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Ed profs react to gun violence

Cat Anderson
News Editor

As survivors of the school shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School protest against gun violence and call for reform,

professors in Grove City College's Education Department are training future teachers to deal with similar crises.

Grove City College is teaching its Education majors to handle situations that pose a poten-

tial threat to them and their students in future workplaces.

Dr. Constance Nichols, the Education Department chair, believes the department's curriculum prepares students for possible

shootings. She said, "Gun violence is just one area under the larger topic of school safety that all teacher candidates learn about. This includes teaching pre-service teachers the importance of profession-

al responsibilities such as undergoing training in child abuse and mandated reporter training, passing criminal background checks and professionalism in cultivating relationships with students, parents and

community members." Dr. Linda Culbertson teaches a senior capstone course, "Issues in Education," which focuses on important matters educators face

EDUCATION 2

March brings more daylight



ANDREW STEIN

The Hall of Arts and Letters seen from Breen Student Union on a snowy morning.

Ministries professor welcomed

Cat Anderson
News Editor

Professor Duffy Robbins, an acclaimed author, speaker and educator, will join Grove City College's faculty next semester as a professor of Christian Ministries.



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He will leave his post as professor of youth ministry at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. to educate Grove City students in service and ministry.

"The addition of Dr. Robbins to our academic team is a major

boost to our new Christian Ministries major," President Paul J. McNulty '80 said. "We are thrilled that a person of his stature has chosen Grove City College to continue to inspire and train the next generation of leaders in youth ministry. His teaching and leadership experience will be a tremendous asset as we strive to be the best Christian liberal arts college in America."

With over forty years of experience, Professor Robbins has written several books on training students for work in professional ministry,

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VentureLab takes nine hopefuls

Rio Arias
Perspectives Editor

Grove City College is known for being an institution that prepares its students to be successful after graduation, through both academics and unique opportunities available to students during their time here.

The VentureLab program, sponsored by the Center of Entrepreneurship + Innovation, is no exception.

The VentureLab program is one of the resources available to individuals or teams across all majors, including entrepreneurship, philosophy, economics and computer information systems. It allows students to create and develop unique ideas under professional guidance and eventually create a marketable product that could attract investors in the real world.

This start-up training connects teams to advisors and funding

within the college, as well as the community at large. These groups are then advised by industry-specific experts, normally professors or alumni, who serve as mentors throughout the process.

Offering advice such as making motions to get patents, marketing on social media or contacting the Grove City community for support, these mentors are invaluable consulting services for students free of charge.

Each group also has the opportunity to apply for grant funding to help kick-start their ideas, much like research grants. Upon completion of a vetting process, students are eligible to access funding through VentureLab to further develop and create ideas.

These young entrepreneurs then also have the chance to compete in the VentureLab Battle, where they market

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America mourns Billy Graham

Jonathan Skee
Staff Writer

Reverend Billy Graham, often hailed as one of the most influential and iconic religious figures of the past century, passed away from natural causes at the age of 99.

On March 2, thousands of guests, includ-

ing President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and dozens of religious figures from 50 countries, gathered to honor Graham at his funeral



GRAHAM

at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C.

Days earlier, Graham became the fourth private citizen in history to lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Graham had profound impact upon the Grove City College community.

"Rev. Graham was a unique and powerful figure in the 20th century Evangelical move-

ment," President Paul J. McNulty '80 said.

"Though Rev. Graham was a Wheaton man, he had a great appreciation of Grove City College. On a personal level, I've been struck by the stories of Graham's humility in the face of opposition and his courageous articu-

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in schools today. While some topics change each semester, Professor Culbertson's students have consistently discussed and debated gun violence and zero tolerance for several terms. As someone who personally experienced the effects of gun violence as a teacher in the General McLane School District, Professor Culbertson is motivated to tell her story to future educators.

"I remember the experience like it was yesterday, and still have a difficult time sharing what happened with my students without becoming emotional in class," she said. "I make myself share the experience with future teachers because it is real.

"Too often, we see students and teachers running from a building and think, 'That's someplace far away.' I tell my students that I felt that way too until suddenly I was glued to my TV screen and those students running from the building were those I had in



Citizens of Parkland, Florida, express their condolences following the tragedy that occurred Feb. 17.

class. Those teachers were colleagues I respected. Going through that experience in my school district changed the community and it changed me.

"I want my students to be armed with information," Professor Culbertson said. "I want them to know that I came through that experience with a deeper

love for the importance of my profession. I want them to know that even though we hear that God has been removed from public schools, He never left."

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themselves to alumni who act as investors and give real critique or praise of ideas.

These investors then award money on a case-by-case basis to the best ideas that they would invest in if the VentureLab Battle were a real-world investment pitch. \$20,000 in prize money is available, and projects can earn anywhere from \$250 to over \$5,000. Prize money does not have to be put towards the project itself and can be used as scholarship money or extra personal savings for students.

Last year, the winner of the VentureLab Battle was "PeeWee Packs," a product co-founded by Ross Harrington and Hannah Vaccaro. It is a potty-training aid created for both boys and girls that focuses on encouraging toddlers to use the bathroom throughout the entirety of the potty training process.

Marketing their product as the solution to the lack of motivation to use the bathroom, the main problem related to potty training, Harrington and Vaccaro created a biodegradable sheet that floats in the toilet and changes colors when it comes in contact with urine. Allowing a surprise of both shapes and colors displayed on the sheet each time it is used, it creates a unique experience and reward for young learners. This idea so impressed judges and investors that it won \$8,500.

This year, nine hopeful teams will compete to develop or improve ideas that would sell in the real world and to have the chance to win prize money. Representing students from seniors to sophomores, both veterans to the

Meet the teams of VentureLab

Cajons – Andrew Graber '20, an Entrepreneurship major from Atglen, Pa., wants to sell handmade wooden drums called cajons, which are designed and crafted by musicians and artists in Nashville, Tenn.

Chute! – Stephen Weaver '19, an Entrepreneurship major from Milwaukee, Wisc., Levi Roberts '19, an Entrepreneurship major from Clarks Mills, Pa., and Boyce Cubarney '19, an Entrepreneurship major from Zelienople, Pa., propose a social business venture directly helping veterans by transforming military surplus into outdoor products.

Graphite – Samuel Kenney '18, a Computer Science major from Pottstown, Pa.; Madeline Williams '18, an Entrepreneurship major from Kailua, Hawaii; Austin Zick '18, an English major from San Diego, Ca., and Keith Meikrantz '18, a Mechanical Engineering major from Waxhaw, N.C., are working on a durable and unique tool for engineering and math students that aids in the drawing of clean and accurate sketches and graphs on homework and notes.

Humanitree – Jared Grace '18, a Computer Information Systems major from Ocala, Fla., Christian Talbot '18, a Computer Information

Systems major from Collegeville, Pa., Mona Ni '18, an Electrical Engineering major from Berwick, Pa., Noah Newell '18, a Computer Science major from Saratoga, N.Y., and Chrystian Rajchel '18, a Computer Science major from Harmony, Pa., are working on a social network for social betterment that makes it easy for nonprofits to publicize community projects so that people can find, share, volunteer, and support.

Mended Sock Co. – Sophia Stangebye '20, an Entrepreneurship major from Roswell, N.M., Laura Williams '20, an Exercise Science major from Kailua, Hawaii, Alex Bailey '20, an Entrepreneurship major from Sinclairville, N.Y., Caroline Parker '20, an Entrepreneurship major from Durango, Colo., and Alex Halton '20, an Entrepreneurship major from Colorado Springs, Colo., have created a socially-minded e-commerce business that sells cute and cozy socks online, of which a portion of the profits will support A21, an anti-human trafficking organization.

PeeWee Packs – Hannah Vaccaro '18, an Entrepreneurship major from Merrimack, N.H., is working on a potty training incentive that prompts toddlers to use the toilet through color-changing, picture-

revealing cards.

Téamo Organic Tea – Edgar Mark Sotomayor '20, an Entrepreneurship major from Butler, Pa., and Ryan Budnik '19, a Business Management major from Grove City, Pa., are selling "some pretty bomb organic tea" to raise funds to plant trees in Haiti. (read more Téamo on p. 3)

Trajectory – Daniel Toney '18, a Computer Science major from Elkins, W.Va., Jeremy Bost '18, a Computer Science major from Pfafftown, N.C.; Andrew Vogel '18, a Computer Information Systems major from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Sam Casteel '18, a Computer Science major from Springfield, Va. are working on an iOS app to facilitate personal growth by connecting mentors to mentees in organizations like churches and college groups.

VoterIQ – Tyler Gustafson '20, a Political Science major from Shippensburg, Pa., Ethan Fry '19, an Economics major from Mansfield, Pa., and Benjamin Tobias '19, an Entrepreneurship major from Davisburg, Mich., are developing an app to inform voters with up-to-date, non-partisan information about politicians' voting records.

competition and newcomers, they will all aspire to create something lasting.

Sophomore Alexandria Bailey spoke about her product, saying "My team and I are working on Mended Sock Co., an e-commerce business that sells comfy socks.

We are joining the fight against slavery by making a contribution to the anti-human trafficking movement with every pair purchased."

"The great thing about VentureLab is that we have mentors guiding us every step of the way; we wouldn't be

able to have this kind of help in any other situation," Bailey continued. "There are people with lots of experience and knowledge who are willing to answer any question we have about business, and who are continually pushing us to the next level."

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lation of the Bible."

Dr. Stanley Keehlwetter, the outgoing Dean of Chapel, also commented on Graham passing, calling himself "a life-long admirer of Billy Graham."

Graham spoke at Grove City College on numerous occasions and maintained close friendship with J. Howard Pew, a long-time Board Chair of the College.

"In response to the doctrinal drift of the mainline protestant denominations, Rev. Graham joined forces with GCC's long-time Board Chair J. Howard Pew and other Christian leaders in establishing a strong gospel-focused voice," McNulty said.

