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## 2011 team builds on 2010 success

Outsiders may look at 2011 as a rebuilding year, after the team lost 10 seniors to graduation. The view from inside the program, however, is much different. Coach Dreves points out, "While we have lost some excellent players and a lot of depth, we still return seven players who started in 12 or more games, plus numerous others who have extensive game experience."

"We are trying to build on our strong foundation that has been established over the years and improve to the point where we can string together multiple years that resemble 2010," Dreves adds. The team looks to create a culture so strong that even the adversity of losing a large senior class or losing a player to injury can be overcome. Leading the way to building this culture will be seniors Brian Eckenhoff (captain), Tim Boswell (captain), Mark Leach, Ben Kuniholm and Adam Brewer (learn more in the "Meet the Seniors" section on page 3).

The challenge begins in late August with two preseason scrimmages against La Roche and Slippery Rock. Some additions to the traditional schedule of the last few years include Adrian and



Dan Adams '14 and the 2010 team had opponents on their heels all season. They hope to continue that in 2011.

longtime rival Allegheny. For more information, see the entire schedule on page 6.

Conference play begins on Oct. 1 against Bethany. The Wolverines will look to better their second-place finish in the 2010 regular season with an eye on the conference championship and an automatic place in the NCAA playoffs.

## Chuck Witt named Senior Man of the Year

Each spring, the College recognizes many of its students for various accomplishments at the Parents' Weekend Recognition Convocation. The final awards presented are the Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year and Senior Woman and Man of the Year.

This year, senior soccer player Chuck Witt was named Senior Man of the Year. Witt joins soccer



Chuck Witt '11

players Ian Lamborn '07 and Michael Manahan '09 in winning the coveted award. A native of Dillsburg,

starter for the Wolverines. His senior year was quite memorable as the team achieved the second-best record in its history. Witt was selected to the all-region team as well as being named academic All-American.

As is customary for the award, Witt's name has been placed on a rock near Harbison Chapel.

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## In Memory

# Alumni, former MVP pass away

The soccer alumni lost several members in 2010.

**John W. Powless '50** died in August 2010. Powless, a longtime Carlisle, Pa., resident, visited Grove City College during Homecoming 2008 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first unbeaten team in 1948.

In October, Dr. **Frederick L. "Rick" Jenks Jr. '63**, passed away. Jenks was a professor emeritus at Florida State University. During his time as a Tallahassee resident, Jenks was a youth coach and avid recreational soccer player.

## 2007 MVP remembered

The 2007 team MVP **Barry Snyder** passed away on Feb. 21, 2011. Snyder, a standout for the Wolverines before graduating in 2008, accidentally drowned while visiting Biloxi, Miss.

The 24-year-old native of Hollidaysburg, Pa., had just finished officer training with the Air Force and was traveling to Texas to begin his first assignment working in intelligence.

On the team, Snyder played midfield and centerback and was named to the all-conference team during his senior season. Prior to entering officer training, Snyder spent two years coaching the women's soccer team at Mount Aloysius College.

## Team battles weather during spring

The Wolverines tackled the non-traditional season with enormous passion this year. They needed this passion and quite a bit of perseverance to push through several challenges.

Each spring, the team is allotted five weeks of practice time that includes 15 practices and one day of competition. Normally the spring season runs during March and April and is split by a weeklong spring break.

This year, because of a late Easter, Coach Dreves chose to use the allotted five weeks before Easter break. This pushed the start earlier and forced the team to battle some rain and snow. As the spring wore on, the rain continued to fall and made the field unplayable most of the time. All told, at the end of the five weeks, the team was able to have only three outdoor sessions (with one being cut short by a bad snow storm). The unusual weather forced the men inside to the Intramural Room. In addition, the men were often forced to take an early morning time slot before classes because of scheduling conflicts.

