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Speaker to address youth in crisis

Renowned journalist Charles Wiley arrives on campus this week

Charles Wiley, a speaker with Accuracy In Media and experienced international journalist and war correspondent, will present “Modern Youth In a Time of Economic Crisis” at 7 p.m. March 31 in the Pew Fine Arts Center Recital Hall at Grove City College. The lecture is sponsored by the Marriage and Family Working Group of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College and is free and open to the public. Wiley, known as a dynamic and captivating speaker, has lectured nationwide and on five continents.

He has reported from 100 countries and covered 11 wars, including four terms in Vietnam. He reported for NBC,UPI, the “London Express” and numerous other U.S. and foreign news media.

His tenacity led to his arrest eight times by secret police, including the KGB, and imprisonment in a Cuban dungeon while he was a correspondent for New York City radio station WOR. He went into Afghanistan with the mujahideen during the war against the Soviet Union. Later during a tour of Kosovo, his visits to troops from many nations included the Russian 13th Tactical Group.

Among his accomplishments, Wiley helped establish guidelines for a free press in Mongolia, was a speaker for the White House Public Outreach Group and lectured in New Zealand at the Civil Defence Academy. He frequently addresses military audiences in the U.S. and abroad, as well as colleges and high schools.

A graduate of New York University, his freelance articles and photographs have appeared in numerous publications, including the “New York Times,” “U.S. News & World Report,” “Newsweek,” “National Review” and “Time.”

He has appeared on hundreds of network and local programs, including many times on CNN’s “Crossfire” and C-SPAN.
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**Immensty: Mystics on the Pilgrimage.** All three titles are currently on sale in the College’s bookstore.

Cairns is a decorated scholar, having earned his B.A. from Western Washington University, his M.A. from Hollins College, his M.F.A from Bowling Green State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. In 2006 he was a Guggenheim Fellow. He has also taught at Kansas State University, Westminster College, the University of North Texas and Old Dominion University. He lives in Columbia, Mo., with his wife, Marcia, and their two children.

**By Luke Whipple**

**Contributing Writer**

Approach any student on Grove City’s campus and ask them what they will be doing for their upcoming break and their answer may not be similar to those you would find on other campuses – but they will be the same. Turning their heads away, with a grin and slight blush, they will say they are doing nothing of importance. When confronted with this question, sophomore David Janssen responded in the typical fashion, “My answer is kind of boring, so, if you just want my vote, it’s that I’m going home to see my family.”

The week-long break that the College holds over Easter week is the equivalent to the “spring break” that is observed by colleges and universities across the United States in the weeks between March and early April. The stereotype for those spring breaks is the image of college students, in the millions, flocking down to the warm beaches in Florida, Texas and Mexico.

Grove City students, however, give into a different sort of stereotyping. In an impromptu survey of 150 students, the overwhelming majority admitted that they will be going home with the intention of spending time with their families.

The second highest response was from students who were participating in one of the many IC0s that are going to perform mission-related work in different parts of the country and around the world.

Only one student responded by saying that he will be taking a trip away from home that is not related to the college. In the minds of many students, it is the family that matters most.

Echoing these sentiments, freshman Tyler Crumrine said, “I value quality time with my family and have really been looking forward to seeing them again after a long semester.”

This probably comes with little surprise to anyone on this campus.

Grove City is known for having students with strong familial ties and a campus culture much different than the typical school.

After several weeks of relentless work, exams and papers, a week away sounds very tempting to the average Grover.

“Usually, I just hang out at home, but not all day,” said senior John Jones. “It’s mostly because school is so hectic and it’s nice to spend a day or so on the couch.”

The most surprising result of asking students their plans for break was their unabashed nature in admitting to the fact they were only going home.

Students seem to believe that spring break is expected to be a time of great adventures and Dionysian living.

The great majority, however, will ultimately acknowledge that home is the place they would much rather be. Junior Abigail Van Patter, who is hosting several friends at her house in North Carolina over the break, said, “I go home every Easter break. The short breaks I stay up north, but I love spending Easter with my family at my home church.”

“I think it’s really great that good friends see each other. It tells a lot about people to meet their families. If you are a part of the silent and inconspicuous majority that will be happily spending your break at home, realize that you are not alone.”

Spring break, for most students, is not spent on some beach’s hot sand but in the family’s living room.

“This is my first college spring break,” said freshman Megan David Grover, “but I’ll probably do the same thing in the future – Easter at my house.”

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**By Sean Morris**

**Collegian Writer**

“Advancing freedom with Christian scholarship,” is the slogan of Grove City College’s own Center for Vision and Values, a political-think tank started in April of 2005 that seeks to “encourage and support Grove City College faculty and kindred scholars in faith and freedom scholarship and to teach their ideas to students, parents, the business community, the Church, educators and public policy influencers in the U.S. and throughout the world via personal interaction and electronic communication,” according to its website.

The many outlets for the Center include radio interviews, placements of opinion editorials in newspapers, events such as the annual Ronald Reagan Lecture series, the frequent Freedom Readers Economic Seminars and television appearances, many of which were national including FOX and C-Span.

According to the website, the Center’s earned media value – the equivalent cost of advertising purchases – in 2004 was worth more than $4,000,000.

But the Center’s flagship event is its national conference that takes place in mid-April. This year’s conference, scheduled for April 16-17, has the theme “Faith, Freedom, and Higher Education.”

The line-up of speakers for the conference includes D.G. Hart, director of academic programs at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute in Wilmington, Delaware and the previous dean of academic affairs and professor of church history at Westminster Theological Seminary in California; author of “A Secular Century: Why Christianity Favors the Separation of Church and State” George Marsden, author of several books and professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, whose primary academic interests have concerned American evangelicalism and the role of Christianity in American higher education will be present.


Michael Medved, the a nationally syndicated radio talk show host, best-selling author, and veteran film critic will speak.

Walter Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University and a nationally syndicated columnist will also be present.

In addition, a line-up of Grove City’s own acclaimed faculty will be delivering papers and conducting sessions related to their own fields of expertise during the conference.

The sessions of the conference will be delving into the nature of higher education, what higher education truly means, its impact on America, the contributions and influence of the Christianity, and the future of higher education in light of tumultuous times and the dearth of academia.

Students of the Center are able and encouraged to attend the conference for one-credit course this spring.

The deadline to enroll is today. Of course, students are welcome to attend the conference even if they are not enrolled. Full details and schedule of lectures can be found at the conference website.

Executive Director of the Center for Vision and Values, Paul G. Kengor, Ph.D. provided the Collegian with a Q&A session regarding matters related to the conference.

**College: The mission of the college is to “Advancing Freedom with Christian Scholarship,” but what is the particular mission of this conference?

Kengor: Same thing. The goal of the conference is to advance that mission, to celebrate that mission, and to look at how and where that mission has been lost in most of modern higher education. We will be taking a long, careful look at the history of higher education in America, from the founding of the republic through the start of the university system, up through the progressive movement, and into modern times.

American higher education today is obviously quite different from early in the last century. Certainly, the respect for faith is not there among our dominant universities. “Freedom” in the modern college is too often interpreted as license, totally divorced from the traditional meanings of freedom. Freedom without faith is disastrous. Freedom and faith are two halves of a whole. A central mission of the conference is to look at those disciplines, the Center for Vision and Values, Grove City College has not made that mistake, praise God. This conference, and not coincidentally, will occur on the 25th anniversary of the College’s historic court case.

**Kengor:** Is there any one particular panel/session that you are most looking forward to?

Kengor: Not in particular, but I would highlight some of our headliners: Walter Williams is one of our keynote speakers, and George Nash is the other. Williams is, of course, the renowned, popular economist. George Nash is a superb scholar of conservatism, who will be doing a retrospective of William F. Buckley Jr.’s “God and Man at Yale.” Of course, George Marsden is kicking off the conference. Marsden is really the top person in the country on matters like the role of the Christian in modern education, and so much more.

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Dean Students: In an effort to maintain a connection with Grove City College’s students spread throughout the world, each week the Collegian will print a letter from a student studying in a foreign country.

Salut, Grove City!

Transplanting yourself is “as necessary with people as with other sorts of growing things.” So said Ernest Hemingway, and I agree. A developing person must steep herself in a rich foreign language and its culture and marinate.

Total immersion, at some point in your life, is necessary and powerful, if merely for the maturity you will gain after dealing with being scared out of your mind at the start. But of all the places to carry out this start. But of all the places to carry out this

experience, I think Paris is best. Hemingway, as you may know, called it his favorite city for “in Paris there is a treasure given to you.”

My experience thus far attests to this. The following proposals are all possible with little or no money, but they represent not tourism, but enrichment. They hold no value as insider tips for a traveler’s bragging rights, but rather as ingredients to a rich marinade.

(1) One of the best places to witness a sunrise in Paris is in the Luxembourg Gardens. You can take a morning run there and enjoy the sunlight reflected in the tranquil waters of the Fontaine Marie de Medici while most Parisians are still sleeping. This is where Marius met Jean Valjean and Cosette in “Les Misérables.”