"Graham was deeply appreciative of Mr. Pew's generous support for the cause of Christ."

Over the course of his nearly 70-year career as an evangelical leader, Graham preached to nearly 215 million people in live audiences in 185 countries—more than any other person in history—and hundreds of millions more reached by his television, radio, and literary publications.

He also counseled a dozen U.S. Presidents, from Harry Truman to Donald Trump.

Additionally, Graham is recognized as the most consistently admired person in modern American history, appearing in Gallup's "Ten Most Admired Men in the World" survey a whopping 61 times since 1955.

Another Gallup poll found that, in 2005, 85 percent of Americans said they had seen Graham on television at some point in their lives, 52 percent had heard him on the radio and 16 percent reported having seen him in person.

Once called "America's Pastor" and "The Pope of Protestant America," Graham was born on Nov. 7, 1918, in Charlotte, N.C. As a young man, he attended the Florida Bible Institute and was ordained in a Southern Baptist Convention church in 1939.

Afterwards, he enrolled in Wheaton College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology. While

there, he met his wife, Ruth McCue Bell. They married in 1943 and eventually raised five children.

Graham's evangelical career took off in 1949, when a group called "Christ for Greater Los Angeles" invited Graham to preach at their L.A. revival.

Graham's charismatic preaching attracted large crowds and dozens of media networks, causing the revival to be extended for an additional five weeks and thrusting Graham into the national spotlight.

He subsequently became widely known for his Christian "crusades" that filled up venues wherever he went.

To satisfy the growing demand for his wisdom, Graham founded the Billy Graham Evangelical Association (BGEA) and began broadcasting sermons over radio to 1,200 stations across America.

His radio program was eventually converted into a television program, which ran for three years.

BGEA was also responsible for publishing the magazines Christianity Today and Decision. Graham himself authored numerous books, including "Angels: God's Secret Agents" (1975), "How to be Born Again" (1979), "Death and the Life After" (1994), and "The Journey: Living by Faith in an Uncertain World" (2006).

In 2005, Graham retired and his son, William Franklin Graham III, took over his ministry.

Graham made his final message to America in a video entitled "My Hope America" in 2014, in which he expressed concern for the spiritual health of the country.

"Our country's in great need of a spiritual awakening," he said. "There have been times that I've wept as I've gone from city to city and I've seen how far people have wandered from God."

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including "Youth Ministry Nuts and Bolts: Mastering Ministry behind the Scenes" and "This Way to Youth Ministry: An Introduction to Adventure."

Considering his experience in ministry, Robbins presence will especially benefit Grove City students involved in on-campus ministries like the Student Mission Fellowship and Young Life.

He is also known as a gifted speaker, having delivered powerful messages about Christianity and ministry to teenage audiences

worldwide.

McNulty expects Robbins' various talents to positively impact the new major and the college as a whole. "Our goal is to equip students with the wisdom to discern their unique callings and serve the common good," McNulty said. "With God's help, we pray that Dr. Robbins and the Christian Ministries program at Grove City College will continue to grow and thrive in new and exciting dimensions."

Téamo teas for trees

Sophomore's successful start-up sells homemade tea and now donates trees to improve Haitian environment

Emi England
Staff Writer

Mark Sotomayor, a sophomore entrepreneurship major, has been passionate about Peruvian tea and business his whole life.

In September 2017 he combined the two, and started Téamo (meaning "I love you" in Spanish). Téamo produces Peruvian tea based on his grandmother's recipe. He has been drinking this tea all his life and has never stopped loving it. As an entrepreneurship major, his next step, naturally, was to sell it.

He began by sampling the tea and making alterations based on customer suggestions. Eventually, he gained access to a commercial kitchen out of which he could make and sell his product.

Sotomayor repeatedly mentions how exponentially helpful his mom has been for the business saying, "I never could have done it without my mom." On top of their partnership, he has gotten help from Scott Powell, Professor of Entrepreneurship, and Yvonne English, Executive Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Junior Ryan Budnik



MARK SOTOMAYOR

Mark Sotomayor (right) started Téamo, a business based on his family-recipe tea. Sotomayor, drawing on his grandmother's recipe, sought to combine his two passions: tea and entrepreneurship.

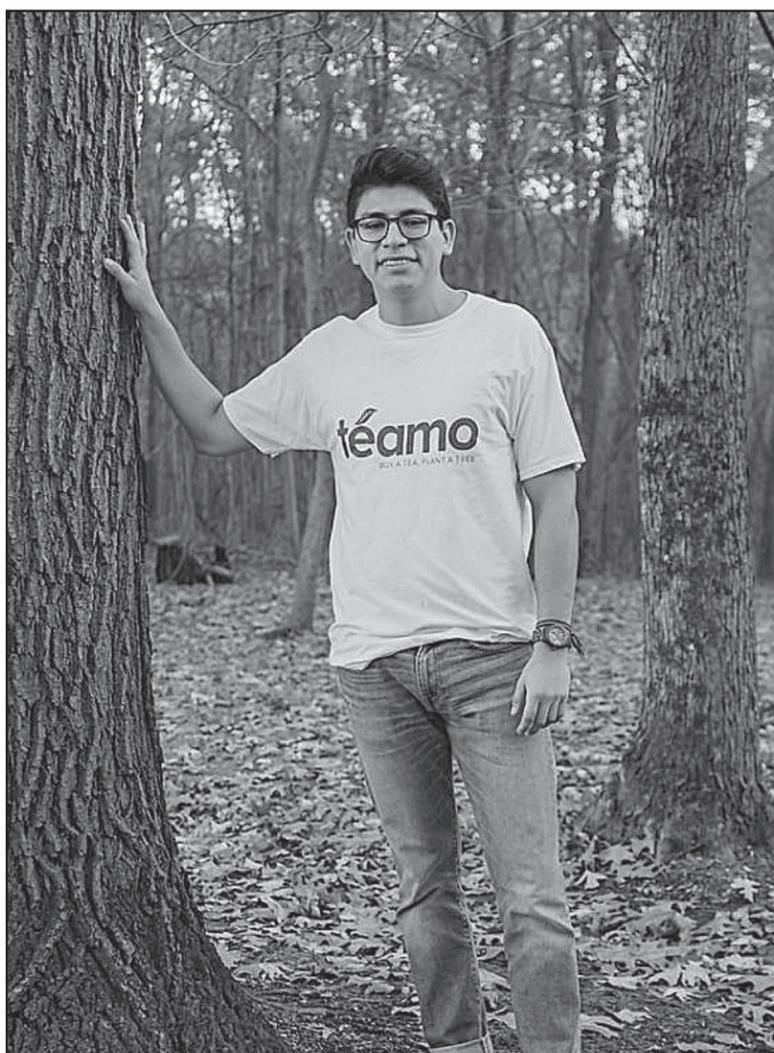
has also helped get the business going.

At his first fair, Sotomayor was approached by Edward Rosson, an associate of Haiti Friends. Rosson told Sotomayor about their reforestation project and Sotomayor wanted in on the gig. They applied for a grant and now, every time a bottle of Téamo is bought, forty cents of the profit goes towards planting a tree, thus, Téamo is dedicated to "raising the funds to plant trees in Haiti by selling some bomb tea" as seen on the labels on their bottles.

Téamo's slogan "buy a tea, plant a tree" came from this project. Sotomayor said, "I wanted Téamo to have a deeper purpose so that I would remain motivated and [it] would be easier to sell." Haiti is 60 percent impoverished and 70 percent deforested. As the trees disappear, the land transforms faster and faster into a desert.

The trees planted in Haiti due to the tea that is sold will create shade, which will benefit the ground there. They will attract more animals and will provide food for the people living there.

Sotomayor's business has grown and has now sold just over 2,000 bottles of his tea and that means just over 2,000 trees have been



planted in Haiti. Sotomayor has also planned a trip to Haiti to show how much his business has benefited Haiti. He plans to plant lots of trees and take lots of pictures.

Sotomayor quoted Gary Vaynerchuk say-

ing, "If you want to start a business, make it about your passion so that you have the drive to do it."

He has embraced that concept with Téamo and wants his consumers to be just as passionate about the tea

and the reforestation project.

The love he has for the product and the story behind it is unmistakable when he talks about the new business from the Peruvian teas right up to the Haitian trees.

Grover Life *An occasional satirical feature exploring life at Grove City*

Coffee house singer plays with thought of dropping out of school

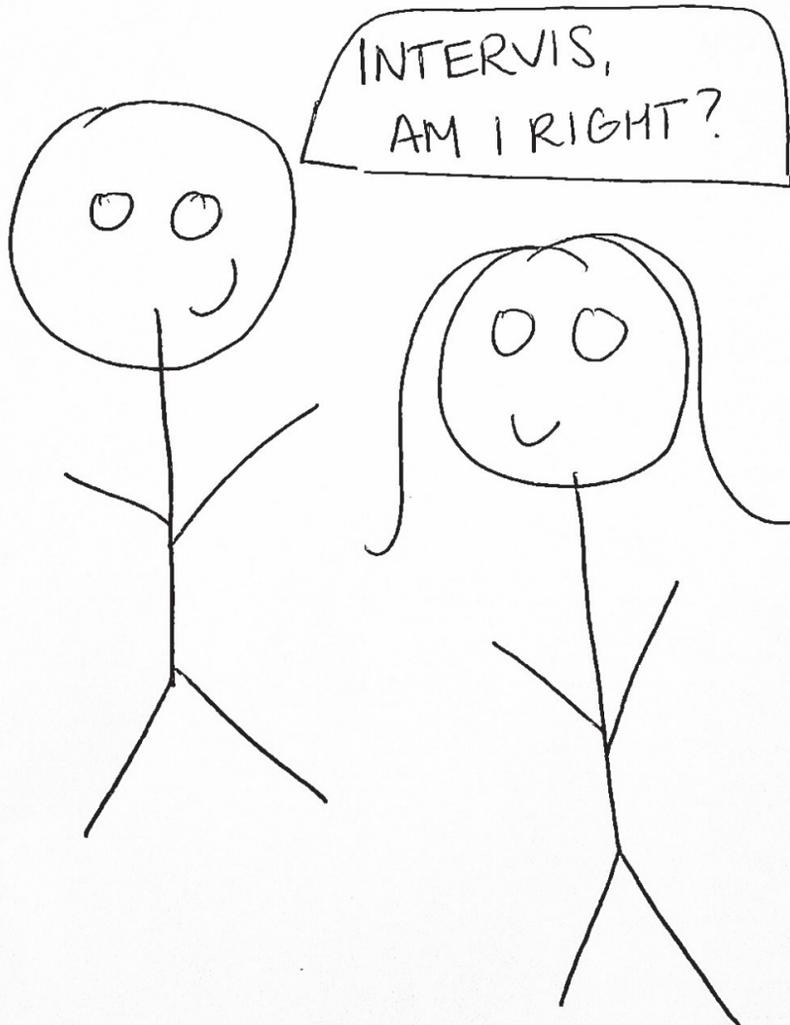
Sophomore biology major Keith Richards told us in an interview that he was "playing around with the thought of leaving GCC" and becoming a full time musician after playing at the most recent Student Government Association (SGA) coffee house.

