts Center. The event lasts from 7 to 9 p.m. and features your peers vying for a chance to perform with the College orchestra this spring.

If you're interested in becoming involved in ministry opportunities, the **Student Ministries Fair** is from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Great Room of the Breen Student Union. Representatives will be there to answer all of your questions.

Free tickets for the **Tri-Rho Extravaganza** are available starting Wednesday in the Breen Student Union. The dance itself is from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 in Ketler Rec. Don't miss out on this lively semi-formal event.

The Guthrie begins their run of the hilarious comedy **"Yes Man"** tonight through Thursday evening. The film airs at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 7 p.m. every evening. Though slightly out of season, the romantic comedy **"Four Christmases"** will also show daily. It plays Saturday and Sunday at 4:15 p.m. and nightly at 9:15 p.m. Please keep in mind that the Guthrie will be closed this Sunday evening for the Super Bowl.

At 7 p.m. tomorrow in Crawford Auditorium, students will present a **Night at the Theater: A Broadway Musical Revue**. Tickets cost a suggested donation of two dollars and can be purchased at the door. Donations go to ICO Costa Rica.

And finally, **Super Bowl XLIII** is this Sunday night! Don't forget to watch the Steelers and the Cardinals duke it out in Tampa Bay for football glory. SGA will be providing pizza and drinks in the Breen Student Union during game. Kickoff is at 6:20 p.m. on NBC. Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band are playing the halftime show.

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# Zombie invasion takes team effort

By Kelli Gradel  
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"It's the zombie apocalypse. Bring friends."

In six words, the tagline from Valve's multiplayer cooperative horror survival game, "Left 4 Dead" sums up both plot and basic gameplay.

Thankfully, Valve realized that plot is superfluous in a survival shooter and settled for the much simpler "the world is overrun with zombies – kill them" plot device, focusing instead on creating unique gameplay and a tense horror atmosphere.

The race for survival begins almost immediately, with only a brief cinematic sequence before players are dumped in control of one of four remaining survivors, a mismatched group inexplicably immune to the epidemic that has turned the rest of the world into frenzied brain-eating zombies.

With no time for training, players dive head-first into the action, only to learn that these are no ordinary zombies. Unlike the lethargic masses that have populated most zombie shooters to this point, Valve's undead jump, climb and sprint toward survivors, eager to rip into the world's last uninfected. These zombies are also known to attack in hordes, especially if attracted by loud noises, such as an accidentally triggered car alarm.

As if masses of garden-variety zombies were not enough, the game includes five types of special infected, each with its own deadly attack. The agile Hunter can leap across large spaces, pinning down survivors as the Smoker constricts and drags another player with its long tongue. Meanwhile the corpulent Boomer unleashes his weapon, a spray of vomit that not only temporarily blinds players but also attracts the horde.

Of the special zombies, the two most dangerous are the Tank and the Witch. The Tank is like a



Members of the player's team in 'Left 4 Dead.'

body-builder zombie on steroids, able to absorb massive amounts of damage while liberally throwing cars, pieces of pavement and the unlucky survivors themselves. Ironically, the most dangerous Infected is the Witch, who sounds like an innocent crying little girl – if disturbed, she can incapacitate a survivor in a single hit.

What makes "Left 4 Dead" truly unique, however, is not the various zombies, but rather the cooperative gameplay. Unlike most multiplayer games, the command "bring friends" is not a suggestion, but a necessity.

Teammates must not only coordinate to avoid being overwhelmed by the horde, but must save each other from special zombie attacks and revive players who take too much damage. Essentially, separating from the group is like throwing yourself off a cliff, only slower.

Unfortunately, when so much depends on cooperative play, human players are a must, especially on high difficulty settings. The game offers a single-player option with AI-controlled team-

mates, but while the bots are decent training partners, the finer points of strategy elude them. They cannot use special weapons throughout the game, and they often put themselves in vulnerable positions, essentially inviting a zombie attack.

Human players are even more important in Versus mode, which allows up to eight players to battle against each other, alternating between playing the survivors and the special Infected. Controlling the zombies is not only a break from the constant stress of survival, but also a hilariously satisfying way to beat, rip, choke and vomit on friends.