(2) The Arc de Triomphe is the largest triumphal arch in the world after Rome’s Arch of Titus and the perfect place to reflect on Western political history. Napoleon ordered the Arch’s construction in the early nineteenth century and it became the resting place of his ashes when he died. He died. Here the tomb of the Unknown Soldier honors the memory of France’s dead in both World Wars. Nazi storm troopers proceeded through this Arc in 1940, and five years later it served as the site for Paris’s liberation parade with the Allies. You have to get there before the traffic while the morning is still quiet in order to hear the solitary guards’ footsteps on the marble of the Place de l’Étoile.

(3) Ah Paris, a city where there is now a location to rent bikes every 900 feet – more frequent than metro stations! Parisian drivers are polite to those on two wheels and make room for bikers, in spite of the congested traffic and horn-honking hostility between cars in rush-hour. Round the legendary Place du Étoile the spaces between the lanes are so large that most bikers do at least twice the speed of other moving traffic. Cyclists zip through red lights if there is little traffic and change lanes as much as they like – it’s loads of fun. On Sundays you can bike along the Seine; the streets bordering the quais do not permit cars at that time so you have the road all to yourself.

(4) For evening entertainment, stand on the steps of the Palais Garnier, a nineteenth-century Opera house in Neo-Baroque style, near show time. On nights when its 2,200 seats are not sold out, you can buy them for several Euros minutes before the performance begins. You will find yourself sitting on the highest balcony in a creaky, uncomfortable wooden folding chair and, if you’re tall, your legs will be in excruciating pain after thirty minutes. But it’s worth it. You can take your mind off your aching joints by looking up at Marc Chagall’s incredible ceiling painting in between acts of the opera or ballet.

(5) At sunset, you can unwind on the banks of the Seine listening to street music, admiring the illuminated Notre Dame and taking advantage of a free salsa lesson. In the summer, the cathedral’s towers are open late so visitors can climb to the top and enjoy a breathtaking nocturnal perspective of the City of Lights.

Hemingway believed, in regards to Paris, that “you received return for whatever you brought to it,” which I suppose is true of many great things. However, I would not consider a foreign experience a simple exchange. Its nature is to create within you two concurrent responses: the fulfillment of becoming a larger person and the appetite for what you know of (savoir), but do not yet know (connaitre).

“If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man,” Hemingway wrote, “then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast.

Bon Voyage! And Bon Appetit! Junior Caroline Harp

Prizes up for grabs in final days of Bonus Appetit survey

The College catering service, Bon Appetit, is asking students for feedback on their meal plan, dining experience and opinions on food in the 2009 StudentVoice survey. The online survey will be posted through Monday.

According to Bon Appetit General Manager JonErik Gerdanik, all survey respondents will be entered into a drawing to win several prizes, such as two $50 gas cards, five pizza parties at the Gee, five gift certificates to the College Bookstore and 30 cash prizes to be deposited on Crimson Cash cards.

To take the survey, visit https://my.gcc.edu/ics and click on the StudentVoice link.

Dr. Derek Thomas, Reformed Theological Seminary professor and minister with First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Miss., will visit Grove City College March 30-31 as a speaker for the second annual Grove City College Evangelical Scholarship Conference.

Originally from Wales, Thomas is the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Miss. After pastoring for 17 years in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Thomas came to the United States in 1996 where, in addition to his work at the seminary, he serves as the minister of teaching at First Presbyterian Church.

Thomas is a 1978 graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary and received a Ph.D. from the University of Wales, Lampeter, in Calvin’s preaching on the book of Job. He has written or edited 15 books and is currently the editorial director for the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals.

The two-day schedule of public events includes a concert by the Grove City College String Quartet and two services in Harbison Chapel. The schedule is as follows:

March 30: 4:15 p.m.: Grove City College String Quartet concert, Parker Organ Studio, Pew Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m.: Worship service, “It’s All About God’s Glory” from Romans 11; March 31: 9:30 a.m.: Chapel service, “Life Under the Cross” from 1 Peter 4:12-19.

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taking (even relying on) this source of money may make them severely short-term revenue tightening (especially as to state money.)," College President Dr. Richard G. Jewell ’67 wrote in his monthly letter to alumni. "We will, I assure you, continue our path of independence, for it is the bedrock of who we have been, and always will be, and that is a promise." While the economy certainly affects the personal lives of those involved with the College, core economic principles, ingrained in the College’s history, have protected the school from suffering many problems – so much so that Jewell wrote in his letter that “we are not affected at all on the downside,” in reference to federal and state subsidies.

A second reason the College has limited negative impact from economic troubles is that the College does not use much of its endowment earnings for operations, as most institutions do. "In fact, we use endowment earnings for only a bit over one percent of our operating budget," Jewell wrote in his letter. "This is another historically sound, conservative operating principle that we have always followed and whose wisdom is illustrated in times such as these. So, the effect on our operating budget is minimal and not catastrophic, though for those many schools in current financial trouble this is a significant factor.

These economics principles were established during the early 1800s, when an economic downturn taught the Pew family into the College’s history. Jewell said that Dr. Isaac C. Kefler invited Joseph Dewey Pew to the College to be its Board Chairman in order to help them out of the financial turmoil caused by the economic problems that affected the nation and the College in 1893 (the “Panic of 1893”). It was during this time that the College adopted those principles to which they continue to adhere.

Basically, the College continues with “business as usual,” Jewell said. Though these principles keep the course steady, the College must still look forward to certain risks and threats. Jewell reported in his letter to alumni that the investment portfolios and returns have decreased, just as they have at all institutions.

The primary area for which endowment earnings are used in endowment-based and merit-based scholarships. We had an estimated shortfall next year over the amount of existing scholarship funds available this year of about $1.5 million,” Jewell wrote. "But I have good news... Through newly identified deferred giving specifically earmarked for scholarships by recently deceased alumni in their estates, plus current gifts from other donors for the scholarship purposes, we will actually have a bit more money available to award next year’s students than we did in 2008-2009." Jewell said that the choice of the incoming freshmen – whether to come or not – does not seem to be affected by the economic recession.

"Already half the class is filled," Jewell said. The other half have just received their acceptance letters. This is not the first time that the College has weathered financial storms. During World War II, there was a significant effect on the College due to the lack of male enrollment; however, the College had its economic principles and also worked to add a program for training naval officers that attracted the necessary students. In fact, 3,739 officers were trained over a two-year period at the College.

The College is blessed with sound finances due to clear foresight, based on strong principles. While this does mean that it will not face challenges, it does mean that it is well-equipped to wait out the economic problems facing the country.

Jewell closed his interview by saying, "Since the College has published research on its tuition, room and board revenue, it is important that full enrollment be maintained. And we’re to continue to do well in that area."
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almost a century ago. Indeed, this “new sphere of activity” has proven to be highly successful as the College continues to develop its reputation as a national contender.

In only the second full year of competition as a member of the National Parliamentary Debate Association, the squad has been ranked as high as seventh in the nation. On March 13-15, they recently finished the season with a trip to California for the National Christian College Forensics Invitational at Biola University.

The debate team returned from the sunshine of Los Angeles with a first-place finish in team quality points (the greatest amount of success per team entered) and a third-place finish in overall sweepstakes among Christian universities and colleges from around the nation.

Grove City placed two teams in the junior varsity category and four teams in the open category. Of the six teams that traveled, four broke to the elimination rounds. Junior Luke Juday and sophomore Doyne Batten advanced to the quarter-finals in the open division while sophomores Kelsey Winther and Dan Hanson advanced to the octa-finals.

In addition, freshmen Lauren Thomas and John Bianchi reached the quarter-finals of the junior varsity, while freshmen Andy Walker and James Van Eerden advanced to the semi-finals.

After returning, many members of the team expressed gratitude for the opportunity
to represent the college through healthy competition.

Cobb said, “I really enjoyed the opportuni- ty to represent Grove City on the other side of the country.”

Although the final national rankings for the 2008-2009 season have yet to be posted, the Grove City debate team finished the year with an overall record of 202-99, which equates to an impressive 67 percent team winning rate.

Juday, the team captain, and partner Batten led the way with a remarkable year individually. After attending nine tournaments, including nationals, Juday and Batten recorded first-place finishes in six tournaments in addition to claiming numerous speaker awards. After it was all said and done, they finished the season with a staggering 52-12 record.

When asked about the success with his partner, Batten commented, “To be perfectly honest, I never really expected to have a season anything like this one. So, our success came as a bit of a surprise. That being said, I think Luke and I won a lot of rounds this year by making strong, real-world arguments.”

Batten continued, “In the end, I think it’s all about sticking to straightforward thinking and simple, fact-based logic.”

Logic. That’s what Grove City College teaches, and it has proven to be an effective tool for educators, scientists and debaters alike.

In addition to the raw success of the individuals and the team as a whole, the debate season has meant more than the final result of a win or loss. Debate has been a conduit for friendships and life learning.

Juday said, “I love the people on the debate team foremost. We’ve been blessed with an incredible mix of debaters whose talents fit together in a way we couldn’t have orchestrated ourselves.”

Moreover, Bianchi commented on the larger importance of debate: “My debating experience has built my ability to communicate my ideas effectively while considering many sides to an issue. This provides a basis for civil discourse that is lacking from our society today.”