"I was up there in front of what must have been two-dozen people going through my set. Mayer, Sheeran, Plain White Tees, the crowd was eating it up. As I was on the second verse of 'Hey There Delilah' I received a sudden epiphany: 'Maybe I'm not supposed to be here at all,' I thought, 'I should ditch this popsicle stand and pursue my calling,' thought Richards. "I

mean, biology is cool and all, but, man I feel so alive when I'm singing other people's music!"

When asked if he thought he could make it in the cut-throat music industry, Richards gave the interviewer a puzzled look and asked "Did you hear how many people were clapping?" We later discovered he was referring to the ten people in the SAC who were not distracted by their cell phones at the time of the event.

"To not pursue this would be an injustice to both myself and my fans. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to practice my bar chords," Richards said, effectively ending the interview.



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JAMES SUTHERLAND

The Collegian staff works on the newspaper each night, creating story ideas, writing the stories themselves and then editing them perfectly. The Collegian won two Keystone Press Awards for its work last year.

Grover Groups

Game with Order of St. George

Nicole Mingle
Staff Writer

Students all over campus share similar interests in entertainment, whether it be in the form of films, television, video games or board games.

The Order of St. George strives to connect people through these shared interests. At meetings, attendees are encouraged to interact using games of different formats. Students are able to play video games together in a community instead of isolated and dispersed around campus. Meetings also offer students the opportunity to take a break from their studies and participate in board game nights, something some students may miss being away from home. Not interested in playing games? Stop by to talk about films, television shows and music, or just to hang out.

It's not just all fun and games at the Order. The group also strives to give back through its annual 24-hour Game-a-thon. For a 24-hour period, participants play all types of games in order to raise money for children's hospitals. This year, the Order raised over \$3,500. Right now, the Order of St. George is planning for their annual Winterfeast event. This medieval-style banquet is open to all students on campus and will have no less than five courses.

The Order of St. George is always open to new members. If you like playing games and would like to meet others with similar interests, contact Nathan Stoner at StonerNJ1@gcc.edu.

The Collegian wins awards

The Collegian won two Student Keystone Press Awards, presented by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association (PNA), for work published in 2017.

The paper's staff captured first place honors in General News for coverage of the College's choice to have Vice President Mike Pence speak at commencement.

The newspaper's entry included stories, photos and graphics from the April 7 edition under the headline: Comm-Pencement.

Collegian Photographer Andrew Stein '18, a Business Management major from Monaca, Pa., won first place News Photo for a picture capturing the emotional celebration of members of the Wolverine football team after they won their first game in three years. The photo was published Sept. 29.

The awards "recognize student journalism that provides relevance, integrity and initiative in serving readers" and drew a record 975 entries across all categories this year, according to PNA.

Earning recognition like this is a significant achievement for The Collegian's staff, according to Collegian Adviser Nick Hildebrand.

"The Collegian exists to inform, entertain and enlighten its readers on campus and



ANDREW STEIN

From the issue published on Sept. 29., Andrew Stein wins a Keystone Press Award for his photo of the first win the football team has seen in three years.

train students in the art of ethical journalism. The newspaper is blessed to have a talented and dedicated staff that takes that mission seriously and strives to do excellent work," Hildebrand, senior editor in the College's Office of Marketing & Communications, said.

"It is gratifying to see their professional-level work recognized, especially in light of the stiff competition from colleges and universities with strong journalism programs, such as Point Park, Messiah and Duquesne. It's a real feather in Grove City College's cap."

Current Editor-in-Chief Karen Postupac '19, a Computer Infor-

mation Systems major from Export, Pa., said the awards were a vindication for the newspaper's hardworking staff.

"The best thing about The Collegian staff is their aspiration for excellence. Section editors strive for the best content and designers experiment with new layouts.

"Writers report strong stories and express well-informed opinions of various perspectives. These pieces of the puzzle have brought the newspaper to the new level in the past few years and I am beyond excited to see the work of our team be commended for the dedicated work I see ev-

ery day," Postupac said.

"It is an honor to win Keystone Student Press Awards, and I am humbled to be part of such a fantastic staff," said Managing Editor James Sutherland '20, a Political Science major from Broadlands, Va.

"It is gratifying to see the work of our student journalists and photographers rewarded and I am happy that our staff has been recognized for the great work that they do week in and week out."

The Pence story was a big one for the newspaper, which broke what became a national story online with a Facebook post that was picked up by The Associated Press and led to The Colle-

gian being cited by The New York Times.

The newspaper's staff had just days to put together a multiple story package for the print edition that included news stories on the selection of Pence and campus reaction, pro and con; point-counterpoint editorial columns; letters to the editor; and even a satire in the form of a Grover Life column.

The Collegian is produced and managed by students and published weekly by Grove City College during the academic year.

First established in 1891, the newspaper has been in regular publication since 1914.

Battle of the bathrooms

Alexander Applegate
Contributing Writer

I've often wondered what the best bathroom on campus is.

Some are bad, some are good. But which is the best?

Using my expert background in statistics (based on the five minutes I spent flipping through a textbook), I rated all the Grove City College bathrooms based on a sum of five individual scores: privacy, cleanliness, the backsplash, smell and the quality of the utilities. Each individual score was based on a five point system, with half points included, totaling 25 points. The backsplash fac-

tor is how much water is deposited onto your posterior whenever you perform a courtesy flush for someone else. Privacy is based on the presence of people inside and outside the bathroom.

My study showed that the best bathroom on campus is the Rathburn Hall restroom, with a near perfect score of 23.5. The moment I walked in, I knew it was a winner. The bathroom was clean, quiet and pleasant smelling. The toilets were superb. They had two options: a normal flush and an environmentally friendly flush that used less water, perfect for courtesy flushes. Rathburn itself is a

very quiet place, adding to the bathroom's perfect privacy score. I encountered no one upon walking into the building and out. The bathroom was the perfect temperature, not too hot, not too cold.

Brooke Knisley, our field researcher, found the STEM hall restrooms to be the best for women. They are relatively quiet and constantly clean. STEM also had the best sinks and toilets, with state-of-the-art infrared technology.

The study consistently ranked the best restrooms as those in the administrative buildings on the edges of campus. While these may be the best rest-

rooms, they are out of the reach of most students.

So, having adjusted for accessibility and location, STEM hall turned out as the best bathroom for students, male or female.

The worst bathrooms also shared similar qualities with one another, including a lack of locks on the stalls, a strong smell, and poor toilets and sinks.

The Ketler and Hicks bathrooms are, undoubtedly, the worst on campus.

The Ketler terrace bathrooms are cramped, with just one toilet and urinal shared between 8 people.

If your urinal or toilet easily clogs (mine



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does, unfortunately) it can easily flood the adjoining rooms. Any sort of smell lingers in the room for a while.

At least the Ketler stall doors lock, unlike the restrooms in Hicks.

Only one stall out of six closed, and not because the lock worked.

Some doors actually had to be wedge into the stall to close.

I want to thank the chief statistician Josh Tatum for compiling and averaging the data, and our field researcher Brooke Knisley for reviewing all of the women's restrooms.

Grovers will feud

Paige Fay
Staff Writer

The Gamma Sigma Phi sorority and CRONS housing group are hosting Grover Feud at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Crawford Auditorium.

Created by Gamma Sigma Phi member and Entrepreneurship major Elaina Kimpel,

the event is a spinoff of the popular game show Family Feud with Grove City College-related content and questions. The questions will be based off a survey about Grove City administered to students by the sorority.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Young Life. They will

be using the money to send a child to a Young Life camp over this upcoming summer. Many Grove City students are part of Young Life, making it an organization that many students know and care about.

Kimpel came up with the idea two years ago to replace another event held by the sorority and

housing group. She also created it to give students something fun to do over the weekend as a break from studying and to save them from another night of Netflix.

It will be the event's second time being put on after a successful first year, when over 200 people attended

and packed Ketler Recreation.

"We were not expecting that many people to show up, which is why we are even more excited for the bigger venue that can hold more people," Kimpel said.

Last year, the groups raised over \$400 for the Grove City Food Pantry

FEUD 8

Who said there's nothing to do?

Madison Stout
Entertainment Editor

Every year, I hear people complain that there is nothing to do in Grove City. Here is your one stop shop for everything happening on campus and around the town.

