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 potential 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 preservice teachers the importance of professional responsibilities such as undergoing training to 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.

**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.

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,” said President Paul J. McNulty ’80. “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.

**Entrepreneurship major builds tea business and gives back**

Katrina Roberto  
Staff Writer

Téamo Tea

America mourns Billy Graham

Jonathan Skeie  
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, including President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and dozens of religious figures from 50 countries gathered at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C. The celebration continued in the Billy Graham’s hometown of Charlotte on March 3.

**March brings more daylight**

The Hall of Arts and Letters seen from Breen Student Union on a snowy morning.
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Téamo tea 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, he has gotten help from Scott Powell, his mom has been exponentially helpful. Mark Sotomayor repeatedly mentions how his mom has been for the business saying, “I could never have done the business saying, “I love you”. My mom has been for the business saying, “I love you.” Mark Sotomayor 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 tea is sold, 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 tree, plant a tree” came from this project. Sotomayor quoted Gary Vaynerchuk saying, “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 unmissable when he talks about the new business from the Peruvian teas right up to the Haitian trees.

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. Mayor, Sheeran, Plain White T’s, 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 popsie 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 SNC who were not distracted by their cell phones at the time of the event. “To not pursue this would be an injustice to myself and my fans. Now if you’ll excuse me, I have to practice my bar chords.” Richards ended our interview.

Coffee house singer plays with thought of dropping out of school

For more info about being a Collegian photographer, email gcc.collegian@gmail.com.
The Collegian wins awards


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

The newspaper’s entire content, stories, photos and from the April 7 edition under the headline: Comm-Pence-ment.

The awards recognize student journalism that provides relevance, integrity and integrity in serving readers” and değere, and honors entries across all categories, according to PNA.

Earning recognition like this is a significant achievement for The Collegian, according to Collegian Advisor Nick debrand, senior editor.

“The Collegian exists to present and enlighten its readers on campus and 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,” debrand said.

Collegian's staff, acknowledged the achievement for The Collegian Photogapher Andrew Stein '18, a Management major from Monaca, Pa., won first place News Photo for a picture capturing the emotional reaction of members of the women’s softball team after they won their first game in three years.

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

The College's management systems major from Export, Pa., was then awarded the awards a vindication for the newspaper's hardworking staff.

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

"Editors report strong stories and express well-informed opinions of various perspectives. These pieces of the puzzle have brought the newspaper to the next 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 everyday,” 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 in week and week out.

The Penn 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 Collegian 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 1914, the newspaper has been in regular publication since 1914.

The newspaper’s staff works on the newspaper each night, creating story ideas, writing the stories themselves and then editing them perfectly.

The paper proved that the Wolverine football team has seen in three years.

Some days actually had to be written into the stall to close.

I want to thank the chief statistician, Erik Tatum for compiling the data, and our field researcher Brooke Knisely for reviewing all of the women’s restrooms.

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

If your urinary or toilet easily clogs (mine does, unfortunately) it can easily flood the adjoining room. Any sort of smell lingers in the room.

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

I only used stall 6, closed, and not too hot, not too cold. The stall to close.

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The Gamma Sigma Phi sorority and CRONs housing group are host- ing Grover Fest at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Cran- ford Auditorium. Created by Gamma Sigma Phi member and Entrepreneurship major Elaine Kimpel, the event is a spinoff of the popular game show Family Food with Grove City College-related content and questions. The questions will be based off a survey about Grove City adminis- trated 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 the up- coming summer. Many Grove City students are part of Young Life, making it an organiza- tion 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 packed Keeler Rec- rition.

“A lot of students were not expect- ing that many people to show up, so we were even more excit- ed for the bigger venue and the more people that came,” Kimpel said. Last year, the groups raked in over $400 for the Grove City Food Pantry for students.

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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. on Saturday, September 28, in the Cafe on March 23, this event will be a chance to create a project that is meaningful to you. The event is self-directed and packed Ketler Rec- rition.