To the credit of the 19 participating players, much was learned during those early morning sessions. Coaches Dreves and Edwards set out several important goals: to solidify the team's core values and make them more meaningful to the players; to cement the roles, responsibilities and playing principles in the team's system; and to make the team more dynamic in the final third. With all of the adverse conditions, the team still absorbed everything and was prepared for a scrimmage against conference foe Waynesburg and neighboring Division II Slippery Rock University.

In the first match, Slippery Rock beat Waynesburg 4-0 and demonstrated some clinical finishes. The Wolverines played Waynesburg in the second match. Grove City dominated the possession and attacking chances but could not find the back of the net. The game ended 0-0, with Grove City conceding only one goal kick and two corner kicks in 60 minutes of play.



Chris Burgan '14 and his teammates had to contend with bad weather and a tough schedule this spring.

In the final match, Grove City was up against SRU. SRU took an early lead on a shot from outside the penalty box after dominating play early. Grove City began to get into a rhythm and gain more possession in the final 15 minutes of the first half.

Toward the end of the half, the Wolverines' momentum hit a wall when junior Ben Kuniholm was injured in a tackle. Kuniholm later was taken to the hospital and eventually had surgery to repair a broken bone in his lower leg (his recovery is going better than expected and he anticipates being ready for the season).

After halftime, a resurgent Grove City team came out organized and ready to push the pace. Senior captain Tim Boswell evened the score at 1 with a shot from distance that resembled the SRU tally in the first half. Following the equalizer, the team continued to push and began dominating possession. SRU began to play direct, and the Wolverine defense was up to the challenge.

While they could not get the game-winner, they were able to hold SRU to no shots in the second half.

Overall, it was quite a performance by Grove City, considering the game was only its fourth outdoor session of the spring and the first time the team had played 11v11.

Hopefully, they can carry the knowledge learned into the fall season and continue to improve.

### Share your piece of history

Think your Wolverine memorabilia would look good displayed with this blanket from Alex Eggers '51 and jacket from John Powless '50?

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# Senior Class

## Meet the Class of 2012

The seniors of this year's team are poised to lead the 2011 squad and build on last year's success.

Each of them are also learning valuable skills off the soccer field with internships and other work experiences this summer. They are from Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Michigan.

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**Adam Brewer**  
**Hometown:** Beaver, Pa.  
**Major:** Entrepreneurship  
**Info:** Interned for Total Quality Logistics in Cincinnati, Ohio. Worked on carrier side of deliveries, negotiating prices, managing delivery schedules. Moved to center midfield from defense in 2010.



**Ben Kuniholm**  
**Hometown:** Fairfax, Va.  
**Major:** Business management  
**Info:** Spent most of summer rehabbing broken leg. Assistant account manager at SMS Direct in Fairfax. Biked from D.C. to Pittsburgh with his family. Loves the Washington Capitals.



**Tim Boswell**  
**Hometown:** Johnson City, Tenn.  
**Major:** Molecular biology  
**Info:** Participated in the Vanderbilt Summer Undergraduate Research Program in the Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology. Will serve as a captain in the 2011 season.



**Brian Eckenhoff**  
**Hometown:** Mt. Laurel, N.J.  
**Major:** Business management  
**Info:** Intern at I-TEC, a ministry that designs and builds tools/resources to reach remote tribes and peoples; worked on Maverick, street legal, FAA-approved flying car. Philadelphia Flyers fan.



**Mark Leach**  
**Hometown:** Fraser, Mich.  
**Major:** Mechanical engineering  
**Info:** Summer intern with Joy Mining in Franklin, Pa. Built computer models of parts for machines and assisted in different areas. Shows Michigan pride by rooting for Detroit Lions.

### Witt from page 1

In addition to being honored as Senior Man of the Year, Witt also was named the student Commencement speaker.

After an application and audition, he was selected by a panel of students and faculty to speak during the Commencement ceremony.

His speech, titled "On Clothing and Character," was both enjoyable and thought provoking and was well received by the crowd.