Tonight
Junior Recital Callie Roberts
3 p.m., Recital Hall
Grover Feud
7:30 p.m., Crawford Auditorium

Saturday
Piano Federation Festival
7 a.m. to 9 p.m., PFAC
Men's Lacrosse vs. Franciscan
1 p.m., Football Field
Touring Choir Concert
4 p.m., Harbison Chapel
Order of Saint George Winterfeast
7 p.m., Ketler Recreation

Sunday
Vespers
6:30 p.m., Harbison Chapel

Wednesday
Men's Lacrosse vs. Saint Vincent
7 p.m., Football Field

Thursday
Spring Plays
5 p.m., Little Theatre and 7:30 p.m., Ketler Auditorium
All Campus Worship
8 p.m., Crawford Auditorium
Warriors
9 p.m., Harbison Chapel

Friday
Spring Plays
5 p.m., Little Theatre and 7:30 p.m., Ketler Auditorium
International Ballroom Dance
7 p.m., Student Union

Saturday
Math Blast
8 a.m. to 12 p.m., HAL
Junior Recital Evelyn Munson and Anna Shoenthal
2 p.m., Recital Hall
Spring Plays
5 p.m., Little Theatre and 7:30 p.m., Ketler Auditorium



MEGAN MCGINNIS

Megan McGinnis, an avid geocacher, stops to write her name on the geocache log. Participants record their names when they find a geocache, creating a camaraderie among geocachers.

Shakespeare is coming to Grove City

Benjamin Jones
Contributing Writer

The students at the Grove City Christian Academy and the Trinitas Study Center will be performing "Much Ado About Nothing," at 7 p.m. on March 22-24 at the Academy.

Director Ross Kucks' 10 hopes to create a production that will introduce more people to the Bard's plays, prove Shakespeare's lasting accessibility and recapture the nostalgia of this iconic play. "Much Ado About Nothing" is one of Shakespeare's most recognized and beloved productions. Thought to be written around the late sixteenth century, it tells the parallel stories of two pairs of lovers in a city in Italy and their contrasting romantic difficulties.

Claudio and Hero are the typical fairytale lovers who fall madly in love at first sight. The other pair, Benedick and Beatrice, are not crazy in love; they are just crazy. Instead of falling all over each other, the two are constantly engaged in a "battle of wits," outsmarting each other every time they meet.

Claudio, Hero, and the other characters in the play come up with a plan to make Benedick and Beatrice fall madly in love. It is all jokes and good times until the villainous Donna Juan stirs up trouble.

This play remains popular for its witty wordplay and hilarious predicaments the char-

acters find themselves in and remains incredibly funny in the twenty-first century.

"I've always wanted to do Shakespeare but was nervous since it's such a big undertaking," Kucks explained, "But now I've had some more experience and am really excited to do this show."

This will be Kuck's third production with the GCCA theatre. He has helped direct "Harvey" in 2016 and "12 Angry Jurors" last year. Kucks also performed in several shows while at Grove City College.

When asked which character he wanted to perform as in this show, he laughed, "Dogberry! He's so crazy and out there. He'd be a lot of fun."

Kucks and co-director Faith Fedor chose "Much Ado" for its comedic elements and its nostalgia. Kucks explained this was the first Shakespeare production he watched and was moved by it. They also wanted to do this play for the ease with which it can be performed. The cast is made up of young Shakespeare enthusiasts all of whom are eager to do the Bard's words justice.

"Much Ado about Nothing" should be a great high school show coming later this month. The play will be performed at Grove City Christian Academy at 301 North Madison Avenue. Tickets are \$5 for students.

AWS gets crafty

Leah Day
Contributing Writer

The Association for Women Students (AWS) will be hosting Ladies' Craft Night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in MAP Café March 23. This event will be a chance for students to take a break from studying and get creative by creating origami flowers, making scented body scrub or painting faux-cactus planters.

AWS is dedicated to a nurturing community and relaxation for the women of Grove City College. This event fits perfectly with the goal of AWS, as they seek to host fun and relax-

ing events on campus to meet the needs of our women.

Vice President Abby Morris notes that AWS seeks to nourish not only women's spiritual souls, but also their creative souls. AWS hosted a similar event last semester with their fall-themed craft night in MEP lobby.

"We knew our fall craft night was a success when we ran out of materials and had to make an emergency trip to restock. From this success, we recognized the female student's need for a crafting social event," Nicole Mingle, AWS president, said.

Not only are AWS

members committed to serving female students on campus, but they are dedicated to the group itself. One of Mingle's favorite things about AWS is that it is "made up of dedicated women. All the members have been learning together what it means to be a woman in a position to serve other women on campus."

Morris similarly said that her favorite thing about AWS is their enjoyable meetings and how much they get to serve the women of this campus.

Ladies' Craft Night is a promising opportunity for a creative outlet and a time of fellowship for women students.

Try Me: Geocaching is the hunt you've been waiting for

Megan McGinnis
Contributing Writer

Have you ever heard of Geocaching? If so, you've probably heard of old people using it to get their grandkids to go outside. If not, you've come to the right place. Either way, you're about to learn about one of my favorite hobbies and realize it's not just for old people!

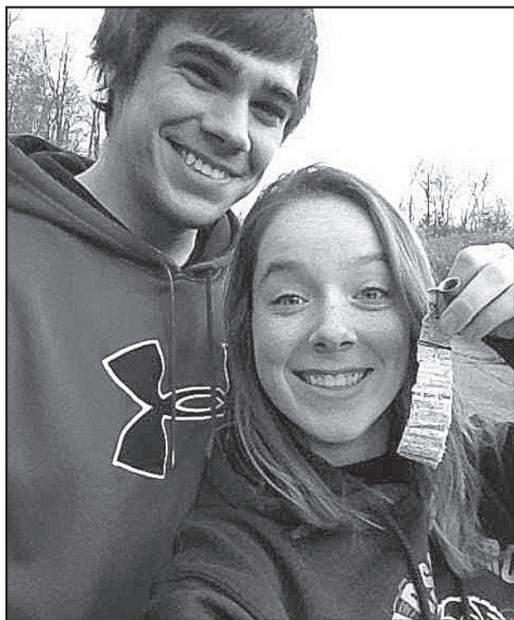
The strict definition of geocaching, per dictionary.com, is "the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website."

I see it as much more than that. Geocaching is something that gets you off the couch and out into nature, while giving you a destination or goal instead of simply "going out for a walk."

After the first find, I was hooked and over 300 finds later, I still am. I started geocaching in 2014 when I came across the game and asked my boyfriend, Zach, if he wanted to try it. We downloaded the app, found one about two miles from

my house, and went off on our way to find it! Our first find was a

you never would have gone without this destination. Of course, some



MEGAN MCGINNIS

Megan McGinnis and her boyfriend Zach Hudecek pose with their geocache find. After hard searching, finding a geocache is always rewarding.

two-inch-long tube with a tiny rolled up piece of paper inside, hidden in a hole in a concrete barrier that had "keep out" written in spray paint. Doesn't sound very thrilling... right?

I like to say it is more of a "thrill of the hunt" activity than actually finding something cool, because geocaching takes you to places that

finds are fascinating than others, but each one is entertaining in its own way.

I have too many "favorite" finds to pick just one: a plastic snake hidden under a bush; a fake birdhouse hidden in plain sight; a mailbox filled with marbles; very realistic fake rock

TRY ME 8



Rebecca Shaffer

Faculty show off “talents”

Madison Stout
Entertainment Editor

Every semester, ODK, an academic honorary society, hosts a show featuring professors and their hilarious “talents”: Faculty Follies. This year it continued its tradition of keeping students on their feet with new acts and old favorites. James Bibza, professor of Biblical and Religious Studies, created his own Grover facts to go along with some interesting Snapple facts.

For example, “Jupiter moves so fast that there’s a new sunrise every ten hours. Grove City freshmen move so fast that there’s a new couple every ten minutes.”

The highlight of the show was the Calderwood v. Hope-man dance off. Susan Dreves, instructor of Education, gave Bruno Mars a run for his money with her rendition of “Uptown Funk,” while Erik Anderson, professor of Mechanical Engineering, shocked the crowd with his sultry rendition of “Bohemian Rap City.”



