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Kim Budd closes career

Kim Budd, four-year letterwinner and three-year starter as a defensive specialist and libero, finished her career in fine fashion this fall. She finished second in the Presidents' Athletic Conference in digs, averaging 5.75 per set.

Budd closes out her Grove City career ranked second all-time, collecting 1,842 digs with the second highest single-season mark in program history, ranked only behind Sarah Hamsher '97. Hamsher still ranks in the top 10 among the all time leaders in digs in the country in DIII.

Budd also led the team in digs in 2008 and 2009. She played in 124 of a possible 125 matches during her four year career. As a senior co-captain in 2010, Budd led by example on the court and inspired those around her to give their best effort. Budd's effort this year earned her not only Grove City's MVP, but also an All PAC Second



Kim Budd '11 (in red) and Elisabeth Willits '13 put in a team effort in 2010. Budd was the MVP and team leader in digs.

Team distinction.

A biology major with exercise science minor, Budd plans to reach out to the community by becoming a personal trainer. She is the daughter of James and Kathy Budd, who reside in Hubbard, Ohio.

Team looks to improve in 2011 season

By Elisabeth Willits '13

The Wolverines are anticipating an outstanding performance for the 2011 season. With 11 returning players, the team's experience and confidence level have risen significantly. The talent and potential of the young group will lead to progress and success.

Since the beginning of the semester, the team has

been lifting three times a week as well as doing plyometric conditioning. Starting their spring season, the Wolverines are enjoying getting back on the court to prepare for the coming year. They are hoping that their hard work will pay off as the 2011 season commences.

Focusing on unity, trust- ing and loving one another,

the team's motto for the coming season is "Count on me." The Wolverines hope to build on the relationships created in the 2010 season and to move forward to a deeper level of teamwork. The team is optimistic that the ability to believe in and trust one another completely will increase performance on the court.



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Roberts earns award

Head volleyball coach Susan Roberts received the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 2010 Division of Sport and Athletics HERitage Award November 13 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

Roberts earned her award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to women's sports.

She recently completed her 26th season as head volleyball coach at Grove City College. During her tenure, she led the Wolverines to nine Presidents' Athletic Conference championships, three Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Championships and earned national Coach of the Year in 1985 after a 41-1 season.

Since coming to Grove City in 1985, she has coached women's basketball, softball and volleyball and is the only active conference coach to win titles in three currently recognized conference sports.

Roberts is Grove City's all-time leader in total victories with 704 wins. She is also associate athletic director and professor of physical education.

Dr. Allison Williams, associate chair of the Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science, presented Roberts at the ceremony.

The Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance is a non-profit education association which seeks to provide quality programs and professional development in the disciplines it represents. The association encourages healthy lifestyles by all people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Susan K. Roberts

Coach's Corner

Hello everyone. I trust you have had a wonderful year. It has been a fun-filled year so far. 2010 was a very event-

ful and enjoyable season. It was definitely a rebuilding year with nine freshmen and one senior. With hard work and great attitudes we have rebuilt a strong foundation for the future. We are all very excited and looking forward to getting back on track.

I have enjoyed staying in touch with so many of you over the past few years and find I am getting in touch with many more of you recently. If you want to be added to my email list, please let me know. I send out updates a couple times a month; it's not too overwhelming.

This fall for pre-season camp, Kim Walsh, Kelly Shields and Sue Dreves took time out of their schedule to come and spend several days with us. What a joy it was to have so much help during preseason. I have been spoiled beyond belief.

Life at Grove City continues to challenge us and push us all in new directions. I hope your life is all that you hoped for and more.

Please stay in touch and let us know what you're up to. You all are a vital part of the history of our program and I don't want any of you to ever forget that. You all are appreciated and remembered.

With much love,
Susan K. Roberts, Head Volleyball Coach

Alumna helps less fortunate with Hosanna Industries

Becky Blair '95 (now Hetzer), played volleyball from 1992-94 as a back row specialist and helped Grove City College win two PAC Championships and one ECAC Championship. But it was her joy of playing and her enthusiastic attitude that brought so much energy to the team and what made her so special. Now she uses that same energy and love to encourage her family and those less fortunate through Hosanna Industries.