It was an interesting day for Witt as he was the first student on stage, as the speaker, and the last student, as the final graduate to receive his diploma (mechanical engineers are awarded their degrees last).

## Class of 2011 leaves mark on program

On May 14, 2011, the men's soccer alumni program had a large increase in membership.

On that rainy Saturday and with the former First Lady Laura W. Bush looking on, 10 seniors received their diplomas.

The 2011 soccer class will go down as the largest in the last 20 years.

As students, they left quite a stamp on the program. They finished the 2010 season with a 15-6-2 record, scoring 51 goals while conceding 20.

The record marks the second-most wins in



Chuck Witt and Evan Moore, both 2011 grads, captained the team in 2010.

program history and the most goals scored in a season since 1996.

The new alumni were three-for-three on

### 2010 record

15-6-2  
51 goals scored  
2nd highest win total ever

conference sportsmanship awards (the Presidents' Athletic Conference instituted

sportsmanship awards in 2008) and four-for-four on National Soccer Coaches Association academic awards (the NSCAA awards teams that have a 3.0 or higher). The group finished with a 35-35-10 record.

Congratulations on a great career, Class of 2011!



## Homecoming: Mark your calendars

Be sure to plan ahead for the last weekend in September when the College and the men's soccer team pay tribute to their alumni. On Sept. 23, the team will play visiting Penn State-New Kensington in a non-conference match at 4 p.m. at College Field. New Kensington is coached by former Wolverine Jack Adams '09.

On Sept. 24, the current players take on the alumni in the annual Hall of Fame game at 10:30 a.m. Prior to the game, the College will

recognize 2011 Soccer Hall of Fame inductees Ross Carnes '70 and Chuck Harrington '73. The festivities conclude with a luncheon and award ceremony immediately following the game.

It is always an outstanding weekend and a great way for the soccer family to reconnect. Please plan on coming and encourage a former teammate or two to come as well. Any alumni with questions should contact Coach Dreves at (724) 458-2151.



Ross Carnes '70, center, will be inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame at Homecoming.

## College to induct former standouts

Grove City College will induct two former standout into its Men's Soccer Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend, on Sept. 24. Ross Carnes '70, a former goalkeeper, and Chuck Harrington '73 comprise the 11th class of inductees. Their induction brings the total number of inductees to 29.

Carnes started in goal for the Wolverines from 1967 to 1969, earning three letters. He compiled a 21-7 record in goal in 28 career starts, including 10 shutouts.

As a senior in 1969, Carnes helped Grove City post a 9-2 record, tying the program record for single-season victories. He anchored a Grove City defense that posted five shutouts, which also tied a single-season school mark.

The Wolverines went 7-3-1 in 1968 and 6-4 during his sophomore season, including a 5-2 record in 1967 with Carnes in goal.

During those three seasons, he earned acclaim as one of the top goalkeepers in the region and following his senior

season, head coach Cliff Wettig nominated him for All-America consideration.

Harrington earned three letters at fullback for Grove City from 1970 to 1972. A teammate of Carnes in 1969, Harrington earned National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Honorable Mention Regional All-America following the 1972 season. He became the first Grove City player to be awarded Regional All-America honors.

Harrington also received First Team All-Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference (WPISC) as a senior. He helped the Wolverines to a 25-12-2 overall record during his career. His defensive work at fullback helped Grove City record seven shutouts in his three years as a starter, including five in 1970.

Grove City established its Men's Soccer Hall of Fame in 2001. The honorees will be introduced and recognized before the annual Hall of Fame Game September 24, which features alumni against current varsity players.

# Alumni travel to see world's best player

When it comes to soccer, each generation has its maestro. First it was Pele and then Maradona. Now, we are in the era of Lionel Messi. While he has yet to win a major international tournament, his impact on soccer as a whole has been dramatic.

The world player of the year in 2009 and 2010, Messi traveled to the United States to compete for Argentina against the U.S. in a tune-up match for this summer's Copa America. The game was held at the New Meadowlands stadium near New York City.