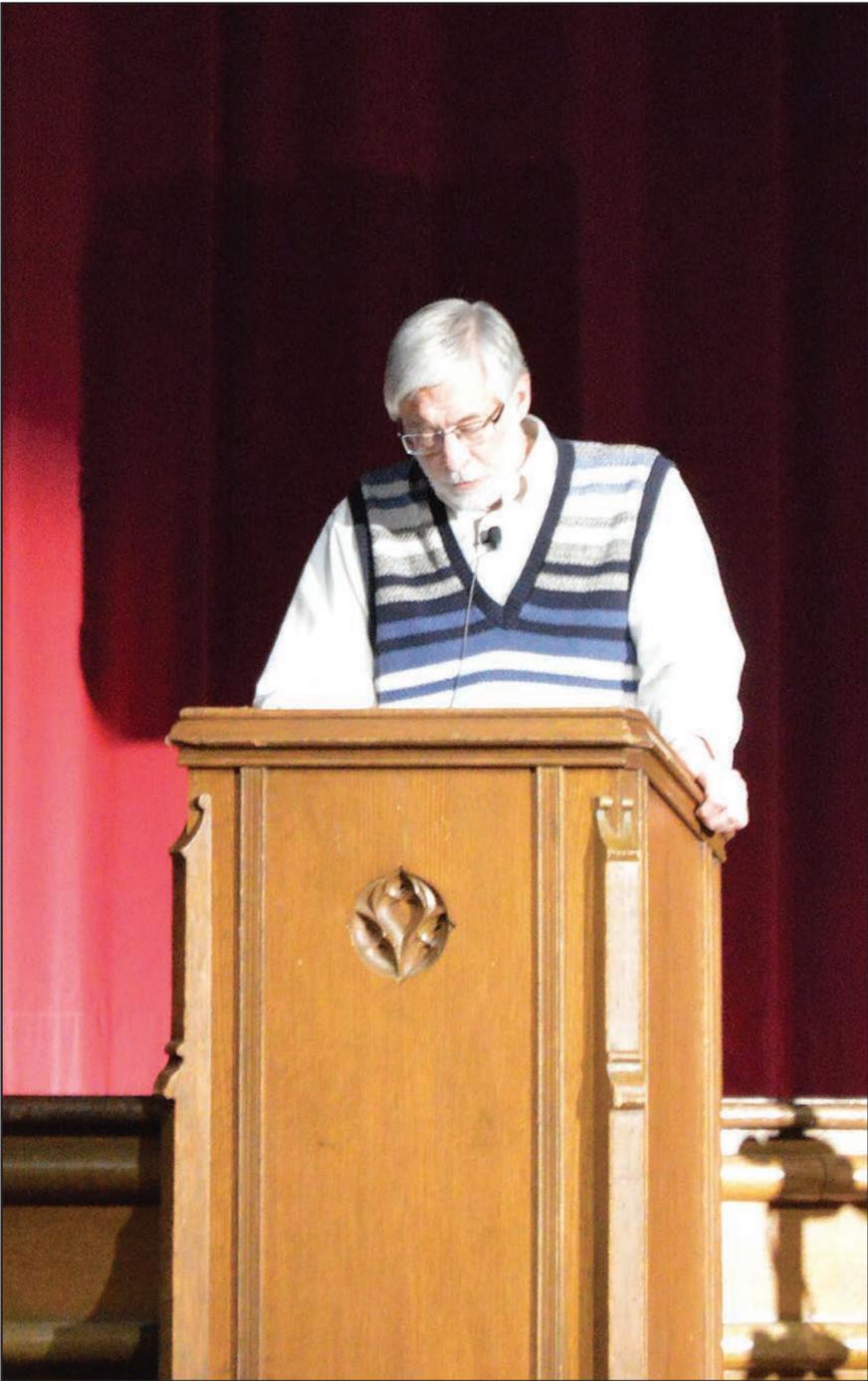
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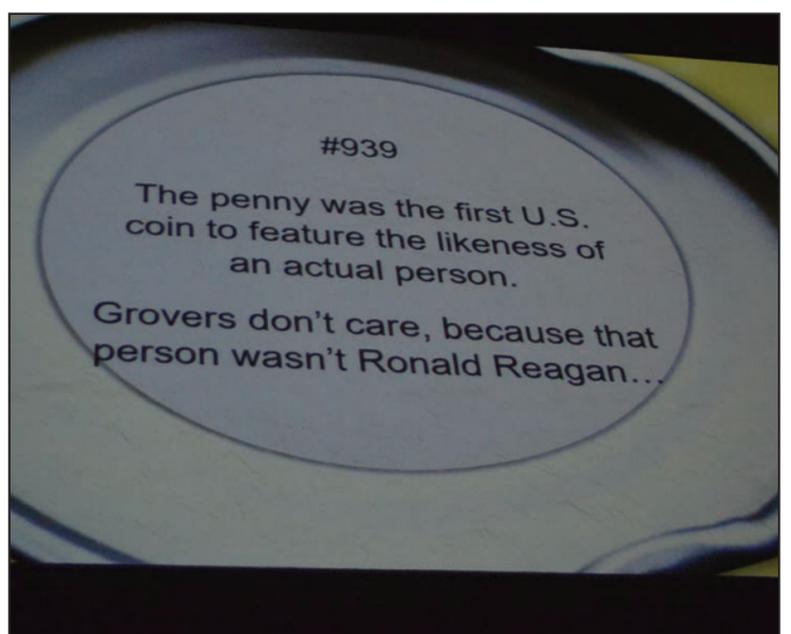
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The College hosts the sixteenth annual Piano Federation, bringing composers, dancers, music educators, instrumentalists, vocalists and music lovers together for friendly competition.

Music dept. hosts competition

Katheryn Frazier
Staff Writer

The Grove City College Music Department is host the Piano Federation Festival, an annual showcase of K-12 piano students, tomorrow.

The 16th year the College has hosted the Festival, over 350 area students will be participating. Many Pittsburgh area music teachers serve as judges alongside Grove City

College student volunteers that assist with the event.

The participants can compete in a variety of categories, but typically prepare two song selections. After the competition, the students receive a rating and written evaluation.

Participants can play pieces from a range of genres, including concertos, duets, hymns and patriotic songs. Students can also take a music theory evaluation. Par-

ticipants who rank high will receive certificates and trophies.

The event is under the supervision of the National Federation of Music Club Organization, the largest music organization in the United States. The organization, chartered by the United States Congress, is the only United States music organization represented in the United Nations.

The organization provides

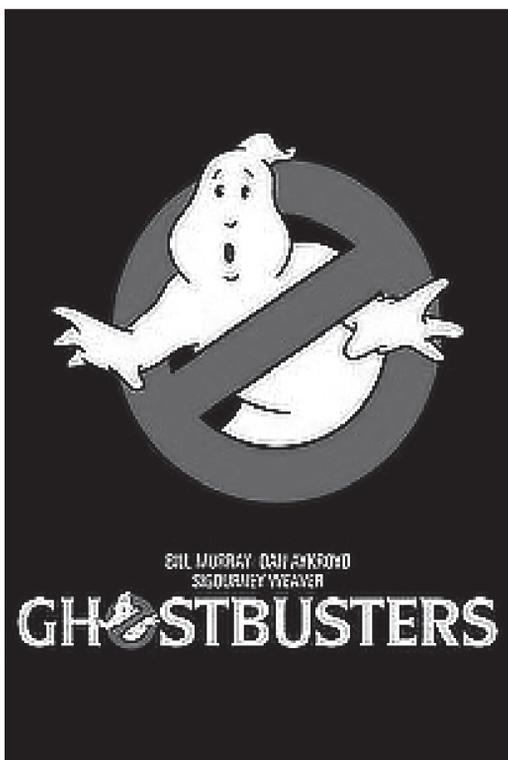
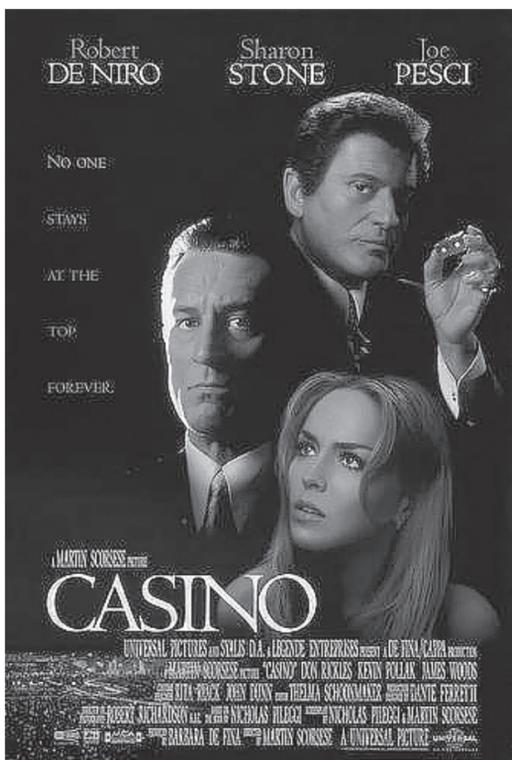
opportunities for performance and study, and promotes music appreciation. It also supports legislation that affects the well-being of musicians and music education.

The members of the organization range from professional to amateur and includes composers, dancers, music educators, music students, instrumentalists, vocalists and music lovers of all kinds.

Each state has their own

state organization represented in the National organization. The goal of the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Club is to promote American music, serve as an outlet for competitions and to encourage musical groups with awards.

Performances are mainly closed to the public. However, an informal event will take place between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Arnold Recital Hall.



AMAZON

Netflix continues to expand its online library this month, with over 100 new titles. Martin Scorsese's classic gangster film "Casino" (1995) and "Ghostbusters" (1984) join movies old and new on the streaming service.

New to Netflix: March is madness

James Sutherland
Managing Editor

Netflix never ceases to amaze.

The expansive streaming center continues to add to its online catalogue this month, with over 100 new movies and shows coming to the streaming service.

The new additions include original Netflix shows and movies, as well as the classics everyone loves.

On March 1, a number of classic movies will go live on the service. Mar-

tin Scorsese's classic crime drama "Casino" (1995) will join his other great Mafia movie, "Goodfellas" (1990), on Netflix. "Adventureland" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," both 2009 romantic comedies, will also go up, as will 1984's classic "Ghostbusters."

Netflix is also adding a number of original productions this month. The second season of the critically acclaimed superhero drama "Jessica Jones" will drop March 8. "My Next Guest Needs No

Introduction," David Letterman's new talk show, will release its next episode March 9, an interview with Malala Yousafzai, an activist and Noble Prize laureate.

Gillian Jacob's romantic comedy "Love," Timothy Olyphant and Drew Barrymore's zombie comedy "The Santa Clarita Diet" and Neil Patrick Harris' "A Series of Unfortunate Events" will each add new seasons this month.

Netflix will also debut a pair of new shows this month. "On My Block,"

co-created by Eddie Gonzalez and Jeremy Haft, is a coming-of-age comedy about four street-smart high schoolers navigating the harsh realities of inner-city life.

"Alexa and Katie," starring Paris Berelc (Alexa) and Isabel May (Katie), is another high school comedy, this time about two freshmen and best friends. Alexa, a cancer patient, and Katie face the challenges of fitting in to a new and different environment, even while managing private trials.

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for Easter meals.

"I'm excited to see [Grover Feud] come together again and be an even bigger event than last year," said Kimpel. "We had a ton of really great feedback from last year's event and some suggestions on how we can improve. After taking that advice we are excited to have more teams and a bigger venue than before."

The teams will be made up of housing groups, fraternities, sororities, independents and even professors.

There will be two game show hosts. The

Gamma Sig representative is Kristen Bishop and the CRON representative is Joe Colosimo.

Junior Gamma Sig Kristen Bishop and sophomore CRON Joe Colosimo will share hosting duties. "Aa a CRON I love the CRONS," Colosimo said. "We are really looking forward to working with the Gamma Sigs to put on a fun event for a great cause."

