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## Pierce, Leuenberger earn top sports honors

Grove City College senior cross country runner Cara Pierce and senior cross country/track and field runner Andrew Leuenberger have been honored as Grove City College's Omicron Delta Kappa/Mortar Board Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year, respectively, for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Pierce earned four cross country letters and helped Grove City to four straight Presidents' Athletic Conference championships. Pierce earned First Team All-PAC honors in each of her final three seasons at Grove City after receiving Second Team recognition as a freshman. She was team co-captain for the last three seasons.

Pierce also lettered in track and field twice. She owns the



SENIORS CARA PIERCE AND ANDREW LEUENBERGER WERE HONORED AS THE 2007 SPORTSWOMAN AND SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR. THEY ARE PICTURED WITH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DR. DONALD LYLE (CENTER).

College record in the 3000 steeplechase (12:33.00) and helped Grove City to PAC titles in both 2004 and 2005.

A Spanish/English double major, Pierce graduated with a 3.92 cumulative grade-point average. She earned Dean's List

honors seven times and was inducted into Mortar Board. She is a two-time College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District selection. Pierce has also been named to the PAC

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## 2008 Hall of Fame inductees chosen

Grove City College will induct eight athletic standouts and one highly-successful coach into its Athletic Hall of Fame Feb. 16, 2008. This second class of Hall of Fame inductees will be honored in conjunction with Grove City's basketball doubleheader.

Here is a brief look at the nine inductees:

**Todd Alexander '64** – Alexander earned a College-

record 11 varsity letters as a three-sport standout in the early 1960s. Alexander excelled in football, baseball and track and field during his career at Grove City. He earned the College's Sportsman of the Year as a senior before embarking on a minor-league baseball career.

**William "Skip" Arbuckle '71** – Known as "Mr. Freestyle" during his career, Arbuckle

became Grove City's first five-time NCAA All-American. In 1969, Arbuckle earned College Division All-America in the 200 free. As a junior in 1970, Arbuckle achieved All-America in both the 50 and 100 free. His senior year, he earned All-America in the 100 and 200. Arbuckle received the College's Sportsman of the Year award in 1971.

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## 2008 Hall of Fame inductees announced

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**Jeff Cass '89** – A record-setting performer in both football and track during the late 1980s, Cass still currently holds several College records. Cass graduated as Grove City's all-time leading passer with 2,776 yards. He still owns the College record in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 21.26 seconds in 1987. Cass received Sportsman of the Year at the conclusion of his senior year.

**Bob Crow '83** – After a stellar basketball career across town at Grove City High School, the sharp-shooting Crow further developed his offensive prowess at the collegiate level. Crow finished his career as Grove City's second all-time leading scorer in men's basketball with 1,450 career points. As a senior, he helped lead the Wolverines to a program-record 21 wins and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

**Anne Kister '88** – Kister is the only three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American in Grove City College history as she earned College Division At-Large recognition in 1986, 1987 and 1988. On the tennis court, Kister accumulated a

combined career record of 71-7, including a 38-1 doubles record. Kister went a combined 44-0 in 1984 and 1985.

**Jim McElhane '86** – McElhane is the first Grove City track and field athlete to earn multiple NCAA All-America citations during his career. In 1985, McElhane placed second in the javelin and seventh in the shot put at the NCAA Championships. As a senior, he took second in the javelin and fifth in the shot put, becoming a four-time All-American. McElhane still holds Grove City College records in the javelin, shot put and discus.

**Chris Van De Mark '82** – Van De Mark became Grove City's first NCAA champion when he swept the 1- and 3-meter diving competition at the 1981 NCAA Division III Championships. He repeated as national champion on the 1-meter board in 1982. Van De Mark earned All-America in 1-meter diving in each of his four seasons. He also earned 3-meter All-America honors in 1980, 1981 and 1982.

**Cliff Wettig** – Wettig coached soccer, basketball and tennis at Grove City from 1962-71. He is the winningest coach,

percentage-wise, in both soccer and tennis at Grove City. As soccer coach, Wettig guided Grove City to a 65-20-4 mark, including a 24-1-2 mark from 1964-66. The tennis team went 74-17 under his direction while the basketball program accumulated a 112-86 record in his nine seasons. All three programs set single-season victory records during his stint as head coach.