"I first volunteered for HI back in 1994 on a trip with Hosanna to Berea, Ky., during Holy Week," explains Blair. "I fell in love with the organization and the people instantly, and I continued to

volunteer throughout my years at GCC and for three months in the winter of 1995-96. It was after that winter that I received my call from the Lord to come to Hosanna full-time and did so in June 1996 and have been here ever since! I met Brian here (got to know him during those winter months) and we were married in October 1997 and now have two boys. Brian graduated from Westminster in December 1994 and has been with the mission ever since. He runs the construction programs at the mission and I am a fundraiser through businesses and foundations."



Becky (Blair '95) Hetzer

2010 was a learning season for young team

By Heather Good '12

Fresh start. That's what this season was for the Wolverines. The squad featured three returning players and nine newcomers. Led by senior Kim Budd and sophomore Elisabeth Willits, the team finished the year with a record of 7-21.

Highlights of the season included two exciting 3-2 wins over Waynesburg University and Penn State Behrend in September. The Wolverines defeated the Waynesburg squad 3-0 later in the season, proving a trend of steady improvement. The team continued to challenge in every match, pushing their opponents and themselves. The team rounded out the season on Senior Day with a 3-0 win over Chatham.

Individually, Budd was honored with a spot on the Second Team All-Conference and Willits received All-Conference Honorable Mention. The team also received the conference Sportsmanship Award, a testament to its hard work, determination and character on and off



The 2010 team, led by senior Kim Budd (in red), featured 11 newcomers, including nine freshmen.

the court.

Although not reflected by the numbers, the season was a success in many aspects. Of the 11 newcomers, the team added nine freshmen, one sophomore and one

junior. These additions to the team created an environment in which a strong sense of team formed among the women, a sense of team that will be built upon in the coming years.

Veterans Good and Willits to be co-captains in 2011

By Taylor Gerent '14

As a senior, Heather Good will be serving as one of the 2011 volleyball captains. The other captain will be Elisabeth Willits as a junior.

Good, who was a starter this season, will be a great leader for the team in the fall. She produced excellent performances this past season as a defensive player with 130 digs for the team. As a server, she brings a positive attitude and strong confidence in every game. As winners of the Sportsmanship Award, Good contributed greatly to this achievement for the team with the way she played and encouraged on the court.



Heather Good '12



Elisabeth Willits '13

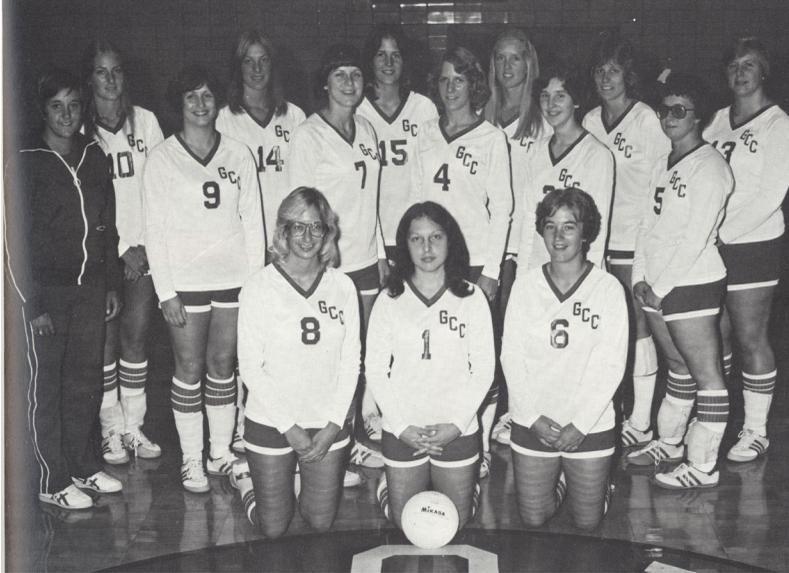
Good's attitude and performance this season established a great base for her role as a captain this fall.