According to Kimpel, attendees can expect "lots of laughter, prizes for the winners and audience members and just a good Friday night."

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hidden right here in Grove City.

One of my favorite memories is when Zach and I found a cache at the top of 1000 Steps, a hiking trail in central PA.

We drove three hours from home, hiked to the top of a huge mountain, saw some of the prettiest scenes we've ever seen and tacked on a few more finds to our list.

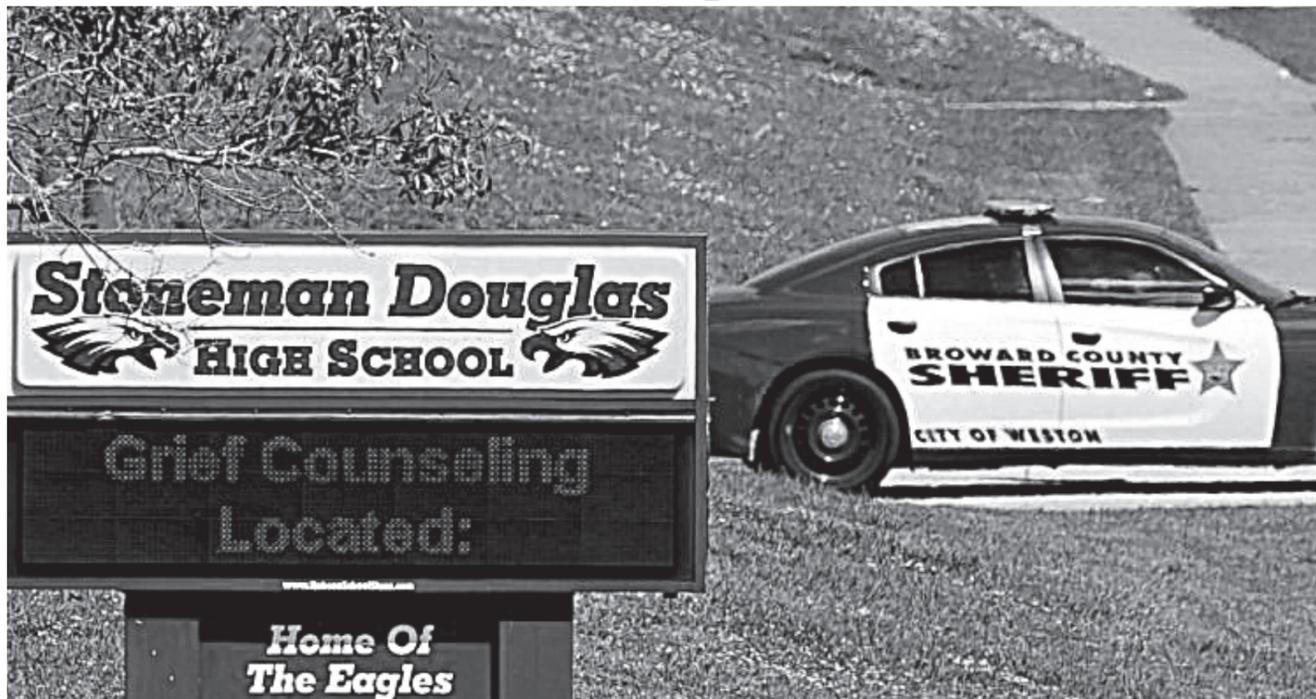
If you're interested in geocaching, it is very easy to get started. Just download the app, pick one to find and go outside!

With a basic membership everything is free, but you only have access to the easier

caches.

If you spend \$10 per month or \$30 per year, you give yourself full access to all of the caches around the globe (over 3 million across 190 countries).

You would be surprised at how many there are in your own backyard! Also, it is a great idea to check out the geocaching community on Facebook. I am a member of PAGA (Pittsburgh Area Geocaching Association), which is a fun group of local cachers who love to meet up and host Geocaching events. 302 finds is just a small dent in the massive list of geocaches worldwide. How many can you find?



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THE GREEN EYESHADE AWARD



This week's Green Eyeshade Award goes to Grace Tarr. Grace showed great skill and grace editing and copy editing for the Collegian. Thank you!

The Green Eyeshade Award honors student contributors that demonstrate consistency and excellence in their work.

On politicizing tragedies

Jonathan Kolker
Contributing Writer

Less than one month ago, 17 high schoolers were shot and killed in a Florida high school. Anyone familiar with the current state of American politics could have predicted the political aftermath that would ensue: politicians on the left would immediately use the tragedy for their own political gain.



Such politicizing is surely unfitting of any enlightened people's political discourse; unfortunately, such a description is not fitting of America at the present. To so quickly lose sight of the tragedy of a massacre by turning our minds to politics, demonstrates well the heartless state of our nation. Surely the aftermath of a tragedy should be filled with mourning and reflection, not partisan hacking. Could we imagine Franklin Delano Roosevelt, rather than allowing time for the families of those lost to mourn and heal, use the travesty of Pearl Harbor to accomplish his political goals? Or Abraham Lincoln using the tragedy of war to advance his political ideology? Or, turning the political tables, could you imagine the reaction on the left if President Trump used the tragedy of a mass shooting to advance his own political agenda? The outrage would be justly great.

Or perhaps it wouldn't. Because in fact all three of these

things did happen. Franklin Roosevelt, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, immediately declared war on Japan, thus catapulting America into a total war that Franklin had for a long time supported but many American's were strongly opposed to. Abraham Lincoln, that great wartime president, also used tragedy for political purposes. The Gettysburg Address, thought of as one of the greatest speeches given in American history, uses the tragedy of the Civil War to advance Lincoln's political position that the Union must be preserved. Were these men out of bounds? Certainly not!

The end goal of politics is the safety, security and well-being of society, or, as our founders put it, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Is not a tragedy an incident which disrupts the life, liberty, and happiness of our society? It is therefore only fitting to seek political solutions to them wherever it is possible.

Our country was arguably born out of the "politicizing of tragedy;" the Boston Massacre was used by American patriots to unite the colonies in rebellion against Britain. A tragedy occurred, the massacre, and a political solution was offered and executed-- rebellion and independence. The fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in 1911 in which 146 workers died due to unsafe conditions imposed by their employers was used by advocates for the working class to



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

bring about sweeping labor reform in America. A tragedy occurred-the fire- and a political solution was offered and executed- labor reform. Perhaps most significantly, President Trump and his party have mobilized the death of Americans at the hands of illegal immigrants and foreign terrorists in their fight for stricter immigration laws, such as the murder of Kate Steinle and the New York terrorist attack last November. A tragedy occurred- the murder of Americans by immigrants- and a political solution was offered- stricter immigration laws.

It is only natural to seek political solutions to preventable tragedies; when humans encounter problems, they look for solutions. Why do some argue that the issue of gun violence should be any different? Are we to ignore the reality of mass shootings? Are we to not seek to bring an end to them? Any man who insisted you to not fix your leaky faucet you would rightly label insane. Any man who insists we not seek to bring an end to the shedding of our chil-



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dren's blood we must label inhumane.

Some may argue that although the search for political solutions to tragedy is not evil, doing so in the immediate aftermath of a tragedy dishonors the memory of our dead. They may have a point. Yet it is far more egregious an offense to push off discussion of solutions until their memory has faded.

There is no better way to show that we valued the lives of our dead than to ensure that their fate is not shared by their brothers and sisters. There is no better way to show contempt for their lives

than to allow the ones they loved to suffer the same fate. We must "resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain"; these 17 children must be the last.

If the Republican leadership, with the seeming exception of President Trump, would have us perpetually grind our teeth and whip our backs over the tragedies of school shootings, they can be our guests; their crocodile tears will effect no lasting change in American society. As for me, however, I pray we pursue solutions that don't end in another mass of bloody, lifeless children.

Judge me by my character, not my gender

Karen Postupac
Editor-in-Chief

The other day, a man asked me if I received my internship this summer because I was a girl applying for a position in computer science.

Last winter, a man asked me if I get asked out a lot because my field is male-dominated.



I am not here to talk

about a raging movement of radical feminism, but rather situations where women are blatantly questioned about their place in a male-dominated field.

Walking into a room full of men is intimidating for me. Men are smart, sophisticated and usually bigger in size. They walk with poise and I usually have to walk fast to keep up.

With women - especially in STEM fields - I feel slightly more relaxed. They are gentle

and usually very smiley. I can talk about roommates in college and dress code in a work environment - things on which girls naturally have a different perspective than men.

These two distinctions in how a girl can feel around men and women is important to point out because men and women are different - I am not denying that.

A problem arises when people allow the differences between

men and women to hinder unbiased judgment of the person's abilities. I am viewed differently from the men that are also in the computer science program here. I am set on a different level, seen through a different lens, not because of my personality or character, but because I am a minority.

Women in any field should not be looked at and judged by their long hair and skirts but by their knowledge and abilities.

I want to believe that I received my internship because the men that are way more qualified than me thought I could bring something to the table that the other candidates could not, and not simply because I am a woman.

Women are capable human beings, who should be judged not their gender, but by the content of their character.

Constitutional democracy doesn't debase, it dignifies

Lewis Waha
Vision & Values

It didn't take long after Mitt Romney announced his U.S. Senate bid for new digs at his personality to surface. As one critique says, Romney is mismatched



to America because it doesn't dole out titles of nobility for excellent character like some Old World aristocracy. Rather, the American political system rewards plebian traits.

Despite Romney's being "wholesome, efficient, industrious and faithful," Michael Brendan Dougherty finds President Donald Trump better fits America's bill by having a "fundamentally democratic personality and bearing." Of all things, Dougherty supports this by noting Trump's candor during an interview with Howard Stern after Princess Diana's death. Stern asked the future presidential nominee if he could have "nailed" the princess. Trump gave what Dougherty called the "quintessentially democratic" answer: "I think I could have."