**Carla (Wetzel) '82) Patarini** – A three-sport standout in the early 1980s, Wetzel accumulated a record-tying total of 11 varsity letters during her four years at the College. As a four-year letterwinner in volleyball, she helped Grove City to three Women's Keystone Conference championships and three postseason berths. She also earned four basketball letters and helped lead Grove City to its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth as a senior. On the softball diamond, Wetzel earned three letters after joining the team in its inaugural season, 1980.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee chose the new inductees in early May.

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**SENIOR BOB PERRI** EARNED ALL-AMERICAN HONORS IN SHOT PUT WITH A MARK OF 51 FEET, 11 INCHES, IN THE NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS.

## Perri earns NCAA honors in shot put

Senior thrower Bob Perri earned All-America honors in the shot put at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 26, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Perri placed eighth in the shot put with a mark of 51 feet, 11 inches, earning his first NCAA All-America honor.

Perri posted his heave of 51-11 in the final throw of the preliminaries. That effort placed him among the nine competitors in the finals.

On his final throw in the finals, Perri posted a mark of 50-7 – his second-best mark of the day. That proved pivotal as he finished the competition tied for eighth with Wisconsin-La Crosse's Luke Kimlinger.

However, Perri's mark of 50-7 broke the tie with Kimlinger, who fouled on all three of his attempts in the finals. Mount Union senior Justin Rodhe won the NCAA title with a throw of 59-3 1/2 in the finals.

Perri entered the NCAA Championships as the ninth seed with a season-best mark of 52-8. Perri posted that mark in winning the Presidents' Athletic Conference championship April 28 at Grove City's Robert E. Thorn Field.

He also took third at the ECAC Division III Championships in Oneonta, N.Y.

Perri is Grove City's first men's track and field NCAA All-American since Rory Phillips earned All-America in the javelin in 2004.

## Welcome to 'Varsity G'

Dear Varsity Athletes, Alumni, Parents and Friends,

The 2006-2007 academic year is now completed. As you will read in "Varsity G", our spring teams had a lot of success. The men's tennis and men's track teams won conference championships. The men's and women's track teams sent 24 athletes to the ECAC Track and Field Championships. Senior Bob Perri earned All-America in the shot put at the NCAA Championships. Our women's water polo team competed in the Collegiate III National Championships and finished fifth. The men finished second and the women finished third in the competition for the Presidents' Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophies.

When you return to campus, you will see changes and improvements to our athletic facilities. Work is well under way on the new soccer press box and bench area. The project will be complete in late June. We will also refurbish the existing soccer scoreboard and add an additional scoreboard to the front of the bleachers.

The baseball and softball fields will get a new look during the summer. Both playing fields will be completely enclosed and new scoreboards will be installed as part of the first phase of our facility upgrades to both playing venues.

You will also notice some improvements in the Physical Learning Center. The addition of our new Hall of Fame Room and trophy display cases has definitely made the PLC look more like an athletic facility. Each team has its own area to display personal athlete and team accomplishments. New sitting areas have been arranged throughout the building to accommodate recruits and visitors.

In the near future, we will add the Athletic Heritage Display to the Physical Learning Center. This project will highlight the historical development of our athletic program. If you have any pictures, memorabilia, newspaper articles, etc., that you would like to donate to the Athletic Department for display in the Physical Learning Center, it would be deeply appreciated. We are always looking for this type of information to reflect the rich athletic history of Grove City College. Please contact me by phone at (724) 458-2122 or e-mail at dllyle@gcc.edu.

Preparations are well underway for the Grove City College Athletic Hall of Fame 2008 Induction Ceremony. We will be spending the next few months preparing the awards and the Hall of Fame Room. The formal induction ceremony will be held Feb. 16, 2008. If you would be interested in making reservations to attend, please phone or e-mail me at the address below. The cost for the evening is \$25/person. This will include the 5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. dinner and the induction ceremony. Reservation(s) and payments for the ceremony are due by Dec. 1, 2007.

I want to invite you to visit and see first hand the changes we are making to your Grove City College Athletic program. Please stop to see us when you are on campus. We would welcome the opportunity to visit with you. You are always welcome. I hope you have a wonderful summer.

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## College inducting three into Men's Soccer Hall

Grove City College will induct three former standouts into its Men's Soccer Hall of Fame as part of Homecoming weekend Oct. 6.

Bill Buchanan '66, Angelo Mariotti '78 and Gary Tissue '80 comprise the Class of 2007. They are the 19th, 20th and 21st inductees into the Men's Soccer Hall of Fame.