The debate team would like to express particular gratitude to its coach Dr. Steven Jones, associate professor of sociology and assistant coach Dr. Jason R. Edwards, associate professor of education and history, for their commitment to coaching in debate and in life; their sacrifice of time and energy is greatly appreciated.

In the end, the 2008-2009 Grove City College debate season proved to be successful in more ways than one. As the squad anticipates the beginning of next season, it is often reminded of the words of the United States Senator and 38th Vice-President Hubert Humphrey who said, “Freedom is the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate.”

The entire California debate team contingent stops by the Pacific Ocean for a break in the sun.

Scenes from The Collegian March 27, 2009
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view of soteriology,” Reardon said.
He then went on to explain the
view of salvation that was held dur-
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differed with Anselm’s philosophy
on this issue: Medieval and

Reformation theories assume that
there was some need in God that
had to be met and satisfied by
Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross.

“I don’t see that. I don’t see it in
the theology of the first 1,000 years
or the East,” Reardon said.

Instead, Reardon explained that his
and the Orthodox view is that
Christ’s passion did not affect God,

In addition to his main point, he
had a number of sub-points
explaining the theology of sacrifice,
the triadic structure of Israel and
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Throughout the “alternative
chapels,” Reardon’s knowledge of
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He explained that the word
“kadōshi” is Hebrew for “holy” and
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tion to referencing several books of
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ence, however: As the majority of
those present were college students,
he mixed in humor, at one saying
that what God did to Pharaoh was
“sent him ten plagues upside the
head.” While he came across as
being highly educated, he never let
it cross the line of being pompous,
and he made his points clear and
easy to understand.

Reardon’s discussion lasted for
50 minutes. There was a brief ques-
tion and answer session before
Kayshett thanked Reardon for
coming, and the audience applaud-
ed. Afterwards, Reardon remained
and was approached by students
with questions and comments.
Sophomore Amanda Lutter said,
“I enjoyed learning about the ortho-
dox tradition. I’ve heard that it
[diverged far earlier than the
Catholic [and] Protestant split … he
reformed a religion made in the
seventh century.”

Lutter also said that she found the
idea that “God does not need sacri-
fice for His glorification, not to
prove His holiness [or] evidence
His mercy” to be “impressive,” and
she made it think about her views
on the matter.

Reardon received his education
from Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary (Louisville, Ky.), St.
Amen’s College (Rome), The
Pontifical Bible Institute (Rome),
The University of Liverpool
(England) and St. Tikhon’s
Orthodox Seminary (South Canaan,
Pa.).
By Darin Miller
Collegian Editor-in-Chief

The second annual Grove City City Evangelical Scholarship Conference, sponsored by the College's religion department, the student government association and the College's chapel program, brought Dr. Charles S. MacKenzie, former president of Grove City College, to speak on the topic of the Protestant reformation leader John Calvin. This year marks the 500-year anniversary of Calvin's birth.

MacKenzie spoke at 7 p.m. on March 16 in Sticht Auditorium in the Hall of Arts and Letters and delivered the chapel homily in Harbison Chapel the next morning.

He spoke at the conference’s fourth session on the topic of “Calvin’s contribution to American higher education.”

“I hoped that students would come away from my lecture with a little better understanding of who John Calvin was and what his influence was and in vast regions of the world,” MacKenzie said later in an e-mail. “Specifically I hope some understand his influence in higher education both in Europe and America.”

MacKenzie is currently the distinguished professor of philosophy and the history of Reformed Theological Seminary in Oviedo, Fla.

Before this, he was a pastor in New York City, New Jersey and California, and he also served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force.

Grove City College students know him best for his service to the College, as president from 1971 to 1991 and as chancellor from 1991-92, when he led the College through its landmark Supreme Court case in 1984 – Grove City College v. Bell – which granted the College substantial freedom from government regulation.

He is married to LaVonne (Gaiser ’56), a Grove City native and Grove City College graduate.

MacKenzie lectured on Calvin’s life, describing the people and events that shaped his views on education.

Influences included friends and acquaintances, such as fellow Protestant William Farel and major events in his life, including where he attended school.

“I believe one of the major turning points in Calvin’s life was when his friend Farel confronted him and warned him of dire consequences if he put his own selfish desires before the will of God,” MacKenzie said.

“Farel, cried out ‘God will curse you and your desires if you abandon this work which needs you. Thereafter, for the rest of his life, Calvin tried to put the will of God before his own selfish desires.”

During his lecture, MacKenzie emphasized Calvin’s “common grace.”

“Common grace is universal and is related to every sphere of life,” MacKenzie said. “It curbs and limits the sinfulness of society and opens up new insights on how God relates Himself to life.”

Calvin’s views on common grace led him to believe in ideas, such as compulsory education – he was among the first in Europe to share the view – and to found what has become the University of Geneva.

MacKenzie said that Calvin believed education should serve to discover God’s truth hidden in the universe.

“Saving grace was most important to Calvin. After determined people’s eternal destiny,” MacKenzie said. “But common grace also was significant to Calvin, since it can help Christians to understand how God relates Himself to all the shifting situations of life.”

MacKenzie related to every leader’s ideas on common grace were important to the founders of Grove City College.

“The College’s founders wanted a school here that would educate men and women … that they could become leaders in all the different spheres of human [intellect].”

MacKenzie ended the session by telling the students in Sticht to “go out into the world and change the world.”

The evangelical conference lecture series’ purpose is to celebrate the Reformation and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The conference is divided into sessions which are held throughout the year.

The fifth and final session for the year will feature Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas, professor from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss. The session will occur at 4:15 p.m. on Monday in the Parker Organ Studio in the Pew Fine Arts Center and at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Harbison Chapel.

Thomas will also deliver Tuesday’s chapel address.

By Athanasios I. Tsiris
Contributing Writer

You can buy a nice new pair of pants. You can buy a fancy car and a nice dinner. But the one thing you cannot buy is someone to love. You can buy a fancy car and a nice dinner. But the one thing you cannot buy is someone to love. You can buy a fancy car and a nice dinner. But the one thing you cannot buy is someone to love. You can buy a fancy car and a nice dinner. But the one thing you cannot buy is someone to love. You can buy a fancy car and a nice dinner.

“Go with 30 Betas and 20 Thetas to volunteer,” Lehman said. “I went around to local businesses asking them to donate dates as an incentive to get people to bid higher. The 12 highest bidders would receive complimentary gift certificates.”

The auction concluded on March 20, and all of the proceeds benefit the Students International trip to Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, where students from the College will spend two weeks working in various capacities. According to Chapman, “It’s unique in that everyone signs up for a specific site they’d like to work at. It’s not a trip where everyone is stuck building a house.”

The students hope to raise $5,000 between the date auction and three more fundraisers they are planning. The date auction raised approximately $1,000 after a week of bidding in the Bremen Student Union. Interested students could look at pictures of the people up for auction and bid on their desired date.

“Members were able to find out who had the highest bid at any time,” Chapman said. “If they [weren’t] happy, our hope is that they [encouraged] their desired date to come back and bid more.”

Whitmore and the students expect to raise between $1,000 and $2,000. Plus it was fun to check up on every else’s stats throughout the week.”

The winner for the March 20 issue was junior Ryan Lesser for his article on Cliff Brown.

MacKenzie addresses students during chapel on March 17.

The Collegian awards Green Eyeshade

During the 2006-07 academic year, The Collegian initiated the Collegian Green Eyeshade Award for newspaper staffers who show exemplary work each week.

Each week, Collegian Staff Advisor Amy Clingemestine ‘96, with input from section editors, names one or two winners based on work for that issue. Those honored may have written a story, taken a photograph, designed a page, created a headline, forged ahead in advertising, edited an article or advanced the effort in supporting the mission of The Collegian. Weekly winners received a certificate as well as a $5 voucher to the Gedunk.

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Outside

President Barack Obama and a group of schoolchildren received a call on Tuesday from astronauts in the shuttle-station orbiting earth, Fox News reported.

"The president told the two crews he was extraordinarily proud of them for their work at the international space station over the past week," Fox News reported. "He wanted to know how they installed the new solar panels and what that impact of that green power would be.

"The addition of a panel of solar wings has doubled the crew's available power.

"We're investing back here on the ground a whole array of solar and other renewable energy projects, and so to find out that you're doing this up at the space station is particularly exciting," Obama told the astronauts.

Obama was joined in the call by a group of middle school students from a Washington, D.C. school. The children asked the astronauts what video games they played, what they ate and whether or not there are any life forms in space.

"The children asked the astronauts what video games they played, what they ate and whether or not there are any life forms in space. The astronauts said they play a variety of video games and they eat a variety of foods from dehydrated to ready-to-eat meals,'" the Associated Press reported.

"It was the strongest pushback yet from a European leader as the EU cannot follow, the Associated Press reported.

"I told him Spider-Man is here to save you. No monster will hurt you now," Somchai said. "Then I told him to walk slowly toward me. I was very nervous that he might have slipped if he got too excited and ran.

The boy responded well, breaking into a smile and walking to Somchai with no problems.

The fireman keeps a Spider-Man costume and the costume of a Johannesburg Ultrasman in order to “live up fire drills at school,” Fox News reported."