“She has done some fun ex- periments that many people to show up, which is why we are so excited for the bigger venue and the more people that came,” Kimpel said. Last year, the groups raked in over $400 for the Grove City Food Pantry for students.

Megan McGinnis and her boyfriend Zach Hudecek pose with their geocache find. After hard searching, Megan McGinnis and her boyfriend Zach Hudecek.

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Golden State of Mind

Madison Stout
Entertainment Editor

Every year, I find it challenging that there is nothing to do in Grove City. Here is your stop shop for everything happening around and across the town.

Tonight

Junior Recital Callie Roberts

7 p.m., Recital Hall

7:30 p.m., Cranford Auditorium

Saturday

7 a.m. to 9 p.m., PFAC Auditorium vs. Franciscan

1 p.m., Football Field Touring Choir Concert

4 p.m., Harbison Chapel

Order of Saint George Women’s Tea

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harbison Chapel

Sunday

7 p.m., Ketler Recrea- tion

Monday

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Amazon’s Prime Day: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Ketler Auditorium

Wednesday, March 1, 2018
Through the Lens

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. Hopeman 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."
Music dept. hosts competition

Katheryn Frazier
Staff Writer

The Grove City College Music Department is host to 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. Participants who rank high will receive certificates and trophies.

The event is under the supervision of the National Federation of Music Clubs Organization, the largest music organization in the United States. The organization, chartered by the United States Congress, is only the 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 Clubs is to spread the love of music, serve as an outlet for competitions and to encourage the growth of musical groups with awards.

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

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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 4, a number of classic movies will go live on the service. Martin Scorsese’s classic crime drama “Casino” (1995) will join its 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 Nobel Prize laureate.

Gillian Jacobs’ romantic comedy “Love,” Timothy Olyphant and Dree Barmore’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 Gonzales and Jeremy Haft, is a coming-of-age comedy about four street-smart high school students this month. “Alexa and Katie” starring Paris Berelc (Alexa) and Isabel May (Katie), is another high school comedy, this time about two friends and best men 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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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. Feminicid- istic overtones 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. We are quickly losing sight of the tragedy of a massacre by turning our minds to politics, demonstrating once more the heartless state of our nation.

Surely the aftermath of a tragedy should be filled with mourning, reflection, and reflection, not partisan hackery. Could we imagine Franklin Delano Roosevelt, rather than allowing the families of those lost to mourn and grieve, turn Pearl Harbor to accomplish his political agenda? Or Abraham Lincoln using the tragic loss of a few 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 massacre to shoot at his political opponents?

Our country was unprepared for such an outburst of “politicizing of tragedy,” the Boston Marathon was used by American patriots to usher in a war against Britain. A tragedy is an incident, a massacre, and a political solution was offered and executed—rebellion and independence. The fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City, in which 146 workers died due to unsafe conditions imposed by their employers, is not one typically brought up by advocates for the working class to bring about sweeping labor reform in America. The tragedy suffered occurred—fire, and a political solution was offered and executed—labor reform. Perhaps most significantly, President Trump and his party candidate, in support 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 at the hands of illegal immigrants and a political solution was offered—strict immigration laws.

It is only natural to seek political solutions to preventable tragedies, when humans encounter problems, they look for solutions. Why are we not to seek to bring an end to them? Any man who insisted we not seek to 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 children’s blood we must label insane. Some may argue that although the search for political solutions to tragedy is evil, does it stop in the immediate aftermath of a tragedy? When humans encounter problems, they look for solutions. Why are we not to seek to bring an end to them? Any man who insisted we not seek to 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 children’s blood we must label insane. We must “solve” 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 tread our feet and whip our backs over the tragedies of school shootings, they can be forever in our gust; our rescuing, our comforting will not effect any lasting change in American society. As for me, however, we pray we pursue solutions that don’t end in another mass of bloody, childless lives.
Dismissing a man for his excellent character while highlighting another for his vulgar character is puzzling if not outright disturbing. For it may be the foremost reason for the discard of the milquetoast Mr. Romney to a quaint and the boorish side to Donald Trump better fits the Republican Party. The Constitution of the United States, which is the greatest experiment in economic democracy, prohibits rewarding excellence with titles. What seals Romney’s doom as a misfit in Dungaree’s view is Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution, which states: “No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States.” Even if Romney deserves to be considered for his excellence, he is tragically barred from being rewarded for it.