A posthumous inductee, Buchanan earned four letters as a halfback from 1962-65. As a senior co-captain in 1965, Buchanan helped lead the Wolverines to an 8-0-1 overall record, including an invitation to the NCAA Championship Tournament. As a freshman in 1962, he helped Grove City advance to its first-ever NCAA Tournament.



BILL BUCHANAN '66

During his four years at Grove City, the Wolverines compiled a 29-7-2 overall record, including a 17-0-1 mark in his last two years. The 1964 team went 9-0-0, the best record, percentage-wise, in Grove City history.

Buchanan tragically perished in an automobile crash prior to graduation in May 1966. In 1967, the men's soccer program named its Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Junior awards in his memory.

Mariotti earned four letters at right back in the mid-1970s for Grove City, helping the Wolverines secure four consecutive winning seasons. In 1976, Mariotti played a pivotal role in Grove City advancing to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament quarterfinals. Grove City's fifth-place national finish that year is the best by any Grove City team in an NCAA Championship. Grove City posted the first

double-digit win total in program history in 1976, finishing 10-3-1. As a senior captain in 1977, Mariotti's defensive work helped the team break the program's record for season wins with an 11-3-0 record.

He earned First Team honors from the West Penn Intercollegiate Soccer Conference as a senior and capped his career as a student-athlete by receiving the College's ODK/Mortar Board Sportsman of the Year award. He is currently professor and chairman of the department of periodontology at The Ohio State University.

A teammate of Mariotti for two seasons, Tissue helped Grove City to one of its most successful four-year runs ever from 1976-79. During that time, Grove City

compiled an aggregate 39-11-2 mark. In 1979, Tissue captained Grove City's 10-2 squad. He also played on the 1976 squad that advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

For his play at back, Tissue earned First Team All-WPISC and Honorable Mention All-America honors as a senior. A three-year letterman, he also earned Grove City's Sportsman of the Year award for the 1979-80 academic year. Currently, he is employed by Butler Senior Care, Inc., in Butler, Pa.

The three honorees will recognize before the annual Hall of Fame Game Oct. 6, which features alumni against current varsity players. This is the seventh class of inductees since the Hall's establishment in 2001.



GARY TISSUE '80

## Six track and field competitors earn Academic All-District

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record time of 32 minutes, 39.55 seconds. Kloes is also a former school record-holder in the 5000. He helped Grove City to three conference titles in both track and field and cross country.

Kloes graduated last month with a 3.89 cumulative grade-point average while majoring in history. He achieved Dean's List honors seven times and also earned a spot on the PAC Academic Honor Roll.

A 2006 Third Team Academic All-American, Leuenberger capped his career as a student-athlete last month by receiving the College's Sportsman of the Year award. (For more on Leuenberger's accomplishments, see the related story on page 1.)

Bray is also a repeat Academic All-District selection, having earned Second Team honors in 2006. Bray earned four letters as a thrower for Grove City's track and field team, winning the PAC title in the javelin each of the last two seasons. She scored in all three throwing events at the 2007 PAC Championships. Bray helped Grove City capture PAC track and field

titles in both 2004 and 2005.

Bray also lettered in basketball in 2006-07, earning the team's Impact Player award. She graduated in May with a 3.93 GPA while majoring in business management. Bray earned Dean's List honors seven times and was inducted into Mortar Board.

Like Bray, Pierce received Second Team Academic All-District honors in 2006. Last month, Pierce earned the College's ODK/Mortar Board Sportswoman of the Year. (For more on Pierce's accomplishments, see the related story on page 1.)

Majchrowicz earned Second Team All-District after setting school records in the 200, 400 and 1600 relay this spring. She provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 400 dash and for the ECAC Championships in three events. She is a two-year letterwinner. She has a 3.81 GPA in marketing/management and has earned Dean's List honors four times. A Presidential Scholarship recipient, Majchrowicz has also been twice named to the PAC Academic Honor Roll.

Seward won the PAC title in both the 5000 and 10,000 April 29 at the conference championships. In 2006, Seward won the 10K and placed second in the league in the 5000. As a freshman in fall 2005, Seward earned First Team All-PAC in cross country.

Seward owns a 3.95 cumulative GPA as an English major. She is a four-time Dean's List honoree as well as a four-time PAC Academic Honor Roll selection.