As with all Valve games, "Left 4 Dead" demonstrates an attention to detail that enhances the basic gameplay. Rather than focusing on highly realistic graphics, the game utilizes dark, faded environments and even film grain, which create the proper horror aura while simultaneously putting less strain on PC graphics hardware.

Another well-tuned detail is the game's use of auditory cues,

which help the survivors predict zombie attacks. The Hunter, Smoker and Boomer all make clearly identifiable sounds, and the background music changes to indicate a special zombie attack as well as the appearance of the Tank, the Witch or a zombie horde.

The glaring shortcoming of "Left 4 Dead" is the problem of repetition. The game was released with only four campaigns, each consisting of five levels, and only two campaigns are available in Versus mode.

Of course, the levels themselves are very carefully designed, adding a variety of indoor and outdoor terrains as well as multiple paths that the survivors can choose. Also, zombie appearances are randomized by the conveniently personified AI Director. The Director, although often cursed by besieged players, ensures that zombie appearances are different every time.

Although level design and randomization both help to maintain interest, "Left 4 Dead" will require more content in the near future in order to avoid tedium. Valve has promised to support the game with frequent updates that will likely include more campaigns, but those are yet to be released.

"Left 4 Dead" is available on PC and Xbox 360, but unfortunately, due to the College's firewall, multiplayer is unavailable for both, and the PC version cannot be installed on campus as it requires Internet authentication. Outside the bubble, the Xbox version can be purchased for \$56.99, and the PC version can be purchased or downloaded for \$49.99.

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# God calls Christians to stand up and step across party lines



By Darin Miller  
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Last week, while discussing the new administration, a friend of mine said that perhaps a socialist influence would benefit our nearly post-Christian society. Perhaps I've been blind, but throughout the last eight years – the only years that most college students today were politically aware of – I'd believed that the foundations laid by our Christian forefathers would remain forever.

But this election shook that away. According to TIME magazine, a poll in October showed that only 10 percent of Americans considered our country's moral and spiritual condition as their foremost electoral concern. "By Election Day, money woes pushed religion off the table," TIME said.

When John F. Kennedy was elected president, he had to defend his Catholicism to ease the collective conscience of the Protestant American people. Now

I'm not insinuating that President Barack Obama isn't a Christian; rather, his religious beliefs carried little weight this election, and according to The New Yorker, his church affiliation was largely – if not entirely – politically motivated. But whatever his true beliefs, they mattered little to a country more interested in "change."

And change he is. Obama has already removed a global "gag rule" that formerly restricted giving federal funds to international family planning groups that discuss abortion options. And this is likely only the beginning of change to abortion policy.

While I still believe Obama will prove to be a calculating president – as most are – in his first term, this news did jolt me significantly. It's a first step, however small, to undoing any progress in the fight against abortion. And this further worries me that the moderate leader I'd hoped for, to unite conservatives and liberals, may not materialize.

But Obama is still our leader. And, liberal or conservative, Christians are we. As such, our reactions to the new administration, and our role in it, must flow not from ourselves but from Christ.

Let's look first at Bush's administration. While his actions regarding abortion and taxation were at least moderately conservative, his Patriot Act and stimulus package were resoundingly not.

Second, we turn to Obama. His campaign was bolstered by the

adoring masses, yes, but also by his wise selections for campaign management and his ability to inspire. While his political record paints him staunchly blue, his quick rise to power shows his ability to make friends across party lines and use his influence effectively. And after a meeting with Obama, Admiral Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that Obama was focused and prepared to withdraw troops from Iraq on a "responsible" timetable. This is the same Mullen who delivered the College's 2006 commencement address and will speak at the College on Feb. 2.

Based on the aforementioned points, while we may not, and should not, agree with everything Obama is and plans to do, we can and should respect him as our leader, as we did, or should have done, for Bush.

Finally, the Bible offers important insight into a Christian's role in politics. In the days of the Roman Empire, as morality drained from society and the early church had only a foothold, Paul entreated his fellow believers to obey their rulers. In Romans 13 he writes, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

In 1 Timothy 2, Paul tells Timothy to "exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Lastly, Christ himself weighs in on the topic in Matthew 20: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...."

From these verses, let me paint a picture of what I believe God is calling us to as Christian Americans. He first calls us to respect and honor our new leader. Through the mysterious reasoning of God himself, Obama has been elected to lead this great nation. We must honor that.