Willits, as a junior, will be leading the team as a captain for the second year. As a starter, she played confidently on both offense and defense. In attacks, Willits led the team with 284 kills. As a defensive player, she had 189 digs this season. Willits had an excellent consistency and effectiveness in every game also as a server. Through her encouragement and strong leadership from this season, Willits will be a strong component to the team as a captain.

In retrospect

Remembering volleyball past

In this and future newsletters, we will be highlighting one team from each decade to honor its efforts and commitment to the Grove City College volleyball program.



1978: 19-3

The 1978 team successfully defended its Keystone Conference Section championship. Captains Janis Fahnert, Pam Randall and Karen Roy led the team to another outstanding season. The team was chosen as an alternate to the Small College Eastern Regionals. Randall was selected as the MVP that season.

Team Members (maiden names) Row 1: J. Fahnert, P. Randall and K. Roy. Row 2: Coach Terry Ellis, J. Folk, L. Emerson, J. Smith, I. Dougherty, S. Tritsch. Row 3: B. Purdue, J. Kopnisky, G. McMullan, J. Moore, J. Sedwick and L. Houston.

1986: 36-6

The 1986 team was led by All-American Sue Shadle, All-Region Marcee Skeddle and Suzy Hulit. Shadle, Weygandt and Skeddle were All-PAC selections that season. The ladies finished the season with back-to-back PAC Championships and were ranked 11th in the country in NCAA III. They were a premier team with not only talent but also with a great sense of humor.



Team Members (maiden names) Row 1: Deb Cranston, Sam Fales, Julie Smith, Marcee Skeddle, Mara Conway and Karen Ishler. Row 2: Lea Guiney, Becky Matscherz, Suzy Hulit, Val Roth, Kristi Weygandt, Sue Shadle and Coach Roberts



1992: 19-18

The 1992 team was led by All-American and All-Region Lisa Lippincott. Jeannie Annan was the starting setter as a freshman that season and led the conference in assists. Lisa Lippincott was ranked eighth in the country in hitting percentage, seventh in the country in kills and third in the country for digs per game. Rhonda Cratty was ranked ninth in the country for blocks per game with Missie Kline ranked fifth in the conference in kills. The team captured the College's fifth PAC title in eight years.

Team Members (maiden names) Row 1: Missy Kline, Rhonda Cratty, Lisa Lippincott, Naomi Feltenberger and Dawn Conser. Row 2: Coach Roberts, Chris Durbin, Jody Reimann, Jenny Lippincott, Amy Patton, Mel Koerner, Jeannie Annan, Rhonda Adsit and Becky Blair.

2000: 20-13

The 2000 team was led by a host of players who stepped up when needed. Captains Sarah Gardner and Julie Porter led the young team. It was a true team effort with no senior leadership, but a team full of juniors and sophomores who stepped up when called upon and captured the College's eighth PAC title in 16 years. The 2000 team also made a return trip to the ECAC tournament, beating Western Maryland, then losing to eventual winner Carnegie Mellon.

Team Members (maiden names) Row 1, from left: Renee Allen and Pam Herr. Row 2: Abbey Isaacson, Sarah Gardner, Julie Porter, Casey Engelbert and Lisa Bodi. Row 3: Coach Roberts, Ben Hoffman, Cara Scarpitti, Heather Hayden, Katie Summers, Kirsten Pedersen, Cara Denniston and Brian Donovan.





Walsh serves as assistant coach

Kim Walsh '08 returned to the area this year and volunteered as an assistant coach this fall.

What a blessing she has been to me, the young ladies and to the program. Walsh was a four-year starter as our setter and captain from 2004-07. Her contributions to the program this season were invaluable. One could not put a price on the time, effort and care that she gave to this program. We trust that she will be able to return again next fall.

Walsh is studying at Slippery Rock University in their graduate program in a specialized reading program and hopes to take her skills into the public school system.

Teammates & Friends

Alumnae return to play in game

The 2010 alumni volleyball game was a huge success with many alumni returning. Heather (Oates '00) Wheeler and Laura Lemire-Janson '00, as well as Liz (Sparks '99) Timmons were also in attendance but did not compete.