The four First Team selections advance to the national Academic All-America ballot. Grove City produced a school-record 22 Academic All-District selections this season.

District II includes all non-NCAA Division I colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. To be nominated for the CoSIDA Academic All-America program, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade-point average and be a starter or significant reserve.

## Four softball players earn Academic All-District honors

Four Grove City softball players earned College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ "ESPN The Magazine" College Division Academic All-District II honors May 10 through voting by the region's sports information directors.

Senior center fielder Paula Rice earned First Team All-District honors while sophomore infielders Rachael Risbon and Amy



RACHEL RISBON '09



AMY FISHER '09

the pitcher's circle this season. She started all 34 games for Grove City and hit .299. Fisher led the team in walks (14) and sacrifice hits (6) and also finished second on the team with a .400 on-base percentage. As a pitcher, she led the team with five wins and 108 innings pitched.

Fisher owns a 3.77 cumulative GPA as a mathematics/secondary education major. She is also a member of the Kappa Mu Epsilon math honorary.

Greiner set a new Grove City single-season record with 30 runs batted in this season. Her .324 batting average ranked second on the squad while her two home runs led the team.

She started 31 games this year, primarily at catcher. Greiner also saw time at third base and as a designated player. She is a three-year starter behind the plate for Grove City.

Greiner owns a 3.79 grade-point average as a marketing management major.



ABBY GREINER '08



PAULA RICE '07

Fisher each attained Second Team honors. Junior catcher Abby Greiner earned Third Team status.

Rice started all four seasons in center field for Grove City and is the program's all-time leader in games played (114), hits (125) and at-bats

(394). In 2007, Rice earned Second Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference after hitting .317. Rice led Grove City in hits (38) and ranked second on the squad in runs scored (26), total bases (44) and stolen bases (6). She earned First Team All-PAC in 2006 and Second Team honors in both

2005 and 2007.

An accounting major, Rice earned a 3.86 cumulative grade-point average. She is an eight-time Dean's List honoree. Rice also earned Academic All-District First Team honors in 2006.

Risbon completed her first year as a starter for Grove City, splitting time between second base and the corner outfield positions. She played in all 34 games and made 33 starts. Risbon hit .271 and also finished second on the team with nine walks.

In the classroom, Risbon has compiled a 4.00 GPA as a molecular biology major. She is a four-time Dean's List selection and a Presidential Scholarship recipient.

Fisher split time between shortstop and

## Two awarded sports honor

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Academic Honor Roll.

Pierce was involved with the Adopt-A-Grandparent program and helped lead mission trips to Tennessee and Honduras. She studied abroad in spring 2006.

Leuenberger is a three-year letterman in both track and field and cross country. He helped the men's cross country team to four straight conference titles. Leuenberger has also been part of three conference champion teams in men's track and field. He earned Second Team All-PAC honors in cross country as a freshman. As a sophomore, he achieved First Team All-PAC status in cross country. In 2006, he served as a cross country co-captain.

Last spring, Leuenberger earned Academic All-America and Academic All-District honors from CoSIDA and "ESPN The

Magazine." He graduated with a 3.98 GPA in molecular biology.

An eight-time Dean's List selection, Leuenberger was president of Mortar Board and has also been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa. He also earned induction into the Beta Beta Beta biology honorary, Scroll & Key and Roundtable.

Leuenberger has been accepted into Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the College's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). He was a finalist for the College's 2007 Senior Man of the Year.

Grove City first awarded its Sportsman of the Year award in 1948. In 1982, the award was split into Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

## Men finish 2nd, women 3rd in All-Sports trophies

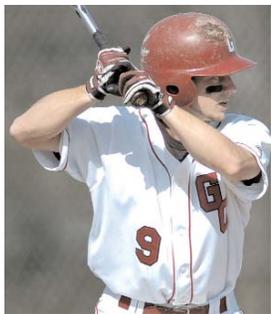
Grove City's men's and women's athletic teams posted strong respective finishes in the annual competition for the Presidents' Athletic Conference's All-Sports Trophies.

The men's teams placed second overall with 48½ points, trailing only Washington & Jefferson (54½). On the women's side, Westminster won the All-Sports Trophy with 52 points. W&J took second with 44 points and Grove City landed third with 39 total points.

The men's teams captured four PAC titles dur-

ing the 2006-07 season, winning crowns in cross country, basketball, tennis and track and field. Men's golf and men's swimming and diving teams each recorded second-place finishes. Grove City won PAC titles in women's tennis and cross country

In 2007-08, new PAC member Chatham will be eligible for the All-Sports Trophy. Geneva and Saint Vincent are full PAC members but are not eligible for the All-Sports Trophies due to their respective status as provisional members of NCAA Division III.



**JUNIOR BRIAN MORAN HIT A TEAM-LEADING .419 AND EARNED ALL-MIDEAST REGION HONORS.**

## Moran named to All-Region team

Junior center fielder Brian Moran earned Division III Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Second Team All-Mideast Region honors May 24 from the region's head baseball coaches.

Moran led Grove City in 11 different offensive categories this season. He hit a team-leading .419 while starting all 35 games for the Wolverines.

Moran set new single-season Grove City records with 54 total hits and 29 stolen bases. He also led Grove City with 39 runs scored, 35 runs batted in and 89 total bases.

Moran's .690 slugging percentage ranked second in the Presidents' Athletic Conference. He also ranked third in batting average and fifth in on-base percentage (.466). Moran shared the PAC lead with six triples and finished second in the conference in stolen bases.

One week earlier, Moran earned First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honors from the conference coaches. Moran opened the season by earning the PAC's Hitter of the Week award March 11.

It is the second straight year that a Grove City player earned All-Mideast honors. In 2006, pitcher Erik Arnesen earned Second Team All-Region recognition. Arnesen is currently playing for the Class A Hagerstown Suns of the South Atlantic League.

## Ewing, Walter named All-Americans

Women's water polo players Caitlin Ewing and Keala Walter each received Division III Honorable Mention All-America recognition from the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches June 1.



**KEALA WALTER '08**



**CAITLIN EWING '07**

Both played an integral role in Grove City's 18-win season in 2007 – the winningest season in program history.

Ewing shared the team lead in scoring during the 2007 season, firing in a Grove City record 53 goals. A senior, Ewing also recorded 20 assists and 48 steals this season for the Wolverines.

A four-year starter, Ewing earned All-CWPA Western Division honors in 2006.

She is Grove City's all-time leading scorer with 160 career goals. Ewing scored 44 goals as a sophomore before recording 41 goals last year.

Walter earned her third straight Honorable Mention All-America after a strong junior season

in goal for Grove City. Walter recorded one shutout in 2007, an 8-0 victory over Wheaton (Ill.) March 31. She also limited opponents to three or fewer goals in eight other matches this spring.

For the season, Walter posted a .611 save percentage (380 of 622). She blocked seven penalty shots. Walter also recorded 34 steals and added four assists from her goalkeeper position.

## Dwyer earns Academic All-District

Sophomore men's tennis player Jeremy Dwyer earned CoSIDA/ "ESPN The Magazine" Men's At-Large College Division Academic All-District First Team honors May 24 from the region's sports information directors.

Dwyer is a two-year starter for Grove City (10-2 overall in 2007) and has helped the Wolverines capture two Presidents' Athletic Conference titles during his career.

In 2007, Dwyer posted an 11-1 record in singles play and a 10-2 mark in doubles play. He led the PAC in total singles wins and overall wins this spring. He capped his sophomore season by winning conference titles at both fifth singles



**JEREMY DWYER '09**

and third doubles.

Dwyer opened the season by earning the PAC's Player of the Week award. For his efforts in 2007, Dwyer's teammates selected him as the team's Most Valuable Player. As a freshman in 2006,

Dwyer won conference titles at fourth singles and third doubles.

In the classroom, he has compiled a 3.90 cumulative grade-point average while majoring in electrical engineering.

## District honors track and field athletes

Six Grove City College track and field/cross country athletes earned College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ "ESPN The Magazine" Track and Field/Cross Country College Division Academic All-District II honors from the region's sports information directors.

Seniors Andrew Kloes and Andrew Leuenberger both earned First Team honors for men's track and field/cross country. Four Grove City student-athletes earned All-District on the women's side. Seniors

Sarah Bray and Cara Pierce both earned First Team recognition while junior Mary Majchrowicz and sophomore Julia Seward both landed on the district's Second Team.

Kloes earned four track and field letters and also lettered twice in cross country during his four seasons at Grove City. As a senior, Kloes won the Presidents' Athletic Conference title in the 10,000-meter run. He also qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 10K with a school-

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