He further calls us to support Obama in prayer. Prayer is that invisible force that bolsters the weakest defenses, crumbles the strongest walls and hounds the most rebellious back to their Creator. It should be our number one focus.

Finally, God calls us to servant action. Those going into politics should seek peace between parties and work to serve. James 1:27 mandates that we look after orphans and widows. This is our task at all times, and these next four years are a great opportunity to reevaluate and hopefully more fully realign us with God's plan. And perhaps before the years are over, we will be able to once again claim with confidence that we live in a Christian nation.

## College years have not diminished love for snow



By Sarah Beth Gross  
*Collegian Managing Editor*

I love snow.

Snow has always had a mysterious and majestic quality about it, probably because I grew up in the south. Everyone always sang about white Christmases (as if those really existed, I used to think). Lucy first saw Narnia when it was covered in snow. My Norwegian mother and New

Yorker father met and dated in snowy climes. Best of all, snowball fights always seemed simply grand.

After all, where I come from, the only things we pick up off the ground to throw at each other are cow patties. Not quite as romantic as snow.

When I first headed up north for school, friends cautioned me that, though I was ecstatic at the prospect of seeing more than just a dusting of snow, I would soon tire of it. "It's so cold," they said. "You'll freeze to death, and snow will hardly seem as fun."

After three years in Grove City and one in Oslo, Norway, I have yet to tire of the snow. Instead, the mere thought of it continues to make me giddy: the hats and gloves people wear; the sledding; the skiing; the snowball fighting. Then there are icicles, hot chocolate and toboggans, the glittery sun shining off of the snow and the joy of catching snowflakes on my tongue, slipping on the ice, walking on frozen ponds – how

could any of these things deter me from a love for one of God's most intricate and beautiful creations?

Yet despite all these amazing attributes, the reason I love snow the most is because every time I see it, I am reminded of God's amazing love for me. Snow makes me bounce with glee, and it comes directly from God – no one else is able to blanket the earth with its beauty. In a possibly selfish way, I see it as a secret message from Him: that He loves and cares for me.

For those of you who don't share my fervor for intricately beautiful frozen drops of water, please try to understand. The sheer and shiny beauty of a Grove City snow fills my day with elation. Snow covers everything in a blanket of white, blotting out the impurities of a brown and grey winter. Friends get together and romp through mounds of soft water that can be flown upon or manipulated into towers, forts and fairly harmless

projectiles.

On nights when snow is actually falling, peace seems to encompass the campus. Everything becomes so quiet and still, and the lights in windows throughout the campus appear warm and inviting.

Snow itself is a monument to the awesome complexity of a creator God. Who else could invent something so tiny and yet to beautifully unique? It is so light and fluffy and moves with grace and elegance as it floats through the air or blows across the sidewalks.

Whether or not you like snow, I hope that you take time at some point to stop and take in the beauties of God's creation. Admittedly, the spring's blues, pinks and purples, the fall's oranges and reds and summer's green are just as amazing and display equally the infinite glory of God. But the white and glistening hues of snow are fully displayed right now and worth a gander.



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Wolverines add back-to-back wins

By David Bovard  
*Collegian Writer*

What should have been a shutout became a struggle as the Grove City College men's basketball team faced Thiel College's team on Jan. 21 in the Wolvarena.

Coach Steve Lamie's predicted easy victory became a hard-fought battle against the 1-14 record Thiel team.

After the game started, it seemed like Grove City could breathe easily. Thanks to senior guard Joe McCoy's sharp-shooting and junior center Andy O'Keefe's control in the paint, the Wolverines surged to a 10-2 lead. This lead eventually stretched to 34-21 in the second quarter.

The Tomcats chipped away at Grove City's lead after a lull at the end of the first half and a barrage of three-pointers by Thiel forward Nick Sefick. At halftime, the Wolverines led 34-27.

Grove City was in control at the start of the second half. Senior forward John Scheller's three-pointer extended the Wolverines' lead to 45-30, with about 16 minutes left to play.

Going on a near immaculate 19-4 run the Tomcats tied the game at 49 with a lay-up by Cory Chaffee. The tie caused anxiety for the College's die-hards in the stands; the players, however, remained cool.

"Nobody panicked," said McCoy. "We kept our composure, stayed together as a team." The coach agreed that the team managed to keep it together in some areas.