Several Grove City College soccer alumni met and attended the game together. Messi dazzled the crowd (and the U.S. defenders) throughout the game. Argentina dominated possession and attacking chances but had to settle for a 1-1 draw with the organized, hardworking Americans.

From the pregame tailgate to the final whistle, a great time was had by all.



At left, Jack Adams '09, Bob Terhune '09, Joel Metz '10, Mike Dreves '97 (also pictured at right) and Matt Sol '09 traveled to see the U.S. take on Lionel Messi and the Argentina national team in New York City.

## Several grads chosen for selective teaching program

Teaching is a calling that many students at Grove City College have embraced. Not everyone takes the direct path into the field of education, though, and several soccer seniors have taken on the calling while majoring in other disciplines.

Class of 2011 graduates Austin Bernal, Evan Moore and Daniel Bernal have been awarded teaching positions through the prestigious Teach For America program. Less than 10 percent of applicants are selected for two-year placements. Teach For America recruits recent college

graduates and professionals to teach for two years in low-income communities throughout the United States. The goal of Teach For America is for its corps members not only to make a short-term impact on their students, but also to become lifelong leaders in pursuing educational equality. Corps members do not have to be certified teachers. Uncertified corps members receive alternative certification through coursework taken while completing the program.

Corps members attend an intensive

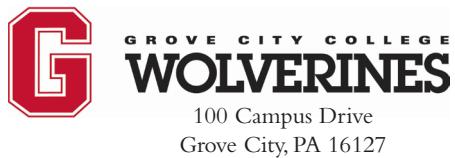
five-week summer institute to prepare for their commitment. Teach For America teachers are full-fledged faculty members at their schools, receiving the normal school district salary and benefits as well as a modest AmeriCorps "education voucher."

Austin Bernal was placed in Memphis, Tenn., Daniel Bernal (high school English) in Miami, Fla., and Moore (high school Spanish) in eastern North Carolina.

You can learn more about Teach For America at [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

## Got a story to tell or a photo to share?

We're always interested in hearing what alumni are doing, so if you have some pictures or information about a recent alumni gathering, please send items to Coach Dreves at [mfdreves@gcc.edu](mailto:mfdreves@gcc.edu).



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## 2011 Men's Soccer Schedule

Aug. 24	Slippery Rock	Away	1 p.m. (scrimmage)
<b>Aug 27</b>	<b>La Roche</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3 p.m. (scrimmage)</b>
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>Adrian</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>Muskingum</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Sept. 6	Allegheny	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Hilbert	Away	1 p.m.
Sept. 14	Penn State Behrend	Away	7 p.m.
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Baldwin Wallace</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>Mount Union</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>Penn State New Ken.</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Hall of Fame Game</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Sept. 27	Juniata	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	Bethany	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 4	Thomas More	Away	3:30 p.m.
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Waynesburg</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Oct. 12	Thiel	Away	4 p.m.
<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Wash. &amp; Jeff.</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
Oct. 19	Carnegie Mellon	Away	7 p.m.
<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>Geneva</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>St. Vincent</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Oct. 29	Westminster	Away	3 p.m.

## Donations welcome

If you would like to support the men's soccer program, make checks payable to Grove City College with "Men's Soccer" on the memo line.

Mail to: Advancement Office, Grove City College, 100 Campus Dr., Grove City, PA 16127.

## Nominate for Hall of Fame

If you played with an outstanding teammate, please consider nominating him for the Grove City College Soccer Hall of Fame. Nominations are easy! Go to [www.gcc.edu/sports](http://www.gcc.edu/sports), navigate to the soccer page and click on the "Hall of Fame Information" link.

You can also send an e-mail to [soccer@gcc.edu](mailto:soccer@gcc.edu), fax to (724) 458-3855 or mail your nomination to Box 3074, 100 Campus Dr., Grove City, PA 16127.