By Jimmy Van Eerden

Collegian Writer

It was a cold and blustery day in the heart of our nation’s capital, a day like many others that have marked the swearing in of our nation’s executive to the highest position in the land. It was, however, also a unique day in history that would be recorded as a landmark moment for generations to come. It was Inauguration 2009.

On Jan. 20, President Barack Obama accepted the Oath of Office and became the 44th President of the United States. This particular Inauguration was unprecedented as people filled the long strip between the Capitol Building’s West Front and the Washington Monument and the vast maze of streets in between.

The Washington Post reported that the Metro crowd numbered more than 1,544,000 trips on Inauguration Day, a new record in the transit authority’s history.

One thing however remained the same: the all-important Presidential Oath of Office as mandated by Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution. History referenced the first Inauguration of President George Washington and suggested that in addition to the stipulations of the Constitution, Washington added a personal charge, “So help me God.”

Ever since, this phrase has been commonplace at Inaugurations throughout history to invoke the guidance of divine providence.

Students on Grove City College’s campus differed in opinion regarding the implications, effectiveness and significance of the recent Inauguration.

Many suggested that they were not satisfied with the results of the election and therefore would not view the festivities.

According to freshman John Bianchi, a member of the Grove City Debate Team and active student of public policy, “One key factor which struck me as I viewed the attendance in the Student Union was the somewhat sparse turnout among a fairly large and extremely politically active student body.”

Bianchi continued, “I believe that perhaps the underlying reason for this sparse turnout could simply be attributed to the fact that a Democratic president was sworn in.”

There were, however, alternative perspectives, and some students were impressed with the impromptu gathering at the Student Union and the respect given to President Obama.

Grove City College’s student body president Andrew McInroe said, “Everyone was respectful and interested in this historic event regardless of their views on his policies.”

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By Mallory Fisher

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Construction projects progress

By Darin Miller
Collegian Editor-in-Chief

Last winter, Grove City College’s Advancement moved from Carnegie Hall on lower campus to the Pew Fine Arts Center’s art gallery while Carnegie was renovated. In March, staff hopes to move back.

“We had our timeline meeting this week, and we are scheduled to move back in the week of March 23,” said Vice President for Advancement Jeff Prokovich ‘89.

“The work is coming together nicely at this time,” said Vice President for Operations Tom Gregg ‘80. “We were several weeks behind over the summer, but were able to catch up most of the time in the fall.”

New features of the building will include a large open multi-purpose room on the main level for seminars and alumni events and the relocation of the alumni and development offices to the upper level, which was originally an auditorium, according to James Wendelschaefer, director of physical plant. Other notable changes include the addition on the building’s north side, which will primarily house the new main entrance and mechanical equipment, Wendelschaefer said.

Nearing the final stages of construction, Gregg said, “We are currently confirming furniture delivery schedules to make sure all is progressing according to plan.” He added, “Due to the weather, some of the final site work and landscaping will take place later in the spring.”

Prokovich said that plans are in the works to hold a senior class event in the new building at the end of the year. There will also be a thank-you event for students who live in the Colonial Apartments.

“They put up with a lot,” Prokovich said of the Colonial Apartments residents, “from noise and dirt and construction crews – and just inconvenience with parking.”

On upper campus, construction has begun on Harbison Chapel, and will continue until August.

“We plan work on all campus buildings to insure that we do not defer required maintenance,” Gregg said.

Due to the high volume of activity – from student chapel services to weddings – that occurs in the chapel throughout the year, project work must be planned well in advance to avoid inconveniencing those who want to use the facility.

“We have been planning a summer 2009 outage for some time in order to paint the interior, update the lighting and fix the ceiling fans,” Gregg said.

Work has already begun on one segment of the chapel refurbishment. The “teaching window,” behind the balcony in the chapel, was removed and is currently being restored at the studio of stained glass artist H.B. Mertz in Pittsburgh.

According to Gregg, the lighting project will have two aspects. “One is to improve the overall light level in the chapel, making it easier to read hymnals and Bibles during services. The other is to better illuminate and highlight the beauty of the wood roof support beams and ceiling area.”

Gregg said that due to the scaffolding requirements for these projects, the chapel will be unavailable for use while the work takes place.

He added, “The [chapel] work will be completed by the time the fall semester begins in late August of this year.”

Hibernation: Not just for bears anymore

By Anne Marie Booth
Collegian News Co-Editor

When the temperatures drop and the wind chill is more brutal than usual, it is easy to envy bears. They spend their winters in caves deep in hibernation – a form of sleep that lasts from the beginning of cold weather to the first warm days of spring.

Hibernation does, however, have its downside. One’s slumber, if too deep, can be misinterpreted for death. For proof of this, just ask junior Everett deVries, who spent part of intercession in a cave-like atmosphere. He can attest firsthand to the dangers of overachievement in the subject of deep sleeps.

DeVries is no stranger to large amounts of snow and the art of building snow structures. As a child, he often made snow forts. When a storm covered the campus with over a foot of snow midway through intercession, he set his sights on something bigger – an igloo.

Junior Jacob Sims helped deVries make the igloo, located between the TLC and Hicks cafeteria, and the builders created a structure big enough to sleep two – students, not bears.

DeVries and Sims decided to test the sleeping capacity of the igloo personally. Even though the temperatures that night dipped into the single digits, the two stayed warm due to the igloo’s structural integrity.

The next day, a different friend joined deVries for an evening of braving the cold.

A member of Campus Safety came across the igloo about 2 a.m. DeVries’ feet remained upright and not be destroyed,” deVries said.

The “structural modification,” however, opened the igloo not only to the elements but to other students. It has since been dam-aged both by traffic and warmer temperatures and is but a shell of its former self.

This was not the first instance of an igloo being built on campus. Two years ago, an even larger structure capable of seating close to a dozen students was built near Hopeman and Memorial Halls. It lasted for the better part of the winter.

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The Physics of Sledding

Students spent last Sunday afternoon sledding at the Physics Club Sledding Party.

By Josh Kitamura

Everett deVries prepares for a long winter’s nap.

This started a flurry of discussions and phone calls that eventually made their way to Larry Hardesty, vice president of Student Life and Learning. The students’ during feat of endurance raised numerous questions: was it wise to sleep out in such temperatures? What if the roof collapsed when they were sleeping?

In the end, it was decided that the bears-in-training could not sleep outside for safety reasons. Similar concerns extended to the structure itself. In order for it to remain on campus, the roof had to be removed.