"We had good shots during their spurt, but they

didn't drop," said Lamie. "The problem was on the defensive end where we lost our focus and intensity."

Senior guard Ryan Gibson took control of the next few minutes, making two free-throws and a lay up in succession to reclaim the lead for the Wolverines. Grove City stayed in front for the duration of the game, icing the win on a late three-point-er by McCoy.

McCoy, Gibson and O'Keefe each scored 16 points to lead the Wolverines. McCoy was a perfect 4-4 from beyond the perimeter; O'Keefe and Gibson gave a combined 10-15 effort from the field. O'Keefe also snatched a game-high seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

This win, according to Lamie, speaks volumes about his team's mental toughness.

"I love this team's fortitude," Lamie said after the win. "We have been down by double digits before this year and have come back to win. They buy into the fact that we have to play harder and smarter than our opponents."

The Wolverines also trumped rival Geneva College Saturday night in an away contest, with a final score of 77-66. O'Keefe led the Wolverines with 22 points, going 10-12 from the field.

Gibson scored 15, and sophomore Caleb Orchard added 13 for Grove City (10-6; 4-2). The team's win completes a second straight season sweep of Geneva.

Wednesday's game against Westminster was postponed to Thursday due to inclement weather. Scores were not available at press time.



Andy Drabic

**Senior guard Joe McCoy scored 16 points against Thiel on Jan. 21. He also leads the team in steals, with 14.**

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Lady Wolverines bounce back after home loss

By Joey Charlton  
*Collegian Writer*

Every sports team strives to achieve consistency as it methodically works its way through a schedule, matching up with different opponents day in and day out. As the home stretch approaches for the Grove City women's basketball team, a winning streak would be just what the doctor ordered. The squad hopes to build momen-

tum heading into the final third of the season.

On Jan. 21, the women's team hosted local rival Thiel College in an intense conference match-up. The Lady Wolverines kept pace with the Lady Tomcats throughout the first half, despite having only seven players dressed for the active roster.

Sophomore forward Christine Slater stole the show on offense, as she tallied 14 points in the first two quarters, including a layup with three seconds left, giving the Lady Wolverines a 27-26 lead at halftime.

Streaky shooting and untimely turnovers hurt Grove City at the start of the second half. Thiel went on a 10-0 run over an eight-minute span before junior forward Krista Beechy ended the scoring drought with a layup. The Lady Wolverines never quite regained the intensity they found in the first half, and as they struggled on the field, Thiel began to pull away for good.

Slater continued to be the driving force behind the Wolverine effort, as she matched her career high with 25 total points while also grabbing 11 rebounds.

"My teammates were finding me a lot when I was open during the game," she said. "We never look for anyone specific to score, we just play and see what happens and hit whoever is open."

The Lady Wolverines wasted no time in fixing their second-half issues when they traveled to Geneva on Jan. 24, and came from behind to beat the Golden Tornadoes in resounding fashion, 57-43. Freshman Megan Gebrosky finished with 15 points, all in the second half.

Slater and Beechy each posted double-doubles, and the Grove City defense locked down late by allowing just two field goals over the final nine minutes. The victory brought the team's record to 7-10.

Despite the ups and downs of the season so far, head coach Sarah Harris is proud of her small but durable squad. Often the opposing team features a roster twice as large, but the Lady Wolverines have not let it affect them.

"I have a group that plays really hard on both ends of the court," Harris said. "It's not an easy season, but it's not meant to be. Those seven we have really want to be on the court. They'll give everything they have."

In fact, both Slater and Harris believe that the team's unique roster size has helped bring the women together as a group in an especially tight-knit way.

"We are a small team, and I'm pretty sure we love it," Slater said. "We are definitely learning each other very well on the court – we basically know what our teammates are going to do before they do it."

Harris is also excited to see the way her team members have responded to each other over the season.

"Having a small team helps with that," she said. "It's fun to see them praise each other and enjoy what the girl next to them is doing and push her as well."

The team will keep battling as they face off against more PAC rivals. Keeping their focus and learning from mistakes will help give this resilient group the success it is capable of reaching. Along with special



Andy Drabic

**Sophomore forward Christine Slater scored 25 of the 49 points for the Lady Wolverines against Thiel on Jan. 21.**

talent, there is plenty of heart in this team, and any opponent that takes the Lady Wolverines lightly is certainly asking for trouble.