Since American political elections are now about putting qualified candidates into the political office and being qualified candidates involves the virtues appropriate to the office, the idea that the Constitution prohibits rewarding excellence is even more disturbing.

The relevant difference between democracy and aristocracy is not the value of personal character but the nature of the reward for possessing it. Titles of nobility are hereditary and subject to the conditions of property, while democratically elected office is temporary, and virtue is accountable to the people. America’s founders certainly thought virtue was vital to the American electorate. Addressing officers of the Militia of Massachusetts in 1786, 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 character. The ennobling excellence in virtue, the Constitution needs the electorate to be formed by it. The American demo publius or dies on the gambit that commoners—the vulgus—can cultivate and exercise common virtue. Place virtue.

Political philosophers understand the aspiration to nobility to the heart of modern liberal democracy. That tradition sees itself as requiring dignity from the small patrimony of aristocracy to the point of universality. Whereas once only nobles were expected to be capable of and rewarded for noble deeds, 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 Lecture at the University of Duke in 2009, legal scholar Jeremy Walden argued that “a quintessential aristocratic value is the 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 virtue, 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 the bar. To sustain itself and as a matter of aspiration, constitutional aristocracy doesn’t debase the people; it dignifies them. Because designed to govern faultless and fine 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 liberal.

But from the stand-point of the Constitution and democracy, that would be nothing other than the people’s own doing. It’s tough to make sense of why someone would want to figuratively exile a statesman like Romney while seeming to exalt the match between America’s and the boorish side of President Trump. The current political moment of shrinking shrugmanship, if not shouldershrugging for, crassness in American public life is inconsistent with and destructive of constitut- ional democracy. Patriots will pray, hope, and work to move all quickly past it.

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The Grove City Col-
lege baseball team opened the 2018 sea-
son by dropping both of its non-confer-
dence doubleheaders with Mount St. Joseph (MSJ) at U.C. Heath
Stadium.
On Feb. 22, Grove City dropped the
open-
er, 8-6, then fell in the
tightest, 7-6, in six
innings before head-
ing to Florida for their
spring trip which ended with a 5-2 record.
In game two against MSJ, Grove City trailed 6-4 entering the top
of the seventh but two Mount St. Joseph errors helped
it come back. Se-
cond baseman
Benjamin Graham reached on a fielder’s choice and lat-
ter scored on a sacrifice
fly by junior third base-
man Jeff Arkwright in the
bottom of the seventh.
Grove City made one final threat in the
final inning as senior pivotman
Henry Brannan had much success, scoring four out of the five goals.
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 Grove City Col-
lege men’s basketball team dropped a 63-60
decision to a Big Atlantic
Conference leader at fourth-semester West-
minster in the quar-
terfinals of the 2018 Presi-
dents’ Athletic
Conference Champions-
hip Tournament at
Memorial Field House.
Westminster led
7-3 after
九
nine
minutes left on a driv-
ering layup by freshman
Justice Rice.
Sophomore mid-
fielder David Calhoun
followed
with a 15-footer to give
Grove City its largest
lead, 55-47, with 4:43
left.
Westminster re-
claimed the lead, 50-47,
by junior guard
Cory Huff
and senior forward
James
Wells
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 led the team
with four assists while
sophomore James
Angles
had three. Beckman
recorded a three-point-
play on 3-of-3 shooting.

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Practice during Intersession was an especially good time for the group. Sophomore Lauren 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 gracefully, "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 knows 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.

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