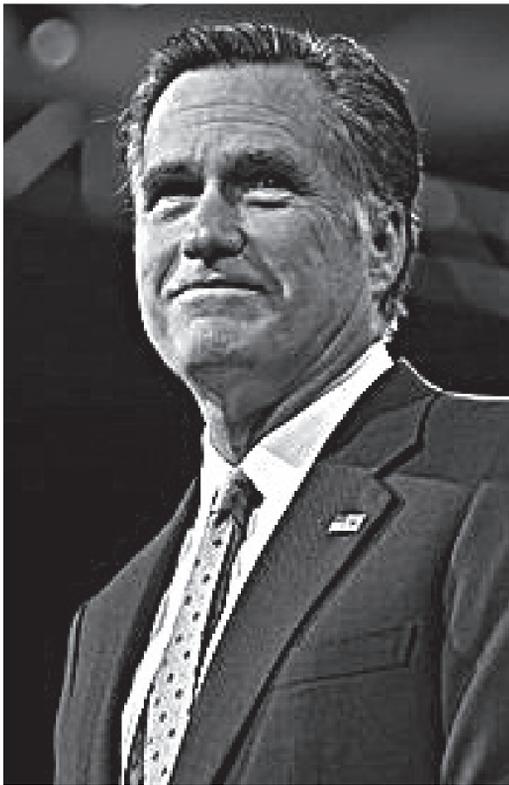
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As tantalizing as it may be for the firebellied to diagnose and ship off the milquetoast Mr. Romney to a quaint aristocracy across the sea, the move is facile. First, it conflates nobility of character with nobility as an arcane system of peerage. Second, by looking to grossly crass talk as the measure of democratic bearing, it disregards the necessity of virtue to democracy in general and America in particular.

What seals Romney's doom as a misfit in Dougherty's view is Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution, which reads in part, "No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States." So even if Romney deserves to be rewarded for his excellence, he is tragically barred from being rewarded for it.

Since American political elections are all about putting qualified candidates into public office and being qualified means excelling in the virtues appropriate to the office, the idea that the Constitution prohibits rewarding excellence is absurd.

The relevant difference between democracy and aristocracy is not the value of personal character but the nature of the reward for possessing it. Titles



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Dismissing a man for his excellent character while highlighting another for his shameless vulgarity is puzzling if not outright disturbing.

of nobility are hereditary and subject to the conditions of peerage, while democratically elected offices are temporary and their occupants are accountable to the people.

America's founders certainly thought virtue was vital to the American electorate. Addressing officers of the Militia of Massachusetts in 1798, President John Adams observed that "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Rather than discouraging excellence in virtue, the Constitution needs the electorate to be formed by it. The American project lives or dies on the gambit that commoners—the vulgar—can cultivate and exercise commonplace virtue.

Political philosophers understand the aspiration to nobility at the heart of modern liberal democracy.

That tradition sees itself as expanding dignity from the small patrimony of aristocrats to the point of universality.

Whereas once only nobles were expected to be capable of and responsible for self-rule, it is now expected of all subjects in the realm. The titled noble and the commoner alike become citizens with equal dignity and rights before the law.

In his Tanner Lectures delivered at UC Berkeley in 2009, legal scholar Jeremy Waldron describes dignity "as a quintessential aristocratic value, a form of self-command distinguished from the

behavior of those who need to be driven by threats or the lash or by forms of habituation that depend upon threats and the lash. But if it is an aristocratic value, it is one that the law now expects to find in all sectors of the population." Because of equal dignity, liberal democracy doesn't lower the bar for everyone, it raises it. To sustain itself and as a matter of aspiration, constitutional democracy doesn't debase the people, it dignifies them.

Being designed to govern fallible and finite human beings, it is certainly possible for the American experiment to fail.

Perhaps at some point, a critical mass of the vulgar really did lose interest in being virtuous.

But from the standpoint of the Constitution and democracy, that would be nothing to celebrate.

It's tough to make sense of why someone would want to figuratively exile a statesman like Romney while seeming to exult the match between America and the boorish side of President Trump.

The current political moment of shrugging at, if not cheerleading for, crassness in American public life is inconsistent with and destructive of constitutional democracy. Patriots will pray, hope and work for us all to move quickly past it.

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Why siblings make the best friends

Rio Arias
Perspectives Editor

As I sit down to write this article, I'm reminded of how strange of an opinion I seem to have on my siblings. Or should I say sibling, since I only have one. You see,



I was a little girl, my brother always wanted to hang out with me. He thought everything I did was so cool, from pushing stuffed animals in toy strollers to liking all the same kinds of baby foods. He wanted to spend as much time as possible with me, following me around everywhere and making sure we were in all the same photos together. And when you throw in the double stroller - which meant we could be side by side all the time, forget it, we were the perfect pair.

When we grew older, our interests began to differ, as they do with the best of friends. He learned how to play football and ran plays under the Friday night lights. I performed the halftime show and sat in the bleachers with the band. Girls liked him right away, whereas I've still never boasted the same suc-

cess rate he's had, even in college.

However, these realities didn't stop us from finding things we loved to do together. I learned how to drive before him, and would always pick up his friends or take him for midnight ice cream runs. We had some of our best memories in the McDonald's parking lot past when our parents were awake. I helped him apply to colleges, and find schools that he would fit into, without having to feel lost through the process. We bonded over the fact that in some ways we only had each other, because our parents themselves had never finished college or joined Greek life, and didn't necessary understand everything that shaped our personalities in college.

There are also many deeper ways we have learned to lean on each other as well. We have the all the same favorite foods and even listen to the same music. We are the first to understand family drama, since we both have the exact same parents and relationship to our extended family. There is less to be explained, and more to just be known automatically. We have many of, if not the same experiences for most of our lives, and have been

impacted by them as adults. We were taught the same beliefs as kids, and today still see that affect our own beliefs. And most importantly, we have the same idea of home and what it means to belong.

When things happen that seem unfair, whether it be issues in the greater world or with our parents, we always go to each other first. Though we often agree with each other, we both hold different ideas about how things should change for the better. And since we are so alike, it can be stressful to occasionally feel strong convictions that oppose each other. Yet it makes us both so much better off, because we carefully consider how certain issues may be bigger than our own viewpoints or ideas.

Having a best friend who looks like me and shares my last name is not what most people my age relate to. Many begin to understand this idea in college, or as they mature and start their own families, but to feel this way from day one is truly a blessing. And though it's not without its challenges, I know that my brother will be my brother all my life, and the best friend I could ever hope to have.

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Baseball kicks off season

Aly Kruger
Sports Editor

The Grove City College baseball team opened the 2018 season by dropping both ends of a non-conference doubleheader with Mount St. Joseph (MSJ) at U.C. Health Stadium.

On Feb. 22, Grove City dropped the opener, 8-0, then fell in the nightcap, 7-6, in eight innings before heading to Florida for their spring trip which ended with a 5-5 record.

In game two against MSJ, Grove City trailed 6-4 entering the top of the seventh but two MSJ errors helped ignite a comeback. Senior center fielder Tyler Graham reached on a fielder's choice and later scored on a sacrifice fly by junior third baseman Micah Burke. The Wolverines then tied



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Regardless of GCC's baseball loss in the season opener, the team is just getting started. They will return to the field at 3 p.m. on March 13 at Penn State Beaver.

the game when junior left fielder Travis Auth scored on a wild pitch. Auth's single accounted for Grove City's lone hit in the inning.

Mount St. Joseph had runners on second and third in the

bottom of the seventh with one out. However, freshman reliever D.J. Newby struck out the next two batters to end the threat. The Lions strung together three singles in the bottom of the eighth to earn the

win, however.

Grove City jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the second. Freshman DH Bubba Hamilton roped a two-run single that drove in Hammel and sophomore first baseman

Matt Dayton. Hamilton then scored on a double by sophomore shortstop Bob Abbott. Abbott scored the fourth run of the inning when Graham laced a double.

Hammel finished the game 2 for 3. The Wol-

verines finished with eight hits.

Junior pitcher John Bini started and allowed six earned runs in five innings. He struck out five and walked two. Newby pitched 2 1/3 innings of relief. He fanned three but absorbed the defeat.

Mount St. Joseph held Grove City to four hits in the opener. The Lions scored twice in the first inning, then broke open the game with a four-run second inning. Sophomore starter Austin Wacker took the setback for the Wolverines after allowing six runs in 1 2/3 innings. Freshman Jacob Brothers pitched 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. Sophomore reliever Corey Thomas yielded two earned runs in two innings.

Grove City will next face Penn State on March 13.

Men's basketball fall in quarterfinals

Aly Kruger
Sports Editor

The Grove City College men's basketball team dropped a 61-60 decision Tuesday night at fourth-seeded Westminster in the quarterfinals of the 2018 Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship Tournament at Memorial Field House.

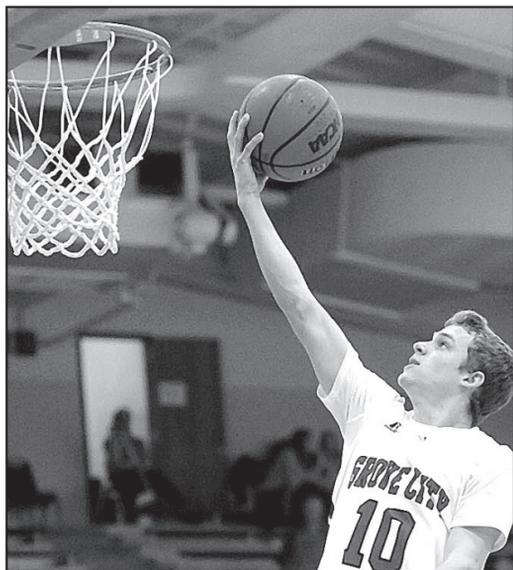
Westminster (19-7) inched ahead with 3.2 seconds left when senior pivotman Jarret Vrabel hit a 12-foot jumper after rebounding his own missed three-pointer. Grove City, the no. 5 seed in the tournament, could not convert on its final possession.