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Teams travel into the world

By Sarah Boyd
Collegian News Co-Editor

“There is nothing quite as freeing for the soul as heading into wild, unfamiliar territory,” senior Mark Jeffries said, reflecting on an Inner City Outreach trip to Mexico. During the College’s January break, three teams of students experienced this freedom as they faced the unfamiliar in Monterrey, Mexico; Chennai, India; and Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic.

The first team to leave the United States included seven students bound for Chennai, India. From Dec. 27 to Jan. 14, the group worked with Disciples Church in Chennai under the direction of Pastor James Pandian. Senior Shamina Christian, coordinator of ICO India, said, “We went to serve and help with the ministry of Disciples Church to help further their mission in ministry of Disciples Church to serve and help with the children they served.”

Sophomore Deb Loych said that the most memorable moment of the trip was a chapel service with the children before the team left India. During the service, the children shared testimonies and the team members prayed for each child individually. “You could see eternity on their faces,” Loych said.

In addition to children’s ministry, the team painted the church, distributed rice among gypsy and tribal groups, visited and prayed with families and participated in a house dedication. Reflecting on the house dedication, Christian said, “It was really awesome because they dedicated the house to God and prayed that the inhabitants of the house would follow the Lord.”

On Jan. 3, a team of 12 students traveled to Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic, where they worked with Meeting God in Missions for two weeks. Once in Hato Mayor, Grove City College students joined with between 70 and 90 other volunteers to carry out their ministry. During the first week, the teams ministered through optical, medical and dental clinics, a baseball program and Vacation Bible School. The team also installed a floor at a school affiliated with the child sponsorship program Compassion International.

One senior team member, reflecting on her experiences at the optical clinic, said, “Giving people glasses and vision … reminds me of how it will be when we get to Heaven, and God shows us how things really are.”

After each day’s service, the Americans working with Meeting God in Missions, the Dominicans in evening worship services at local churches. From these times of intercultural worship, the team learned, “True joy is from the Lord, not from things.”

The final team to embark on their journey traveled to Monterrey, Mexico on Jan. 5 and volunteered for one week with Back2Back Ministries. The organization works particularly with orphans, and they aim to provide “care for today and hope for tomorrow.”

Junior Emily Greider traveled to Monterrey for her third time this January. She said, “We were working with the same kids that I knew from years past, and it was awesome to see how our relationships are growing.”

The 12-member team, which Jeffries described as “an eclectic group” that was “incredible together,” helped to construct a soccer court at a children’s home outside of Monterrey, in the city of El Limon. “We were working on putting up fencing, sealing the concrete walls and jack-hammering some holes for the goal posts,” Greider said.

For Jeffries, a three-year participant in ICO Pittsburgh, the trip to Mexico was his first international mission trip. “Both trips were similar in that they both managed to bring me more out of my comfort zone, and they both helped bring me a little closer to God,” Jeffries said.

After traveling to Mexico, Jeffries was convinced, “I want my life to be an adventure rather than a routine.” Whether serving with Back2Back for the first or third time, team members learned from the children they served. Most of all, like those who served in the Dominican Republic, members of the ICO Mexico team learned the secret of joy.

“True joy,” Greider said, “is something not dependent on circumstances. The kids that we work with … are some of the most joyful people I have ever been around.”

Each of the ICO teams returned from their trips abroad with far more than souvenirs, suntans and snapshots; they brought back a vision for seeing the extraordinary at work in ordinary places.

“God uses the small things to make a big difference,” Christian said, “we just have to open our eyes to see them.”

Members of ICO Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic.
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Musicians compete for concerto solo

Now in its 15th year, the Grove City College Concerto Competition will feature nine student finalists competing for solo spots in the spring orchestra concert. The competition will begin at 7 p.m. this evening in Ketter Auditorium of the Pew Fine Arts Center on campus. The event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required.

This year’s finalists include: Junior Elizabeth Bieber, sophomore Emily Bzdafka, junior Monica Dukud, sophomore Elizabeth Heintz, sophomore Danielle Henry, senior Julie Kulin, sophomore Jimmy Pang, Junior Sarah Parits and sophomore Emily Stumpf and Alexis Stave.

John Kloosterman
Collegian Writer

Last year, Grove City College was given the unusual opportunity of seeing two plays – David Hisron’s “La Bête” and the lesser-known “Lettice and Lovage” – both produced by Professor of English Beny Craig. Students and faculty alike were impressed, but when the week was up, they considered the affair over and went back to work.

The curtain had not yet fallen on Craig and her crew, however, and especially not on “La Bête.” Unknown to most of the college community, critics from the Kennedy Center American College National Festival, by the college’s request, had attended the performance.

Impressed by what they saw, the judges recommended the play for performance at the regional festival, along with over 50 other plays from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Only nine of these two hundred would be chosen for actual performance at the festival, so the Roughweeters did not hold out much hope. They were up against much larger colleges with much more developed theatre programs. It was an honor just to be considered. Taking on the challenge, the cast and crew began extensive preparations for the performance, and they practiced time after time and worked out technical details.

That preparation paid off. “La Bête” was selected as a “participating production for the regional festival.” Craig’s team was dumbfounded. They would get to perform at the Kennedy Center in the festival, where they would be under scrutiny from experts from the entire region. On top of that, they would also be under consideration for the national competition.

Work began almost immediately. “Since I found out on Dec. 8 it was pretty much non-stop,” Craig said. “First we did a lot of preliminary technical meetings here. I also took a trip to Philadelphia to see the space. Then on Jan. 4 everyone showed up in Grove City and we worked around 14-hour days every day till the festival began on Jan. 14.”

By all accounts, the performance went well. “The respondents were very gracious and kind in their response to our production,” Craig affirmed.

“The next day after the show the entire cast and crew has an hour talk-back session with the respondents. They really seemed to like our show a lot, and we had a wonderful dialogue.”

By the end of the festival, it was announced that “La Bête,” along with one other play, would be nominated for the final stage, the national festival itself, held in Washington, D.C.

Although nomination does not necessarily mean admittance, the selection has been a source of pride to the theater community, as well as the English department.

Professor Craig said, “…we were so amazed just to have a show in the festival that we feel that it is an embonpointment of riches to have this national nomination.” Craig gave a great deal of credit to her cast and technical support team, saying, “This is truly a story of what happens when people come together without any sense of selfishness. I am so very very proud of each person in this cast and crew.”

She isn’t the only one to say this. The judges at the regional festival commented on the cohesiveness and dedication of the team, all the more notable as several of the actors, including three of the main characters, have since graduated from Grove City College. Jesse Aukeman ‘08, who played Prince Conti in last year’s performance, and Doug Baker ‘08, who played the street performer Valerie, were both seniors last year and are now graduates. Patrick McElroy ‘08, returned as well, to resurrect the role of Bejart. Seniors Pierce Babirak and Jennifer Ford reprised their roles as Elomire and Dorine, respectively, and junior LeeAnn Yeckley continued as technical director.

Where the team goes from here is still uncertain. The judges have yet to consider the nomination and decide whether this troupe will, indeed be going to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. If they do, they will be competing among the best in the nation, among some of the sternest critics. The eyes of America will be on them. But wherever they go, the hopes of Grove City College will go with them.

Senior Pierce Bairak and 2008 alumni Doug Baker and Patrick McElroy perform a scene from “La Bête.”

‘La Bête’ lauded again

By Sarah Beth Gross
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Dems take on talk radio

On Jan. 23, President Barack Obama warned Republicans to not listen to talk, radio host Rush Limbaugh if they wanted to get things done and get along with Democrats and the new administration, The Chicago Tribune reported.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has taken that sentiment one step further and "has launched an online petition for readers to express their outrage at conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh," CNSNews.com reported.

The DCCC Executive Director Brian Wolff expressed his own sentiments in a blog on the DCCC website, saying that Limbaugh has given Democrats "a preview of the outrageous Republican attacks that are on the way against President Obama and every Democrat working for change," CNSNews.com reported.

"Limbaugh’s cheap shot at President Obama might be the first by the Republican attack machine this year, but we know that it won’t be the last. We need every grassroots Democrat to show Rush Limbaugh and the Republican attack machine this year, but we know that it won’t be the last. We need every grassroots Democrat to show Rush Limbaugh and every Democrat working for change," CNSNews.com reported.

The outrage on the Democratic side has also generated renewed interest in a private meeting to cease listening to the talk show host. The original disagreement began when a quote of Limbaugh, saying he wishes Obama’s policies “will fail,” was taken out of context and Obama responded by cautioning Republican minority leaders in a private meeting to cease listening to the talk show host.

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Police use footprint to discover criminal

British police officers recently acquired evidence found on a victim’s forehead – the imprint of a robber’s shoe.

"One of the thugs walked up to him and viciously stamped on his head before seizing the cash," MailOnline.com reported. "Detectives are checking footwear databases and speaking to manufacturers to try and find a match for the footwear.”

The victim was hit by a car and knocked over as he left the Golden Lion in Salford, England. A group of four thieves stole £2,500, equal to about $3,500.

“It is an absolutely vital clue, and many people have been convicted of crimes by matching the footprint to the footwear,” Detective Sergeant Julie Conner said. “We can even make matches to latent prints found, for instance, in a house or on a path. This was a particularly horrific attack where the men involved in this used excessive and unnecessary violence on a family man going about his work.”

Congress urged to act on climate change

“Former Vice President Al Gore is urging Congress not to be sidetracked by the current financial crisis and to take ‘decisive action’ this year to reduce the heat-trapping gases responsible for global warming,” FOX News reported.

Gore testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday, braving the harsh snow and ice storm that hit Washington, D.C., on Tuesday night.

He not only urged Congressmen to move American to the forefront of the fight on global warming, but he also urged Congress to “pass President Barack Obama’s economic stimulus plan, saying investments in clean energy and green jobs will help dig the country out of its economic rut,” FOX News reported.

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Fiction

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Fiction Family’s music included "an awesome combination of genres that made a great, relaxed show." Freshman Anna Hussey said, “I really liked the variety of instruments they used and how they switched instruments mid-concert.”

Fiction Family accomplished that variety by the musicians’ versatility and skill in playing a number of instruments. Multiple acoustic guitars, a piano, a keyboard, a harmonica and a ukulele (a combination of a ukulele and a banjo) lined the stage and were played by Foreman and Watkins, in addition to the bass guitar and drums played by their bandmates to create their full, dynamic, folksy sound.

At the concert, they created a variety of thoughts and feelings in the audience with their songs about relationship breakdowns, loneliness, the power of love, hope, living life to the fullest, God and the reality of humanity’s fallen nature.

In addition to Fiction Family’s songs, Foreman and Watkins sometimes stepped back to listen to and watch each other perform solo music, occasionally adding back-up vocals. Watkins told me afterwards, “Well, Fiction Family really doesn’t have enough material to do a full show. And Jon and I really respect each other’s solo efforts and like to take time to let each other shine.” The performed songs were written by Watkins, Foreman or both, except for a few cover songs.

Another noteworthy aspect of the concert was Fiction Family’s stage presence. Lyon-Vaiden said, “Jon Foreman is a master at engaging the crowd ... It was easy to see that both Jon and Sean had a blast while on stage.” The audience responded to the show with loud applause, cheers and chants for an encore.

Foreman and Watkins made time at the end of the concert to talk to and hang out with fans, happily signing autographs and sharing in everyone’s excitement. Stonebridge Concerts member sophomore Dan Van Matte said, “Off-stage and out of the spotlight, the guys were very friendly and easy to work with.”

Junior Cézio Fereshetian said, “The music was beautiful. I just wished they would play all night!”

Fiction Family released their first full-length, self-titled album on Jan. 20. The songs are all folk-based, yet are extremely unique. They demonstrate the work of two men that are not out to sell loads of records or to have tons of fans, but to make good music together: pure and simple.

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United States Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen will deliver the 2008-09 Grove City College Pew Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in Kettler Auditorium of the Pew Fine Arts Center.

Mullen was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 2007. He served as the principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council. A native of Naples, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968.

He commanded three ships: the gasoline tanker USS Norsce, the guided missile destroyer USS Goldsborough and the guided missile cruiser USS Yorktown. As a flag officer, Mullen also commanded Cruiser-Destroyer Group 2, the George Washington Battle Group and the U.S. 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic.

Adohe, he has served in leadership positions at the Naval Academy, in the Navy’s Bureau of Personnel, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and on the Navy staff. He was the 32nd Vice Chief of Naval Operations from August 2003 to October 2004.

His last operational assignment was as Commander, NATO Joint Force Command Naples/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe. Prior to becoming Chairman, Admiral Mullen served as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations.

Mullen is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School and earned a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1968.

The admiral delivered the Grove City College Commencement address on May 20, 2006, at which time he was presented with an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

In preparation for his visit, The Collegian asked Admiral Michael Mullen, the 17th Chairman of the Joint chiefs of Staff, a few questions:

Q: What role are you playing in the transition of presidential power?

A: Well, that transition is pretty much over now. But what I wanted to do, and what I think we did very well, was two things: first, make sure the U.S. military stayed prepared for any contingency during this period of vulnerability. If you look at past presidential transitions, you can see that many crises and catastrophic events occurred right around the time of an inauguration. Actually, that period of vulnerability, if you look at past transitions, you can see that many crises and catastrophic events occurred right around the time of an inauguration. Actually, that period of vulnerability, if you look at past presidential transitions, you can see that many crises and catastrophic events occurred right around the time of an inauguration.

And secondly, I wanted to be sure that we played our part in making as smooth a transition as possible, which for me and the Joint Staff meant being available and willing to answer questions from the new team in a prompt, efficient manner.

But it also meant learning myself. I wanted to be able to give the new team and our new President my best military advice on a range of issues I knew were going to be important to them. I feel like we accomplished all that, so I was very pleased with the role we played.

Q: Though it is early, have you seen any key differences in how President Obama plans to manage the military as opposed to how former President Bush did?

A: It’s too early to characterize specific differences, and I wouldn’t want to do that anyway. If and when policies change, and I expect they will, the military will quickly adjust to support them. That’s what the American people should expect their military to do.

Q: President Obama has called for a military withdrawal from Iraq for a long time. With that plan now in the works, what do you foresee as the biggest obstacle to that withdrawal?

A: The President has asked the Department of Defense to continue planning for a responsible drawdown of troops in Iraq, and that is what we’re working toward.

We are all aware of the current security situation and mindful of the need to draw-down safely. The Secretary of Defense and I will present the president with a range of options and be prepared to execute whatever decisions he ultimately makes.

Q: You have said that we are losing the war in Afghanistan. What would it take to turn that around?

A: What I have actually said is that we are “not winning” but we can. The levels of violence and sophistication of tactics in Afghanistan have surprised us, and I’m very aware of the need for more forces. We’re working to get the requested 20,000-30,000 troops there as quickly as we can.

If that said, I believe no amount of troops, in no amount of time, will ever achieve long term success there. What I believe will eventually turn the situation around is a comprehensive, whole-of-government approach that addresses political and economic needs in Afghanistan.

And not all of that, indeed very few of them, can be met by military force. Troops can help foster the security from which other progress can be made, but they cannot - in and of themselves - sustain that progress.

We need help from the other branches of the U.S. government, people and agencies with the skills and expertise to address things like the illicit narcotics trade and local governance and education. We also need the continued support of the international community and non-governmental agencies.

There are no quick fixes in Afghanistan. And there are no easy solutions.

Q: In an interview on CBS’ “60 min- utes,” David Martin said that the war in Afghanistan is likely going to define the Obama administration in the way that the war in Iraq defined the Bush admin- istration. Do you agree with that state- ment and why?

A: That really isn’t for me to say. What I can say is that the President understands the challenges in Afghanistan and is already hard at work on reviewing what our policies should be.

Q: After meeting President Obama, how would you describe him?

A: The president reached out to me early on, and I really appreciated that. I found him then, and in every other instance I have met with him since, to be extremely thoughtful, focused and engaged.

Q: Who are you rooting for in the Super Bowl?

A: Yes. Is that vague enough?

Herb Meyer

Intelligence Council, will share Ronald Reagan’s strategy for the Cold War. At 7 p.m. Thursday, Herb Meyer, the man credited in the first senior U.S. government official to forecast the Soviet Union’s collapse, will share just what those words meant at the third annual Ronald Reagan Lecture in Kettler Auditorium of the Pew Fine Arts Center on the Grove City College campus.

The event is sponsored by The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

The Ronald Reagan Lecture is held each year around Feb. 6, the anniversary of Ronald Reagan’s birth. The lecture series aims to bring to light Reagan’s contributions to America and the world. Each year, the event hosts an individual who worked for, knew or has produced important work on the life of Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States of America.

Meyer, who was Reagan’s special assistant to the director of Central Intelligence and vice chairman of the Central Intelligence Agency’s National Intelligence Estimates and other top-secret projects for Reagan and his senior national security advisers. An economist and Soviet specialist, Meyer was handpicked by CIA Director Bill Casey to serve as his aide. In a November 1983 memo, Meyer correctly foretold what Reagan had been hoping and working toward: The Soviet Union was entering a “terminal phase” - a prediction that was met with considerable political derision at the time. Meyer was later awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, which is the intelligence community’s highest honor.

Prior to his service with the U.S. government, Meyer was an associate editor of Fortune, an economics columnist for the Wall Street Journal, National Review Online and Policy Review. He is a frequent guest on leading television news programs.

Three registration options exist for the public: $75 includes a pre-lecture reception, lecture, reception and book signing; $20 includes lecture, reception and book signing; $10 for non-Grove City College students, includes lecture and reception (college ID required).

To register, log on to www.groveconferences.com/reagan, contact Brenda Vinton at (724) 450-1541 or mail registration fees to Brenda Vinton, Ronald Reagan Lecture, Grove City College, Box 3147, 200 Campus Dr., Grove City, PA 16127. Checks should be made out to The Center for Vision & Values.

Center for V&V sets spring conference

The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College will sponsor its fifth annual conference on April 16-17 on the College campus.

The two-day event, titled “Faith, Freedom and Higher Education,” will feature speakers such as renowned professor and writer George Marsden, national radio personality Michael Medved, College Trustee and acclaimed columnist Walter Williams, George Nash, Naomi Schaefer Riley, Annette Kirk and many more, including several faculty members.

Past conferences have focused on the war on poverty, the Middle East, the decline of Christianity in Europe and the history of church-state relations.

For more information or to register, contact Brenda Vinton at (724) 450-1541 or log on to www.groveconferences.com.
Senior travels to Asia for lessons of a lifetime

By Alma Jean Mitchell
Collegian Writer

In the summer of 2008, senior Dustin Kunkle traveled to western China. There he assisted a couple who run a business associated with a large organization devoted to spiritual work.

Before college, Kunkle spent six months with Youth With a Mission, where he participated in missions training and traveled to different places in outreach efforts. He said God has been leading him from a broad vision to the more specific call of business in western China.

Kunkle spent his latest two-month trip in the city of Chengdu, located in the Sichuan province. It is the seventh-largest city in China containing 11 to 12 million people, making it larger in size than New York City. Those he worked among strive to reach their community through running a western-style restaurant and teaching classes.

Kunkle originally intended to go to Chengdu in order to help implement a business plan that he had helped to put together. The plan called for a pizza restaurant and a program to teach business skills and English.

A complication occurred three days before he arrived in Chengdu several English teachers broke their contract and left the area because of the 2008 earthquake, which occurred an hour north of the city. So in addition to implementing the pizza restaurant business plan, Kunkle taught classes with the help of an interpreter. Another of his duties involved hosting short-term service teams.

Kunkle’s first English-teaching experience was in Thailand after his high school graduation.

“It was the most out-of-comfort-zone thing I had ever done,” he said.

The experience served as preparation for his work in Chengdu. He found himself in front of a classroom of about 10 college-age students who knew little English. They were taking classes with others because they could not afford college or had otherwise missed the opportunity.

Kunkle recalls that they challenged him even more than he to them. At the end of his time in Chengdu, each student came to him with a word of encouragement.

Kunkle was amazed at the passion shown by the Chinese he served with despite the hardships they face.

As a westerner in China, Kunkle had more freedom than his Chinese brothers and sisters. “The Chinese government assumes that all Americans are Christians, even though that’s not the case,” he said. He attended an international church in Chengdu but never had the opportunity to participate in church fellowship with Chinese.

As an individual, he was able to express himself with more freely, albeit cautiously. The Chinese government retains the right to remove Americans from their country, and Kunkle could have been forced to leave China.

Discovery could also have endangered any Chinese who were already under government suspicion.

During Kunkle’s stay he managed to keep himself inconspicuous. While he was in Chengdu, the government began a search for records of every westerner in the area.

In Kunkle’s case, the previous teachers had left with a month of rent already paid, so he took their place and his name was not found. The people Kunkle assisted were in charge of a legitimate business which interacts with believers and non-believers, so they have to use discretion when they share the good news.

“Some people are ready to hear and some are not as ready, so you have to discern,” Kunkle said.

Kunkle also came into contact with non-believers and found opportunities for spiritual work outside the business. He often took part in “English corners,” where Chinese students practice their English with native English speakers.

It was a friendship-making place; sometimes Kunkle and his new Chinese friends would start talking about their beliefs. If this happened, they would try to continue the conversation in another place.

“In China, the god of most non-believers is materialism,” Kunkle said. “Religion is not a huge part of life.” On the other hand, he was also able to see the countless miracles and the growing body of believers in China.

Kunkle said the hardest part of his experience was comparing it to his expectations about spiritual endeavors.

“So much of it was being in a different culture, but I was the same person with the same challenges and passions,” he said. “It’s not a super-exciting experience, just living our Christian life in a different place.”

Americans often mistakenly think they have the answers to the rest of the world’s problems, Kunkle said. Although he has a passion for service and business, he believes what the world needs most is not wealth, democracy or freedom, but the Father.

Kunkle explains that one of his goals is to constantly expand his comfort zone.

“If something scares me, I really want to do it. A lot of times we get really comfortable with what we do,” he said. “Not everyone is called to go overseas, but if God calls you to go, then you should go.”
Snow welcomes Grovers back

A snowman sits eloquently on the upper quad.

A student winds up to throw snow during a friendly snowball fight.

A well-aimed snowball nails junior Jonathan Dennis in the back.

Students work together to build a snowman in front of the Hall of Arts and Letters.
Fiction Family rocks Crawford

Vince Scheuerman of Army of Me opens for Fiction Family.

Sean Watkins from the contemporary folk band Nickel Creek, is now a member of Fiction Family.

Jon Foreman entertains the crowd.

Jon Foreman, originally of the Christian band Switchfoot, entertains on the harmonica.
Self-employed student crochets for cash

By Ellie Haizlett
Collegian Writer

“Once a crocheter, always a crocheter…”

For sophomore Jayna Grassel, all it took was yarn and hooks to kick-start a life-long hobby and business.

Grassel runs her own business called “JJCrochet.” The “JJ” comes from her first and middle name, “Jayna Janelle.” Though she specializes in homemade hats, she also designs and sells crocheted accessories such as scarves, headbands and necklaces.

Grassel first began crocheting at age eight under the tutelage of a woman in her church. She crocheted as a hobby and taught herself different designs. It wasn’t until she was 14, however, that she really began cranking out the products.

At that time, Grassel had back surgery to treat her scoliosis. She was bedridden the entire summer before her freshman year of high school and used the time to crochet items for her friends and family.

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Also, her summer-long recovery is an important part of her testimony. “When I first came home from the hospital, I was angry that I wouldn’t be able to move if I didn’t have the surgery, I was angry that I couldn’t take any more,” Grassel said.

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Even though Grassel relaxes when she crochets, her fingers fly. It takes her about 45 minutes to make a typical hat. Last time she checked, she was just stitches away from beating the world record for crocheting; she can make 92 stitches in three minutes as opposed to 97 stitches in three minutes.

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The Bay State Bias

By Shawn McGonagle

The Bay State Bias around for so long, but God used

In the preoperative care of the child with scoliosis, the main goal is to get the child in and out of the hospital as quickly as possible. The surgery is a major event in the life of the child and the family, and the surgical team must be able to handle the patient and the family with the utmost care and compassion. The team must be able to communicate effectively with the family and provide them with the information they need to make informed decisions about the surgery.

Sudoku

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

The catch is...

* A number can appear only once in each row
* A number can appear only once in each column
* A number can appear only once in each 3x3 box

The Career Corner

New career column

By Emily Dalpiaz
Collegian Writer

As a senior preparing to venture into the job market, I know how overwhelming the current economic downturn can be when looking to the future. Whether you are a senior searching for that perfect job or an underclassman looking for a dynamic internship, the key is to get started now. Look at all options and be willing to broaden your expectations.

The Career Services Office is excited to help students at all stages of the job and internship search. CSO staff members are committed to paving the way for success. Sometimes, as students, we just don’t know where to start. So here are some easy ways to get going:

Tip 1 – Register on JobGrove (www.myinterface.com/gcc/student). Numerous job and internship postings in all fields can be found here. To show students how to get the most out of this resource, the CSO will be holding an orientation session on Tuesday from 4:45-7:00 p.m. in the CSCF Conference Room.

Tip 2 – Get that resume polished and perfected. Dr. Jim Thraisher ’80, director of career services, will lead a Resume Writing Seminar at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the TLC Auditorium. Instructional packets to help you get started are also available in the CSO.

Tip 3 – Make an appointment. The CSO career counselors are available five days a week to meet with students about anything from the job search to resume reviews to exploration of life goals. To make an appointment, stop by the office, call 3371, or e-mail career@gcc.edu.

Tip 4 – Explore the Alumni eCommunity (www.gcc.edu/Alumni eCommunity.php). Seniors can register and access all areas of the site. The eCommunity is an invaluable way to network with the College’s alumni all over the country in all different fields.

Tip 5 – Watch for CSO staff members on campus. From eating lunches in the Breen Student Union to sitting under an umbrella in HAL courtyard, staff members are finding creative ways to be more accessible to students. If you see them, take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself. They look forward to meeting you! The Career Services Office is here to help us navigate the job market in this unstable economy, but we as students have to take responsibility in charting our own course. Watch for more tips in future issues on how to jump-start your job or internship search and pursue that ideal position.

(For the duration of the semester, Emily Dalpiaz will write a column on the Career Services Office called the Career Corner.)

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Cardinal fans in Steeler country
Hometown pride not hidden for Super Bowl

By Kara Weaver
Contributing Writer

Black and gold.

In anticipation of the Super Bowl on Sunday, Steelers jackets, jerseys, mugs and countless other displays of allegiance dominate the towns of Western Pennsylvania.

Grove City College is no different. Students and professors alike are not afraid to show which team they are cheering in the upcoming Super Bowl.

“It’s really exciting that the Steelers might end up with more Super Bowl wins than any other team,” freshman Kat Bishel said.

Considering the College’s location, it is no surprise that the campus is dominated by Steelers fans. However, fans of other teams do exist, and they have their loyalists.

“It’s a huge deal for Arizona football to be doing this well,” said freshman Rebecca Yuhas, a native of Arizona. In 2003, the team earned four wins and 12 losses. Their performance has improved in recent years, however, leading to this season’s record of nine wins and seven losses. “The Cardinals are a picture-perfect underdog,” freshman Matthew Coate of Tucson, Ariz. said.

Coate recognizes his minority membership on the Cardinals-dominated campus. He said, “It is kind of intimidating being around all of these Steelers fans.”

Though rivalries abound on campus, fans keep it light-hearted. “It’s kind of a fun feeling,” Yuhas said. “You bond really well with your Arizona buddies.”

Coate had a particularly gratifying time during the Cardinals’ last game. As a perennial Cards experience this season? Flying out here on Sunday night with Eagles fans and listening to the periodic scores and ultimate win by the Cardinals,” he said.

As the Super Bowl approaches, look out for the few students on campus who will not be cheering on the Steelers. They will add more conflict and excitement to the eagerly anticipated Super Bowl XLIII.

PROF-FILE

Debunking ‘Dean, Dean the Failing Machine’

By Arielle Bateman
Collegian Life Editor

Imagine taking a class with a professor known as “The Failing Machine.” To students of Daniel Dean, professor of mathematics, that image is a reality, especially as they envision their grade point average plummeting like the Titanic.

But Dean only laughs at the nickname, noting that students used to call him “The Smiling Assassin.” “If students actually had the GPA data, they would see that it isn’t true,” he said. “I’m actually a softie.”

Instead of taking delight as his students wrestle with difficult material, he responds with concern. He said, “If we have a class that’s struggling, we lose sleep over that.”

This semester, Dean is teaching Calculus II, Senior Seminar and Classical Analysis. He normally teaches statistics in the spring, but he appreciates the chance to lead the small group of students in the analysis course.

Dean admires math for its symmetry and patterns. He values “the insight you get from constructing a mathematical argument.”

Within the cleanliness of math, Dean also sees God’s truth “distilled.” “We have it reduced down to the essentials,” he said.

Here at the College, Dean benefits from the popular stereotype of a math professor. “You can be a nerd in mathematics, and no one will think it’s unusual,” he said.

Dean has never considered the possibility of teaching until his graduate studies at the University of Indiana provided the opportunity. He pursued his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh, completing coursework and preliminary exams. In 1986, however, his advisor died before he could complete his dissertation.

Afterward, his second advisor moved to Pennsylvania’s State University and drew many of his graduate students away with him. Dean said, “Enough is enough,” and decided not to finish.

“I would need to start all over again,” he said. Now he maintains his academic edge by researching technological developments in mathematics.

Dean realized that teaching improved his understanding of math and allowed for schedule flexibility. “I like the ability to go with the flow,” he said. Additionally, Dean values the opportunity for ministry. Few other jobs have the ability to bring younger and older people together like teaching, he said.

When teaching courses to non-math majors, Dean inevitably encounters panicked students.

“Math anxiety is almost a given if you’re teaching [lower-level courses],” he said. “You’ve got to do it in a way that you can calm them down and really build their confidence.”

In the process, he seeks to penetrate any “psychological barriers” that hinder understanding of the material. He said, “It’s always great to have a break-through.”

Dean finds that many students flounder in math courses because they do not work through assigned problems.

“They’ve been reading it but they’re not actually getting their hands dirty,” he said.

With math majors, Dean desires to create budding mathematicians who can write and understand mathematical arguments, he said.

Outside of class, he developed another venue to interact with students: he hosts challenge matches in racquetball and table tennis. For him, the stakes are high. Victorious students earn an extra quiz grade for themselves and for their class.

Students accept his challenge three or four times per semester, though Dean usually wins; his last loss was about four years ago.

Dean also enjoys playing golf. He and fellow professor of mathematics Dr. Ralph Carlson usually vie for top honors at the annual faculty tournament. Last year, he suffered defeat by one stroke, so he seeks redemption this year.

At home, Dean spends time with his wife, Julie, whom he met at Wheaton College while working with her in the dish room. When Dean learned that she was the child of a faculty member, he almost stopped dating her; as a “painfully shy” person, he disliked talking to faculty members.

Regardless, they married in 1976 and later moved to Grove City when their oldest son was eight months old. They have three or four children, Taylor, Bethany and Aaron, who are pursuing careers or graduate studies. When Julie has a break from her nursing shifts at Grove City Medical Center, the couple enjoys cheering for Chicago sports teams, taking walks and camping. They regularly vacate the white shores of Lake Michigan, which Dean considers the best beaches in the world.

Dean’s life experiences stretch far beyond the bounds of Grove City, his hometown of Chicago, and even the United States. During his junior year of college, Dean attended the University of the Andes in Bogotá, Colombia for five months. He developed a love for the culture and a heart for missions during the time; he has made subsequent missions trips to Latin America, once teaching at a missions school in Lima, Peru.

While in Mexico, Dean appreciated the warmth of the people he met. Explaining that Mexicans placed greater emphasis on the physical aspect of relationships, he said, “You can’t go into a room without embracing everyone.”

Dean’s travels afforded unusual experiences such as the consumption of guinea pig, a Peruvian delicacy.

“It’s all dark meat, and it’s actually pretty good,” he said.

His daughter, Bethany, exhibits the same enthusiasm for missions. For three years, she has served as a missionary in Mexico City. Her parents visited her in Mexico as well as Costa Rica, where she attended training school.

Dean hopes to embark on short-term missions work in the future, perhaps teaching at a missions school again. But for now he enjoys interacting with students, teaching in the classroom and dreaming of different ways to curve exams.

“I’ve never had the guts to use a [square-root curve],” he said, “but I’ve thought about it.”

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Anna Brinkman
Collegian Entertainment Editor

It's that time of year again. With the launching of the seventh season of "24" and the fifth season of "LOST," millions of viewers across the country — and not a few at Grove City College — eagerly anticipate the text installment of their favorite action dramas.

"24," broadcasted by Fox, centers on Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland), a former counter-terror agent who works with the U.S. government to eliminate threats to the security of the United States. "LOST," broadcasted by ABC, revolves around the survivors of a plane crash on a remote and mysterious island, with particular attention given to surgeon and protagonist Jack Shephard (Matthew Fox). In each, the cast of characters waxes and wanes, and the plotlines twist and turn season after season. But each show has a coherence to it — a coherence of agenda, style and perspective — which has remained consistent since the very first episode of each.

The real-time format of "24" creates a deep sense of a structured, limited, controlled reality. Because of converging plot threads that must be covered simultaneously, the audience must remain on pivots with few digressions, switching from one revealing plot point to another. This constantly pushes viewers into a mindset of the present and the future, encouraging them to predict what could happen next. The timeline is clearly delineated.

"LOST" offers a more distorted sense of time and space. With ample flashbacks, flash forwards, and dream sequences — not to mention jumping back and forth between different characters' perspectives — it can be difficult to tell when exactly on the timeline a given event is happening. Often a revelation from the past creates an entirely new frame of reference for the present, leaving the future uncertain.

In "24," events occur in logical and chronological progressions — albeit unpredictably — and can always be explained rationally in hindsight. Causes and effects could be graphed on a tidy flow chart. This outcome-oriented perspective places individual choices under a microscope, scrutinizing the ripple effects created by every decision of every character. Characters act for reasons that can be articulated — which is one reason why the element of surprise is so satisfying; it is not surprising because it is nonsense, but rather a delicious shock because each surprise makes so much sense.

While the characters in "24" are always oriented towards their goals, "LOST" creates the sense of an undefined journey or process, in which characters discover more about themselves while being tossed along by the winds of destiny. Fate is capricious and characters are not governed by personal responsibility or choices, but rather are shaped by their haunting pasts and situations. The frequent use of deus ex machina — whether it be through unexplained supernatural phenomena or convenient explanatory flashbacks — reflects this volatile story framework, as well as strains of moral relativism.

"24" presents a clear view of good versus evil. Although sometimes seemingly bad characters turn out to be good, and vice versa, issues are consistently presented in morally absolute terms of black and white. A sense of duty is central to Jack Bauer's actions and the behavior of the "good guys" around him. The cast of "bad guys" consists of whoever stands in the way of justice, and even when culprits are not duly punished, the audience is inclined to wish they had been.

"LOST," on the other hand, features a more postmodern perspective. Moral ambiguity abounds as characters deceive each other, love each other, and even kill each other. The presentation encourages the audience to understand and empathize with the characters rather than judge them. Jack Shephard has enough flaws to dance the line between hero and anti-hero, and "bad boy" Sawyer (Josh Holloway) is presented as winsome and sympathetic. Good intentions are often more meaningful than the (occasionally disastrous) results of those intentions.

For all their differences, "LOST" and "24" share some important qualities. Both present the concept of the team as a surrogate family — whether it be a team of survivors or a team of counter-terrorist agents. Both rely on an element of surprise, pushing the envelope and playing with audience expectations to keep the stories engaging and original. Both appeal to young people. But at their core, they reflect radically different perspectives on reality. To watch both is an exercise in discernment.

Anna Brinkman
Collegian Entertainment Editor

A girl becomes pregnant with the baby of the high school principal. A boy spies on, photographs and obsesses over his attractive teacher. A senator habitually visits a prostitute who turns out to be his long-lost biological daughter.

No, these aren’t stories pulled from tabloids, but rather are the plot threads of the pilot episode of “Lie to Me,” a new FOX show created by Samuel Baum that first aired last week. Although the show had potential for good character development and focuses on an intriguing concept — deception detection — its sexual saturation and sermonizing progressive tone sends it into a tailspin of mediocrity and sensationalism.

“Lie to Me” protagonist Dr. Cal Lightman (Tim Roth) plays a believable deception expert running his own consulting service. A likeable hybrid of Dr. House and Jerry Orbach, Lightman has no trouble acknowledging fallen human nature. He takes the view that it is hard for a thinking audience not to feel convicted, and others merely feel convinced. But at its core, “Lie to Me” offers the promise of a high concept with many real-life implications and the possibility for a meaningful exploration of human nature. The pilot even featured an unexpect- ed twist that was deeply refresh- ing after such cliché content. But for all its entertainment value, the show’s self-indulgent script and on-the-nose agenda will come across as condescending and formulaic to any discerning viewer.

Telling the truth about ‘Lie to Me’

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Anna Brinkman
Collegian Entertainment Editor

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The Collegian Life Editor

By Kelli Gradel

“It’s the zombie apocalypse. Bring friends.”

In six words, the tagline from Valve’s multiplayer cooperative horror survival game, “Left 4 Dead” sums up both plot and basic gameplay.

Thankfully, Valve realized that plot is superfluous in a survival shooter and settled for the much simpler “the world is overrun with zombies – kill them” plot device, focusing instead on creating unique gameplay and a tense horror atmosphere.

The race for survival begins almost immediately, with only brief cinematic sequence before players are dumped in control of one of four remaining survivors, a mismatched group inexplicably immune to the epidemic that has turned the rest of the world into frenzied brain-eating zombies.

With no time for training, players dive head-first into the action, only to learn that these are no ordinary zombies. Unlike the lethargic masses that have populated most zombie shooters to this point, Valve’s undead jump, climb and sprint toward survivors, eager to rip into the world’s last uninfected. These zombies are also known to attack in hordes, especially if attracted by loud noises, such as an accidentally triggered car alarm.

As if masses of garden-variety zombies were not enough, the game includes five types of special infected, each with its own deadly attack. The agile Hunter can leap across large spaces, pinning down survivors as the Smoker constricts and drags them to the ground. Meanwhile the corpulent Smoker unleashes his weapon, a long, sticky tongue. Meanwhile the conveniently personified Tank, the Witch or a zombie corpse give the survivors a special weapon.

Members of the player’s team in ‘Left 4 Dead.’

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God calls Christians to stand up and step across party lines

By Sarah Beth Gross

I love snow. Snow has always had a mystical and majestic quality about it, probably because I grew up in the south. Everyone always sang about white Christmases (as if those really existed, I used to think). Lucy first saw Narnia when it was covered in snow. My Norwegian mother and New Norwegian mother and New

I'm not insinuating that President Barack Obama isn't a Christian; rather, his religious beliefs carried little weight this election, and according to The New Yorker, his religious affiliation was largely – if not entirely – politically motivated. But whatever his true beliefs, they mattered little to a country more interested in change.

And change he is. Obama has already removed a global “gag rule” that formerly restricted giving federal funds to international family planning groups that discuss abortion options. And this is likely only the beginning of change to abortion policy.

But I still believe Obama will prove to be a calculating president – as most are – in his first term, this news did jolt me significantly. It’s not precedent-setting, however small, to undoing any progress in the fight against abortion.

And this further convinces me that the moderate leader I’d hoped for, to unite conservatives and liberals, may not materialize. As such, our reactions to the new administration, and our role in it, must flow not from ourselves but from Christ.

Let’s look first at Bush’s administration. While his actions regarding abortion and taxation were at least moderately conservative, his Patriot Act was still aitus package were resoundingly not.

Second, we turn to Obama. His campaign was bolstered by astounding masses, yes, but also by his wise selections for campaign management and his ability to inspire. While his political record paints him staunchly blue, his quick rise to power shows his ability to make friends across party lines and use his influence effectively.

And after a meeting with Obama, Admiral Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that Obama was focused and prepared to withdraw troops from Iraq on a “responsible” timetable. This is the same Mullen who delivered the College’s 2006 commencement address and will speak at the College on Feb. 2.

But about the aforementioned points, while we may not, and should not agree with everything Obama is and plans to do, we can certainly respect him as our leader, as we did, or should have done, for Bush.

For those of you who don’t live in a Christian country, the Bible offers important insight into a Christian’s role in politics. In the days of the Roman Empire, as morality drained from society and the early church had only a foothold, Paul entreated his fellow believers to obey their ruler.

In Romans 13 he wrote: “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

In 1 Timothy 2, Paul tells Timothy to “exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

Thus, while some may view Obama’s quick rise to power as a failure for God, I believe it is just the beginning of his role in God’s plan to bring about great change.
SPORTS

Wolverines add back-to-back wins

By David Bovard
Collegian Writer

What should have been a shutout became a struggle as the Grove City College men’s basketball team faced Thiel College’s team on Jan. 21 in the Wolverines gym. Coach Steve Lamie’s predicted easy victory became a hard-fought battle against the 1-14 record Thiel team.

After the game started, it seemed like Grove City could breathe easily. Thanks to senior guard Joe McCoy’s sharp-shooting and junior center Andy O’Keefe’s control in the paint, the Wolverines surged to a 10-2 lead. This lead eventually stretched to 34-21 in the second quarter.

The Tomcats chipped away at Grove City’s lead after a layup at the end of the first half and a barrage of three-pointers by Thiel forward Nick Sefick. At halftime, the Wolverines led 34-27.

Grove City was in control at the start of the second half. Senior forward John Scheller’s three-pointer extended the Wolverines’ lead to 45-30, with about 16 minutes left to play.

Going on a near immaculate 19-4 run the Tomcats tied the game at 49 with a lay-up by Cory Chaffee. O’Keefe’s control in the paint, the Wolverines add back-to-back wins...
Swimmers face tough losses
Wolverines lose to second-place Denison

By Andrew Parry
Collegian Writer

Last Saturday’s showdown between nationally ranked second-place Denison University and seventh-place Grove City met and exceeded the expectations of Wolverine fans. Grove City lost the bout in a 162-120 loss to the Big Red. Some of the top races came from senior co-captain Caleb Courage. He narrowly lost the 100 back with a time of 1:03.38, and third in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:59.20. The team bounced back to defeat Presidents Athletic Conference rival Westminster 141-121 on Tuesday. The win put the team at 9-2 overall and 3-0 in the PAC. Courage, Whitbeck and Larsen all turned in strong performances. The Grove City men’s and women’s teams will visit Pitt-Bradford tonight in a double-dual with Penn State Behrend.

Other swimmers with success included senior Peter Larsen taking third in the 200 breast strokes, and Bowser taking second and senior Tim Whitbeck, who won the 50 freestyle in 20.97 and freshman Kate Wilt and junior Amanda Page also won. Grove City swept the butterfly with a time of 2:16.56.

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING

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In the 1000-yard freestyle, Hilary Callen from Denison broke a several year old pool record held by former PAC star Karlynn Ostein.

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Linebacker Adam Eichler receives All-ECAC honors

Grove City College senior linebacker Adam Eichler earned a spot on the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Southwest All-Star Team through voting by the region’s coaches.

Eichler started all 10 games at middle linebacker and led the PAC with 104 total tackles. He added one sack, an interception and two forced fumbles, helping the Wolverines lead the conference in pass defense.

Eichler’s teammates also voted him as the team’s Defensive Player of the Year.

Last month, Eichler earned Academic All-America College Division honors from ESPN The Magazine and the College Sports Information Directors of America. He also earned Second Team All-PAC recognition.

Eichler co-captained the 2008 team and helped the Wolverines to a 6-4 record.

He earned four letters at Grove City and also led the Wolverines with 92 tackles in 2007.

It is the second straight season that a Grove City player has earned ECAC Southwest honors.

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1/30 – vs. Pitt Bradford & Penn State Behrend
(A) 5 p.m.
1/31 – vs. Wooster (A) 1 p.m.

Men’s Basketball
1/31 – vs. W&J (A) 2 p.m.

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