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Anna Brinkman
Collegian Entertainment Editor

From chapel speakers to classroom discussions to special reminders in syllabi, academic integrity has certainly taken center stage at Grove City College since early last year. Whether they actively engage in the dialogue or simply wonder how it is relevant, every student is familiar with the significant place this issue occupies in the campus community. But where did this ongoing interest in academic integrity originate, and does the conversation have a future?

The discussion of academic integrity began in fall 2005, after the Campus Strategic Plan called for the issue to be explored; the Provost Dr. William Anderson called for a committee to explore issues of academic integrity and possibly establish an honor code. For the next three years, the committee, chaired by Dr. Paul Kemeny, professor of religion and humanities, surveyed the student body, conducted focus groups, and arranged for a Student Advisory Board to study the issue.

"We spent a lot of time talking about trans- parency and consistency," Kemeny said. "As the faculty met and we had a student advisory board – plus the 23 focus groups – an ongoing theme was the lack of consistency.

The new process resolves those problems.

Rather than instituting a traditional honor code, the faculty and administration decided to include students in the process of adjudicating matters of academic dishonesty. The vast majority of faculty members voted in favor of this change to the Honesty in Learning policy. The result was the student-faculty review committee, a new system that attempts to strike a balance between confidentiality and transparency.

Starting in January, three panels have met this year. Associate professor of sociology Dr. Steven Jones chairs the student-faculty review committee as a non-voting member and coordinates its activities. Kemeny now serves as coordinator of the Faculty Consultation Panel, an advisory group composed of three professors that called together to help faculty evaluate the merits of alleged academic integrity violations.

In all cases thus far, the student committee members have been instructed to commit acts of academic dishonesty – so there haven’t been a guilt or innocence discussion before the committee,” Jones said. "All we’ve done is talk about sanctions, and we’ve signed off on the professors’ recommendations for sanctions."

Students can report academic integrity issues on myGCC through the “Student” tab, where an “Academic Integrity” link provides an online form to fill out. Once a form is completed, the computer assigns the report a case number. It is sent to the faculty member in whose class the potential violation occurred and is also sent to Jones and Kemeny for record-keeping purposes.

The faculty member may meet with the student(s) who allegedly committed the violation. If a faculty member has already approached a student after filling out a form and the student acknowledges dishonesty, the faculty member can recommend sanctions, but all sanctions must be moved through the committee.

"There have been differences of opinion about the appropriateness of sanctions,” Jones said. “Faculty members have begun clarifying things in their syllabus about what to expect and what penalties will be implemented. We’ve already seen some clarification there.

If the student claims that there was no academic dishonesty, the committee holds a ‘hearing’ and to which the evidence is weighed to determine guilt or innocence.

"This is one of the changes to the old honesty in learning policy, is that more faculty and students are brought into the process,” Kemeny said. "The faculty is no longer judge, jury and executioner. Hopefully there will be greater equity and fairness."

Jones uses a random number generator to select individuals from the pools of students and faculty. In special cases, he rules out certain participants – such as sorority sisters of the student in question, or a faculty member in whose class the violation occurred. He also blackouts the names of the students involved so that committee members do not know the names of the students accusing or confessing.

Each committee member signs a confidentiality agreement and is thus bound to refrain from gossip. Though there is no guarantee of anonymity, confidentiality is taken seriously. Each meeting begins and ends with Jones: ‘I remind you not to discuss this with anyone – even not that there was a hearing’.

The Provost’s office tracks whether a student has been involved in multiple incidents. Any decision of guilt must be decided by a majority of the committee members. This ensures that the five faculty members can never be pitted against the five students.

If a student is innocent, they are innocent,” Kemeny said. "Often there are very reasonable explanations [for perceived violations]. All records are destroyed and there is no trail. When it is resolved, they fill out a resolution and nothing is saved in the Provost’s office – it’s like it never happened.”

Elections will soon be held to determine the members of the student-faculty review committee for the 2009-2010 academic year. Last year, 92 students submitted their names for election and over 1,000 students participated in voting. Candidates for the student-faculty review committee must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0, and the administration hopes to draw a variety of students into the group.

To students interested in running for the committee, Kemeny said, “Go for it. This should be seen as one of the most responsible, prestigious, worthwhile endeavors and opportunities that students have before them … The integrity of the process is contingent on the integrity of the people.

“We were especially pleased with the widespread support from students last time, and we’d like to see that again,” Jones said. “This should be something that people actually aspire to in some level. If you want to be recognized by your peers, I hope you will want to be recognized for integrity.”

EU condemns US plan

Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolanek said Wednesday that President Barack Obama’s new plan to spend $2 trillion more to dig the U.S. economy out of the recession is a “road to hell” which the EU cannot follow, the Associated Press reported.

"It was the strongest pushback yet from a European leader as the 27-nation bloc bristles from U.S. criticism that it is not spending enough to stimulate demand,” AP reported.

"I am confident the instruments,喃喃 many European leaders have responded by claiming that they don’t agree; some agreed with the Czech Prime Minister but many, including leaders of France, Britain and Germany, simply ignored his remarks.

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The Collegian
By Shawn McGonagle
Collegian Writer

Junior Emily Vaccaro started to see the depth of need in the Grove City area when she collected a group of upperclassmen to help out at the Orientation Board’s Day of Caring in the fall of 2008.

Matched with community needs through the Grove City United Way, the grove spent the day helping a lady named Darlene with small tasks such as raking leaves, painting a fence, trimming a hedge and cleaning windows.

Junior Shawn Gerber said, “It was such an awesome experience that we decided to try and come back and rake Darlene’s leaves later in the season.” Gerber, Vaccaro and others started talking about how much they wanted to help out with other basic needs in the community.

They also recognized a significant problem for Grove City College students: a desire to serve but no idea where to start.

“All needs are important,” Gerber said, “but the most apparent needs are those of the elderly and of the many people who are suffering from poverty and who depend on the food pantry.”

After their eye-opening experience in the world outside of the campus, Vaccaro and Gerber were determined to share their insight with other students.

Gerber said, “The relationship that we formed with Darlene throughout the process definitely served as part of our motivation, as well as the Awakening movement that junior Kirsten Rodgers put together.

Seeing the needs in the community, they were motivated to act on Christ’s command to love your neighbor as yourself.” Vaccaro said, “As we continued to talk to others about potentially starting something, we only received positive feedback and heard a desire to serve in the heart of the student body.”

This student response led Vaccaro and Gerber to start what they call “City on a Hill Ministries,” whose goal is to connect students and staff with regular service opportunities in the community. Their vision is to be the “middle man” who will foster the growth of relationships between the College and the community.

Gerber said that City on a Hill Ministries is not limited to a group: they hope to create a website that will “connect willing servants with needs that match their interest and availability.”

Vaccaro said she would love to see students using their diverse talents in the service they do. She said, “If someone loves music, let’s create a coffeehouse environment for people who come to the food pantry. If someone loves to knit, let’s set them up with a place to donate the things they make. I believe that God gave us all specific gifts – let’s use them for his glory through service to the community!”

The Grove City United Way, who originally connected Vaccaro with Darlene, is an integral part of the relationship between City on a Hill Ministries and the surrounding community. The staff at the United Way has been working to find new projects and service opportunities, and it is currently recruiting groups to participate in the next Day of Caring.

Gerber and Vaccaro acknowledge that City on a Hill Ministries is still in the developmental stage. So far they are off to a great start and are excited about what is to come.

Gerber strongly encourages students to seek out opportunities to get involved in the off-campus community. “If you have a servant’s heart and are looking for ways to let your cup overflow, then talk to us,” he said. “We’ll try to send you in the right direction.”

Vaccaro believes that one of the most important things about being involved in City on a Hill Ministries is the flexibility: “You don’t have to come to everything!” She also explained that serving is not something that is a burden but rather something enjoyable and fulfilling.

Vaccaro currently visits an elderly lady named Jane twice a week, whose “caring yet spunky spirit” always blesses her.

Any students interested in finding opportunities to serve can contact Vaccaro at vaccaroeg1@gcc.edu or Gerber at gerberesi1@gcc.edu. Vaccaro said that the leaders will send out an e-mail to interested people when they hear about a project.

“It is so easy as a college student to fall into the trap of being focused on ourselves – my grades, my friends, my free time,” Vaccaro said. “I have been challenged this year to rise to the calling Christ gives us of surrendering our own lives to allow Him to work in and through us. We have so many students on this campus – think of what an impact we could make in this community!”

By Emily Dalpiaz
Collegian Writer

You don’t want to miss the Western Pennsylvania Career Services Association Job & Internship Fair this Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena.

One of the largest fairs in Western Pennsylvania, this event draws students from over 40 colleges and universities that belong to the WestPACS consortium. Over 100 employers have already registered, representing a large spectrum of career fields. To view all attending employers, visit http://westpacs.org.

Pre-registering for the event allows students to attend for free. This can be done on the WestPACS website or in the Career Services Office through Monday. Walk-in registration on event day is $10.

Student attendees must park at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall in Tarentum for free shuttle service to the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena. Not sure how to prepare for a job fair? Here are a few tips to get started:

Tip 1: Look over the websites of employers you are most interested in. Websites of all attending employers can be found on the WestPACS website. Recruiters always say the students who stand out are the ones who have researched companies ahead of time.