Even though these young ladies have moved on with their lives, they still share a special closeness that comes from being teammates.

They continue to share and laugh and make more memories and remember all the wonderful times shared during their days at Grove City College.



Row 1: Kelly Shields '97, Becky (Blair '95) Hetzer, Kirsten (Pedersen '03) Meyers and Natalie Liberati '09.
Row 2: Casey (Engelbert '02) Ferry, Missie Kline '94, Naomi (Feltenberger '94) Grove, Dawn (Conser '94) Arthurs and Sue (Gillan '97) Dreves.

Christine Carlson '91 inducted into Hall of Fame

Christine Carlson '91 (now Jenkins) earned five First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honors and eight monograms during her two-sport college career from 1987 to 1991.

She made an immediate impact on the volleyball court as the 1987 squad captured the PAC title. During the next three seasons, she earned First Team All-PAC and received the team's MVP award three times. Carlson helped lead the 1989 team to the conference title and graduated as Grove City's all-time leader with 1,026 kills.

A native of Panama, N.Y., Carlson excelled on the hardwood during the winter, also under head coach Susan Roberts. This 5-foot-9 standout earned First Team All-PAC in basketball following her junior and senior seasons. As a junior, she averaged more than 17 points per game. In 1990-91, co-captain Carlson led the Wolverines to a 15-8 overall record while averaging 21.8 points per game. She ranked among the nation's top 10 in Division III. That year, she became the second Grove City player to be honored as conference MVP in women's basketball and the WBCA selected her for All-America honors in District 4.

Carlson graduated as the program's second-leading scorer with 1,337 career points and held the consecutive free throw record with 28. She remains one of two players to score 500 points or more in one season.

She capped her collegiate career with the coveted Sportswoman of the Year award and received a bachelor of



President Richard Jewell '67 presents a plaque to Christine (Carlson '91) Jenkins.

science degree in elementary education. She finished her master's degree at the University of Virginia as a reading specialist.

Carlson was able to bring her entire family with her for the ceremony: husband Randy and her three boys, Nick, Luke and Ryan, Mom and Dad, sisters, nieces, nephews and the like. It was a great evening catching up with everyone. We are proud to have her represent volleyball and basketball in the Grove City College Hall of Fame.

Volleyball, men's soccer spread Christmas cheer



One evening last fall, the two teams took time to wander up to Orchard Manor and spend some time entertaining the residents by spreading Christmas joy and blessings. It was a grand time had by all.

Make a Gift

A special thank you to all those who have donated so generously to the small but vital alumni account for volleyball. If you would like to donate, please send your gift to the Development Office (100 Campus Drive, Grove City, PA 16127) and place Women's Volleyball on the memo line. Thanks again for all you do and have done to make this such a strong and unique program!

2011 Grove City College Women's Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home/ Away	Time	Date	Opponent	Home/ Away	Time
Sept. 2-3	Ohio Wesleyan Tournament	A	TBA	Oct. 5	Waynesburg*	A	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Penn State Behrend	A	7 p.m.	Oct. 8	Washington & Jefferson*	H	11 a.m.
Sept. 10	Geneva*	A	TBA	Oct. 8	Saint Vincent*	H	3 p.m.
Sept. 10	Waynesburg*	N	TBA	Oct. 11	Geneva*	H	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Bethany*	H	6:30 p.m.	Oct. 13	Westminster*	A	7 p.m.
Sept. 16-17	Allegheny Tournament	A	TBA	Oct. 15	Thomas More*	H	11 a.m.
Sept. 20	Thiel*	A	7 p.m.	Oct. 15	Hilbert	H	3 p.m.
Sept. 24	Thomas More*	N	1 p.m.	Oct. 18	Bethany*	A	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Chatham*	A	3 p.m.	Oct. 20	Washington & Jefferson*	A	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	LaRoche	H	6:30 p.m.	Oct. 25	Chatham*	H	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Westminster*	H	5 p.m.	Oct. 27	Thiel* (Senior Day)	H	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	D'Youville	H	9 p.m.	Oct. 29	Saint Vincent*	A	1 p.m.

* denotes Presidents' Athletic Conference

Come support the team!