Grove City (16-10) trailed by as many as 14, with the score at 29-15, in the first half. The Wolverines was behind 33-23 at halftime before storming back.

Grove City surged ahead 46-44 with nine minutes left on a driving layup by freshman guard Justice Rice.

Westminster pulled to within one, 48-47, but junior guard Isaac Williams drilled a three-pointer, then scored a fast break layup to put the Wolverines up 53-47.

Senior forward An-



GCC

The GCC men's basketball lost a heartbreaker, 61-60, at Westminster College in the quarterfinals of the PAC tournament.

drew Beckman followed with a 15-footer to give Grove City its largest lead, 55-47, with 4:45 left.

Westminster reclaimed the lead, 59-57, on a three-point play by junior Marco Delorenzo with one minute remaining. Grove City took its final lead when Williams hit his third three-pointer of the game with 21 seconds left.

Beckman led Grove City with 15 points while Williams added 13 points. Sophomore guard Nate Peters added eight points and sophomore guard Zane

Laws had seven points on 3-of-3 shooting.

Peters and senior center Cory Huff both had seven rebounds to help Grove City earn a 32-30 edge on the glass. Beckman and Rice both had four assists while sophomore James Wells blocked three shots.

Grove City shot 25 of 51 (49 percent) from the field, including a 15-for-25 effort in the second half.

Westminster went 23 of 52 (44 percent). Both teams had 16 turnovers. Vrabel and Delorenzo both had 15 points for Westminster.



GCC

Grove City's women's basketball team fell to Lebanon Valley 73-62.

Women conclude season with loss

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Sports Editor

The Grove City College women's basketball team concluded the 2017-18 season by dropping a 73-62 decision to visiting Lebanon Valley in the opening round of the 2018 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Championship Tournament at the Grove City College Arena. Lebanon Valley charged out to a 46-31 halftime lead by shooting 70 percent from the field in the first half. Grove City (18-10) pulled to within seven, 65-58, with 2:21 remaining but could not cut the lead further.

Three Grove City players scored in double figures, led by a 22-point, 11-rebound double-double from sophomore forward Kate Balcom.

Senior guard Lexie Arkwright poured in 18 points while sophomore forward Jess Book add-

ed 14 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the field. Book also pulled in nine rebounds and freshman forward Jess Bowen collected eight rebounds to help Grove City own a 42-29 edge on the glass.

Junior center Laura Buchanan recorded three assists. Grove City shot 28 of 69 from the field for the game. Lebanon Valley went 9 of 26 from the field in the second half, finishing the game 28 of 53 on field goals. Grove City had 19 turnovers, which led to 27 Lebanon Valley points.

Arkwright concluded her career with 1,607 points, which ranks third all-time in program history.

She played in her 108th career game, which is the most in program history.

Her 66 three-point goals this year are a single-season Grove City record.

Arkwright and senior forward Jenn Fer-

guson will graduate from the program. She earned Presidents' Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second straight season. Arkwright ranks third in the conference with 73 steals and is Grove City's all-time leader with 330 steals.

Grove City won the 1997 ECAC South Division III title and earned ECAC runner-up honors in 2000. Grove City also qualified for the ECAC South Tournament in 1998, 2001 and 2005. This year is the second year that the ECAC is holding one larger Division III tournament instead of smaller regional tournaments. The Wolverines hosted Waynesburg in the first round of the 2017 ECAC Tournament.

Grove City's 18 wins this year marks the most for the Wolverines since the 1982-83 season, when Grove City finished 22-5.

Men's lacrosse downed by Messiah in varsity debut

Aly Kruger
Sports Editor

The Grove City College men's lacrosse team made its varsity debut Wednesday night by dropping a 15-5 decision at eastern powerhouse Messiah in non-conference action at the Starry Athletic Complex.

Sophomore attacker Henry Brannan fired in four goals for Grove City while junior Nate Sprunk added a goal.

Sophomore mid-

fielder David Calhoun assisted two goals and senior defender Luke Ritchie also assisted one goal.

Grove City broke through at 4:47 of the second quarter when Brannan scored the first goal in program history.

Ritchie assisted Brannan's goal.

Brannan scored a pair of extra-man goals in the third period while Sprunk scored an unassisted goal with 5:05 left in the fourth quarter.

Brannan closed

the scoring at 2:31 of the fourth period. Ritchie led Grove City with four ground balls.

Brannan, Calhoun and junior Jesse Shaffer all collected three ground balls.

In goal, senior Ben Dumm stopped 13 shots for the Wolverines.

Messiah (1-2) outshot Grove City, 46-12. Messiah won 16 of the 21 faceoffs. Grove City had 33 turnovers while Messiah had 27 turnovers.

Dylan Gillisse and Joseph Franken each



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The first for the Wolverines ended in a 15-5 loss against Messiah. However, sophomore Henry Brannan had much success, scoring four out of the five goals.

scored five goals for Messiah, which led 2-0 after one period and 8-1 at halftime.

The Falcons led 11-3 after 45 minutes.

Grove City will open its home schedule at

1 p.m. on March 10 at Robert E. Thorn Field against Franciscan in non-conference action.



GCC

Freshman Calvin Brouwer set conference and pool records while swimming the 500 free and the 1650 at the NCAA Division III Region 4 Diving Championships.

Swimming and diving makes a splash

Caroline Dudd
Staff Writer

A summary of this terrific season is crucial as the Grove City College Swimming and Diving team finish their last week of the 2017-2018 season.

This year, the team worked out in an especially challenging way. Coach Dave Fritz changed up this season's training program and made sure to create the best one he could.

Overall, Grove City has done very well in the dual meets. Westminster, GCC's top rival, was an especially exciting meet. Senior Brynna Bartlett said that this meet was "really intense and everyone was super energetic!"

Through their hard work together, the Grove City swimming

and diving team has developed as a close-knit family. Senior Mary Robinson, one of the team captains for the women, said that meets "really are won by the team" as a whole. Additionally, one of sophomore Joshua Wakefield's favorite memories of the season "was having potlucks after swim meets."

Practice during intersession was an especially good time for the group. Sophomore Leona Bently enjoyed the time because "it's a time where [she] could hyper-focus on [her] passion and get to spend time with [her] awesome teammates" without the worries of classes. Junior Sarah Haley said gratefully, "I love that I have teammates who care about my walk with God just as much as they do

about my swimming ability."

As they prepared for PACs, the team began to taper their practices, giving their muscles a chance to repair while at the same time keeping the intensity up. They focused on ways to stay as healthy as possible, such as cutting sugar and caffeine out of their diets. Leading up to PACs, sophomore Jason Alexander said, "The training is intense but there is something fun and addicting about it." Although records have been broken and excellent memories have already been made, the team knew that PACs would be the highlight of the whole season. The entire team was excited to take the races by storm.

PACs began Wednesday night for the divers and continued

through Saturday for the rest of the team.

Grove City College senior diver Bri Darnell competed in the NCAA Division III Region 4 Diving Championships, hosted Friday and Saturday by Ithaca College, earning 26th in 1-meter diving with a cumulative score of 313.35 points. She then took 25th on the 3-meter board with a score of 304.60. 14 members of the Grove City squad earned All-PAC recognition for their respective efforts at the conference championships. Sophomore Anne Shirley Dassow earned the conference's Most Valuable Performer award, along with First Team All-PAC decoration. Darnell, sophomores Leona Bently, Brittany Byer, Danielle Ledyard and Kimmi Wendelschafer, junior

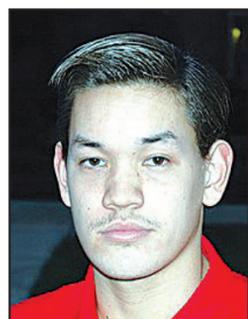
Megan Crutcher and freshman Denali Hutzelmann joined Dassow on the First Team. Seniors Brynna Bartlett, Abby Noll and Mary Robinson, junior Jillian Breckenridge, sophomore Kaylyn Froebel and freshman Alliefair Scalise captured Second Team All-PAC honors. The men's swimming and diving team placed 13 performers on the All-Presidents' Athletic Conference Teams in recognition of their respective performances at the conference championships February 14 to 17. Senior Brett Gwynn, juniors Rhys Dickhudt and Dane Hoselton, sophomores Ben Slate and Josh Wakefield and freshmen Michael Moosa and Calvin Brouwer all earned First Team All-PAC recognition. Sophomores Jason

Alexander, Jared Cicchelli, Caleb Miller and Josh Weinland and freshmen Devin Reynolds and James Hancock all merited Second Team All-PAC. Brouwer won the 500 free in a time of 4 minutes and 32.95 seconds. He also won the 1650 in 15:48.48, setting conference and pool records in both events while also surpassing the NCAA Division III Championships provisional qualifying standard in both events. Head coach Dave Fritz earned Coach of the Year honors from the conference. The Wolverines placed second at the event with 903 teams, five points behind Westminster.

For more updates and personal scores from swimmers, visit athletics.gcc.edu.

On the road

Five Grove City College swimmers have been invited to the NCAA DIII Swimming and Diving Championships, which will be held March 21-24 in Indianapolis at Indiana University Natatorium. The Championships will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 21.



Calvin Brouwer



Megan Crutcher



Anne Shirley Dassow



Danielle Ledyard



Brittany Byer

Upcoming Events in March



Softball

1 p.m. March 10 at Franciscan
3 p.m. March 10 at Franciscan

Men's Lacrosse

1 p.m. March 10 vs. Franciscan
7 p.m. March 14 vs. St. Vincent

Baseball

3 p.m. March 13 at Penn State Beaver
3:30 p.m. March 14 vs. Wheeling Jesuit

Women's Tennis

3:30 p.m. March 14 at Mt. Union



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