Tip 2: Take copies of your resume. If a recruiter is interested in you, he or she will want to take your resume back to the company. An in-house referral is the most effective way to get a foot in the door.

Tip 3: Dress as you would for a job interview. Many students attending job fairs do not realize how important the first impression can be, especially when recruiters are meeting with hundreds of students in a single day.

Tip 4: Brainstorm questions to ask before you go to the fair. Having a mental database of questions will increase your confidence when talking with recruiters.

Tip 5: Gather contact information for each recruiter you speak with to follow up with a letter or thank-you note. Making contacts is just as important as finding potential employment opportunities.

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The Sign Language Club participated in some of the songs at last Thursday’s all-campus worship service.

Sophomore Melissa McKinney sang with the all-campus worship team.

Left to right, junior Tina Horvath, sophomore Melissa McKinney, sophomore Dan Van Matro, junior Shauna Kennedy and junior Kevin Schellkase assisted in leading praise songs and hymns.
then for wings and basketball

Senior Bob Terhune makes funnel cakes at Sig Madness.

Junior Mike Soriano and junior Frankie Hourigan make cotton candy at Sig Madness.

Sig Madness was highlighted with free food and drinks.

Freshman Zack Lewallen and Junior Ryan Lesser sport their Sig Madness t-shirts.
Japanese, and a voice came on the phone in Japanese, listening. One time, his mother proved. They do not know who might be listening. One time, his mother was talking on the phone in Japanese, and a voice came on the line and said, “Hi, I’m Yayoi.”

“You don’t say missionary,” Porterfield said. He explained that they referred to missionaries as “workers” and used code names for the different missions groups. As with many missionary kids, Porterfield and his sister were homeschooled for three years, though they later attended an international school located one block away from their home.

As with any country, Turkey offers unique foods and traditions. “My favorite was Döner, it is a kind of sandwich. Fresh lamb meat is cooked and put on fresh bread along with tomato, lettuce and onion,” Porterfield said.

He noticed some big differences when he returned to the United States and compared the two cultures.

“The conception of time is so different,” he said. “In Turkey, people are more laid back; people are not offended if you are 30 minutes late to an event. Also, personal space is not an issue. People greet each other with kisses.”

When considering his experiences, Porterfield referred to “third-culture kids”, a phenomenon relevant to people who have spent more time cross-culturally. Third-culture kids have “one culture that you grew up in, one culture that you came from – then you make up your own.” His time in the mission field has changed his view of cultures and caused him to blend together.

Porterfield spoke of things he misses most about his home: “I miss the culture, the energy of the city and the warmth of the hospitality,” he said. Porterfield is not sure whether he wants to be a missionary later, but now he enjoys going home to Turkey when he can. “It’s been a challenge,” he said. “You never know your going to say goodbye again.”

The Beale Family

Elissa Beale, a sophomore French Christian thought major, and Brendan Beale, a senior Christian thought major, spent over 11 years serving in their family under the umbrella of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Six of these years were spent in Thailand, and the Beales have more memories of Romania since they lived there more recently. Their family of six lived in two bamboo huts, one functioning as their living quarters and the other as their bedroom. Their island contained many rats, bugs and lizards, though few larger animals.

People discussing missions tend to emphasize the parents’ role, but mission work involves the whole family. Mrs. Linda learned Bislama – Vanuatu’s national language – and helped start a radio program. Her husband, who worked to translate the Bible into the local language. While their parents worked, Brendan and Elissa had their own responsibilities serving as secretaries for their parents, caring for their sisters, and doing their own laundry.

One important task involved towing water to and from the house, because there was no running water on their island. For showers, they scooped water from a trash can that served as a rain water bucket. On one occasion, they thought they had a leak floating in their shower barrel; it was actually a dead rat. Elissa said, “[it] had been there for about a week, so we had been bathing in decomposing rat for awhile.”

For schooling, Brendan and Elissa attended a local French school two days a week for one year. The rest of the time they were homeschooled. Their diet consisted of local fresh fruit, potatoes and fish. A cargo ship brought additional food to the island about every six months. “My favorite [food] was the coconut,” Elissa said. The sibling’s cross-cultural experience changed their perspectives on the United States and on life in general.

“My experience has helped me to be able to see outside of the American, Grove City box,” Brendan said. “The experiences we have had were so important, like fashion, really are not that important. There are other people in the world.”

The experiences we have often shape our future, as Brendan and Elissa have proven.

“I definitely want to be a missionary later. I want to do medical missions in Africa,” Elissa said. Brendan shares the same passion for outreach. He said, “I want to be a pastor, a missionary to the States.”
Freshmen soar over Grove City

By Camille Ortiz
Collegian Writer

Your heart is racing as you wait for the door to be opened. As you see the sunlight pour into the plane, you realize that this is the moment you have been waiting for. All of your equipment is on and tightened, and you feel your partner strapped on behind you. As the moment approaches, you move closer to the open door and see the earth far below you and hear the roaring of the plane engine. Before you have the chance to change your mind, you feel a shove from behind, and you make the jump.

Grove City College freshman Dabney Gordon has first-hand skydiving experience. Twice within the past year, Gordon has made the jump at Skydive Pennsylvania, located just past the Prime Outlets of Grove City. Her first jump was on the morning of her high school graduation with some of her best girl friends.

“After all of my friends thought it would be a fun thing to do with each other before we graduated,” Gordon said. “My friends and I are willing to try pretty much anything once.”

She enjoyed the experience so much that she decided to jump again last summer with another group of her high school friends. As far as being scared, she said that part was when she was in the plane waiting to jump. “I wasn’t scared until the door of the plane was opened and there was nothing separating me myself and the ground 15,000 feet below me,” Gordon said.

Gordon describes her skydiving experience as the most exhilarating thing she has done so far in her life. While many people believe that free-falling produces a sinking feeling like riding a roller coaster, Gordon said that skydiving is not like that at all. “The best way to describe it is like you’re floating,” Gordon said. “It is absolutely impossible not to smile with joy, and for the rest of the day for that matter.”

While many people may be questioning how safe skydiving actually is, Gordon assures that the professionals at Skydive Pennsylvania are careful and safety-conscious. “The equipment is checked after each flight and the airplane is checked every one hundred hours of use to ensure the safety of its passengers,” Gordon said.

For those who have always wondered what it would be like to go skydiving, Gordon strongly recommends the experience. “If there’s something you’ve always wanted to do but never got around to, then just go out and do it,” Gordon said. “I’ve talked to so many adults who had always wanted to go skydiving but just never got around to it, and they really regret that I’d recommended doing as much as you can while you’re young.”

Skydiving can be a reality for Grovers who jump with them, but they deploy their own parachute and land solo. The third option is static line jumping, which is essentially parachuting as jumpers deploy the chute upon exiting the plane. The different forms of skydiving require different amounts of preparation. Tandem jumping and static line jumping costs $229, while instructor-assisted freefall costs $329. Tandem jumping requires a briefing, and participants are almost certain to go the same day, weather permitting. Both instructor-assisted freefall and static line jumping require six to eight hours of prior instruction, and participants might not be able to jump the same day.

Some people schedule their jump in advance. But if people call on the same day that they would like to jump, Skydive Pennsylvania can almost always accommodate them. Reckard knows that first time jumpers struggle with intimida-

Itching to make the jump?

Skydiving can be a reality for Grovers

By Arielle Bateman
Collegian Life Editor

If you have yearned to view the patchwork of the Grove City countryside while you plummet toward earth, you are in luck. Skydive Pennsylvania, located at 469 Old Asylum Rd in Mercer, Pa., allows the stout of heart to boost themselves into the plane, hear the roaring of the plane engine. Before you have the chance to change your mind, you feel a shove from behind, and you make the jump. Skydive Pennsylvania offers three options for first time jumpers.

“We are lucky enough that we have the staff and the infrastructure that ... can allow people to choose,” director Jeff Reckard said.

Most people opt for the tandem flight, where they are strapped together with an instructor or for freefall and the parachuted glide to the earth.

More adventurous people can try instructor-assisted free fall, where they receive direct assist-

Freshmen Rachel Johns, Dabney Gordon and Shelby Anderson are geared up and ready in their skydiving harnesses.

Less than 15 percent of the jumpers come from the local area. In light of his unique profession, Reckard said, “I’m a pretty lucky guy.”

“Many people have strange irrational fears, all of which end in -phobia. If you could invent a phobia that described your irrational fear, what would it be and why?”