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Andy Drabic

**Freshman guard Megan Gebrosky scored 15 points for the College against Geneva College last Saturday.**



## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Swimmers face tough losses

## Wolverines lose to second-place Denison

By Andrew Parry  
*Collegian Writer*

Last Saturday's showdown between nationally ranked second-place Denison University and seventh-place Grove City met and exceeded the expectations of Wolverine fans.

Grove City lost the bout in a 162-120 loss to the Big Red.

Some of the top races came from senior co-captain Caleb Courage. He narrowly lost the

200 freestyle but led most of the race while his goggles were filled with water, leaving him unable to see. Courage came back with a vengeance, winning the 100 freestyle with a time of 45.68 seconds.

Courage was also the anchor of the 400 freestyle relay that almost made a stunning comeback with a time of 44.01. He took first in the 100 butterfly with a time of 51.39.

Grove City swept the butterfly

event, with freshman Ben Bowser taking second and senior Peter Larsen taking third.

Other swimmers with successful performances included senior Tim Whitbeck, who won the 50 freestyle in 20.97 and freshman Kirk Gagliardo in the 200 freestyle.

Sophomore Camden Coppelli also swam well in the 100 and 200 backstrokes, and Bowser barely got touched out of the 200 individual medley, with a

time of 1:59.20.

The team bounced back to defeat Presidents Athletic Conference rival Westminster 141-121 on Tuesday. The win put the team at 9-2 overall and 3-0 in the PAC.

Courage, Whitbeck and Larsen all turned in strong performances.

The Grove City men's and women's teams will visit Pitt-Bradford tonight in a double-dual with Penn State Behrend.



Seniors on the Wolverine swim team were honored by coaches and friends during Senior Recognition at the Denison meet.

Josh Kitamura

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(A) 1 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

1/31 – vs. W&J

(A) 2 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

1/31 – vs. W&J

(A) 4 p.m.

2/4 – vs. Chatham

(A) 7 p.m.

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# PAC leaders lose

## to Denison

By Andrew Parry  
*Collegian Writer*

The women's team met quite a challenge against the Denison Big Red last Saturday. The Lady Wolverines used the meet as a measuring stick, as they competed against some of the top-notch swimmers in the nation. Strong performances by both teams emerged from this duel in the pool.

In the 1000-yard freestyle, Hilary Callen from Denison broke a several year old pool record held by former PAC star Kaitlyn Orstein.

For Grove City, freshman Bethany Johnson swept the diving events in the one meter and three meter boards. She scored a 213.6 in the one meter dives and a 191.75 in the three meter dives.

Another strong performance came from junior Amanda Thompson, who placed fourth in the 100 backstroke (first for Grove City) with a time of 1:03.38, and third in the 200 backstroke with a time of

2:16.56.

Sophomore Sarah Page also swam well and placed second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.19. She also had a third place finish in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.95.

Other strong swims came from freshman Kate Wilt and sophomore Sarah Bargery in the 200 breaststroke, placing third and fourth, and Bargery also placed high in the 200 individual medley.

The Lady Wolverines returned to the pool Tuesday to face Westminster, beating them 155-139, improving to 4-0 in the PAC and 9-3 overall.

The meet-winning relay team of freshmen Jenna Richert and Emily Kramer, junior Amanda Thompson and Page combined for a victorious time of 1 minute, 41.13 seconds.

Page also had a pair of individual wins and Johnson swept the diving events.

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# Linebacker Adam Eichler

## receives All-ECAC honors



Sports Information Office

Adam Eichler goes after an opponent this season.

Grove City College senior linebacker Adam Eichler earned a spot on the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Southwest All-Star Team through voting by the region's coaches.

Eichler started all 10 games at middle linebacker and led the PAC with 104 total tackles.

He added one sack, an interception and two forced fumbles, helping the Wolverines lead the conference in pass defense.

Eichler's teammates also voted him as the team's Defensive Player of the Year.

Last month, Eichler earned Academic All-America College Division honors from ESPN The Magazine and the College Sports Information Directors of America. He also earned Second Team All-PAC recognition.

Eichler co-captained the 2008 team and helped the Wolverines to a 6-4 record.

He earned four letters at Grove City and also led the Wolverines with 92 tackles in 2007.

It is the second straight season that a Grove City player has earned ECAC Southwest honors.