Pedersen, Ritter earn top senior honors

Grove City College senior cross country runner Elisa Pedersen and senior baseball player Mike Ritter were honored as Grove City College’s Omicron Delta Kappa/Mortar Board Sportman and Sportswoman of the Year, respectively, for 2005-2006. Pedersen earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division III Championships in both her junior and senior seasons, becoming the first Grove City women’s cross country runner to earn that distinction. As a junior, Pedersen placed 22nd nationally. She then finished 27th at the national championships in fall 2005.

Pedersen also earned NCAA All-Mideast Region recognition in each of her four seasons. She led the Wolverines to a fourth-place finish at the Mideast Region championships in Cudell, Pa., Nov. 12 by finishing fifth overall in that race. She also won the President’s Athletic Conference’s individual championship in each of her four seasons at Grove City, helping the Wolverines to four straight PAC titles.

Pedersen owns the fastest 5-kilometer time in Grove City annals. She is also a past record-holder in the 3,000 steeplechase.

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Inaugural Hall of Fame class announced

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This inaugural class features seven former standout athletes and five coaches and administrators. Here is a brief look at the Class of 2007 inductees:

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She was a nine-time Academic All-District and First Team Academic All-Americans.

Thom was a four-year letterman in baseball and football and was a two-time Academic All-Americans.

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She was a four-year letterman in basketball and volleyball and was an Academic All-American in both sports.

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Welcome to ‘Varsity G’

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Director of Athletics

At Grove City College, we strive to be the best we can be, and we take great pride in the successful performance of our student-athletes. This year, we have seen outstanding individual and team accomplishments.

One of the highlights of the year was the election of L. Michelle ‘Chelle’ Fuss as a national Academic All-American. Fuss was named to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Academic All-American Team, which recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of student-athletes.

Fuss, a senior on the women’s basketball team, had an outstanding academic career. She maintained a 3.86 cumulative grade point average and was named to the Academic All-District II College Division All-American Team. Fuss also earned Academic All-District honors, which are given to student-athletes who maintain a 3.50 GPA or higher and have participated in NCAA Division II competition.

In addition to her academic success, Fuss was a key player on the basketball team. She led the Golden Tornadoes in scoring with 12.4 points per game and was named to the All-PAC First Team.

Fuss is just one of the many outstanding student-athletes at Grove City College. We are proud of all of our student-athletes and their contributions to our athletic program.

Thank you for your support and for all that you do to make our athletic program successful.

Sincerely,
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Grove City College has hired L. Michelle ‘Chelle’ Fuss as its new head softball coach and assistant women’s basketball coach. Fuss comes to Grove City from New Providence, NJ, where she served as an assistant coach for the Presidents’ Athletic Conference member Geneva College, where she was the school’s confer-

Fuss is a four-year starter on the softball diamond and is a two-time Academic All-District honoree. She also earned Academic All-District honors in both the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

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As a senior in 1977, Bornholm earned First Team honors from the West Penn Interscholastic Soccer Conference. He also earned Honorable Mention Regional All-America recognition from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) following the season.

In 34 years as head coach, Lyle guided Grove City to 277 victories and six postseason berths. Grove City advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals in 1976 while his 1996 team won the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Championship Tournament. In 2005, his final year as head coach, the Wolverines won the Presidents' Athletic Conference title and advanced to the ECAC finals. Grove City also won three conference titles (1 WPSLC, 2 PAC) under his direction.

Lyle also helped develop the football of the College's men's soccer alumni program. He was also heavily involved in the development of local soccer programs. For his efforts in the community, Lyle earned the Florence MacKenzie Campus-Community Award in 1988.

The three honorees will be introduced at the annual Grove City College Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 11, at 4:30 p.m. at the Grove City College Gymnasium. The induction ceremony will be followed by the annual Hall of Fame Dinner honoring Grove City's 2008 inductees. For more information on the Hall of Fame events, call Dr. Stan Keehlwetter Men's Track 724-458-2142 fskeehlwetter@gcc.edu

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