Ichthyophobia – I am scared of swimming with fish.
– Sarah Beyer, Junior
Ketchupomustophobia – I’m afraid of condiments.
– Breyana Lehman, Sophomore
Pilloflaphobia – fear of my fluffy decorative pillows becoming flat. Or Naturostrandphobia – fear of not having my hair dyed; fear of natural hair colors.
– Denise Spencer, Sophomore
PDaphobia – the fear of flapping in the Oak Room after hours.
– Luke Juday, Junior
Noonafterphobia – the fear that you go to use your flip flops, they’ll still be wet and cold from when you used them for your morning show-

– Elizabeth Simmons, Sophomore
Lateralarmaphobia – the fear of my alarm clock not going off. I often get up six times during the night to check it.
– Matt Koval, Sophomore
Lupusdihydrogenmonoxideophobia – an intense fear of creeking. This isn’t my fear, but it is the fear of a few boys who know.
– Hannah Schlauftz, Sophomore
Sesquipedilaphobia – fear of multisyllabic words which have little meaning.
– Courtney Weber, Junior

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

**A taste of eastern Africa**

**Indulging in fine Ethiopian cuisine at Abay in Pittsburgh**

By Anna Wood

Collegian Writer

It’s unlikely Jordan Zorbas ever thought he would be the boss of a restaurant at the ripe old age of seven. And yet his parents bestowed upon him a restaurant at the ripe old age of seven. And yet his parents bestowed upon him a restaurant in his name. Monday afternoon, community trustees gathered with the Zorbas family outside their new establishment, Jordan’s Restaurant and Pizzeria, located next to Grace United Methodist on Broad Street in Olde Town. Mike and Tess Zorbas stood proudly beside their son as he cut the ribbon signifying the opening with scissors taller than he was. “He loves the restaurant,” owner Mike Zorbas said.

Monday afternoon was a special day not only for the ribbon-cutting but also for Jordan’s birthday. He pranced around cheerily, telling all the patrons he was the boss and taking orders on his tiny notepad. The restaurant itself has been a year and a half in the making. “I wanted to have a place where people could just come in and sit down,” Zorbas said. He continued by saying he wanted to focus on the family-style restaurant, and this is a family endeavor. Zorbas is the head chef and his wife, Tess, is the waitress.

Despite its newness, the food has the taste of a good, old style restaurant but remains unique because of the variety of its menu selection and for reasonable prices. There were a few dishes with account of the restaurant for several reasons. First and foremost, this is a perfect place to share a meal with friends or family. Secondly, such restaurants offer adventurous eaters a vast array of dining possibilities. Due to the “eat with your hands; no utensils” nature of Ethiopian dining, one might as well order several dishes and share them with others. Once our waitress left us with the heaping pile of culinary delight, my friends and I began tearing off pieces of injera and using them to pick up various dishes to eat. We had beef, chicken and an assortment of vegetarian dishes. Ethiopians eat with their hands, using pieces of injera to pick up bites of entrees and sides. Ethiopians are generally Orthodox Christians, Muslims or Jews, so pork is not usually a part of their diet. Moreover, on account of various periods of fasting required by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Ethiopian cuisine consists of many vegetarian dishes as well. Abay offers combination samplers for one, two or four persons. Such samplers are commonly ordered at the restaurant for several reasons. First and foremost, this restaurant is the perfect place to share a meal with friends or family. Secondly, such restaurants offer adventurous eaters a vast array of dining possibilities. Despite its newness, the food has the taste of a good, old style restaurant but remains unique because of the variety of its menu selection and for reasonable prices.

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%\newcommand\plot{Two main goals: to offer ethnic Ethiopian cuisine to Pittsburgh dwellers and those in town for a visit and to expand the tastes of a city often criticized for an overall lack of diversity, particularly when it comes to dining out. Upon entering the restaurant, one immediately feels a sense of displacement or removal on account of the general atmosphere of the restaurant. The walls are painted with earth tones and decorated with Ethiopian art and artifacts and the furniture is contemporary in style, yet reminiscent of antiques on account of its dark wood stain. The lighting is carefully dimmed to the point of coziness and relaxation, while not dark enough to give off any feelings of coldness. Working in the restaurant are friendly and helpful but not overbearing in order that they don’t detract from the overall experience of the restaurant itself. Abay offers a full menu, from appetizers and soups to entrees and desserts. Ethiopian cuisine generally consists of spicy vegetable and meat dishes – usually prepared in the form of “wat,” which is similar in composition to a thick stew, and served atop “injera,” a large sourdough flatbread. Ethiopians eat with their hands, using pieces of injera to pick up bites of entrees and sides. Ethiopians are generally Orthodox Christians, Muslims or Jews, so pork is not usually a part of their diet. Moreover, on account of various periods of fasting required by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Ethiopian cuisine consists of many vegetarian dishes as well. Abay offers combination samplers for one, two or four persons. Such samplers are commonly ordered at the restaurant for several reasons. First and foremost, this restaurant is the perfect place to share a meal with friends or family. Secondly, such restaurants offer adventurous eaters a vast array of dining possibilities. Due to the “eat with your hands; no utensils” nature of Ethiopian dining, one might as well order several dishes and share them with others. Once our waitress left us with the heaping pile of culinary delight, my friends and I began tearing off pieces of injera and using them to pick up various dishes to eat. We had beef, chicken and an assortment of vegetative dishes. We even had a lamb dish, which was a special for the evening. Everything was absolutely delicious.

Between the ambiance created by the decorations, color scheme and smell, the impeccable service and the food itself, my evening at Abay was quite a dining experience. For those of you looking to try something new or desiring more of a cultural experience than a simple meal, I would recommend dining at Abay.

Check out their website at www.abayrestaurant.com.
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Progressivism to make America the next Babel

By Amy Fisher
Contributing Writer

A trend exists today in our educational system that threatens to turn America into the next Tower of Babel. E.D. Hirsch, Jr. pointed out in his book, “Cultural Literacy,” that “where communications fail, so do the undertakings – that is the moral of the story of the Tower of Babel.” Most people would think that Americans have no problem communicating due to the accessibility of e-mail, cell phones, and wireless Internet. But they are mistaken. The problem facing us is more fundamental than being able to get in touch with someone at a moment’s notice.

The threat to our society is our lack of cultural literacy, defined by Hirsch as “the network of information that all competent readers possess.”

This “network of information” allows you to pick up this newspaper, read an article and understand the meaning beyond the text on this page. Americans are losing the ability to relate to each other because the knowledge they have in common is slowly decreasing. The reason for this upsetting phenomenon is the progressive trend in education.

Progressivism, the idea that children should learn what they want to learn at their own pace, seems to be rote memorization, seeing it as merely “trivia” that has no higher importance. This trivial idea, however, is the knowledge all Americans should share in order to relate to each other. The lack of knowledge that America’s children lack today is all too apparent.

There are countless stories of children not knowing who wrote the Declaration of Independence or where Chicago is. Or not knowing that Washington, D.C. is not located in Washington State. In one high school Latin classroom, the teacher was asking the students why Latin was a dead language. One girl in the back of the room raised her hand to challenge the teacher and asked, “What do you think they speak in Latin America?”

Stories like these should worry any American citizen about the future of his or her country’s children.

Educators have conducted many studies concerning a child’s ability to read. These studies have found that often the problem with a child’s reading is not due to lack of skill. The problem lies in the lack of knowledge needed to understand what is being read. The “Iceberg Theory” of Ernest Hemingway suggests that the explicit meaning of a piece of writing is the tip of the iceberg, yet the major- ity of the information lies beneath the surface. Students today see the tip of the iceberg while the rest of the meaning remains hidden from view.

Researcher R.C. Anderson found that humans use “schemata” – abstract mental entities – to store and retrieve information. For example, when a reader sees the word “bird,” they may think of a robin-like creature. When the word “bird” is used in connection with the word “Thanksgiving,” however, the mental image suddenly morphs from a robin to a turkey. Readers are constantly selecting the most appropriate schemata as they digest information.

When this schemata is not readily available due to lack of knowledge, reading becomes an arduous and disheartening task. The common knowledge necessary for cultural literacy among Americans is being further fragmented as a result of “tracking” students based on their intellectual abilities.

Putting the smart kids in one American history class and the not-so-smart kids in another threatens to divide one group of students being knowledgeable about one century in our history, while the other group knows about a different century in American history. Students, even if they are from the same school, do not possess today a common foundation of core knowledge, leading to a breakdown of communication.

All of these problems stem from children not being taught basic facts in elementary school. Despite the current objections to rote memoriza- tion, it is the most effective way to teach our children “the basic information needed to thrive in the modern world.” If children are culturally literate, they will be able to communicate with their fellow Americans and maybe even intelligently read a newspaper article and they will be able to build a successful future. In order to avoid a communica- tional crumbling akin to the Tower of Babel, Americans must take a vested interest in passing on “cultural literacy” to future generations.

Calculators in classrooms cause Americans to lack math skills

By Lori Hansell
Contributing Writer

Americans get their bill at a restaurant and, instead of grabbing their wallet, they grab their cell phone. Why? They need their calculator! This common scenario is indicative of a larger problem in America today: a lack of basic math skills.

In the age of teaching “the whole child,” basic math skills are no longer thought a necessity, especially when calculators are so easily available. This student-centered approach views the requiring of kids to know basic math facts as too “traditional” and simple rote memo- rization. Yet, further math education cannot be built without these. It is like trying to read without knowing the alpha- bet. Teachers are under the mis- conception that they are helping students by being more “stu- dent-centered,” yet the practice is having detrimental effects on their achievement.

Throughout the 20th century, math education has followed the overall education trends in becoming less rigid and more flexible, which has resulted in a decline of math achievement. From 1910 to 1950, the percentage of U.S. High School Students enrolled in algebra decreased from 56.9 percent to 24.8 percent and the percentage enrolled in geometry decreased from 30.9 percent to 11.4 percent. The 1989 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards for grades K-4 deemphasized complex paper-and-pencil computations, the use of rounding to estimate and rote practice. In addition, they put a stronger emphasis on calculators for all the grades recommending that “calculators should be available to all students at all times.”

Advocates of student-centered learning, rather than the tradi- tional teacher-centered learning, place a greater emphasis on “problem solving” than on com- putation. However, things like figuring out the tip are problem solving. You think through how you get 10 percent by moving the decimal point one place to the left, and 15 percent would then be adding half of that. Similarly, 25 percent is dividing the total in half, twice. None of this can be done without a strong grasp on basic math com- putations. Americans today are becoming too dependent on cal- culators because teachers do not demand quick and accurate calculations. Yet, look at estimating: It is used in day-to-day life fig-uring out how much you are spending at the store, what you need to buy for the party, or the real cost of items on the shelf. Math skills are critical to becoming proficient in many areas of life. Americans today see the tip of the iceberg, yet the major- ity of their knowledge remains hidden from view.

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Perspective on Politics

Elected officials are not public servants

By Brian Eckenhoff

Collegian Writer

How many times have you stopped to thank God for the little things in life? In the midst of all you have going on, how many times have you considered yourself blessed simply to see and enjoy the colors of the world around you?

On a recent mission trip to Waveland, Miss., I met someone who regularly does. Her name is Sheryl Adams, and from her I learned that I have much to be thankful for.

The American south would still be the South, but for her beautiful spirit of hope and restoration. In the 22-hour drive down to Waveland, a part of me was ready to see widespread devastation. Another part of me, though, was thankful for how God had provided for them day in and day out. I did not know what to expect as our group made the 22-hour drive down to Waveland. I did not know what to expect as our group made the 22-hour drive down to Waveland.

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By spending a week volunteering at the Christian Life Center, we hoped to help with the reconstruction of homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, she left behind nothing but tons of debris, hundreds of uprooted trees and thousands of people in need, especially in the small beachside town of Waveland.

On Aug. 25, 2005, the eye of Hurricane Katrina, and the nearly 35-foot tidal surge brought with it, passed directly over Waveland and leveled nearly every building in sight. I remember the moment our group made the 22-hour drive down to Waveland. A part of me was ready to see widespread devastation. Another part of me, though, was ready to see something new.

Like I half expected, there were still boats on land, people living in dirty FEMA trailers and vacant properties where houses once stood. I did not expect, however, to meet someone who regularly does.

To me, Sheryl Adams embodied the resiliency of her town. Like Waveland, she was not remarkable for her size or stature but for her beautiful spirit of hope and restoration. In the midst of my week working on homes in Mississippi, these two words kept coming to mind: hope and restoration.

Everywhere I looked, there were still visible signs of destruction, but when I looked closely, I could clearly see God’s ministry at work.

For over a year, Sheryl Adams and her husband, David, lived in a tent on a concrete slab underneath their house, and yet they were not bitter toward the Lord. Instead, Sheryl was thankful for how God had provided for them day in and day out.

“I thank God all the time,” Sheryl said. “I thank Him for the birds … the blue jays, the owls and especially the hummingbirds.” I thank Him for the colors. Oh, I just love all the colors!

Talk about an incredibly humbling conversation. Here was a middle-aged woman, who had lived through conditions you and I can’t even imagine, praising God for the colors of His creation.

Sheryl and the other residents of Waveland, Miss., can see themselves as blessed by the Lord because of the little things in life, then we can too.

So go out: Go out and thank God for the astounding array of colors that He has given us. By doing so, you just might be able to speak volumes to another person’s heart, just as Sheryl Adams did to mine.

Native of India reacts to ‘Slumdog Millionaire’

By Ram Goli

Contributing Writer

Lately, I’ve noticed people coming up to me and asking if I have seen the movie, “Slumdog Millionaire,” and my thoughts on it. I wasn’t sure why I was being specifically targeted with this question. Some say it is because I grew up in India. I disagree. I think it’s because I look like Jamal, the guy who plays the lead role in the movie. I’ll answer a few frequently asked questions here about India and this movie to save myself from repeating the same answers to different people. Enjoy the curry. 

One: Do people kiss in India? 

Nope. Since Indian Independence in 1947 from the British Empire, couples stopped kissing. It is still a mystery where 1 billion people come from.

Two: Do people break out in random dances like they do in Hollywood movies? 

It only happens on the silver screen where the guy sees the girl on the road and breaks out into a dance for her. In reality, it is a big deal in India just to cross the road without breaking your leg.

Three: Are you going to have an arranged marriage? 

After four years of harassment, this is the best answer I could come up with. “Heck yeah, a marriage arranged by God!” Giving a “yes” or “no” answer to this question leads to series of other questions after which I wished I’ve never been born.

Four: Do love stories like “Slumdog Millionaire” really happen in India? 

Love stories happen everywhere. Behind every Jamal (lead actor) is a Latika (lead actress). Here is my romantic story. Think of it as “International Affairs.”

Before the days of ubiquitous iPods, I lived in India. Although I attended a co-ed school, boys and girls hardly communicated with each other. I don’t remember talking to a girl for more than a half minute until tenth grade. Nor did I shake girls’ hands. If you are wondering if I ever hugged a girl in India, I would have gasped, “How could such dirty thoughts cross your mind?” Get you the picture? I don’t have to extend your imaginations into other diabolical acts.

I remember in ninth grade, I would peak at this angelic blue-eyed, brown-haired girl out of the corner of my eye (Why is an Indian girl blue eyed? Genetic mishap?). My heart would strangely pulsate faster.

Then I would suddenly start staring at Mr. Sleeping Pill or Dr. Hitler-in-disguise teaching Math or Hindi, so that I wouldn’t leave any evidence of rubbernecking at this girl. Her voice, soothing to the soul, her smile an antidote to depression, her gentleness an imperative for bliss, the twinkle in her eye and dimples on her cheeks making life worth living!

One day as I was deeply pondering my chances with her, intentionally or accidentally, she looked back at me. Voila! I was in a relationship. At least, that’s what I perceived it to be. Now in the hindsight, I realize it to be real-insane-shit and not relationship. Here, we ask our peers questions like, “How long have you been dating him/her?” Conversely, “How long have you been peaking at her?” would be a categorically better question to ask me. What about the break up? It happened when a handsome guy in our class got rid of his braces. You connect the dots. Even after six years, I still wonder about my prospects if the other guy didn’t have enough money to visit an orthodontist.

Woe is me, not all romances end in happily “Jai-ho” ever after.

Five: What do you think of Slumdog Millionaire? 

It is a well made movie, and, of course, poverty in the movie has been romanticized. It had to be, because poverty in its original form is uncomfortable and repulsive. Everyone has a heart that beats for romance – in the East and in the West. The romance story is what gave the movie an international spotlight.

Hopefully it serves as a creative way to reach the poor and the broken.

The surprise hit ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ won eight Oscars.
By Laura Koller
Collegian Writer

At the first track and field meet of the season, partial teams from Geneva, St. Mary’s Rock and Thiel competed against Grove City College on March 24 at Thorn Field. Under the leadership of head coach Allison Williams, the Grove City track and field team is focused on building unity through each member’s contribution to the team as a whole.

Both on and off the track, the athletes performed their best as individuals and as teammates. Junior Megan Markley, part of the team leadership committee, was thrilled but still cheerful during every race and organized the hand timers at the finish line.

“This was a good time to get practices and everyone showed support for one another,” Markley said.

Seven senior standouts placed in the top three in their events on the track. Seniors Tim Palma, Charlie Roth and Chris Allebach placed second along with sophomore John Fite in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 44.88. Roth also took third place in the 100-meter dash.

Senior Kenneth Carter won both the 800-meter run and the 1500-meter run, while senior Darin Miller finished first in the 400-meter in less than two minutes, 1:59:03. To cap off the meet on the track, seniors Dan Spaulding and Tim Su took first and second place, respectively, in the 5000-meter run with times of 15:53.76 and 16:45.25.

Grove City swept the men’s 1500-meter run with a trio including junior Derek Kruse in first, junior Frankie Hourigan in second and sophomore Cordell Oberholtzer in third. Junior Andrew Falcone won the 3000-meter steeplechase, and sophomore Brigette Fryan placed third in the 1500.

“One, I was very impressed with how the team did today,” Carter said. “I was pleasantly surprised by the freshmen, considering their level of experience on the collegiate level.” Grove City’s freshmen showed formidable talent at the meet.

Freshman Morgan Ousterhouse ran unchallenged in the 3000-meter steeplechase but finished with a time of 14:10.69. Fellow classmates Heather Good, Mary Trease and Emily Pietrucha all placed second in their events: 100-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash and 800-meter run, respectively.

On the freshmen men’s side, Nick Philpot won the 400-meter dash in 53.56 seconds, and Lester Bragg finished third in the 200-meter dash.

In the field, Grove City athletes swept the men’s discus and shot put. Junior Tony Clark won the discus with a throw of 43.31 meters, and junior Matt Ridge placed first in the shot put with 13.65 meters. Sophomore Kate Balmer not only won the 100-meter dash on the track but also took third in the long jump. Freshman David Ferreira placed second in both the long jump and the triple jump, while sophomore Christian Villamont also took second in the triple jump. Senior Megan Fellows and freshman Rachel Weber placed second in the discus and third in the shot put, respectively.

“I had a great day, and so did my teammates. We work together well, and the rest of the season will be exciting,” Ferreira said.

“This was a great day. We performed our best, and it’s only the beginning,” Williams said. The Grove City College track and field team will compete again tomorrow at California University in the Western PA Championships meet.

By Jared Bailey
Collegian Writer

After building a strong 3-0 record, Grove City men’s tennis (3-1) picked up its first loss of the season March 19 at the Grove City home opener.

The Wolverines fell to the visiting Purple Raiders of Mount Union by a score of 5-4. Even though the Wolverines managed to win two of the three doubles matches, they dropped four of the six singles matches, which brought about the loss.

Grove City’s lone singles wins came from sophomore Ricky Garrett (2-2, 6-3, 6-1) and freshman Scott Yamak (6-4, 6-4). The Wolverines returned to action on March 24 and picked up their second loss of the season by dropping the match to the host, Malone, by a score of 6-3 at the North Canton Racquet Club. The Pioneers of Malone claimed four of the six singles and two of the three doubles matches.

Grove City’s lone singles wins came from sophomore Marc Menter (7-5, 6-4) and senior Kyle Johnson (6-0, 7-6). Grove City’s lone doubles win came from senior Jeremy Dywer and junior Bill DeRocha who beat the Pioneer team of Tim Springfield and Dan Fahl by a score of 8-2.

Looking to return to winning form, the Grove City tennis team hit the courts and picked up its first win, improving to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference. This match on Tuesday, March 24 brought new life to the Wolverines as they blanked the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets by a score of 9-0. Grove City went 9 for 9 and won all matches against the hosting Yellow Jackets. Standout performances included juniors Peter Davis and Bill DeRocha who blanked their individual opponents by scores of (6-0, 6-0) each.

This is returned to the court and teamed up with sophomore Ricky Garrett to blank the Yellow Jackets doubles team of Emile Khoury and Peter Mally by a score of 8-0. This marked Grove City’s first PAC win of the 2009 season.

Grove City returned to action March 26 against the visiting Tartans of Carnegie Mellon (11-4) who are currently ranked third in the nation for National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III. Grove City will host the Presidents of Washington & Jefferson College (1-0) on March 28 in PAC play.
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Men’s Club Lacrosse

Men’s lacrosse scores double victory
Wolverines trounce Wheaton and Penn State Behrend

By Ryan Lesser
Contributing Writer

The Grove City College men’s club lacrosse team came away with two victories after a doubleheader at home last Saturday. The men won their first game 9-4 against Wheaton on Saturday morning.

Later that day they had a resounding victory over Penn State Behrend. The Wolverines scored eight goals in the game and held Penn State Behrend to just one goal.

The team opened its season with a 13-2 victory over Kent State on Feb. 23. Since then, the Wolverines have defeated every team they have played, including Pitt in their scrimmage on March 18. After four solid victories in their first four games, the team has much to look forward to for the rest of the season.

The team is led by seniors Pete Tooley, Joel Stiff and Eric Rumbaugh. "The leadership of this team will play a big part in determining how much success we will achieve throughout the rest of the season," Stiff said.

Talented new additions, including freshmen Kellen Quackenbush and Tim Irwin, have also played key roles in the team’s success thus far. Irwin leads the team in goals scored, along with senior Joel Stiff. Quackenbush, usually a midfielder, has been playing attack for the past few games on account of the absence of Josh Hostetler, a junior who has been out-of-commission due to a punctured lung.

There are several components to fielding a successful lacrosse team. First and foremost, talent is necessary. Between the capable, experienced upperclassmen and the talented new additions, Grove City men’s club lacrosse is not suffering from a lack of talent in and amongst themselves.

Second, the team needs to consist of members willing to work hard. As shown throughout both games on Saturday, Grove City is willing to work. They got ground-balls, won face-offs and made sure to get “into the box” as quickly as possible.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, each member of the team must sacrifice his own pride and ambitions for the larger entity, the team itself. The team must become one and work together.

Grove City has five games left in the season, after a home game against Carnegie Mellon on Wednesday, March 25, which the Wolverines won 17-7. The men’s last game, which will take place on April 1, is an away game against Youngstown State University.

Ultimately, the team wishes to go undefeated throughout the rest of the season and ideally make it to nationals.

“I’m excited for this year’s team,” Stiff said. “If we don’t make it to the playoffs, I’d be surprised. We’ve got a lot of talent on the team this year. We need to continue to come together as one unit, and do all that we can to increase our chances of making it to nationals.”

This team really has nothing to lose, and everything to gain. If they continue to do well and win out the rest of the season, they have the potential to advance to nationals and go down as the most successful men’s club lacrosse team in the history of Grove City College.

— Dr. Fred Jenny

Baseball

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In the nightcap of the doubleheader, Grove City fell behind 3-0 before tying the game with sophomore Butch Kriger’s three-run double to the gap in left-center field. The Wolverines took a 5-3 lead in the bottom of the third as senior shortstop Ben Wilson singled home sophomore right fielder Scott Moran. Wilson scored on a double by sophomore DH Marcus Magister.

Senior Zach Hillegas earned the win in relief while pitching one scoreless inning with two strikeouts. Scantly, each Kyle Silk started the game while allowing seven runs on five hits. Senior Matt Tindall threw two scoreless innings in relief.

Continuing the conference schedule, the Wolverines hosted the Saint Vincent College Bearcats on Tuesday, March 24. In the first game, Hillegas pitched a gem while allowing only one run on two hits through six innings of work. He maintained a no-hitter through five.

Tindall held the Bearcats in the seventh to secure the win. Offensively, the Wolverines were paced by senior center fielder and leadoff hitter Seth Thompson who went 3 for 3 with two doubles, followed by senior DH Cody Koontz who doubled twice, and Stombaugh who also went 3 for 3.

In the second game, Koontz singled home Kriger in the bottom of the seventh to secure Grove City’s third consecutive home win. Kriger and Stombaugh led the rally with singles to start the inning.

Herringshaw earned the win in relief while allowing only one run through 2 2/3 innings of work. Sophomore Andy Klimek started the game on the hill while allowing three earned runs through three innings of work.

Sophomore Chip Haske worked 1-1/3 innings of scoreless baseball in relief. The Wolverines boast a record of 3-6 overall and 2-3 in the PAC.
Courage sets NCAA record

Eleven All-Americans ranked 6th in the nation

By Andrew Parry
Collegian Writer

Last week the Grove City men’s swim team made their way into the record books. The team went to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship meet held in Minneapolis, Minn. and competed over the course of four days. Grove City came back one of the most decorated teams to ever compete on the national stage.

Senior Caleb Courage from Shippensburg, Pa. led the way on the first night, along with teammate senior Tim Whitbeck of Saegertown, Pa. The men finished second and third in the 50-meter freestyle, respectively, with Courage being the first Grove City swimmer to ever break the 20-second barrier. His final time in the 50 was 19.97, while the third place Whitbeck finished close behind with 20.03.

Courage then went on to compete and place in the 100 backstroke, finishing tenth overall with a time of 50.46 seconds. He was the anchor for the 200 freestyle relay, which placed third overall, earning the relay team an All-American honor. The relay team comprised senior Drew Snyder, freshman Kirk Gagliardo, senior Tim Whitbeck and Courage.

Courage also anchored the 400 freestyle relay, swimming with Gagliardo, senior Peter Larsen and Whitbeck. This relay team also finished third and earned All-American honors.

On the final morning, Courage swam the 100 freestyle and broke the oldest record in Division III, held since 1985 by Kenyon’s Jim Born. The mark was set at a 43.65, and in preliminaries, Courage broke that record with a time of 43.60. At finals, he won the race with a finishing time of 43.62, becoming a three-time National Champion in that event.

Over the rest of the meet, sophomore Nate Nielsen, freshman Nick Hamilton, freshman Kirk Gagliardo and Courage swam the 400 freestyle relay and placed 12th overall. They swam in a time of 6:47.07, which earned the men All-American honors.

Each of the 200- and 400-meter medley relays placed higher than expected with incredible swims not only by Courage but also by Larsen in the butterfly leg of the 400, sophomore Camden Coppelli in the backstroke of the 200, and freshman Clay Beckner in the breaststroke leg of the 200.

The 200 medley relay placed twelfth with Coppelli, freshman Clay Beckner, Larsen and Whitbeck. This race earned each of the swimmers All-American honors with their time of 1:32.33. The 400 medley relay placed eighth overall, dropping from being ranked 13th. The team, including Courage, freshman Ben Bowser, sophomore Bennett Keefer and Whitbeck, earned All-American honors with a finishing time of 3:25.32.

Other notable performances came from Bowser, who set the school record on the first day in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 1:52.88, narrowly missing the consolation finals. Gagliardo competed in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyles at the meet.

The overall sixth-place finish was the highest in program history. Consequently, the swimmers came home to a crowd and roar of applause outside of the Physical Learning Center on campus.

Success for the swimmers has now reached its climax, and the Wolverines will start to focus on the upcoming 2009-10 season.

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