Seniors reveal 2009 class gift

By Sarah Beth Gross
Collegian Managing Editor

Impromptu outdoor classes have always been a treat for students and professors alike. Soon, when warm days return, these impromptu classes will have a place to call home.

Announced Tuesday at the senior class dinner, this year’s senior class gift is an outdoor classroom. Plans are that a cement tiered seating area will be made in the grassy knoll behind the Hall of Arts and Letters.

Senior class president Pierce Babirak revealed the plans for the gift, adding that around 360 seniors – about half the class – attended the dinner this week.

“It was great food, good fellowship,” Babirak said. “We haven’t had a class-only gathering since freshman year. Everyone was excited about the gift … the class officers are very pleased with the event and the evening and look forward to working with the class in the future.”

The class officers worked hard to put together the dinner, not revealing the gift until Tuesday night.

“Borrowing a quote from the ancient Latin poet, Virgil, ‘Fortune favors the bold,’” senior class sec-

retary Brian Sandell said. “We as the senior class made a bold move by choosing a very expensive gift. But, the great turnout, enthusiasm, support and generosity displayed by our class tonight forever cemented the idea in my mind that the class of 2009 is the best class Grove City has ever seen.”

Many seniors are really excited about the prospect of leaving a fresh-air learning environment for the years to come.

“I think that the outdoor atrium is a really cool gift,” senior Natalya Basinger said. “I know I have had a lot of classes outdoors where it would have been really nice to have outdoor seating, so that you are not sliding down a hill and getting sketchy stains all over your bum. It will also be nice to have a place to study away from the footballs and Frisbees zooming past one’s head.”

Basinger also said that she enjoyed the fact that seniors from the apartments could join the fun.

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Creation mandate sparks creativity

By Casey Woodcock
Contributing Writer

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. As one reads on, we see that God’s most impressive creation was man and woman – the only cre-

ation made in His image.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on March 6, Grove City College students are invited to gather to celebrate this gift of creation – to encourage and commemorate female cre-

ativity on campus through an event known as Project Eve. This free event will be held in South Lobby and Old MAP.

Female students, professors and professors’ wives as well as daughters are invited to display their own baked and 2D art or perform their original compositions. 2D/3D art submissions can include drawing, painting, photo-

graphy, sculpture, pottery, knitting, clothing and jewelry. The performance aspect of the event can include singing/song-

writing, dancing, poetry and any other form of creative writing; however, auditions are held for performances, and it is possible that a performance may not be selected.

Gourmet food will be served at the event, and students are able to submit their own baked goods to be served as well. This year, the gentlemen of the Tri-

Rho housing group will serve the hors d’oeuvres.

To advertise for Project Eve, the women in charge will be wearing t-shirts during the week of the event. These t-shirts will be available to buy in the Breen Student Union that week, as well as at the door. The cost of a Project Eve shirt will be approxi-

mately $9 or $10.

Project Eve will also be host-

ing Pittsburgh artist Eva Trout. Trout is known for her art by using a variety of 2D and 3D mediums. Trout believes that creativity links “our image to the likeness of a Creator,” and facil-

ity advisor Dana Krepps, a women’s resident director, is happy to have an artist who holds the same Christian values that were the foundations of Project Eve.

“I’m really excited about sub-

mitting my work for the first time,” junior Megan Markley said. “For me, this year has been a time to really open up and show people the things I love to do … I used to be shy about my gifts, but I realized God gave them to me for a reason, and I should be sharing them.”

And, according to Krepps, giv-

ing female students a chance to showcase their talents in the arts is what Project Eve is all about.

Project Eve was started four years ago by four women: Lydia Navatykov, Elizabeth Strand, Erin Kelly and Jillian Antonucci. These women “wanted to

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Inter varsity hosting Bible translation seminar

By Melody Carlson
Contributing Writer

As seniors begin their career search, most may not consider the opportunities available in the field of Bible translation. Since the seminar will be held on cam-

pus, students will be given a chance to get a “taste” for what translation work entails.

During the spring break, Intervarsity Mission Fellowship will host a three-day program called TOTAL-it-up.

TOTAL-it-up stands for “A Taste of Translation And Linguistics.”

In accordance with its name, the seminar is designed to give interested students a glimpse of what translation is all about and the basics of what the work entails. It

will be led by experienced, professional translators. Many seniors are thinking about translation work.

The program will consist of a series of lectures by Wycliffe members with inspir-

ing experiences and loads of practical knowledge. Within the lecture sessions students will be given many hands-on opportunities to try the basics of language learning and Bible translation.

The course will answer a variety of questions such as: Do missionaries really eat bugs? What does a translator do when a language doesn’t have words like forgive or love or glory or boat? How do you learn a language that has never been written down?

And, of course, it addresses the biggest question of all: Is God calling me to be a Bible translator?

TOTAL-it-up will be an opportunity for those who have a calling to missions or those who are simply interested in learning more about Bible translation. This seminar is not only geared towards Christian thought majors or those who are talented at learning languages.

Many of Wycliffe’s best translators were once engineers or scientists. Any students who are remotely interested in Bible trans-

lation are strongly encouraged to attend. These three days could provide valuable guidance for students involved in career searches.

Featured speaker Greg Carlson said that the seminar will be a great way for stu-

dents to “explore Bible translation in-depth by investing only a few days and a few bucks. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

The seminar will be held Feb. 25 through 28, starting with a fellowship time on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Carlson’s home at 408 East Main Street, directly across from the Technical Learning Center.

The day-time lectures and activities will be held in Hall of Arts and Letters, while, every evening, the Carlsons will host a dessert and fellowship time in their home.

Since the seminar will be held on cam-

pus, the cost of attendance is only $5. To register for this opportunity, contact IVMF president senior Jesse McLaughlin at McLaughlinJD1@GCC.edu.
EXPERIENCES LEAD TO FACTS

Dear Students:

In an effort to maintain a connection with Grove City College’s students spread throughout the world, each week the Collegian will print a letter from a student studying in a foreign country.

¡Hola, Grove City!

As I am writing this, I am finishing up my fifth week in Valencia, Spain.

Valencia is a gorgeous city right on the Mediterranean coast. It is the third largest city in Spain, but you could never tell by how peaceful it is and how relaxed the people are here.

Yet there is always something to do whether it be touring a cathedral, visiting an art museum, stepping by a café with friends, taking a walk through one of the many gorgeous gardens, or going out dancing. As you could guess, I am absolutely loving it here!

I have for you a list of twenty facts about the city where I am spending my spring semester.

1) You cannot get coffee to go. The people here are very relaxed and care more about spending time with friends and family then rushing around with a busy schedule. You can see people drinking and eating at a café at any hour of the day.

2) On the weekends, people start going out around midnight and don’t come home until 2:30 in the afternoon. The last meal of the day is smaller and is eaten around 9:30 in the evening. My favorite dish so far is macaroni with Spanish tomato sauce and cheese.

3) There are no stores or restaurants open 24/7 and very few past 9 P.M. If you get hungry at night, the only places you’ll find open are kebab shops. Here you can get pitas filled with meat and veggies—basically a really yummy gyro.

4) I have not seen a house yet. Everyone lives in apartment buildings. And our laundry is hung out to dry from one window across to the other side of the building.

5) Most businesses close between 2-5 in the afternoon on weekdays and all day Sunday. During the week, it’s a great excuse for a siesta!

6) It never gets dark. There are so many street lights, that it feels like daytime all the time.

7) There are pastelerías everywhere, where you can get some of the most delicious desserts you’ve ever had! My favorite is a croissant filled with a nutella/chocolate mix.

8) Boots are about the hottest thing in fashion right now. And leggings are pretty close too—apparently you can wear them with anything, even just as pants.

9) No one uses central heating or air conditioning.

10) Many people have teeny little dogs that they dress in sweaters. Dogs do not have to be on leashes and can go to the bathroom wherever they like, which is usually the sidewalk.

11) Valencians are so friendly, helpful, and welcoming to visitors. And very nice about giving you directions when you’re lost, which I know from much experience.

12) Almost every baby has a mini-sleeping bag that they hang out in while they’re riding in the stroller.

13) People kind of make their own parking spots and put their cars in neutral so that if it’s blocking someone, it can just be pushed out of the way.

14) There are palm trees and orange trees everywhere!

15) Through January and February there are “rebajas”- major discounts- in most stores in the whole city. It is a great time to shop!

16) The second meal of the day, “la comida,” is the biggest and is served around 2:30 in the afternoon. The last meal of the day is smaller and is eaten around 9:30 in the evening. My favorite dish so far is macaroni with Spanish tomato sauce and cheese.

17) Most children go to private schools, wear uniforms, and take super nice charter buses to school.

18) American songs are played on the news, in commercials, on the bus, at clubs everywhere! And apparently Madonna is quite popular.

19) There is a park that spans the whole length of a dried up-river.

20) Valencia is home to the largest aquarium in all of Europe- L’Oceanografic.

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College suffers wind damage

By Darin Miller
Collegian Editor-in-Chief

On Feb. 11, the Grove City College campus suffered damage from powerful winds that swept through the area.

The winds were part of a cold weather front.

One of the challenges they faced was coordinating treadmill use for 63 participants around the aerobic room's hours and usage time. According to Coulter, the Declaration of Independence was a key animating policy of the nation and Lincoln observed that the sentiments of the Declaration pointed to the inextricable link between freedom and equality.

Dr. Gillis Harp and Dr. Gary Smith also contributed insightful information regarding Lincoln's transformation towards conservatism as well as his perspective on religiosity in office. According to Harp, “Lincoln was transformed in the crucible of war towards conservatism,” and Smith suggested, “although he didn’t like the conflict within the church, Lincoln believed strongly in Christian charity and the significance of Scripture.”

Perhaps Lincoln will be forever remembered as “the Great Emancipator, or perhaps, in the words of Tolstoy, “bigger than his country, bigger than all the presidents together.”

History, however, continues to judge him, one thing is certain: Lincoln stood with principle and character amidst arguably the greatest time of turmoil the nation has ever faced. The College’s commemoration of the 200 birthdays of Lincoln demonstrated the importance of what it means to truly “stand with anybody that stands right, and part with him when he is wrong.”

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By Jayni Juedes
Contributing Writer

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The church has gone south

By Darin Miller
Collegian Editor-in-Chief

Renowned historian Dr. Philip Jenkins of Penn State University painted a unique picture of today’s reality and tomorrow’s promise when he spoke at Grove City College on Feb. 11 as part of the Humanities Speakers Series.

Jenkins delivered two lectures in Sticht Lecture Hall: one on the emerging global Christianity and the other on what the Church will look like in 2050.

Jenkins, an expert in the history and current trends of the Christian Church, has authored 20 books, including “The Next Christendom: The Comings of Global Christianity” (Oxford University) and “The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South” (Oxford University).

Accordingly, he said that not only is the church of Christ not dying out, it is spreading.

Jenkins looks at the world – and the Church – as being polarized between a “Global North” and “Global South.”

The Global North consists of the Western countries, and the Global South of underdeveloped countries.

A linchpin for Jenkins’ view is that the fertility rate is declining around the world in the Global North, but not in Africa, where, despite migration from lower-caste countries, the population is rising. And not only is the population rising, but the number one religion in these countries is often Christianity.

Through this migration, Jenkins said, “Christianity in [the] Global South increasingly becomes the religion of Global North.”

Jenkins believes that the church in the Global North is struggling but in the Global South, it is thriving. For example, the Roman Catholic Church, which makes up 60 percent of Christians, now has its largest membership in the Philippines, Brazil and Mexico.

And these Global South churches are very different from many of the churches in the North.

Dr. Philip Jenkins

Though the denominations are often the same, for them, “Christianity is a new phenomenon,” Jenkins said.

For one, the cultures are vastly different, and, in many ways, they are very similar to the cultures of biblical times.

Jenkins gave India as an example.

India has about 40 million Christians, many from the poorer classes in a country still largely stuck in its caste mentality.

But “Jesus broke so many codes of conduct,” Jenkins said.

Because of this disregard for social constraints and love for all, Christianity has potential shock value throughout the world.

Since Christianity teases those constraints away, it is thriving. According to Jenkins, 60 percent of Christians globally are in the South, and, by 2050, that number will be 75 percent.

This does not include those who have immigrated to the Global North, who are counted among the Northern Christians. Here in the North, where Christianity is struggling, Jenkins said that church leaders are turning to the leaders of the major churches and denominations in the South for leadership and advice.

“Many American Episcopalians have placed themselves under the spiritual authority of many churches in Africa,” Jenkins said.

This is happening in churches in Europe, too, where churches are receiving African pastors in order to keep themselves running.

“Ireland is now [surviving] by importing Nigerian priests,” Jenkins said.

While newspapers publish articles about the increasing Muslim population in Europe, Jenkins pointed out that no European country has a Muslim minority as large as Christian minorities in the Arab Gulf.

And, with the migration from Christian countries, Jenkins sees a different phenomenon rising.

Europe is shifting to South-style Christianity, Jenkins said. Its mainstream churches are being reconstructed “on the loins of immigrant churches.”

According to Jenkins, by 2050, there will be two types of churches: one type will be very diverse, constantly battling and struggling – though not necessarily in a bad way – to define itself.

“When a church is at its terms, it is old and dying.”

Those in the second group that are not like this first version will be dead.

“We are living through one of the fundamental changes in the history of Christianity,” Jenkins said later in an e-mail. “It will transform churches around the world – in my view, for the better.”

Collegian awards Green Eyeshade

During the 2006-07 academic year, The Collegian initiated the Collegian Green Eyeshade Award for newspaper staffers who show exemplary work each week.

Sponsored by the Communications Office, the award shows support and appreciation for staffers’ work and helps them build their portfolios and resume.

The winner for the Feb. 13 issue was senior Anne Marie Booth for her feature on married students.

The church has gone south

By Sarah Boyd
Collegian News Editor

Last Monday evening, packs of towels, T-shirts and toiletries as well as Bibles with prayers for the persecuted filled Harbison Chapel’s prayer room. Streams of Justice, an on-campus network for social justice outreach, coordinated a Voice of the Martyrs Action Pack collection to allow students to provide aid to persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

In November, Darcey Gill of Voice of the Martyrs, an organization committed to serving the persecuted church, delivered two chapel presentations at the College. Gill challenged students to see themselves as brothers and sisters to persecuted Christians.

To express these family ties in a tangible way, Streams of Justice encouraged students to assemble Action Packs.

Junior Eliza Thurston, who participated in the Action Pack program, said, “It is such an amazing experience to be able to reach out to our brothers and sisters across the world.”

Orders for Action Packs were taken in November, and participants collected items to donate over Christmas break.

Then, on Feb. 9, students arrived at Harbison Chapel bearing 21 packs full of everything from blankets, hats and gloves to handwritten notes. The group assembled in the prayer room to intercede on behalf of those who would deliver and receive these gifts.

Senior Sarah Easton reflected on this positive response to the Action Pack program and said, “I was so excited, knowing that the very packs we filled and prayed over would soon be hand-delivered to persecuted Christians thousands of miles away in Pakistan.”

Thurston said, “I hope that the packs will be an encouragement to those who receive them, just to know that American Christians care about them and are praying for them.”

A $20 donation made by each participant covers the cost of a full-color Gospel storybook in Pakistan along with the cost of shipping the filled packs to Pakistan.

From there, a Voice of the Martyrs field worker will deliver each pack in person to a particular family.

Easton said, “Voice of the Martyrs reports that Action Pack distribution has often been belittled by amazing church growth and openness to the Gospel. Despite their own poverty, families who receive Action Packs will often share them with neighbors and even those who persecute them.”

Easton hopes, however, that the impact of the Action Packs touches the College campus as well.

“It is so easy to forget about or belittle the struggle [of the persecuted church],” Easton said. “I hope the Action Packs will help people see the very real need to support and encourage our brothers and sisters around the world and how we really can respond in such a way that makes an eternal difference.”

This semester, Streams of Justice will be sponsoring “Bibles Unbound,” which is also a ministry of Voice of the Martyrs.

Participants can purchase Bibles that will be sent to Christians worldwide.

Easton described “Bibles Unbound” as “another hands-on way to make an eternal difference.”

Inquiries about “Bibles Unbound” can be directed to either junior Elspeth Glasgow or Easton.

Those interested in further ways to support the persecuted church can find a wealth of opportunities through Voice of the Martyrs at www.persecution.org.
**OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE...**

**Economy takes center stage in media**

**State may decline money**

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal may decline some or all of the four billion dollars allotted to his state in the $789 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly called the stimulus bill, that President Barack Obama signed into legislation on Wednesday, CBS reported.

“We’ll have to review each program, each new dollar to make sure that we understand what are the conditions, what are the strings and see whether it’s beneficial for Louisiana to use those dollars,” Jindal said.

The White House predicts that the stimulus package will create 50,000 jobs in the state, as Louisiana has been allocated $538,575,876 for infrastructure.

Louisiana could use the money, since they face a predicted two billion dollar budget shortfall next year. The money in the stimulus package comes with provisions, however, for how it may be spent and who may benefit from it.

Though constitutionally the governor is the person who should allocate the monies from the federal government, the federal government added a provision in the stimulus bill that allows state legislators to allocate the money in the bill, should the governor decline to do so, thereby providing a way to bypass the gubernatorial involvement altogether.

“New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin has said he’ll take any money that Louisiana turns down,” CBS reported.

**State publicizes spending**

Unlike Louisiana, Michigan is eagerly awaiting the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm’s “administration created a web site today that broadly outlines her priorities for spending Michigan’s share of the federal stimulus money,” freep.com reported.

“We are still analyzing the bill, and we do not have final numbers on the level of funding that Michigan will receive,” Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd said. “We continue to analyze the law to get a handle on the precise number of dollars that Michigan can expect to receive.”

The Michigan “wish list” has been added to by “state agencies, schools, universities and other public agencies [and it] includes 16,000 projects totaling $59 billion,” freep.com reported.

Granholm’s personal list is topped by an improvement in infrastructure that will provide jobs. She “wants to provide assistance for struggling Michigan families and invest in energy efficiency.”

**Initial bailouts not enough, companies asking for more**

Michigan-based General Motors Corporation and Chrysler LLC requested an additional $21.6 billion from the federal government, however “the final cost of a bailout of the auto industry could be significantly higher,” CNN reported.

“The two struggling auto giants have already received a total of $17.4 billion in loans,” CNN reported. “If they get the new loans they want, the price tag of the bailout would climb to $39 billion.”

Those loans don’t even cover the money that the government has given to automotive companies in the past in order to “help automakers convert their plants to produce more fuel-efficient cars,” CNN reported.

“All told, it could take up to $130 billion to save Detroit,” CNN reported.

That money includes not only bailout loans to the two major companies, but also the loans requested by the auto parts suppliers; auto dealers; a line of credit that Ford Motor Company requested; the “Cash for Clunkers” program, which would give federal tax credits to car buyers who exchange old, fuel-inefficient cars for a new, fuel-efficient one; and giving interest deductions on auto loans.

In order for the car companies to receive the money they are requesting, a bailout bill will have to be passed in Congress.

**GOP wary of the hurried passage of bill**

Many Republican leaders are either, at the least, wary of the $789 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or, at the most, angered by the rushed manner and broken Democratic promises that occurred during the passage of the stimulus bill.

“Following the White House’s release trumpeting the bill,” CBS reported, “the [Republican National Convention] sent an e-mail to reporters offering research on ‘Democrats’ broken pledges on transparency, bipartisanship, pork and job creation.’”

The complaints rest on both President Barack Obama’s statement that the bill would be available to the public online for 48 hours before it came up for a vote and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s avowal that there were no earmarks in the bill at all.

“What I am signing is a balanced plan with a mix of tax cuts and investments,” Obama said. “It is a plan that’s been put together without earmarks or the usual pork barrel spending. And it is a plan that will be implemented with an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability.”

Not all Congressmen agree with the president’s assessment of the bill.

“The flawed bill the President will sign today is a missed opportunity, one for which our children and grandchildren will pay a hefty price,” House Republican Leader John Boehner said. “It’s a raw deal for American families, providing just $1.10 per day in relief for workers while saddling every family with $9,400 in added debt to pay for special-interest programs and pork barrel projects. It will do little to create jobs, and will do more harm than good to middle-class families and our economy.”

**‘Swedish model’ of banking becomes path**

Bank nationalization, formerly regarded as the “European” method of banking, “is gaining rapid acceptance among Washington opinion-formers – and not just with Alan Greenspan, former Federal Reserve chairman,” Financial Times reported. “Perhaps stranger still, many of those talking about nationalizing banks are Republicans.”

Due to the recent bailouts and failing economic situation, many senators are beginning to believe that nationalization of some banks should be “on the table,” Financial Times reported.

President Barack Obama has begun moving the nation towards the Swedish model.

“In the early 1990s Sweden nationalized its banking sector then auctioned banks having cleaned up balance sheets,” Financial Times reported.

Some leaders in Washington believe that America should follow the Japanese model to rescue failing banks, a model coming out of Japan’s economic failure in 1990. The Japanese model involves the government boosting the economy through greater governmental spending, a policy which didn’t work well and led Japan to bail out its banks seven years after they began to fail.

“They [the Japanese] sort of papered things over,” Obama said. “They never really bit the bullet ... and so you never got credit flowing the way it should have, and the bad assets in their system just corroded the economy for a long period of time.”

Last week Tim Geithner, Obama’s Treasury secretary, proposed a rescue plan that may result in the nationalization of some weak banks.

“Policymakers acknowledge that if this is indeed the case, it will be difficult for those with the largest shortfalls to raise the required equity from the markets, in which case the government would probably have to take temporary control,” Financial Times reported.

As time goes on, an idea which just months ago seemed inconceivable has become a common topic of conversation among policymakers.

“To this country nationalization of some banks – not the whole banking sector – should be a last resort, but it should definitely now be on the table,” David Walker, head of the Peterson Institute and former senator-in-office in the Bush administration, said.

— Compiled by Sarah Beth Gross
Collegian Managing Editor
The College’s purpose in the additional involvement is not to limit the authority of the student leaders, but to provide a safety net should unexpected things happen. Student Life will be making sure team leaders have a contact at the place they are taking their team, but otherwise the administration does not involve itself or give input in the destinations of mission trips. “It’s important not to take away leadership from the students,” said Larry Hardesty, vice president for Student Life & Learning, “although there is an aspect of making sure it’s actually a mission trip.” Additionally, the College will not sponsor ICOs to countries on which the U.S. State Department has issued a warning stating that the country is unsafe for American travelers.

There is, of course, more paperwork involved in a College sponsorship: Student Life asks ICO participants for a trip itinerary with emergency contact information for each day, and to sign health forms and waivers. The purpose of these forms is to avoid College liability should an incident occur, but also to quickly inform Student Life if there is an emergency so that appropriate people can be notified. “It’s our prayer that we’ll have these systems in place and never have to use them,” Hardesty said.

Students who prefer not to apply for a College sponsorship still submit trip itineraries with emergency contact information. Non-sponsored ICOs will no longer be able to post flyers or use classroom space for meetings for College liability reasons, but email and Facebook will certainly become networking staples for students who wish to promote an independent trip.

“It’s a great opportunity for students to take a step in their faith,” Wintrode said. “It’s mandated in the Bible that we go and serve other people, so [ICOs are] a great way to do this with friends while in college. Hopefully, we can be better resources to these students.”

By Stephanie Milne Contributing Writer

The Grove City College Center for Vision and Values presented another film in the Dead Horse film series last Friday. Discussion during and after the movie was led by Dr. James Dupree, the chair of the department of government and politics. Dupree is the fourth generation in his family to serve in the military, joining ROTC in college in Arizona. He was in Vietnam from January to December of 1971. What many of us could never imagine encountering, Dupree actually endured. He survived near-death experiences during the Vietnam War and recalled one moment where he could see a Vietnamese soldier only a few feet away, firing a grenade determined to kill him. The grenade fortunately missed, but the memories of the war will always endure.

In the movie, “We Were Soldiers” students had the opportunity to witness true-to-life battle scenes, a change from the glamor and adventurous depictions of war we normally encounter in modern media. The movie was grounded by both the battle scenes and the contrast of the home lives of the soldiers and their families. The reality of these two scenarios helps the viewer understand the struggle both the soldiers and their families faced at home. Lt. Colonel Hal Moore, played by Mel Gibson, shows attributes of faith and determination while at the same time, he as well as other characters reveal a darker side of the war. While many of us will never experience a horrific battle, it is important for people to see the struggle and to honor the lives lost so that we may not take this life and our comfort for granted. Students attending the film came away in respect and solemnity realizing the sacrifices made by many in the Vietnam War. Sophomore Alice Davis was moved by seeing “not only the physical struggles of the soldiers but also the emotional torment and that of their families back home.” Seeing this film helps to engender a better understanding of the emotional and physical struggles of the war. Unlike many films, this attempted to accurately portray the battles without tainting it with Hollywood gloss and glamour. Lisa Francis said, “We hear about war everyday through the news, however it takes a movie like this to help us fully grasp the concept of our country’s history, present-day happenings and what it is to come.”

This use of media is helpful to the understanding of Vietnam, whereas, the media during the Vietnam War was detrimental to the cause, as described by Dupree. The media displayed “significant bias and was extremely negative” during the war, explained Dupree. Among the reports that the media presented as factual, Dupree declared, were some flawed. One popular myth is that there were more African-Americans than white casualties on the American side. The death rates among these soldiers were actually “no different than the general population,” Dupree said.

He also said that another myth claims that mental health issues of soldiers were much higher than those of citizens. In fact, the mental health issues were lower than those of the normal United States population. These fallacies presented as factual by the public general encouraged a growing anti-war movement that affected both citizens and those in government positions.

The anti-war movement against the Vietnam War was not just a peaceful protest for a good cause. Radical groups like the Weather Underground, during the 1970s brought destruction in America and terrorism to the face of the war protest. People like Bill Ayers and his wife and accomplice Bernadine Dohrn who were leaders of the movement to “bring the war home,” are now common citizens of American society and seemingly treated with more respect for their cause than are veterans of the Vietnam War. The Weather Underground was a radical protest group that encouraged bombings and riots – many of which resulted in the deaths of innocent victims. This use of protest and the media’s negative depiction of American soldiers during the war haunts history to this day.

Toward the end of the discussion, one student asked Dupree if he believed the media covered Vietnam’s today’s wars in Afghanistan and Iraq reflected the same or more positive sentiment. He described today’s coverage as “being treated differently.” He says however there is “better media coverage” and it is “more respectful.” Hopefully, the media is learning from mistakes of the past.

Learning from history is a concept that many have heard, but only when we actually start to appreciate and express gratitude toward those who risked and lost their lives in war, can we respect those that fought and secured for us the life we now enjoy. It was a great opportunity to learn history from “We Were Soldiers” and to be able to engage in conversation with Dupree, who risked his life for everything that Americans believe in.

By Kevin Schellhase Collegian Sports Co-Editor

This year the Office of Student Life & Learning is rolling out a series of policy changes affecting the oversight and funding of Inner City Outreaches (ICOs). Previously the one-week missions trips, which typically occur over a mid-semester break, had been conceived, planned and led by Grove City students, with the College providing flyers and space for planning meetings. While the trips will remain student-led, Student Life & Learning will be taking a more active role in training, funding, insurance, and emergency preparation for students participating in ICOs.

The inception of an ICO is a student’s vision for a short-term missions trip. Students take initiatives to create opportunities in the cities they want to travel to, put a team together, raise funds for the trip, and ultimately lead their group on the trip. ICOs have also started leading ICOs decades ago in Pittsburgh and other local cities, and ICO destinations have since expanded around the United States and to many parts of the world. “These trips are student-led and student-inspired,” said Devi Wintrode, director of Student Ministries.

Beginning this year the College is creating a desire to provide a “safety net” for these trips, is offering to sponsor student-led ICOs. Contingent with Grove City sponsorship, ICOs are required to have a required series of training meetings for ICO leaders, which endeavor to prepare students for spiritual leadership, emergency preparedness (dealing with issues such as local unrest, injury, and other unexpected problems), and cultural sensitivity. The College also offers emergency health insurance for sponsored trips for overseas groups.

Most students do not have insurance that will cover overseas transportation for accidents or illnesses.

The sororities pledge for two weeks, whereas the fraternities only pledge for one week. This process officially came to an end last Saturday when the pledges became active in their respective groups. The purpose of pledging is to unite the new actives with each other and with the current members of the group. Throughout pledging, the pledges have to work together and rely on each other to accomplish the various things that are required of them. Junior Sarrim Vernimia, president of Delta Alpha Pi sorority, said, “It is great to see them uniting as they get to know each other.”

Pledging is a time of year met with anticipation by the members of each Greek group, fostering unity and excitement as the groups welcome another chance to pass on traditions to a new pledge class. Vernimia said, “My favorite part of Greek Unity Week is at the end, when all the new actives in all the sororities wear their traditional colors for the first time. It’s so exciting!”

Now that pledging is at an end, the Greek groups on campus are larger and full of more students that will continue to contribute to their college’s growth and unity. The faces may be new, but the colors will always stay the same.

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By Carl Laamanen Collegian Writer

A strange phenomenon has gripped the Grove City College campus over the past two weeks. It has made its mark in the cafeterias and in the mail room in the form of encouraging, colorful posters. It has showed up in the student’s dress in suits and even more so in the M&M costume and large sombrero. In the M&M costume and large encouraging, colorful posters. It has campus the past two weeks. It has

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Commencement weekend speakers slated for May

Grove City College President Dr. Richard E. Jones ’67 announced at the senior class dinner on Tuesday the speakers for the 2009 Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies on May 15 and 16.

College Trustee and United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Sixth Circuit, Hon. Alice M. Batchelder will address approximately 564 graduates at 9 a.m. May 16 in an outdoor ceremony on the Quad.

Dr. Douglas Pratt will offer the sermon to students at a 7 p.m. Baccalaureate on May 15 on the Quad. He is senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Fl., with a congregation of nearly 2,000 members.

Batchelder was appointed by former President George H. W. Bush on December 2, 1991, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She began her post a month later and has previously served as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, after being appointed by Ronald Reagan. Batchelder also served as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge from 1983 to 1985 and practiced law with Williams and Batchelder in Medina, Ohio from 1971 to 1983.

The College Trustee earned her bachelor’s degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, and her law degree from the University of Akron School of Law, where she was the editor of the law review. She received her LLM degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. She also studied at the Economics Institute for Federal Judges at the Law and Economics Center at George Mason University School of Law.

She received two honorary doctorates, one from Lake Erie College in 1993 and one from the Akron University School of Law in 2001.

The judge’s many professional positions include the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners, an Impartial Hearing Officer by the Ohio Department of Education, a member of the School of Law Advisory Committee for the University of Akron, three committees for the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Constitutional Law Drafting Committee for the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and on the Board of Trustees of the Law Alumni Association and the Intellectual Property Law & Technology Advisory Council for the University of Akron School of Law. Her professional memberships include the Federal Bar Association, Medina County Bar Association and Federal Judge’s Advisory Council.

In 1993, she was honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Akron School of Law and the 1996 Honored Alumni Award from the University of Akron. In 1997, the Medina County YWCA recognized her with the Women of Distinction Award.


Before serving First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Fl., Dr. Douglas Pratt was previously senior pastor of Memorial Park Presbyterian Church in the North Hills of Pittsburgh until 2004. A native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of New Wilmington Area High School, Pratt earned degrees from Allegheny College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Pratt was ordained in Shenango Presbyterian Church where his ministry has continued to grow for the past thirty years. In addition to serving pastores in Kansas, Pennsylvania and Florida, he also authored the book “A Replica of Greatness” in 1999; served on the boards of several Christian mission organizations, including World Mission Initiative, the Caleb Project, Frontiers and Young Life; and has been active in leadership roles in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

He is married to Jeanne, a native of Boardman, Ohio, and has a nephew and niece who are Grove City College alumni: Joel and Julian Antonacci.

In the case of inclement weather, both events will be moved to the Arena of the Physical Learning Center.

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“The steak was a nice break from the chicken and pasta I have been living off of in the apartments,” she said.

Though many seniors share Basinger’s enthusiasm, some do not feel quite the same way.

“I think it is going to turn into another couple spot for blatant PDA,” senior Carolyn Huley said. “Oh look! There’s the 2009 senior gift...and they shouldn’t be doing that there! But I am highly pessimistic, so I could be wrong [and] hopefully am.”

Others feel that the gift may not be extremely useful due to the notorious western Pennsylvania weather.

“I think that the College must recognize that we don’t live in California,” senior Leah Lindholm said. “There are about three days of the year where we wouldn’t necessarily die immediately if we walked outside. Also, as a note to previous seniors, there are about three days where outdoor fountains can run without freezing.

“Even if the weather in Grove City was always beautiful, I don’t think the ‘classroom’ would be very useful for classes or studying. Students with laptops wouldn’t be able to see their screens and students taking notes on white paper would be blinded.”

Senior Nikki Cibula agrees.

“Especially in our current economic situation, I feel that the resources for the senior class gift could be better spent on something more functional, something that students actually need,” she said.

Lindholm suggested that the gift should be handiers for the dorm restrooms.

‘My Fair Lady’
takes Pew stage

Rebecca Sherman

Grove City College students will perform “My Fair Lady,” the College’s spring musical, under the direction of Professor of English Betty Craig.

“My Fair Lady” will show at 7:30 p.m. March 11-14 in Keeter Auditorium in the Pew Fine Arts Center and at a 2 p.m. matinee performance on March 14.

“My Fair Lady” was adapted from George Bernard Shaw’s play “Pygmalion,” with the musical’s script and lyrics written by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe.

It is the story of cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle, played by sophomore Rebecca Sherman, who takes speech lessons from professor Henry Higgins, played by junior George Humphre, in hopes of passing as a sophisticated English lady.

Tickets are free of charge and can be picked up in the Breen Student Union from March 2-6. The public can reserve tickets by calling the College’s ticket line at (724) 458 – 3331 or by e-mailing theatertickets@gcc.edu.

Artwork from last year’s Project Eve was aesthetically displayed in MAP South Lobby.

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leave a legacy,” Krepps said. “They were amazing leaders.”

In the words of Navatykh, Project Eve was created as an outlet for “women to be able to celebrate their womankind in a Christian context.”

Originally, former Vice President for Student Life and Learning Dr. Jean-Noel Thompson was the financial supporter of Project Eve. His wife even submitted some of her own artwork the first year. The past two years, funding has been provided by SGA.

“Project Eve’s ‘tagline’ has always been ‘while Adam was sleeping,’...because God created Eve while Adam slept,” explained Emily Anderson, this year’s Project Eve chair.

In the past, men on campus have been offended by this line retreating with phrases such as “Project Adam...while Eve was in the kitchen.” However, former student of Grove City College, Morgan Mertz, responded by explaining that while man was sleeping, “woman was alone with God. Being made in His image. Being made to create…woman was given life – existence. And man was given a helpmate.”

Anderson explained that Project Eve is run by committees. The 2D/3D art committee is run by Kate Weingartner; advertising is run by Michelle Paylo; gourmet Food by Mindy Reed; baked Goods by Caroline Nugent; and performing arts by Hannah Later, Jennifer Ford and Amanda Zittell. Submissions are accepted through the week of the show, and no 2D or 3D art pieces are rejected.

“[Project Eve] isn’t a feminist group,” explained Anderson. As we’ve read in Genesis, being created in the image of God means that women are called to be creators, and “Project Eve” is just a celebration of the way women create on this campus.”

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Apples bring autumn joys

By Anna Wood
Contributing Writer

A crisp breeze cuts across my face, taking away my breath for a moment as I emerged from our station wagon. This only enhanced the excitement that had been breviling throughout the entire annual trek to a family friend’s apple orchard. From Pink Lady to Red Delicious and Yellow Delicius to Fuji and Macintosh— it seemed we had hit the apple jackpot.

My family and I were invigorated by the chilled air and the sweet smells of the orchard. But more than that, we were fueled by the promise of something delicious, something comforting, something wonderful when it was all over—it was the promise of Grandma’s apple crisp.

I have never known my grandparents’ house to be without this dish. There was always a comfort in entering their house after a long day running around their farm, because, like most grandmothers, mine loved to spoil us with baked goods. I’m not sure how, but that pan of apple crisp was always fresh out of the oven, waiting for us.

The texture was always just right: not too mushiness from the apples and just the right crunch from the crisp oatmeal topping. Something about apple crisp topped with vanilla ice cream always made me feel reassured and cared for.

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We spent our day at the orchard gathering as many apples as we wanted and putting them in gunny sacks, paper bags, boxes or even wagons. We, the children, darted in amongst the trees playing tag or hide-and-go-seek. By dusk we were exhausted but wore grins of satisfaction, knowing full well the delicacy that was sure to appear on our table within an hour of being home.

We all pitched in to core and peel the apples. Soon an easy and wonderful way to end the day was pulled from the oven, and it was time to take part. There is always something magical about tasting a dish that has just been baked. We sat around the dinner table, silent, thinking about the day’s events, how much we all enjoyed being together and of all the endless possibilities for the $7 and a half pounds of apples we now had stashed in our fruit cellar.

Grandma’s Apple Crisp

Two quarts rather thinly sliced apples
½ cup flour
Sprinkle about ½ teaspoon of cinnamon into mixture
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 cups uncooked oats
⅛ cup brown sugar
⅝ cup butter
½ teaspoon salt

Topping:
Sprinkle on top of apples and bake at 375 degrees for approximately 40 minutes until apples are tender.

Gram’s Apple Crisp

Instructions:
- Stir together and put in buttered pan.
- Mix together until crumbly.
- Sprinkle on top of apples and bake at 375 degrees for approximately 40 minutes until apples are tender.

By Emily Dalpiaz
Collegian Writer

Everyone has an opinion about today’s market, but most agree it is not welcoming to job-seekers. To get some definitive answers on how to rise to the challenge, I talked with Dr. Jim Thrasher ’80, Director of Career Services.

Dalpiaz: We keep hearing discouraging reports about the job market. What is your take on the situation?

Thrasher: I’ve been out visiting many companies this winter to get a read on current forecasts and the overall economic situation. There’s no question—it’s a tough market out there right now. Many of the recruiters who hire our students or utilize on-campus recruiting are experiencing a hiring freeze. In turn, we strongly encourage our students looking for internships and full-time jobs to “engage the process,” and to do so as soon as possible.

Dalpiaz: What does “engaging the process” look like?

Thrasher: We believe we are teaching our students lifelong strategic job search skills, both for internships and full-time jobs. If students follow the four-year plan laid out by Career Services and utilize the programs and services we offer, they will be well prepared for the challenge of finding a job. One of our unique areas of focus is on helping students discover their transferrable skills—one of the two main components of behavioral interviewing today. Most college students are not prepared in that way.

Dalpiaz: Have you seen a market like this before? Amidst the negatives, are there any advantages?

Thrasher: I’ve actually experienced a down market three times, this one being the most significant, with students searching for jobs. Most students will have nine to ten jobs in a lifetime, four to five careers, so they will have to be their own placement counselors in those careers. When the market is strong and students have four or five options to choose from, [the job] comes quite easily. But when students have to work hard through the process, it is actually a blessing for them. It’s a lot of work, and I respect that, but they will be better prepared to take on the challenge of finding their next positions. Their companies will not manage their future career choices.

Working the process now prepares them for that challenge.

Dalpiaz: Career Services is obviously here to help, but what should students be doing on their own?

Thrasher: Students must put together a significant recruiting strategy, both on and off campus. The on-campus recruiting here was never meant to be their sole strategy, especially this spring. A number of companies have withdrawn their recruiting dates this semester because they are in a hiring freeze, so they cannot post their positions. Many of our companies have kept their internship programs in place though, even if they have put on a hiring freeze for full-time positions, because they realize this marketplace challenge will pass. They want to maintain relationships with students, and soon-to-be alums, to avoid a hiring gap. They want to keep a presence on campus, and we are very pleased about that.

Be sure to catch the second half of this interview in the next issue for specific suggestions from Dr. Thrasher on how to utilize Career Services for smart searching this spring.
Ski Club braves winter cold to shred the slopes

By Kelli Gradel
College Life Co-Editor

Some people hate snow. It means wet clothes, freezing temperatures and, in western Pennsylvania at least, months with little or no sign of the sun. But at Grove City College there are at least 250 people who love the snow, as long as it's on a downhill slope. They constitute the College's ski and snowboard club.

Each year, the club plans four day-trips either to Seven Springs, Pa., or to Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, N.Y. The club also takes one overnight trip, usually to a resort in Vermont or upstate New York.

The overnight trip, which occurs annually over spring break, has become one of the club's most popular events.

“[It’s highly anticipated],” senior Karen Bennett said, the club’s vice president. “It used to be every other year, but there was so much interest that we’ve had one for the past three years,” she said.

Registration for this year’s trip to Stowe Resort in Vermont was finalized before Christmas break.

But with more day trips upcoming, there is still ample opportunity to get out on the slopes. “It’s fun to get off campus with people you don’t see every day,” said the club’s president, senior Chris Vermilya. That is, as long as people don’t mind the weather.

“Sometimes it seems like you’re crazy, going out in the cold, stripping wood to your feet,” Bennett said. “But it’s exhilarating.”

Of course, for those not yet ready to plunge down the mountainside, ski resorts offer group lessons. “We have a wide variety of expertise,” from very beginners to people who have been on ski patrol,” Bennett said.

With membership encompassing about 10 percent of the College’s enrollment, the Ski Club has many of the advantages of a larger group. “It’s a great way to meet new people,” Vermilya said. Freshmen in particular can get involved with a large group and meet upperclassmen, he added.

With upwards of 50 students on each day trip, the club not only gets group discounts, but also provides coach bus transportation to the resorts. “You don’t have to worry about driving home,” Bennett said. “And everyone has a good time.

Even with so many students on the slopes, injuries remain relatively minor. “We’ve had some stitches and some strained joints,” Vermilya said. But overall, the group has been careful.

“Grove City kids are pretty responsible,” Bennett said. “We try to represent the College and ourselves as Christians,” she added.

Anyone interested in joining the Ski and Snowboard Club can visit the club’s website at www2.gcc.edu/orgs/ski-club or e-mail skiclub@gcc.edu.

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Whipple ministers in Dublin

By Emily Peterson
College Writer

Ireland, the birthplace of literary masterminds such as Samuel Beckett, James Joyce and W. B. Yeats, continues to foster artistic creativity and a rich heritage. Yet the island also harbors a need for the gospel message.

This past May, senior Luke Whipple travelled to Dublin to serve at Abbey Presbyterian Church and to share a heart for Christ with the Irish community. He was linked with eight other men and women through the “Mission to the World” outreach, who went ready to revitalize Abbey’s dwindling congregation and speak boldly to a diverse audience about the love and necessity of Christ.

Whipple immersed himself in the community. He began a men’s Bible study, helped a primary school run by the church, joined the Dublin Ultimate Frisbee League, and interacted with locals through “Open Abbey,” a time when the church invited questions and conversation.

“The majority of the time was spent with the doors of the church opened, welcoming people to come in,” Whipple recalled.

An exciting part of his trip involved preparing and hosting a week-long arts festival. “From their unique style of music and dance to their long list of internationally recognized authors … the list of Irish cultural achievements is very long,” Whipple said. “[Dublin] is very artistic and is the harbor for many young artists.”

His group included artists and musicians, and together they used their gifts to integrate the church with the community.

Whipple said, “The focus of our trip was to minister through the arts – believing that true art points the audience to truth and truth in turn points them to the author of truth: God.”

Since 97 percent of the Irish population is nominally Catholic, and three percent represents all other religions, Abbey Presbyterian Church is a unique establishment within the overwhelmingly Catholic city of Dublin.

Other challenges were found within the 800-year-old walls of Abbey Church. Many members of the congregation were elderly or had left, which reduced the membership from several hundred people to about 80. So the mission team sought to reach out to the different ethnicities and drawing in young people. “The most important reason [for serving] was to help a struggling church to find an identity and a way to minister to a world that is changing all around them,” Whipple said.

Whipple actually spent more time ministering to non-Irish internationals from countries such as China, Korea, Zimbabwe and Brazil than to locals. “The most surprising thing about Dublin is how international a city it is,” he said.

“There is an interesting tension between the people who consider themselves the “true Irish” and the large sections of immigrants that are still coming into the country.”

The cultural difference between America and Ireland surprised Whipple. “On the surface, Dublin resembles America in many ways,” he said. “At its heart, however, Dublin – and Ireland at large – beats at a different rate than our culture at home. [The Irish] know oppression and poverty much more nearly than we do … They are more willing to be friendly, but less willing to be open about their life experiences.”

Whipple witnessed and planted many seeds that he hopes will continue to flourish. “The Lord worked in incredible ways,” Whipple remembered. “I think one of the most incredible was when a Mexican student who studied in Scotland came across the Celtic Sea for the day to visit Dublin. He happened to walk into our church building. He started a conversation with one of our team members who spoke fluent Spanish. She witnessed to him and he accepted Christ. In my mind it’s an amazing set of circumstances – God was truly in control.”

Whipple reflected on his own awareness of God’s control and change of heart throughout the trip. He said, “On my flight over, I was giving thanks for what was easy to see and was effortless to enjoy. Now I’ve noticed that God has orchestrated things so that people who are in need have come along my path at times when I hadn’t expected it.”

He continued, “I’ve realized that it has taken less of my reach and more of His hand to answer those prayers, and for that I am so grateful. I’ve moved from whispers of thanks to shouts of great joy.”
The Presidents’ Athletic Conference champion men’s swimming and diving team from Grove City College.

The Presidents’ Athletic Conference champion women’s swimming and diving team from Grove City College.
IM sports and wrestling stars

Photos by Andy Drabic
By Arielle Bateman
Collegian Life Co-Editor

Betty Tallerico could serve as the Grove City College Career Services’ poster child for the value of transferrable skills.

Though she attended college for psychology, German and then attended seminary, Tallerico now serves as assistant to the College President, Dr. Richard G. Jewell ’67. She has demonstrated her competency in numerous posts, including the registrar’s office, the admissions office, the dean and provost’s offices and student life.

But even during her own college career, Tallerico had a varied resume of talents and experiences.

Raised in Pleasant Hills, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Tallerico attended Washington & Jefferson College for her undergraduate degree. She worked with a county food bank and realized that she needed more direction, so she entered Princeton Theological Seminary. Though she did not pursue ordination or doctoral work, she used her time well.

“In seminary I had the opportunity to learn what faith was really about and what calling was really about,” she said. “The most wonderful thing for me was to study language (Hebrew and Greek). I had some professors who the text speak for itself.”

Though seminary refined her belief, the basis for Tallerico’s faith was set in her early years, particularly as a member of her church’s choir. The influence of her church’s minister of music bolstered her faith. He reminded children of their important role in the kingdom of God.

“He had a way of making the Scripture and the music come alive for me,” Tallerico said. “I still look back and marvel at all the things that we were able to do. He could get music out of just about anybody,” she said. “If you could sing, great. If not, [he] could work with that, too.”

Following her graduate work, Tallerico received the opportunity to take a fellowship in Germany. She was forced to defer the fellowship due to family health problems, but she embarked on the adventure one year later.

“One day, things happened differently than planned. The professor with whom she had hoped to study, an editor of the “Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia,” Hebrew Bible, suddenly became ill and was on leave for the rest of the year. Tallerico joked, “I guess I just sort of played after that.”

She attended seminars, took classes and interacted with the German culture and people. The language barrier presented some problems when Tallerico took an Arabic course taught in German whose assigned text was in English. Attempts to explain the meaning of different terms in multiple languages sometimes ended in a muddle, she said.

She had the chance to tour the country with friends, even visiting the town where her father was stationed during World War II. One evening, she sat watching the news with friends when the message came that the Berlin Wall had come down, years after its erection in 1961.

“It was an interesting time to be in Germany, and to be an American in Germany,” she said. “There was great rejoicing in the land that wall came down.”

After returning to the United States, Tallerico worked as a half-time student supply pastor in Washington County, Pa. It was then that she received an unexpected call indicating that the College was searching for a new dean of women, and asking if she was interested in applying for the position.

At the time, the dean of women and dean of men held a variety of residence life responsibilities - now handled by the dean of students and other staff under the system that the College employs today. The dean of women was also the director of housing. After two interviews, the College offered her the job in 1991.

“I had no idea what a dean of women did,” Tallerico said. “It was one of those things that came out of the blue, figuratively and literally, except that it was God’s doing.”

In addition to addressing disciplinary issues, Tallerico developed programming and enjoyed the many students with whom she came in contact.

Next the College called her to serve as associate director of admissions for about a year, and then as assistant to the academic dean, now called the provost. As the College developed new programs such as intersession, Tallerico assisted in the registrar’s office as well. She learned more about the academic program and graduation policies, while also learning about and working more with the faculty and students as she worked for the dean.

This broad base of experience proves valuable in her current work for the president. She can answer his questions and knows how to find answers quickly when more information is needed. As President Jewell said, “Because of her extensive experience and wisdom, I often rely on her for sage advice.”

Tallerico also compiles information for board reports, takes notes during meetings and coordinates events such as the annual Pew lecture series, which this year included a visit from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“It’s one of those things where I still feel like I haven’t figured out my job yet,” she said. “I have learned that I need to be ready for anything.

“Much of my job is focusing on the blanks and finding out how I can fill in the blanks. How is it that I do my job, how do I live up to what God has me here for. And that’s always a challenge.”

In addition to her professional position, Tallerico has also served as the advisor for the Theta Alpha Pi sorority since 1995. She said, “It’s more fun than anything.” She enjoys interacting and working with the sorority members, though she said, “I’m still trying to learn all the new girls’ names.”

No matter how the course of Tallerico’s life has flowed, college is the common theme that runs through it.

“It’s hard to identify a life beyond college because it’s kind of … tied together,” Tallerico said. “It’s more meaningful to me than just a job. It’s a calling to be here, at least for now.”

In Chapel this week

Sunday, February 22
Vespers: “Coming Again”

Tuesday, February 24
Grove City College Koinonia

Thursday, February 26
No Chapel – Spring Break
A Note about Trays

Technically, and according to college policy, trays are “borrowers” or thieves could be fined for their actions.

**Crimson**, page 114 “…it is totally inconsistent with campus conduct [College policy] to remove … service ware from the dining halls, i.e. china, silverware … trays etc. Removal of these items will be considered an act of theft and sanctions will be commensurate with infrac- tion.”

“The College works very hard to keep costs low for students. A College owned item usage outside its intended purpose ‘as a dining tray for sledding’ is not safe, not financially prudent [because the trays are damaged and break] and not designed for such use. Please use sleds for sledding, trays for dining.”

— Scott Gordon, Director of Student Activities and Programs
Tonight, Stonebridge and SGA will bring Christian bands MAE, Recession and Awaken, North Wind! live to Crawford Auditorium. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in the Breen Student Union or by visiting www.stickets.com/events/222646/0/Grove_City_PA/. For more info, e-mail Natalie Younquist at YounquistN1@gcc.edu.

Tonight the Physics club will host the annual Entertainment Co-Editors

The sounds of ‘Symmetry’

Keane deepens style and substance with its third album

Kevin Schellhase

Collegian Sports Co-Editor

Anyone who has listened to the first two albums from British alternative pop group Keane will know that “Perfect Symmetry,” released this past August, is not standard fare. In addition to the album’s breezy, expansive, ’80s-influenced rock sound, some songs actually feature guitars – a very new sound for the previously keyboard-exclusive band – and the sounds of choirs, previously rare for Keane, are dispensed liberally throughout the album. Keane has dramatically diversified the types of instruments used in “Perfect Symmetry,” demonstrated perhaps nowhere more clearly than in the fleeting percussion solo at the beginning of the first track, “Spiralling.”

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The night will include pizza, mixing liquid nitrogen ice cream, freezing and smashing flowers, big-screen video games in the auditorium and other science-related activities. The cover charge is $3.

Tomorrow night the Buffaloes and the sisters of Phi Sigma Chi will host a night of karaoke in Ketler Rec. from 8 to 10 p.m. The top three singers will receive cash prizes of $50, $30 and $20. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged to support research for Friedrich’s Ataxia Disease.

South Philly-style pretzels will be for sale for $1 each in the Breen Student Union on March 2. To order pretzels ahead of time, visit the presale table in the Student Union Monday through Wednesday. Proceeds will support ICO DR, Santo Domingos.

This week, “Hotel for Dogs” shows at the Guthrie Theatre daily at 7 p.m. Saturday matinees will be shown at 11 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 and 4 p.m. Clint Eastwood’s drama, “Gran Torino” will also play for another week at 9 p.m. every night.

-Collected by Kelsey Keating and Anna Brinkman Entertainment Co-Editors
A twisted plot, lack of character development and a clunky script weigh down "The International," the latest creation of German director Tom Tykwer (best known for "Run Lola Run"). A semipolitical conspiracy "thriller," the film sinks into a morass of international white-collar criminal investigation punctuated by pat dialogue.

The premise: Interpol agent Louis Salinger (Clive Owen) and Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Whitman (Naomi Watts) must expose the corrupt arms dealings of the International Bank of Business and Credit. It sounds simple enough, until perhaps ten minutes into the movie, when the plot begins to ebb and flow with no discernible thread to trace throughout. While the technical quality of the film was excellent, it simply didn’t go anywhere an audience could follow.

Was the downfall of "The International" simply that it took itself too seriously? Its lack of pervasive action showed a desire to transcend the typical action-adventure genre, yet it failed to replace physical action with verbal or intellectual action. It dropped hints of political overtones – but refrained from any overt or potentially offensive political statements, preferring to fall back on a vague criticism of capitalism. The pacing was extremely uneven, fluctuating from occasional spurts of action to drawn-out exposition. Perhaps worst of all, "The International" lacked subtlety.

On a positive note, the most acclaimed sequence has, predictably, been a shootout in the Guggenheim Museum. Though the gunplay was painfully Hollywoodized, the life-and-death desperation of the characters stands in stark contrast to their dull calculations and speculations up till this point. The fusion of raw, gut-wrenching bloodiness with the surreal curving white of the museum interior combined into an iconic impression that is a welcome relief from the previous hour or so of visual drudgery. Unfortunately, its placement in the time-line of the plot feels like a climax, and the movie only seems to drag more after this meelie's bloody conclusion.

Throughout the film, each actor would spout the occasional awkward platitude, the purpose of which would be uncertain. At one point, Salinger tells Whitman that a big part of life is knowing which bridges to cross and which to burn, and that "I'm the one you burn." Doesn't burning a bridge refer to a bridge already crossed? But minor confusions like these are lost in the weltering chaos of what might have once been a plot. Even if they are using cheezy aphorisms, at least the characters are talking in a way that suggests they might have personalities, maybe, deep down inside.

Aside from the two main characters, the "bad guys" remained practically indistinguishable from and interchangeable with the "good guys." Everyone looked so alike (professional and vaguely grim) that sometimes it was hard to tell whether a character was brand new or simply making a reappearance. Tykwer played with the notion of romantic tension between Salinger and Whitman, but it felt like a half-baked plot device rather than character-driven chemistry. Over the course of the movie, the characters did not change, develop, grow or decline; they simply had a series of really stressful days, during which they constantly pondered what to do next.

The characters had nothing to do with the plot. Not only did the audience never really find out who they were as human beings, but the characters' choices did not drive the plot forward in any visible way. Every plot point was prompted by a deus ex machina -- whether this was new information in the investigation or another shadowy bank move -- and the characters reacted the same way every time: expressing dogged determination to bring down the bank.

But after nearly an hour and 58 minutes of moderately suspenseful and bewildering tedious, Tykwer offers one last surprise. At the end of a labyrinthine plot, a dose of classic Italian revenge is simply refreshing.
By David Gernhard
Contributing writer

The apathetic condition of today's American Christians is repugnant. It is a sad and abhorrent state of affairs that we are willing, and even eager, to abdicate the responsibilities God has delegated to us. God is the source of all authority and He has granted specific authority to institutions like the family, the church and the civil magistrate. Each institution derives their authority directly from God. Yet, there is a tendency in our modern society, born out of laziness, to grant illegitimate authority to institutions not suited for the exercise thereof.

Some institutions are better suited for specific tasks than others. In Ephesians 6:4 and Proverbs 12:6, God gave to the magistrate the authority to punish evil and reward the good. The sword does not teach, instruct or love children. The sword is nothing more than force and violence. God didn't establish the magistrate to help the sick, feed the poor or educate the ignorant. Yet, we insist that having fewer students make significant improvements especially in the academic level is typically much lower their standards in hiring in order to fill this major underlying problem.

Decision prompts reevaluation of class size

By Monica Gigliotti
Contributing Writer

Some say that the best things always come in the smallest packages. Perhaps many of the women of Grove City College might be thinking that dia- mond ring they anticipate receiving this spring. But others say that bigger is always better. Perhaps many of the men of the College are envisioning a wide- screen, digital television set. But what is the best route when it comes to improving education? Is that an optimum classroom size for improving aca- demic achievement?

With the current push for improvement in the area of aca- demic performance, many people are now jumping on the “smaller is better” bandwagon. Teachers are especially active in advocating for a reduced classroom size. Many of these teachers claim that working with fewer students will enable them to pay more one-on-one attention to each student. In addition, these teachers often insist that having fewer stu- dents will allow them to keep an extra eye on those students who need the additional help. No doubt it is a strong argu- ment, and it makes sense. The problem comes when we consider what is happening in today's times that our nation is currently facing. A reduced classroom size may well equal a larger financial burden for already struggling City College taxpayers. This happens because the reduced number of students in each classroom essentially means that additional classroom tools are needed. In order to meet these new needs, expansion is almost unenviable. Although this will create a few temporary labor jobs, it will also cost tax- payers additional money for its construction.

And, of course, after the classrooms are built, additional teachers will need to be paid to work within each room. This is great news for teachers, but not so great news for your pocketbooks.

But perhaps the academic ben- efits of having smaller classroom sizes will outweigh the negative economic consequences involved in these processes. After all, improving academic achievement in the long run may just well be what this economy needs to get it back on track. For example, if students make significant improvements especially in the areas of math and science, the United States will be able to rely on Americans to work in these high-tech fields opposed to others.

I firmly believe that unless we fix this major underlying problem, it will also cost tax-

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**Wolverines dominate PAC finals**

**Men’s swim team takes title for second consecutive year**

By Andrew Parry

Collegian Writer

With banners hung from every corner of “Dave Fritz’s House of Pain,” there was great anticipation before the Presidents’ Athletic Conference Championship Meet. The Grove City men, who won PAC’s last year over the heavily favored Westminster Titans, were now the clear favorites. The meet was supposed to be one for the record books, as the aim was not only to claim the PAC title, but also to set records and to qualify swimmers with national cuts.

The Wolverines did just that. The men opened the meet with a bang as they dominated both the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 medley relay. Sophomores Camden Coppelli and Bennett Keef, freshman Ben Bowser and senior Caleb Courage comprised the 400 medley relay. The relay team not only won, but also set a team, pool and conference record with a time of 3:33.95, qualifying for nationals with a B cut.

There were several all-stars during the three-day competition. One standout was senior co-captain Caleb Courage. He won the 50 freestyle, out-touching fellow teammate and co-captain, senior Tim Whitehead, with a time of 20.07. Whitehead finished second in 20.10. Both finished with National A cuts.

Courage also won the 100 freestyle on the third day in a near personal best of 44.40. He was also the winner of the 100 backstroke with a time of 50.21. Both of those times were National A cuts, and also set pool, varsity and conference records.

Bowser also broke out and had an incredible meet. On the first night, he crushed the defending PAC champion from Washington & Jefferson College, Brandon Smith, in the 200 individual medley. Bowser also broke a 12-year conference record in that event and qualified with a National B cut time of 1:53.29.

He also took first in the 400 individual medley, breaking another record with a time of 4:04.50. Finally, he took a close second in the 200 butterfly.

The Wolverines also dominated the sprint events. In the 50 freestyle, the men took first, second, fourth, sixth and seventh. Freshman sensation Kirk Gagliardo finished with a National B cut in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.03. This race was followed by strong swims from seniors Peter Larsen and co-captain Drew Snyder.

Grove City won continued in the 100 and 200 freestyles. Gagliardo took second in the 200 freestyle with an NCAA B cut of 1:41.04, while freshman Nick Hamilton took fifth in that event with 1:43.47.

Hamilton also placed high in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:41.65. Sophomore Nate Nielsen had great swims in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle, receiving NCAA B cuts and times of 1:42.93 (placing fourth) and 4:42.50.

Breaststroke records were also broken by the Wolverines at the meet. Sophomore Bennett Keefert crushed a long-standing record with an NCAA B cut time of 57.33, which was also beat by teammate Clay Beckner in a time of 57.96. Peter Larsen dominated the 100 butterfly, which he won the previous year, and set a personal best of 50.53, also a national cut.

As the meet came to a close, the swimmers saw that they would win by a healthy margin. The celebration began as swimmers dove in, and Coach Dave Fritz even got in on the action while dancing and performing some of the best belly flops the crowd had ever seen.

The final total score for the Wolverines was 949, dwarfing the accomplishments of Westminster and any other competition.

Fritz won the Coach of the Year honor, while Courage won the PAC Most Valuable Performer Award and the Invitational’s High Point Award. This title was Grove City’s 14th PAC Championship and its 22nd overall championship.

National qualifiers from the team must go back to the grindstone as they prepare for the big show. Nationals will be held at the University of Minnesota on March 18-21.
Men's volleyball team ranked in top five teams in nation

By Benjamin Cratsley
Contributing Writer

The Grove City men’s club volleyball team is at it again. After a strong finish in last year’s season, the team has had an impressive start this year and is currently ranked one of the top five teams in the nation. All but one starter returned this year, and the team also incorporates a strong freshman class. The team seems to be on a roll and is improving by the game they play.

Grove City runs a 6-2 offense, which consists of six hitters and two setters. Their attack is led in the middle by junior middles Taylor Gilmore and Ben Cratsley, who were the kill leaders for the first part of the season. Also hitting for the team are senior co-captains and four-year starters Tim Krake and Chris McKim, junior Chris Brennan, sophomore Tim Willits and freshman Mike Cratsley. Setters include senior Peter Lienert and junior Steve Schumacher.

Every good offense needs a strong defense behind it, which the Wolverines provide through junior libero Matt Rosano and senior defensive specialist Tony Sappe.

“I don’t think we have many weaknesses,” Schumacher said. “I am confident enough to set any player on our team at any time in the game.”

The Wolverines started off the season by facing many strong teams in IUP’s pre-season tournament. Grove City ended up taking the title and beating a former varsity division 1 team, Mercyhurst College, in the finals. The tournament was a warm-up for the team’s biggest test of the season: facing Messiah, the reigning national champions.

“We thought we had great potential for this year,” Lienert said. “But the win at IUP gave us the confidence we needed to go and take down Messiah.”

At Messiah, the Wolverines beat every team they faced, including Millersville, an 11th ranked team. The men went on to win a thrilling match against top-ranked Messiah and came away with another championship. This victory put Grove City in the national spotlight.

“Afyer Messiah, our goals for the year changed,” Gilmore said. “They went from just competing at nationals to winning nationals.”

Before entering the conference season, the team hosted the annual Grove City tournament. On its home court, the team marched through pool play and beat another top-five opponent, Baldwin-Wallace, in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the team had its first setback of the year during the finals against Daquesne.

“After Messiah, our goals for the year changed,” Gilmore said. “I think everyone is dialed in to make a run at nationals.” McCoy connected on a critical three-pointer that put Grove City ahead for good, and he also contributed several key free throws in the final minutes of the game.

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“How a team faces adversity is critical to success. We faced adversity by working to get better and not giving up,” O’Keefe said. Working to get better is the principle of Kaizen. It is practiced in the business world, the principle of Kaizen has continued to guide the Grove City College men’s basketball team. After losing their first game of the week on Wednesday night with a 71-64 setback at home against Bethany, the Wolverines rallied on Saturday with a 76-69 victory at host Waynesburg.

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As the PAC tournament approaches, the energy and enthusiasm of the team is increasing exponentially, and each member is pursuing a mantra of continual improvement in some ways.

“We have earned the right to play well tonight as a result of our work in practice,” head coach Steve Lamie said in a discussion with the team before Saturday night’s game.

Lamie suggested that paying attention to the seemingly minute details in practice would carry over into game situations. It is the principle of Kaizen, and it works.

“Practice discipline in the small things all the time,” NFL Hall of Famer Mike Singletary once said.

Saturday night’s game began with a slow first half after the Wolverines shot 34 percent from the field and scored only 25 points. Grove City, however, managed to come out strong in the second period while increasing their field goal percentage to 63 percent and amassing a total of 51 points.

“Finishing our offensive plays helped us score more in the second half,” which was good because we have been struggling with that the last couple games,” sophomore guard Caleb Orchard said. Orchard pulled down a career-high eight rebounds and executed stifling defense down the stretch.

“I felt that last night at halftime. We all felt the need to step up,” freshman guard Brett Matson said. “In the second half of the game [on Friday night], we made the plays we should have made against Bethany. Everyone was confident and knocked down their shots, and we got stops, which at times [have] been hurting us this year.” Matson played an instrumental role in the game with 11 points, five rebounds and four assists.

A key ingredient to the successful performance on Friday was confidence. The game certainly was not the prettiest of the season, but effort and improvement were evident throughout the entire 40 minutes.

“It was a huge win for us because it wasn’t easy, and it wasn’t perfect,” senior co-captain Joe McCoy said. “We had to battle as a team, and when things didn’t go well, we had to stick with it, maintain confidence in ourselves and each other, and find a way to win.” McCoy connected on a critical three-pointer that put Grove City ahead for good, and he also contributed several key free throws in the final minutes of the game.

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On Wednesday, the men dropped a 62-74 decision against visiting Saint Vincent College. The team’s final game will take place tomorrow at Thiel College. Tip-off is at 3 p.m.
Grovers seek non-varsity alternatives

Upcoming IM sports offer a host of options

By Joey Charlton
Collegian Writer

As the temperature begins its slow and steady upward climb, intramural sports are kicking off their spring seasons. As winter lets go of its grip on Grove City, students will have the opportunity to play various outdoor sports while they take breaks from studying. Many rosters and leagues form quickly, but there is still time to get a jump-start on any spring sport activity.

It will be difficult to ignore the many Frisbee fans getting geared up for the competitive season. The women's league begins in late March, and men kick off their season starting in early April. Frisbee is always a large draw, as more than 500 men and 250 women will have the opportunity to play various outdoor sports. Basketball begins on Feb. 25, with ultimate Frisbee taking off on March 25. Along with ultimate Frisbee, April also offers a men's softball league.

Women will also have many options for spring intramural sports. Basketball begins on Feb. 25, with ultimate Frisbee taking off on March 25. Stay tuned for information about swimming, kickball, dodgeball, ping-pong and bocce, the starting dates of which are still to be announced.

Competing in IM sports is something that many students here take quite seriously. Most sports feature a "top-talent" league where the best players and teams can showcase their athletic prowess. Leagues also exist, however, for students who prefer a more laid-back athletic environment. There are also leagues for those who fall somewhere in between these extremes.

Junior Dan Krantz, an IM participant, is a busy man. With a double-major, multiple campus jobs and an upcoming ICO trip, he always has a demanding weekly routine. