

# The Collegian

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## Unlocking History

### College treasures bring the past to life

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Perspectives Editor

In "The Indian in the Cupboard," a young man discovers a key that unlocks a cupboard, bringing inanimate figures to life. Hilary Walczak, Grove City College's archivist, experienced something similar when a key unlocked a cabinet that brought history to life.

In the Rare Book Room, Walczak found unmarked locked drawers which she was determined to open and, after trying several keys, found one that would open a drawer. The "treasure trove" inside was a dream for an archivist like Walczak, who found the drawer filled with 175 folded posters and envelopes postmarked 1942 and 1943. Inside were World War II propaganda posters, designed to inspire Americans to support the war and use resources wisely.

Walczak explained that, unlike many of the posters from World War II, most of the posters have never been hung. She explained "the colors are pristine. They are in basically brand new condition."

This remarkable find has prompted the creation of an exhibit entitled "Fighting for Freedom: Grove City College's World War II Exhibit."

These posters help bring history to life by examining what Grove City College's experience on the home front would have been like. Many of the posters would look familiar to a student of history while others are less common for the era, such as a poster featuring the cartoon stars of Walt Disney's "Bambi." The display is ordered thematically with categories like war bonds, national security, patriotism and rationing clearly bringing together the important elements of the war in



An example of the type of propaganda posters discovered in the Rare Book Room. Check out more of the posters on page 6.

Grove City and showing what life was like for those at home during the war.

"It's a look at Grove City's effort during the war in general, so the posters are representative of the home front effort and then the photos throughout the gallery are from the war training pro-

grams," Walczak said. This display includes photographs of three programs that Grove City College hosted, including a Navy and Marines Engineering and Math training program, an Army Air Corp preflight training program and one of six secret radar programs in the country. In

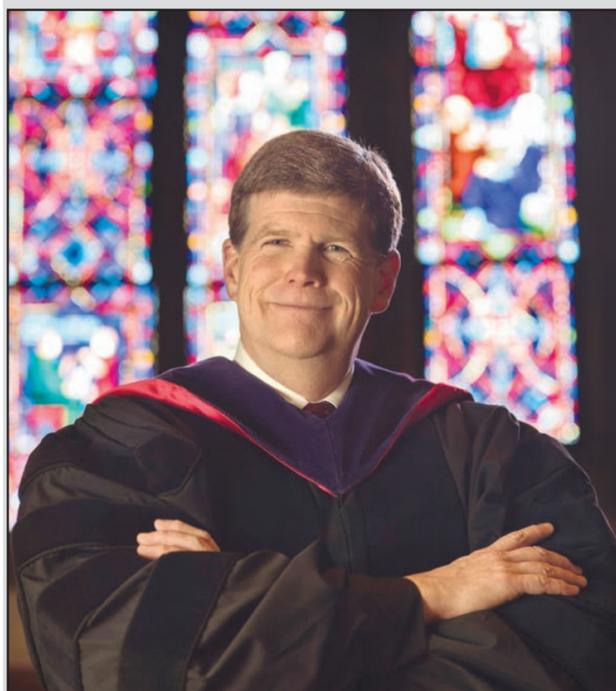
addition, the exhibit in the Pew Fine Arts Center will include information on World War II veterans with ties to Grove City.

The exhibit is open to the public on: March 20 and 23 from 12 to 4 p.m.; March 21 from 10 a. m. to 2 p.m; and March 22 from 1 to 5 p.m.

See more posters on page six

## The start of a new era

### Inauguration weekend schedule



GROVE CITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT PAUL J. MCNULTY

#### Friday, March 20

"Irish Stroll" Concerts:  
Alpha Sigma Unplugged / The Wild Geese,  
KetRec / Breen Student Union, 6:30 – 10 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 21

"Faith & Freedom, Calling & Classroom: Grove City College's Commitment to the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge for the Common Good" Symposium,  
Crawford Auditorium, 2 – 5 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 22

Inaugural Vespers: Dr. Andrew Hoeffcker,  
Harbison Chapel, 5 – 6 p.m.  
Inaugural Concert: Keith and Kristyn Getty,  
PLC Arena, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

#### Monday, March 23

Presidential Installation: Speakers Kenneth Starr, John Ashcroft and President Paul J. McNulty,  
Harbison Chapel, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## College doc wins C-SPAN contest

Grayson Quay  
News Editor

A team of Grove City High School students, including senior Caroline Coulter, daughter of Grove City College Professor of Political Science Dr. Michael Coulter '91, has won an honorable mention in C-SPAN's StudentCam documentary competition.

Students were asked to submit a five to seven minute documentary responding to the prompt "The Three Branches and You: Tell a story that demonstrates how a policy, law, or action by either the executive, legislative, or judicial branch has affected you or your community." Out of 2280 submissions, 150 were chosen as winners and broken down into one grand prize winner, four first prize winners, 16 second prize winners, 32 third prize winners and 97 honorable mentions.

Lucas Zenobi, Noah Livingston and Caroline Coulter, who produced the documentary "Freedom's College – A Collision of Values," earned an honorable mention and will receive \$250 in prize money.

According to an article released by Grove City news station WKBN, entries were judged "based on the thoughtful examination of the competition's theme, quality of expression, inclusion of varying sides of the documentary's topic and effective incorporation of C-SPAN programming."

In an interview with The Collegian, Coulter explained that she heard about the competition from her father and that she and her friends chose to explore the College's famous legal battle over government regulation of higher education because it "makes Grove City very unique, as a college and as a town."

Coulter, who, according to the documentary's credits, did research and resource scouting for the documentary, explained that the initial research took a few days. Then, over the next two weeks, Coulter, Zenobi and Livingston conducted interviews, which Coulter was primarily responsible for scheduling. Finally, the three students shot B-roll footage of the campus and then recorded narration and edited their footage together with C-SPAN clips to produce the finished documentary.

"Freedom's College – A Collision of Values" covers a lot of ground in its 6 minute, 59 second runtime. The film opens with Lee Wishing, director of the College's Center for Vision and Values, describing the Christian prin-

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# Shark Tank winners circle campus

Adrienne Scrima  
Contributing Writer

With \$1,000, what problem on campus would you fix or what event would you run?

This is the question contestants answered Saturday night at the Grove City College Shark Tank event, modeled after the popular television show. During this final round, ten teams and individuals, narrowed from twenty-five initial contestants, presented their ideas. The panel of judges included Grove City College administrators, Student Government Association executive members and entrepreneurship professors.

The objectives of Shark Tank were to encourage problem solving and event

planning on campus, to improve the campus and to provide entrepreneurship opportunities for students.

The \$1,000 project prize, determined by the judges, went to freshman Samuel Calhoun. I'm very excited about winning the contest," he said. "I didn't expect to win, because all of the other ideas were fantastic and would have improved Grove City."

Calhoun proposed an intramural Spikeball league, with involvement by USA Spikeball. His idea not only envisioned a new IM sport, but also included sponsored tournaments with media coverage by USA Spikeball.

Calhoun envisions a greater sense of community through an IM Spikeball league. "Spikeball is an easy

game to pick up and it involves a lot of communication between teams," he said. "Literally anyone can play and begin making connections by playing IM Spikeball."

Also, Calhoun hopes that it will become a "fun marketing point for the college," he said. "I know Grove City is trying to increase its marketability to potential applicants, and having IM Spikeball as well as hosting tournaments that high school kids can enter would be a great start." His plan is now in the detailing stages, and is projected to come to fruition next fall.

Another winner was selected based on a popular vote by the audience. The team of sophomore Zachary Danehower, sophomore Jordan Coiro, and senior Josh Dauer

took the popular vote and a second-place win with their idea captured by the hashtag #OneDayOfGrates. Their strategy, addressing the issue of the often slushy Hicks Cafeteria entryway, involved the installation of floor grates.

In third place, freshman Hannah Vaccaro and junior Elisabeth O'Brien developed a plan for a Henry Buhl Library "Expresso" station. This would allow caffeine to be more accessible to exhausted library students, solving the inconvenience of travel to the Breen Student Union or cafeterias.

According to project founder and facilitator Sarah Klein, the event was a success.

"The outpouring of support from Student Government, The Center for Innova-

tion and Entrepreneurship and the professors and judges was so encouraging," she said. "We had around 130 people in attendance for the final round, and I think I can speak for everyone when I say that I was blown away by the students' preparation and presentations."

Calhoun credits his Internet Entrepreneurship class for assistance in developing his presentation skills. Also, he added that he was "heavily supported by the Entrepreneurship Department throughout the Shark Tank process."

The event was sponsored by the Grove City College Student Government Association and The Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation.

## Women of Faith provides weekend retreat

Adrienne Scrima  
Contributing Writer

The Women of Faith organization hosted an overnight retreat at Pine Valley Campground in Ellwood City, Pa, last weekend.

The event occurred at the end of the first week back from spring break, an academically hectic time for many students. "A lot of people wanted an escape from campus and to reconnect with God," Women of Faith member senior Eleanor Linton said.

Junior member Alaina Marr agreed. "I always find it relaxing to be off campus, and I was looking forward to some bonding time with friends," she said.

Friday night, College President Paul J. McNulty '80 and Brenda McNulty led a session on parent-child relationships. Vulnerably sharing about their own experiences of parenting and having parents, the McNultys engaged the group in a time of discussion. Topics included gaining

independence from parents, being considerate as guests while home on break and showing grace to parents. "I was not really expecting people to be so enthusiastic, especially when it came to engaging with the parent-child relationship session," Linton said.

On Saturday, Meredith Gross, Resident Director of Harker Hall, provided practical tips on relationships. Acknowledging the brokenness in our friendships, Gross led the conversation on how to first become a better friend. She offered suggestions to cultivate our dependability, accountability, celebration and willingness to learn from one another.

According to attendee junior Emily Denton, "I believe that the biggest takeaway was realizing how much work I still need to do in my relationship with God and others," she said. "This retreat challenged me to look at the relationships in my life and realize if I want to see change for the better than I also need to be willing to change for the

better."

Providing closure for the retreat, Bob White, Assistant Director of Campus Ministries, and Becky White, Resident Director of Mary Ethel Pew Hall, spoke on the topic of romantic relationships. They led a discussion on topics such as contentment in opposite-sex friendships, singleness, the assurance of meeting the right person and trusting God.

Linton said that she "was really encouraged by the honesty and vulnerability of both the attendees and the speakers."

Other retreat activities included a bonfire, time in worship, and a watercolor activity.

Sophomore Caroline Roberts appreciated the campsite location for the retreat. "The site was beautiful and I really enjoyed spending time outside as it was just beginning to warm up," she said.

Women of Faith exists to intentionally address the spiritual needs of the campus community through prayer, programs and worship.



## World News Roundup

Compiled by Emily Bartlow

### Putin: Now you see him, now you don't

Russia's President, Vladimir Putin, 62 years old, has mystified the globe with his disappearing act, having withdrawn from the public for nearly two weeks since his meeting with the Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi on March 5.

While rumors flooded social media and news reports, it was speculated that Putin's leave of absence was attributed to either an illness, the birth of his mistress' child, or some covert Kremlin intrigue.

Upon Putin's return after his 10-day leave, Putin's spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, mocked the press and their various rumors: "So you've seen the broken, paralyzed president, who has been captured by generals? He's only just flown in from Switzerland, where he attended a birth as you know."

Putin's schedule had been rearranged and several events had also been canceled or skipped, including a meeting of Russia's annual Federal Security Service on March 12, an event he has never missed. During Putin's absence, Peskov assuredly told the Associated Press that, "There is absolutely no reason for any doubts about the state of his health. His health is really perfect, everything is OK with him, and he's working in accordance with his traditionally overloaded working schedule."

While Putin's reason for taking his unannounced and rather mysterious "vacation" has yet to surface, people across the globe continue to speculate.

"It would be boring without gossip," Putin said upon his return on Monday, March 16.

### Extremist group Boko Haram joins up with ISIS

Abubakar Shekau, Nigeria's Boko Haram leader, posted an audio recording on Saturday, March 7, that pledged allegiance to ISIS.

"We announce our allegiance to the Caliph of the Muslims ... and will hear and obey in times of difficulty and prosperity, in hardship and ease, and to endure being discriminated against, and not to dispute about

rule with those in power, except in case of evident infidelity regarding that which there is a proof from Allah," said Shekau's message.

On Thursday, March 12, a spokesperson for the Islamist State movement confirmed that Islamic State militants had accepted the online audio pledge by Boko Haram.

It is alleged that the attempt to join forces is a reaction to both extremist groups facing increasing military pressure and setbacks.

### Ferguson shooting flares racial tensions

Nearly 100 protesters continued their demonstrations in Ferguson, Mo. following the shooting of two police officers just after midnight on Thursday, March 12.

Fox News reported that, "Both wounded officers were released from the hospital Thursday, but St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar – who called the attack an ambush – said they could have been killed. One was shot in the right shoulder, the bullet exiting through his back. The other in the right cheek, just below the eye. The bullet lodged behind his ear."

In attempting to identify the shooter or shooters, police faced opposition from the protesters, still disgruntled about the grand jury decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson, who shot and killed black teenager Mike Brown on Aug. 9, 2014.

"We'll not be derailed in the pursuit of justice by anybody or anything that wants to get in our way," Rev. Traci Blackmon, a member of the state's Ferguson Commission, told Fox News. "We refuse to stop."

Although the account of the shooting that produced the rallying cry of "hands up, don't shoot" has been challenged by both eyewitness testimony and Eric Holder's Department of Justice report, the persistent tension between police and protesters in Ferguson has flared racial tensions across the nation.

It has been speculated that the increasing racial tensions and targeting of police officers could result in the federal government seizing greater control of local law enforcement.

## Sweet Briar College to close

Molly Wicker  
Contributing Writer

Sweet Briar College, a small, private women's college nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, announced its plan to close its doors after a storied 114-year history.

President James F. Jones Jr. cited financial reasons. In late February, the board of directors approved the closure, which is slated to occur on Aug. 25.

As Jones explained in an email to faculty and staff, the school has been having trouble attracting students to a women's college. Revenue from the increasingly discounted tuition and a restricted endowment have made it hard for the college to cover expenses. The school maintains a 3,250-acre campus for 700 full-time students. The annual cost of an education at Sweet Briar is approximately \$47,000.

The story has reverberated across the higher-education community over the past month, as many worry that other small, liberal arts colleges may succumb to the same fate. Many are wondering if the small liberal arts college model has the lasting power to survive in modern times. Last year, Bloomberg Businessweek reported that small, private U.S. colleges

were in a "death spiral" due to dropping enrollment rates. The decline comes amid competition from cheaper online and community colleges, which are enticing to students in a job market that is weaker than it once was. Sweet Briar's president remarked that the closing of the school is part of a broader change in "the diversity of American higher education." Still, for a school like Sweet Briar, which possesses a \$94 million endowment, the decision is unusual.

The endowment, which remains one of the largest among Virginia's private colleges and universities, has incited widespread concern among wealthy alumnae donors, who responded to the college's previous financial woes by writing sizable checks. Virginia State Senator Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax), whose own grandmother was a Sweet Briar alumna, questioned the impending closure in an open letter to Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring.

"As I understand, the college has a ninety-four million dollar endowment and has been soliciting and collecting donations right up until a few weeks before the announced closing. I also understand that it owns a 3,200 acre campus with fixed assets, which is specially designated for the maintenance

of a women's college ... What are the rights of the donors who made gifts to the institution in the past year, i.e. after the plans for closing had apparently been decided but not disclosed? Do they have a right to seek a refund if the school continues with its plan for closing?" Peterson wrote. The office of the Attorney General has made the decision to press further into the issue, but warned supporters that its role may be limited due to the fact that the school is private, rather than a state-funded public university.

In the meantime, efforts will begin immediately to help current students transfer to other colleges and universities. Sweet Briar announced its plans to host on-campus college fairs to help match current students with transfer opportunities. The Class of 2015 will be the final graduating class, and the commencement ceremony on May 16 will be the last one held on campus. Still, devoted students, faculty and alumni have vowed to not give up the fight. Sweet Briar Ashbrook of History John Ashbrook said, "It isn't just Sweet Briar's fight. It's a fight for liberal arts. Churchill said it best: 'Never surrender!' The students of Sweet Briar deserve better as do the faculty, staff, and alumnae."

## More than Shamrock Shakes

### March coffee house

Emily Bartlow  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association partnered with Polk Christian Outreach to host the much anticipated March Coffee House Concert on Wednesday, March 11. Students congregated in the Breen Student Union from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoyed not only their fellow student's harmonies, but also the musical talent of a disabled guest from Polk Center.

"Polk teamed up with SGA to have this 'Polk-themed' coffee house," Polk Outreach member and senior Claire Boykiw said. "Polk Christian Outreach hosted five residents and several staff members from Polk Center and had a coloring table where Grove City students could come meet the residents and learn more about this ministry."

One of the Polk residents also performed several songs during the concert.

"This individual is a very talented musician and can play literally almost any song on the piano, but we suggested that he play 'This Little Light of Mine,' 'Jesus Loves Me' and 'I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy' because those are songs that we regularly sing with the residents each week," Boykiw said.

Attendees of the March Coffee House Concert also delighted in complimentary coffee as well as the festively green shamrock shakes.

Many students arrived early, eager for their minty milk shake, a wise decision since shake supplies ran out an hour before the concert's end.

"We'll just have to let next year's senate know that they need to order a BOATLOAD of shamrock supplies for the event," sophomore Senator for Academic Affairs, Tim Lowrance said.

A St. Patrick's Day staple, shamrock shakes are blended with a measured mix of vanilla ice cream, mint extract, green food coloring and ice, topped with a generous dollop of whipped cream.

From the shamrock shakes to the guests from Polk Center, the March Coffee House



PHOTOS BY MEGAN DAUGHERTY

Students enjoyed the talents of their peers at the March coffee house, sponsored by SGA and Polk Christian Outreach.



provided an ideal platform for Polk to share their ministry with the campus.

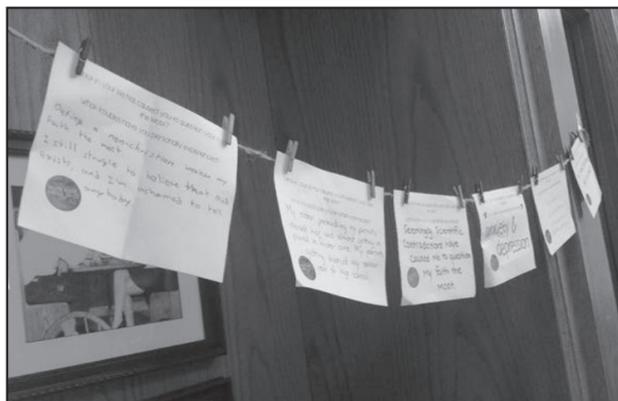
Polk Christian Outreach is one of Grove City College's oldest ministry groups. Members of the group visit Polk Center once a week, sharing Jesus' love with the physically and mentally disabled guests.

Polk member, junior Shayla Hunker, expounded on her experience with the ministry group. "I know that when I first went to Polk it was completely out of my comfort zone, but now I consider the residents there to be my friends, and God has given me a lot of love for them," she said. "I always look forward

to breaking out of the Grove City 'bubble' on Wednesdays to reach out to the greater community and gain a bigger perspective. It's definitely a more unique ministry with its own special set of challenges, but time spent intentionally sharing God's love with others is never wasted."

Polk Christian Outreach hopes to partner with SGA in coffee-houses to come.

If you are interested in ministering to the guests at Polk Center or want to learn more about Polk's outreach program, contact Polk's President Abby Weaver at WeaverAF1@gcc.edu.



## Take hope!

### Theme week helps students face struggles and dark times

Kelleigh Huber  
Contributing Writer

John 16:33 reads, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." By focusing on this verse, people across the Grove City College campus came together to form the first annual Theme Week, which took place from March 16-20.

Among those involved in the planning was Director of Campus Ministries Devi Wintrode. Alongside her were Becky White, Resident Director of MEP, Luke Sutter, Resident Director of Colonial, Mandy Sposato of the Career Services Office, and Deb Snyder of the Educational Career Services Office. Larry Hardesty of Student Life and Learning originally generated the vision for a theme week, and from there, these committee members took the project and maximized its potential. They were tasked with developing a week dedicated to working with students and faculty in an area of concern.

"We had to choose the theme, and we decided that students have a lot of needs as far as broken areas of hurting," Wintrode said.

In the fall, ISIS was in the news regularly, leading the committee to lean towards a theme involving international issues. According to Wintrode, there are a lot of struggles that we face in life that we are not prepared for and are unsure how to react to as Christians.

"We often wonder how we are supposed to respond to different events. We hear we're supposed to have hope, but it [life events] can knock you over, and church doesn't

necessarily prepare us for that," she said.

Wintrode as well as the other committee members decided upon the theme of hurt in order to allow students to relate to one another and find hope in the midst of difficult situations, feeling that many students keep their struggles hidden.

"Students on campus can see that they are not alone, that other people are going through the same thing. I hope it will bring more vulnerability on our campus and begin a journey of health and healing," Wintrode said.

During the week, there were various events for students to attend including lectures, panels, breakout sessions and times of prayer. Some of the highlights included Monday's speaker Reverend Ethan Magness who spoke about world problems and how Christians can react to issues around them in the world.

There were breakout sessions focused on abuse, sexual abuse, relationships with parents, depression, serious illness and divorce. Barbara Duguid also spoke on surviving failures and growing through these failures.

Another activity associated with Theme Week is Saturday's outreach into the local food pantry. Through service to the community the theme of hope is emphasized, organizing donations at Thrifty Threads and participating in a food drive race students can actively participate in serving the community in which there is trouble as well as hope.

## A century of news Easter break

Breanna Renkin  
Contributing Writer

As a child, preparing for Easter almost rivaled preparing for Christmas. Instead of making Christmas cookies, you spent hours decorating Easter eggs. Rather than hanging your stocking by the chimney with care, you set out your Easter basket hoping that the Easter Bunny soon would be there. Peter Cottontail replaced Rudolph, and you eagerly awaited hunting for Easter eggs filled with candy.

As a college student, the excitement for Easter break remains unchanged, albeit for different reasons. Easter break means relaxation and sleeping in rather than going to class. As for those with younger siblings, you may

still find that the Easter Bunny pays you a visit on Easter as well.

Yet, as an article that appeared in the March 14, 1956 issue of the Collegian argues, this should not be our reason for being excited for Easter break. While the Easter Bunny, missing class, and dressing up in our Sunday best is fun, it is not the real reason why we should experience joy during this upcoming holiday. Instead, we need celebrate Christ's resurrection, and remember to be thankful that we can celebrate it.

*Easter is a time of great joy and is so expressed today by the "Easter Bunny," by new clothes, and by crazy spring hats for women. Everyone must have something new to wear and flowers are in order. Easter lilies are*



*sent to relatives and friends. Hallmark and other greeting card companies make a fortune by selling cards with such quotes as "Easter comes, Easter goes; Who eats all the eggs—nobody knows." Most important of all, everyone goes to church because that is the accepted thing to do or to show off a new outfit.*

*Do you see what has happened to a once-beautiful rejoicing? It has become too commercialized that one would hardly recognize it as the greatest anniversary of Christianity.*

*The Resurrection of Jesus*

*our Lord and Savior should be received with a humble sincere attitude. Voices should be raised in exultation; hymns of praise should fill the air. The Son of God came into the world to save sinners and give his life that others would know life eternal.*

*We started out with the right concept of celebrating Easter but we have become carried away and have veered far off the original path until now the majority of people never even realize the true meaning and importance of Easter.*

*All of us say we are Christians and take our religion more or less for granted, but think what it meant 2000 years ago to say you were a Christian. Look how the Christians were persecuted and murdered because of their belief; yet their belief was so strong that they could not be defeated. It took years and even centuries for Christianity to be recognized, and millions of people*

*suffered. Why? They believed and wanted to spread the word of God to everyone and to tell the world about the wonders of God and the Resurrection of Jesus. How do we today show our appreciation of this great act—by the Easter Bunny?*

*Stop and think for a moment and you'll see I am right. We as Americans have more to be thankful for than any other nation. God has been more than good to us. We have freedom and that is the greatest gift in the world. Americans can go to any church they please on Easter Sunday, or any Sunday, and give thanks in any way they please—Protestant, Catholic, Jew—all faiths are accepted.*

*We take so much for granted! This Easter let's all remember the very first Easter and how empty our lives would be if it never had been. Give thanks and praise to God lifting your voices and singing: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!"*



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**WSAJ Pick of the Week**  
**Adult Jazz**

**Samuel Farley**  
*WSAJ Contributor*

Adult Jazz is something hard to describe. They are a band who released their debut album – “Gist Is” – last year and managed to push the boundaries. They do so by taking a step back, going back to the basics and perfecting them. It’s similar to the Dirty Projector’s award winning album, “Swing Lo Magellan,” except they take it a step further.

The album itself is a continual unfolding of sounds and rhythms that may be hard to follow. It is practically eclectic and dissonant in its rhythmic patterns, but they piece it together in a uniform matter that holds the songs together. This is where their musical skills are really displayed. They layer sounds on top of each other that mesh surprisingly well and are succinct.

One of the most distinct things that they utilize is the idea of a voice being an instrument. A large portion of the album is without words, but the lead singer’s voice is present throughout. He uses his wide vocal range to compliment the overall body of the song and the instruments they use. Especially with the lack of words, it makes him even more pronounced when he does speak clearly and it keeps him the focal point of the songs.

That being said, it does not mask the other instrumental use. Adult Jazz uses several instruments that are conveyed clearly and are unique in character, not typically used in most modern songs. It’s as if they produced a near electronic sound with normal instruments. The time they put into this album is clearly shown through the simplicity of it all. They use many editing techniques, such as the reversing of sounds and placing them into the song. These techniques and sounds are most certainly there, but they seem to just fall into place. This seems to be the case with many of the other influences they incorporate into the album.

Overall, this album is something else in character and delivery. Adult Jazz shows a large amount of potential and character in practically developing their own niche of sound. Comparisons are hard with this band because of their diversity and different approaches throughout the album. Where one song may sound something like the vocalizations of Bon Iver, the next song may have the dissonant patterns of Wild Beasts. This album is truly something well mastered and well put together.



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## The golden days of gaming

**Josh Fried**  
*Staff Writer*

“Castlevania: Symphony of the Night” is a cult classic created by Konami in 1997 for the original Playstation console featuring Dracula’s dhampir (kin of human and vampire) son Alucard as the protagonist.

As one of the earliest open-ended and role-playing platform games, it moved away from the level-by-level platform that most video-games were accustomed to. As Alucard, the player travels through Dracula’s castle searching for his father, whom he desires to kill, and sees different monsters and bosses along the way, ranging from skeletons to Death and other creatures of myth.

In the plot of the game, Alucard meets Maria and Richter Belmont, the father of Simon Belmont, both of whom are vampire hunters,

but along the way Richter gets possessed and claims to be the master of the castle.

Alucard meets Richter in the final room of the castle and discovers that Richter, possessed by a demon named Shaft, is trying to resurrect Dracula as he claims that good means nothing without evil.

After freeing Richter from Shaft’s possession, Alucard must search for Shaft and destroy him, but when he defeats Shaft he learns that it is too late to stop Dracula’s resurrection. He must go back to where he met Richter to find the room that leads to Dracula’s tomb where he is resurrected and fight his father to keep true evil from being released back into the world.

Dracula recounts the death of Lisa, Alucard’s mother who was burned as a witch, and he vows to destroy humanity. Alucard tells Dracula that

he has lost his ability to love. Dracula responds: “Ahh, sarcasm. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the world, and loses his own soul, Matthew 26:6 I believe.” As most people know, vampires do not have souls.

Dracula mocks scripture, while Alucard defends humanity which killed his mother. He can be seen as a Christ figure as he defeats Death, literally, and then faces pure evil to save mankind.

In a different sense, Alucard is taking a stand against his father who is doing something that does not appear truly unjust. Dracula is taking revenge against humanity who, as a whole, killed an innocent woman out of fear of the unknown, and Dracula has sworn to kill those who killed the only thing that he ever loved.

Alucard sees that his father’s foundation for this action, but he stands against

his father arguing that mankind did not understand the full weight of what they did. As a Christ figure, he also stands between mankind and his father in the defense of mankind, though Dracula is no God.

As Dracula is defeated and is dying, he asks his son what Lisa’s final words were, to which Alucard responds “She said, ‘Do not harm the humans . . . For theirs is a hard lot.’ She also said that she would love you for all of eternity.”

Dracula says, “Lisa, forgive me. Farewell my son” as he dies, and one can see that even in the purest form of evil, there can never be true evil.

This game reveals a lot of truth in its representation of characters, but the most important revelation that one can take is that there is always some good, even in the hearts of the most evil men.

## DAM Good Wings

Local restaurant combines good food and stellar service

**Liesl McClintock**  
*Staff Writer*

Deb and Mike’s Good Wings, also known as DAM Good Wings, is located on W. Main Street and their wings are as good as the restaurant name implies.

DAM Good Wings has been in business for almost a decade. The atmosphere is welcoming, but non-Steelers fans beware – the whole inner area is adorned in Steelers paraphernalia.

The atmosphere is very casual, creating a relaxing dining location. The old wood paneling on the walls and plastic plates and utensils creates a very easy-going environment; the simplicity of the restaurant fosters better conversation with friends.

At DAM Good Wings you have the option to dine in or to order out. My friends and I chose to dine in. The service was very good, and the servers were very helpful. They were flexible with taking our order, and the food came out quickly.

There are so many choices at DAM Good Wings. Obviously, chicken wings are their best seller, but for those who are not craving wings, they also serve various sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and fried chicken.

There are many sauce choices for your wings, including traditional hot, BBQ, Lemon Pepper, Sweet and Spicy, and Hot Ranch.

My friends and I ordered five flavors: Medium, Hot Ranch, Teriyaki, Garlic, and Suicide. All of the flavors tasted delicious.

The wings were perfectly juicy and had a satisfying hard crunch on the outside. Adventurous hot wings connoisseurs will be surprised to note that Suicide is not as spicy as would be expected. However, what it lacked in hotness, it made up for in flavor.

My favorite wing I tried was definitely the Teriyaki. My least favorite was the Garlic. I expected more garlic flavor from it and found myself disappointed.

The sides offered were also tasty. We ordered coleslaw and fried pickles with our meal. I had never tried fried pickles before, but these were a great first experience and I am definitely a fan of theirs. The breading had a nice saltiness to it and a great crunch coupled with the chewy pickle.

The coleslaw was a little sweet, but we found that it was a welcome change af-

ter all the spiciness of the wings.

The pricing was reasonable: we got 50 wings, two sides, and a 2-liter bottle of soda for \$40. The staff was also very personable and helpful.

Overall, I would give a top rating to DAM Good Wings. I wouldn’t say that it is the place to go to get the spiciest wings you’ll ever have in your life, but the flavor was definitely on point.

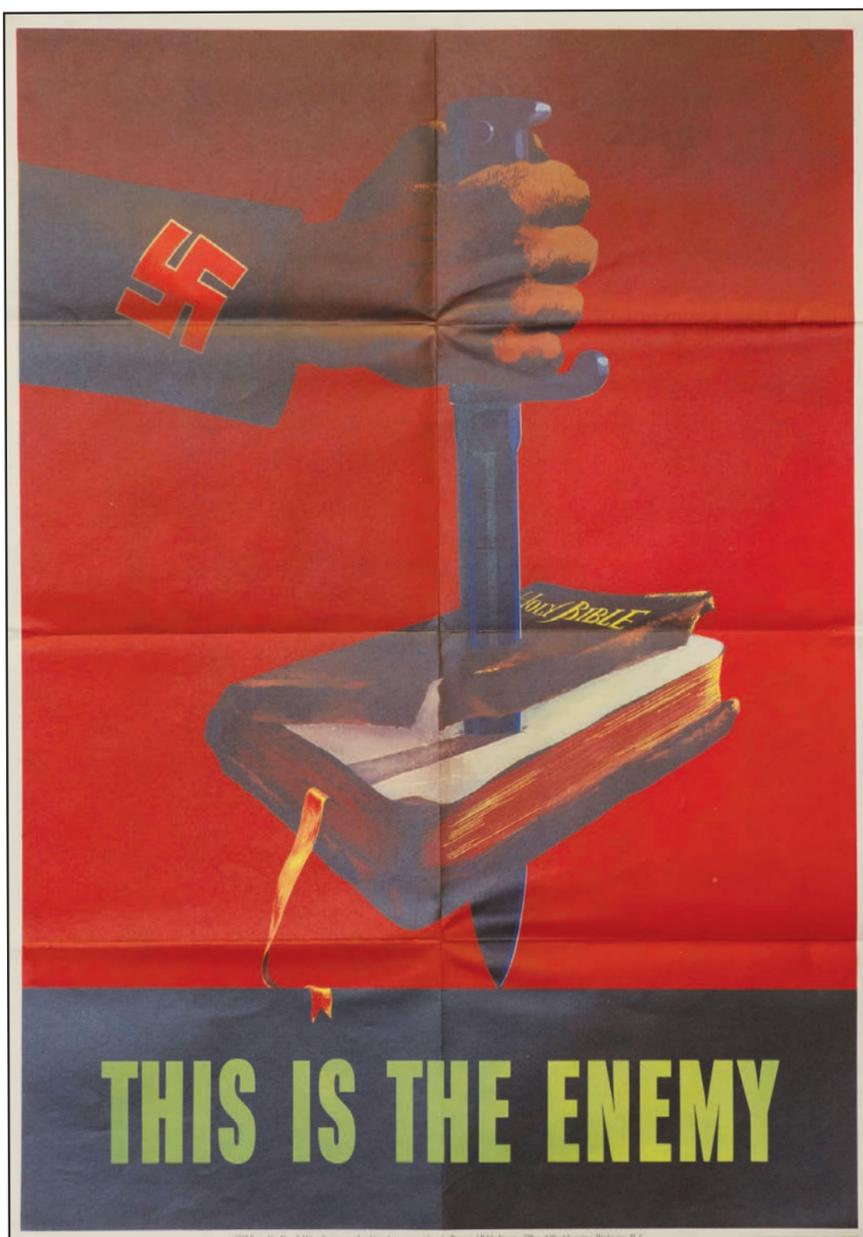


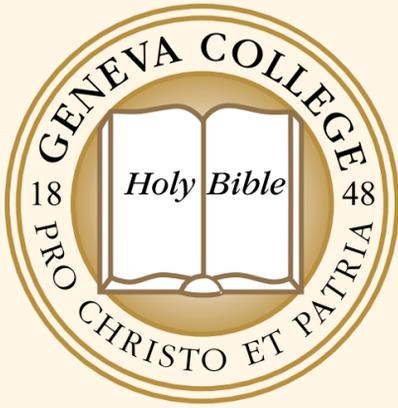
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## Different kind of DRIVE in outreach

Emily Bartlow  
Staff Writer

Students packed Crawford Auditorium for DRIVE's annual chapel service on Tues., March 10. Members performed three choreographed skits which depicted the struggle between seeking God and succumbing to the temptations of this world.

DRIVE's unique, theatrical approach to outreach piqued the interest of many students, chiefly concerning the campus organization's ministry.

Drama Reaching Inner-Cities through Visual Evangelism, or DRIVE, is an on-campus drama club which focuses on ministry geared toward reaching people in inner cities.

"Our goal is to spread the gospel by showing people the love of Christ in our dramas," said DRIVE member, sophomore Victoria Thee. "We also have a community aspect in that we study the Bible together, encourage each other in our often-stressful lives, and a lot of times just have fun together."

DRIVE president, senior Meagan VanTil, described their outreach involvement in neighboring cities.

"We do most of our outreaches at rescue missions, such as places in Youngstown and New Castle. We also go to Pittsburgh once a semester and perform our outreaches in Market Square," VanTil said. "Every time we do an outreach, it's a great opportunity not only to spread the gospel in a fresh way, but also to talk and pray with people. It is a very rewarding experience, and we have seen God work powerfully through what we do."

With 18 members, DRIVE is a dynamic and lively bunch with plenty of traditions and quirks.

"We have an encouragement gnome," said DRIVE member, sophomore Mara Yoder. "Every week he is bestowed upon a different DRIVE member that we want to encourage. The gnome resides in the dorm room of that DRIVE member to provide encouragement and remind the member how much he or she is loved by the other DRIVE members."

DRIVE meets at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday nights in Rathburn's Morledge Great Room and would welcome anyone interested in joining with open arms. "No acting experience required," said Yoder. "Just bring yourself and a buddy too, if he or she is interested!"



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# Live long and prosper

In memoriam of Leonard Nimoy

Rebecca Shaffer  
Contributing Writer

Leonard Nimoy passed away from COPD at age 83 on Friday, Feb. 27. While he was best known for his role as Spock in "Star Trek," he had a long and very successful life.

Nimoy grew up in Boston, the son of Jewish immigrant parents who escaped from a Stalinist Russia. The neighborhood he lived in as a child was not friendly towards his religion, so Nimoy struggled with being different growing up. When he was young he often compared himself to the image of Quasimodo from "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which helped him develop the character for Spock.

After high school, Nimoy traveled to California to start his acting career in the early 1950s. He took a short break in between 1953 and 1955 to serve in the army and marry his first wife, Sandra Zober, then returned to acting in films and TV shows, such as "Perry Mason" and "The Twilight Zone."

His big break came when he was finished acting in an episode of "The Lieutenant" in 1965. Gene Roddenberry, a director, noticed him and asked him to be on his new show, "Star Trek."

From then on, Nimoy's role was Spock, an officer on the



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Enterprise. He was allowed to have some leeway with his new character and invented the Vulcan nerve pinch and Vulcan salute, a reflection of his Jewish heritage, on his own. He would enjoy this role for three years.

After the show was over Nimoy kept busy. He pursued his love of photography and wrote two autobiographies. He also continued to act in made-for-TV movies, appeared in new Star Trek films, and directed a film or two himself. One of his films, "3 Men and a Baby," came out in 1987, the same year that Nimoy and Zober divorced. Two years later he re-

married, this time to actress Susan Bay.

After retiring from working in films for a while, Nimoy stayed busy with philanthropic work and photography. He made a cameo appearance in the J.J. Abrams' two "Star Trek" films in 2009 and 2013. These would be his two last appearances as Spock in film.

In February of 2014 Nimoy told the public that he had developed chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) even though he had quit smoking for thirty years. This disease was to be his downfall. In February 2015, almost exactly a year after he

revealed that he had COPD, Nimoy was taken to the hospital for chest pain. Even though he was released he died a few days later on Feb. 27. He is survived by his wife, two children, one stepson, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a brother.

Leonard Nimoy not only made an impact through his role in Star Trek but also through his photography, directing and philanthropy work. The world will truly miss him, although he would not want his fans to miss him too much. Nimoy would tell them to "live long and prosper," just as he did.

## DEBATE

principles on which the College was founded. From there, the documentary explores the events that led to the Supreme Court case Grove City College v. Bell after the college refused to comply with Title IX.

Wishing points out that the College has been coeducational since its founding and that the reason for non-compliance was not the desire to discriminate against women, but rather a clause in the documents that would require the College to comply with any and all future regulations in addition to Title IX. "The College was concerned. If the feds could get its nose under the tent and regulate the College in various ways, how much longer would it be until the College's Christian mission was at stake? And so ultimately that's what they were fighting for. The freedom from government regulation," Wishing said.

Wishing went on to say that the College's Christian values continue to be jeopardized by government regulation, citing the recently enacted Affordable Care Act, which forces the College to, against its conscience, provide abortion coverage for its employees. The filmmakers emphasized the importance of religious freedom by including a C-SPAN clip of then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a supporter of both Title IX and the Affordable Care Act, saying "Religious freedom is also about the right of people to think what they want, say what they think and come together in fellowship without the state looking over their shoulder."

Other interviewees included Professor of Business Dr. Bruce Ketler, local businessman Derek Thomas and former Grove City College ROTC instructor Lou McEwen, who discussed the loss of

the College's ROTC program as an unfortunate side effect of the refusal of federal funding.

A senior in high school, Coulter is waiting to hear back from several colleges. She remains undecided about where she will go next fall, but confirmed that

"Grove City is on my list." Wherever she ends up, she hopes to combine her passions for acting, film, business and marketing, possibly working in the film industry.

Coulter credits the experience of making the documentary with changing her perspective on the College.

"It made me look at Grove City College maybe in a different light...What was interesting to me is how strong Grove City is in its values... and that they aren't afraid to take their own stand," Coulter said.

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## The unorthodox virtues of GCC

**Scott Alford**  
*Perspectives Editor*

As Grove City College prepares for the inauguration of our 9th President, the Honorable Paul J. McNulty, it is important for the College to reflect upon its values and identity. We often hear that the values of Grove City College are “Faith and Freedom Matter,” and that our goals are to provide an excellent education at an affordable price in a thoroughly Christian environment.

While these are characteristics of the College, I believe we often overlook three unorthodox virtues or characteristics that distinguish this school from other institutions of higher learning and that are appropriate to reflect upon with the celebration of a new president.

The first unorthodox virtue is that of failure or, rather, learning to handle failure with grace and persevere through it. This is not a conventional perspective, but the College teaches the merits of hard work. All of us have experienced missteps, and these failures shape us and refine us.

Grove City College has taught us to embrace failure as a new starting point, a chance to begin again. In the two separate summers I spent interning in Washington D.C, it became evident that there is a fear of failure among our nation’s leadership and an unwillingness to be bold and be refined by taking the

tough road, the road less traveled.

I am not arguing that failure is enjoyable but rather that challenges help shape us and prepare us to succeed. Many institutions are refusing to keep high standards and they pay price in the quality of their education and reputation.

In an age where grade, ego and monetary inflation are all too common, Grove City College continues to challenge all three. Students at the College are taught to persevere through the fire and the flames through balancing challenging academics, sports, clubs, and ministries.

Another overlooked virtue is thrift. Despite the economic crisis and no federal funding, this institution has become more steadfast in managing its resources wisely. Reading through the memories of Grove City College, it becomes evident the thrift this college was founded on is well-maintained today.

In an American culture fueled by frivolous spending and chronic consumerism, especially in higher education, Grove City College stands apart by relying on our conservative principles and God’s provision.

The long forgotten virtue of stewardship has not been lost as we have rolled up our sleeves and stewarded our academics, extracurricular activities and athletics. I am confident under the stewardship of President McNulty and

the Trustees, we will continue to work diligently, depend upon God’s faithfulness, and be good stewards of our God-given resources.

The final virtue is living the unconventional Orthodox life. While there are many excellent Christian institutions of higher learning in the States, Christian higher education seems to point to a false dilemma between strong Orthodox belief and a strong communication of Christian love. Strong religious schisms are dividing schools and student bodies at Christian Schools.

This is a pandemic in modern Christian cultures which draw lines and create a false dichotomy between truth and love. In contrast, many of Grove City College’s students and faculty promote a holistic application of Christian worldview to our academics and activities while communicating that to others with a winsome and loving spirit. This is living the “Unorthodox” Orthodox life: holding to biblical beliefs, applying a Christian worldview, and communicating in love to our post-modern world.

I am confident that President McNulty will continue to cherish the College and its principles. While much has changed since Isaac Ketler became President of Grove City College in 1884, this institution continues to cherish three elements seen in the founding of our College: perseverance, stewardship, and the Christian faith.



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## The McNulty memo: Inauguration



**Paul J. McNulty**  
*Grove City College President*

My general plan is to limit “McNulty Memos” published in The Collegian to just a few short thoughts each time, but please allow me to offer an expanded version in this issue. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, all of the inauguration hoopla is a bit uncomfortable. I’m looking forward to getting back to work when the festivities are finally over. Yet while I feel overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity and extraordinary efforts of so many, I understand this event is not about me. It’s about Grove City College, the presidency, and our amazing story touching on three centuries.

Ceremony is an essential part of civilization. It’s an outward sign of a less visible reality. It exists to help us delineate the most meaningful occasions from the mundane and ordinary circumstances in life. God established elaborate ceremonies for Old Testament Israel to draw attention to His covenantal blessings. We use ceremony to remind us of the things we value and to call us to renewed commitments.

According to renowned scholar William Ramsay, our founder Isaac Ketler had a wish to encourage “University cer-

emony” and “the vague hope of creating some of the outward pomp of University life.” We can easily imagine his joy in seeing what his bold vision for Grove City College has become and his enthusiasm for appropriate celebrations to mark milestone transitions. I’m confident he would be especially supportive of our celebratory efforts because of the character of the College and its faithfulness to his founding purposes.

The story of Grove City is the story of remarkable leadership for nearly 140 years. Men by the names of Ketler, Pew, Harker, Hopeman and MacKenzie, and more recently Moore, Rathburn and Jewell, stood firm in their convictions. By the grace of God, they were courageously dedicated to the three pillars of Christian identity, academic excellence and affordable price. They refused to capitulate or compromise in response to the pressures from countervailing forces. Along the way, these gifted leaders inspired countless women and men to pursue their callings to teach, serve and learn at Grove City College and to serve the public good.

The significance of such leadership cannot be overstated. Therefore, it is wise for us to treat the commencement of a new presidency as a unique opportunity to underscore the importance of the office for sustaining and enhancing our mission of Christ-centered education for the common good. If I was al-

lowed to just show up and start working (an appealing option, I must admit), the gravity of my new responsibilities would not be communicated to me with the same effect. In fact, at next week’s Investiture proceeding, Board Chairman David Rathburn will state that “in order to protect and enhance the reputation and standards of the College, our duty is to choose a capable leader to carry out our mandate.” Those will be humbling words for me to hear, and they will make me more conscientious of my calling to serve tirelessly and faithfully this exceptional institution (See Galatians 6:9).

Beyond the impact this ceremony will have on me, it will be a call to the entire College community to recommit ourselves to the great mission of Grove City College. Here we prepare men and women to live according to the highest calling of God as citizens of His Kingdom, through the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and serve our fellow citizens with uncompromising integrity, exemplary skill and self-sacrificing love. If this is indeed our sense of purpose, an occasional celebration is well justified.

I am indebted to the eight other leaders of this office who have come before me. I can only hope my contribution to the legacy of Grove City College measures up to their great work. Please keep me and Brenda in your prayers in the days ahead.

### Letter to the Editor

I would like to clarify a headline that was printed in *The Collegian* on January 30. “Bookstore back in business” sounded like the Grove City College Bookstore and its website had been out of business, but that was never the case. A more accurate headline would have been “Bookstore link fixed”.

As I read the article, it became clear that the issue was with a link between myGCC and the Bookstore’s website. The article was the first time that I learned that there was a problem, so it doesn’t seem to me as though the problem were all that significant, and certainly not worthy of a front page article.

The Bookstore implemented an entirely new computer system, including a website, in 2014. The website went live early in August, allowing 1400 students to successfully submit textbook orders. Before the website went live, extensive testing was done to ensure it functioned properly, including testing many links from various parts of

the College’s website. I don’t know what caused the “bug” in question or how many students were actually affected, but Dr. DiStasi acted so effectively that we at the Bookstore never knew a problem existed.

The good news is that the website features many improvements. Students can now rent textbooks through the Bookstore website and also use Crimson Cash to pay online. There are also features that enable us to perform updates and add new products, including textbooks, more efficiently than before, allowing us to better serve our customers.

I encourage anyone who encounters problems with the Bookstore website to contact me, and I’ll be happy to help them with the issue. The Campus Bookstore is here to serve our campus community, and everything we do is done with that goal in mind.

Carrie Gault, CCR  
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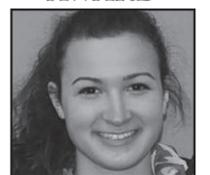
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# The dangers of “Ecumenism”

Jessica Smith  
Contributing Writer

The recent event “The Authority of God’s Word: An Ecumenical Discussion,” was a unique opportunity to experience an open and civil discussion between Catholics and Protestants on the authority of Scripture with both sides fairly represented. Those who expected a heated debate may have been surprised to witness a conversation between Drs. T. David Gordon and Scott Hahn which was nothing less than cordial.

When senior Mark Mariani introduced the topic for the evening, he laid the groundwork for the discussion by referencing John 17:20-23 in which Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers, a concept referred to as “Ecumenism.” On this foundation, the evening’s discussions were

intended to recognize differences in beliefs and encourage the unity of believers in spite of them. Dr. Gordon explained that Ecumenism with a capital E – the formal unity of denominations – is beyond our grasp, but that small-E ecumenism – living in a unified way among believers each day – is still very possible. However, I would argue that the goal of capital-E Ecumenism is not merely unrealistic, but also unbiblical.

In John 17, Jesus indeed prays for the unity of the church, but it is unity in truth, not unity at the cost of truth. A unity which glosses over foundational theological divergence is not faithful to the truth of the Gospel.

Christians are called to humility before the truth of Scripture. Some divisions need not separate us while others are critical to maintaining the integrity of the

Gospel. Divisions based on inconsequential concerns such as worship style, Bible translations, the cultural background of church members or pews vs. folding chairs tend to be petty, unnecessarily divisive issues which have no place in the body of Christ. However, the truth of the Gospel is not a matter of personal preference or a miniscule doctrine to be compromised.

When we alter the key tenets of the Gospel, we run the risk of cheapening and twisting it into a false gospel. Christians have a duty to believe and defend doctrines which have been expressly revealed in Scripture, even at the risk of being called narrow-minded and unloving.

For example, on this campus and in broader evangelical circles I often hear people say that Catholics and Protestants agree on far more than they disagree. I believe those

doctrines on which we differ are foundational to our understanding of God’s Word, His grace, His sovereignty and the person and work of Christ. Therefore, even one of these differences can be said to create a legitimate schism between Protestantism and Catholicism, not a surface-level line in the sand which can be simply smoothed over while we band together to fight a “culture war” against postmodernist ideas of relativism and for conservative political issues.

I believe God is more concerned about proclaiming His Gospel accurately for the effective salvation of his elect than achieving whatever social justice movement is popular (as important as it may be). Of course God wants us to take care of the widow and orphan (James 1:27), but we are to do so in order to paint a picture of the Gospel and win souls to Christ, not

just to meet physical needs. Fallen man has a tendency to reverse the order of the two great commandments to first “love the Lord your God” and then “love your neighbor” (Matthew 22:37-9). This is a dangerous shift in priorities because it places man above God. I believe the quest for Ecumenism at any cost is guilty of this misplaced emphasis.

John Piper addressed the issue of adherence to core Gospel beliefs this way: “I am thankful that God is willing to save us even when our grasp of the gospel may be partial or defective. None of us has a comprehensive or perfect grasp of it. Nevertheless, God’s mercy is not a warrant to neglect or deny precious truths, especially those that are at the heart of how we get right with God.”

## Why sports?

Grayson Quay  
News Editor

As I put the finishing touches on my March Madness bracket, which I based solely on which mascot I think would win in a fight, I found one question occupying my mind: why do people care so much about sports?

It blows my mind that there is a 24-hour news station devoted solely to sports. Surely sports must carry some sort of immense societal significance to justify this.

They certainly provide an example of hard work, sacrifice, struggle and victory. We venerate sports heroes the same way we venerate war heroes, only in sports nobody has to die. In “The Birth of Tragedy,” Friedrich Nietzsche argued that civilized man needs a sort of primal purification to keep him sane. Perhaps the physical struggle involved in sports provides a vicarious form of that outlet for the average American male who no longer has to stalk saber-toothed tigers with a stone-tipped spear.

I have no problem with playing sports. Playing sports is good exercise and, if it is a team sport, teaches valuable lessons about camaraderie, teamwork and grace under pressure. Watching sports, however, is just sitting on your couch watching other people exercise.

Don’t get me wrong. Sports are entertaining. I would gladly sit down, munch on some wings and watch a game with you. I might even get carried away cheering for Pittsburgh’s teams. I’ve been to plenty of football and baseball games and have enjoyed every one of them.

But that’s all they are – entertainment. There’s a reason sports is just one of the five sections The Collegian covers. It does not bother me that people watch ESPN. It bothers me that people watch ESPN instead of the real news. Many of the people who can go on for hours about their team’s roster and draft prospects are the same people who can’t tell you who their two U.S. Senators are or discuss an upcoming election with any degree of intelligence. This is in spite of the fact that Bob Casey and Pat Toomey affect their lives far more than all of the Pittsburgh Steelers combined.

“But,” you object, clutching your latest copy of Sports Illustrated to your chest while simultaneously updating your Fantasy roster, “am I not entitled to my hobby? What about E! News? That’s just as useless.”

“Well,” I would respond as I sip merlot and coolly flip through The New Yorker, “Yes and no.” E! News wastes a lot of time on the trivialities of the lives of the Hollywood elite, which is a more female-targeted brand of the same escapism that sports offers. I watch E! News about as much as I watch SportsCenter (almost never) and I can mock the Kardashians with the best of them, but I would still make the argument that a 24-hour news channel devoted to the film industry makes more sense than one devoted to sports.

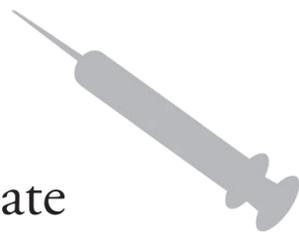
Films, unlike sports, are art. Many films are bad art, but a society is defined by the art it produces, be it good or bad. We still read “Antigone,” but nobody remembers who won the foot race at the Greek Olympics in 506 B.C. It matters much more which film won the Academy Award for Best Picture than it does who won the Super Bowl.

Sports matter only to the degree that we pretend they matter. We make them a symbol for community or national pride, or into a source of inspiration, or into a common interest around which to gather with friends. Patriotism, inspiration, and camaraderie are inherently valuable, and if sports can engender those qualities, that’s great.

What bothers me is when people treat sports as though they are inherently valuable. When we see Congress wasting time holding hearings on the MLB’s steroid scandal, when we see a spike in domestic violence in England when their national team gets knocked out of the World Cup, and when we find ourselves covering up child molestation and rape for the sake of a college football program, then we have made an idol of sports. We have ceased to value them for the good things they bring and have started to treat them as though they had intrinsic worth.

## Shots fired

State policies are the solution in the vaccine debate



Rachel Martin  
Contributing Writer

On February 2, the Washington Post published an article making it clear that in the 2016 race for president, vaccine policy will be a topic of debate in the GOP. With the measles outbreak that originated in California and infected 170 people across the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control, it seems that everyone is talking about it. Currently, most vaccinations are given to children, many of which are delivered before a child turns seven. Vaccination decisions are made by a child’s parents.

Presently, both federal and state government play a limited role, with the state only mandating vaccines for public school students. However, a loophole exist in state regulations. Vaccination requirements can be waived with a physician’s note explaining why the vaccine was not given.

Some parents avoid immunization for their children because of feared side effects. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 acknowledges that vaccine deaths and injuries are possible and provides finan-

cial compensation for those affected. That said, the majority of reactions and side effects to vaccines are mild and often present themselves in the form of swelling at the injection site and a slight fever.

In recent years, parents refused vaccines for fear of a theory that vaccines increase the risk of autism spectrum disorders. As of 2014, of the children born in the United States in 2002, 1 in every 68 has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. One of the theorized causes of autism is a preservative that was commonly found in vaccinations, known as thimerosal. In 2001, this preservative was removed from, or reduced to trace amounts in, all childhood vaccines. The CDC is continually doing research in the theory that vaccinations could cause autism, but presently has not found a correlation.

Because of this lack of correlation, some have called for the federal government to force parents to vaccinate their children. A federal policy on vaccination is unwarranted. Expanding vaccination policy to a federal issue complicates an already well-working system. The United States has always

been a society that prides itself on liberty and adding a vaccination requirement removes a family’s right to decide what is best for their personal situation. It could also set a potentially dangerous precedent that would allow the federal government to make blanket healthcare requirements in other areas of life as well. If vaccination is something that citizens feel is important, they should focus their efforts on producing accurate information and distributing it effectively to parents, not on creating a federal law.

State policies deal well with vaccination and most children today are vaccinated. The current policy is the best of both worlds. On one hand, states such as Pennsylvania have vaccination requirements for public education all the way through the university level, giving incentive to parents to keep their children healthy. On the other, the current system allows for families with religious conflicts or health concerns to handle these in the small circle of their local school districts, pediatricians and themselves.

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## A season to be proud of

### Wolverines never quit despite first round tournament loss

**Joe Setyon**  
*Sports Editor*

Prior to spring break the Grove City men's basketball team dropped in the first round of the PAC Tournament against second-seeded Waynesburg. Even though it ended somewhat earlier than the team might have hoped, the team can and should take several positives from its 2014-2015 campaign.

The Wolverines came into the PAC Tournament having struggled in their past several regular season games. They had lost four in a row and six of their past seven. On this night, though, Grove City came to play.

After the first half, it was very close, with Waynesburg clinging to a 22-21 lead. The Wolverines came back to tie it later in the second half, and after a late Waynesburg run, hit more clutch shots to make it very close in the final minutes. However, Waynesburg was able to hit foul shots down the stretch, sealing a 53-45 win.

For the game, Grove City shot 41 percent from the floor, compared to 42.4 percent by Waynesburg. Grove City converted just four out of eight free throws, while Waynesburg made 17 of 21.

Senior guards Mitch Marmelstein and J.T. Schwartz were Grove City's highest scorers, each scoring 15 for the game. Meanwhile, Schwartz added on five rebounds and five assists, contributing to an overall solid effort.

Several days after the game both Marmelstein and Schwartz were named to All-PAC teams, Marmelstein on the Second Team and Schwartz as an honorable mention.

It is obvious that both players were deserving. Schwartz was second on the team in scoring (9.9 ppg) and assists (61). He shot over 45 percent from the floor for the season, including nearly 39% from three.

At the same time, Marmelstein cemented his status as one the greatest players in Grove City College men's

basketball history. He averaged 15.4 ppg, which led the team, and added 66 total assists. His .410 clip from three point range was outrageous, as well as his 46 percent field goal rate.

Looking forward to next year, both Marmelstein and Schwartz, as well as forward Brian Giesler, will be departing the team as graduating seniors.

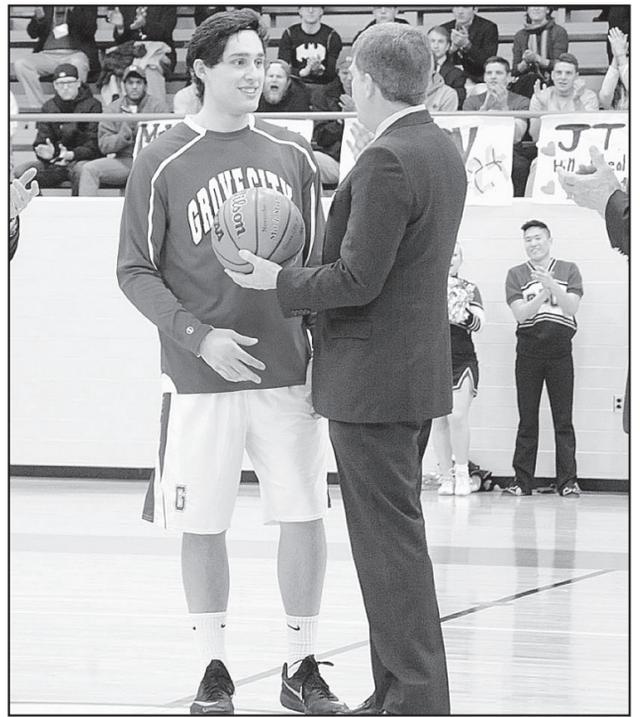
Next season now-junior Caleb Knudsen and sophomore-to be Corey Huff will be key contributors. This year Knudsen was the third-leading scorer for his team, averaging 8.2 ppg to go along with 7.3 rebounds per game and 83 total assists. He should be a huge force on both sides of the ball.

Corey Huff also has a bright future. The freshman averaged 6.3 ppg, fifth on the team, in limited minutes. However, he got the most out of his opportunity, and impressed with his ability to shoot a high percentage from the floor.

Without a doubt, the Wolverines will have a different

looking team next year. This does not have to be a bad thing, though. Key players have already shown that they can produce at a high level,

and new freshman talent will arrive to make their marks. There is a light at the end of the tunnel for the Wolverines, and it is not far off.



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With Grove City's semi-final loss to Thomas More, Mitch Marmelstein concluded his collegiate career.

## Spotlight on Pittsburgh

### Steelers' offseason leaves unanswered questions

**Connor Lowe**  
*Staff Writer*

This 2015 off-season has yet to reveal many rewards for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Going into the off-season the Steelers looked poised to bring in a solid class of free agents. Sitting at around \$11 million under the salary cap, the Steelers have much more spending money than they're used to, as they are typically right up against the cap.

One of the most important aspects that the Steelers looked to improve upon is the defense. Uncharacteristic of the typical Steelers defense, they ranked in the bottom half of the league in both yards allowed and points against.

Already in the off-season the Steelers parted ways with beloved veteran defensive end Brett "Da Beard" Keisel. The reasoning here

is that he is too old and injury-prone to be a reliable asset to the Steelers defense. Moreover, his release frees up a lot of cap money for Pittsburgh.

A similar situation is happening with long time treasured safety Troy Polamalu. Polamalu is unsure on whether or not he wants to retire, but the Steelers are hoping he does because right now he represents a big cap hit, a value the Steelers front office no longer believes he is worth. If Polamalu decides not to retire there is no conceivable way the Steelers don't part ways with him.

A surprise from this off-season that left the NFL community scratching their heads is the retirement of former Steelers linebacker Jason Worilds. Worilds played five seasons for the Steelers and likely could have made \$15 million in guaran-



teed money had he signed a long-term contract. According to Worilds, he wanted to "pursue other interests" and no longer felt the same way about the game.

Despite being one of the quietest teams so far this off-season, the Steelers did manage to sign former Carolina running back DeAngelo Williams to a two year contract. Williams, who only rushed for 219 yards on 63 carries, has shown he has big play ability in the

past and should pair nicely with Le'Veon Bell, who will be serving a two game suspension for a DUI he received in 2014.

The only other notable move the Steelers have made so far this off-season is the contract restructuring of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Roethlisberger signed a five-year deal a week ago that could be worth \$108 million dollars.

The deal should allow Roethlisberger to play the rest of his career with the Steelers. As for the other needs, specifically on the defense and in the secondary, the team will need to address those concerns with what remains in the free agency and in the NFL draft on Apr. 30.

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## Outdoor Track and Field

### After first indoor season in history, men's team ready to compete outside

**Jonathan Anderson**  
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The Grove City College Men's Track and Field team is hoping to build on the successes of their first indoor season as they gear up for the upcoming outdoor season.

The indoor season, which consisted of five events, culminated when the Wolverines finished 6th at the PAC Indoor Championships on Feb. 26. While the team was unable to win the event, they were able to gain valuable experience competing in it for the first time in the program's history. Several members also tasted individual success, as sophomore Nick Betz placed first in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.42 seconds, and freshman Graham Allen won the 800 with a time of 1:57.45. Both times established new meet records, and Betz qualified for the ECAC Division III Indoor Championships where he placed 8th with a time of 8.52 seconds.

The indoor season left the team with a good idea of how

they compare against the competition.

"The team competed well against the other colleges, and things look promising for the outdoor season," freshman Quaide Simek, who runs the 400 meter dash, said.

The outdoor season will begin Mar. 21 at the California, Pa., Early Bird Invitational one day after spring officially begins.

Like everyone else in Grove City, the Wolverines are hoping that spring will bring warm weather and sun if only to melt the snow and ice that has been holding the Thorn Field track hostage for the past four months.

"You can only do so much when training indoors," Simek said. "I think the team will see major improvements once we begin training on the track."

The outdoor season will consist of seven events, with the PAC Outdoor Championships being held April 24 through 25 before the season ends with the Grove City Family Weekend Invitational on May 1. The team

will put in a lot of training before then, in the hopes that they will be able to stack up against the competition when the meets finally arrive. Junior Brandon Ward, who participates in the 4x400 relay, is ready for the challenge.

"The practices and training are worth it. Especially as part of a four person relay team, you feel a responsibility towards your teammates, and you don't want to let them down," Ward said.

That sense of camaraderie will be important as the Wolverines look to improve upon their team results during the indoor season. As the year unfolds, no matter the outcome of a meet, the team will take encouragement from each other.

"My favorite thing about participating in Men's Track and Field is the community that we have created," Simek said. "I have never competed on a varsity level with men who are still focused on Christ during practice and their events, and so it has been an awesome experience being a member of the team."



## Support Your Wolverines!

### Men's tennis

Friday, at Westminster, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, at Saint Vincent, 12:30 p.m.

### Varsity Water Polo

Friday, at CWPA DIII Weekend-Monmouth (vs Macalester 2:20 p.m., vs Utica 6:20 p.m.)

Saturday, at CWPA DIII Weekend-Monmouth (vs Carthage 1 p.m., vs Monmouth 7:30 p.m.)

Sunday, at CWPA DIII Weekend-Monmouth (vs Connecticut, 11:40 a.m.)

### Baseball

Friday, at Waynesburg, 3 p.m.

Saturday, vs Waynesburg, 1 p.m. (DH)

Tuesday, at Geneva, 1 p.m. (DH)

### Softball

Saturday, vs Hiram, 1 pm

Wednesday, vs Allegheny, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, at Penn State-Beaver, 3 p.m.

# Coming through in the clutch

Women's basketball team rides streak through first two games of PAC Tournament

Joe Setyon  
Sports Editor

On Jan. 31 after a 69-64 loss to Waynesburg the Grove City women's basketball team had fallen to a season-worst five games under the .500 mark. In many respects, the team was dead in the water, and two games prior, had suffered a 45 point loss at the hands of conference powerhouse Thomas More.

From there the season seemed to take a complete 180 degree turn. The Wolverines went on to win six out of their next seven regular season games and went into the PAC Tournament with high hopes. They would not disappoint.

In their first game against 8-seeded Thiel, the Wolverines came away with a 66-46 victory. It was a great all around team effort. Even though only junior Kathryn Erbeliding scored in double digits (10 points), five players scored more than 7 points. Moreover, sophomore Teresa Dallatore added four rebounds and six assists.

The Wolverines followed up this encouraging game with a 65-57 victory against



TIM SOFRANKO

Junior forward Kathryn Erbeliding drives past a Thomas More defender in PAC semi-finals.

fourth-seeded Waynesburg. Three players scored in double digits this time: Erbeliding led all scorers with 20 points and added nine rebounds and three steals; Senior Cayley McClean had 13 points; and senior Kelsey Shirey had a double-double (16 points, 10 rebounds).

Despite their momentum, the Wolverines ran into a wall when they faced top-seeded Thomas More in

the conference semi-finals. Grove City dropped a 92-43 decision. Even in the loss, though, Erbeliding scored 16 points, while freshman Lexie Arkwright finished her impressive campaign with a 10 point effort.

After the season, two Wolverines were named to All-PAC teams. Kathryn Erbeliding became the first Grove City player to receive First Team honors. Moreover, she

received the PAC Defensive POY Award. Her statistics for the year were outrageous and included an average of 15.3 ppg, 7.7 rpg and 95 steals (a school record). All of these numbers led the team.

Senior Kelsey Shirey had a fantastic year as well. She was Grove City's second leading scorer (10.8 ppg) and was third on the team in rebounding (4 rpg). These stats helped her to earn a second

consecutive Honorable Mention. Shirey finishes off her Grove City career on multiple top-20 lists, including second place all-time in three pointers made (131) and thirteenth all-time in points (933).

Looking forward, Grove City will graduate seniors Shirey, McClean and Brandy Nickoloff. However, Kathryn Erbeliding will still play a huge role in leading next year's team.

Also vital to the Wolverines' future is freshman Lexie Arkwright. She averaged just about 7 ppg this year, as well as 5 rpg. Moreover, her 62 steals were second only to Erbeliding's 95.

Other players will be important too, including sophomores Jackie Stewart, Teresa Dallatore, and junior Natalija Galens. The Wolverines are keeping many of their key pieces, which will have a positive effect on the team next year. If they display the same confidence and unbreakable spirit that they showed this year, 2015-2016 should be an even better year for the Wolverines.

## Coming on strong

Spring trip holds promise for team

Thomas Kutz  
Staff Writer

The Grove City College baseball team got off to a decent start on their spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. After dropping their first three games of the trip, the team rebounded to win four of its next five on their way to a trip near the .500 mark. The Wolverines averaged 4.6 runs per game, including 10 runs in a loss to the College of Staten Island.

Senior infielder Josh Hodges led the Wolverines with seven RBI and an impressive .394 average. Freshman Drew Landis proved he can be an asset, starting all ten games while batting .333 and gathering 12 hits in 10 games, second to only Hodges' 13. Sophomore catcher/outfielder Nolan Myers posted nine hits of his own and a couple of stolen bases with a perfect fielding percentage in his 10 starts.

Freshman Tyler Graham showed his wheels on the bases, successfully stole all four bases that he attempted, and gathered several RBIs as well. Moreover, Travis Royer came up with several clutch extra base hits, which drove in six runs for the Wolverines.

Senior ace pitcher Mason Stephens proved he belonged with 12 innings of workman-like numbers. Stephen's 1.50 ERA bested all Wolverine pitchers. Stephens allowed just two earned runs and two walks to his 10 strikeouts. He also did not allow an extra base hit and tossed a com-



DAVE MILLER

Senior starting pitcher Mason Stephens struck out 10 men over 12 innings in the Wolverines' spring trip.

plete game. His impressive spring break shows that the Wolverines can contend with anyone, especially with Stephens on the mound.

Sophomores Ben Finlan and Drew Taylor also won games for the Wolverines, throwing 10 and 11 innings respectively. Opponents batted just .216 off of Finlan, but gathered seven runs off of eight hits to boost his ERA, despite his strong outings.

Jimmy Palmer, no relation to the NCIS Medical Examiner, closed the door for a couple of saves, not allowing a hit in four innings of work with three strikeouts. Chris Curran and Anthony Marnejon were also key in relief for the Wolverines, posting a 1.80 and 2.57 ERA in five and

seven innings, respectively.

Cam Lawson also tossed six innings of solid work, starting and winning one game and scattering five hits matching five strikeouts in his six innings of work. The sophomore's trip shows promise from his injury recovery, and he will definitely be a key part of the Wolverines' success this season.

The team's .299 BA and 4.6 runs per game show that they can perform well at the plate. Consistency there and from the pitching staff will be the difference this year for the Wolverines. The team will return home after two road games for a double-header against Waynesburg at 1:00 p.m. on March 21.

## Fast start

Softball team off to good beginning

Thomas Kutz  
Staff Writer

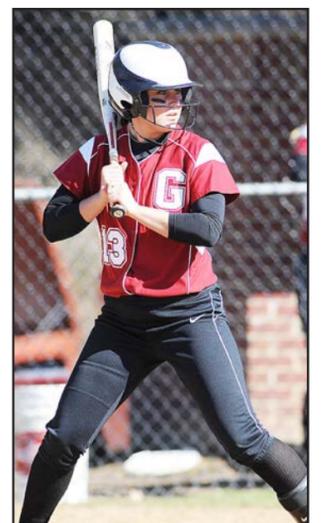
The Grove City College women's softball team (6-3) set the stage for an exciting season with an outstanding spring trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. The trip featured both a game won by mercy rule and a game won in extra innings, both against the same team. That two-game sweep of Neumann, Pa. was part of a four-game winning streak in the midst of the trip.

Great pitching anchored the Wolverines, with sophomores Erika Aughton and Katie Watts each going 3-1 and throwing 31 and 30 innings, respectively. Aughton posted a 1.81 ERA in her six appearances, including four starts — all complete games, including two shutouts. Opponents hit just .248 as she fanned 11 batters from the circle.

Watts was equally as impressive, posting a 2.33 ERA in five starts, including three complete games. Watts held batters to a .270 average and struck out sixteen. The pitchers' 2.07 ERA to their opponents 3.67 ERA has been the difference so far for the Wolverines.

The team was not quiet at the plate, scoring 44 runs in their 9 games for an average of roughly 4.9 runs per game. The Wolverines saw many contributors on the plate, including sophomore Alaina Kunselman and freshman phenom Breanna Lent, who posted matching .368 batting averages and batted in six and three runs, respectively.

Senior Kelsey Shirey was perhaps the biggest factor though for the Wolverines, driving in nine runs on eight hits, including two doubles and a home run. Aughton showed she could hit too, hammering five doubles and



DAVE MILLER

Senior short stop Kelsey Shirey became the all-time hits leader in team history.

driving in four runs while hitting .346 on the trip. Aughton's fielding percentage was perfect on the trip as well.

The Wolverines certainly performed well as a whole, with 11 players contributing RBI and five players batting .300 or better. Each player who fielded also had a fielding percentage above .800, which undoubtedly contributed to bettering their opponents by 17 runs on the trip.

The Wolverines have not seen as good of a start as 6-3 in over a decade. The team has already won half of the games it did all of last season before conference play has even begun. The team has also come out strong in the wake of a 2015 PAC coaches' poll, which voted Grove City to finish eighth out of ten teams in the conference.

The impressive trip to Myrtle Beach may be indicative of things to come. The women will host Hiram on March 21 at 1:00 p.m. and Allegheny at 3:30 p.m. on March 25 before opening up conference play on the road on March 28.



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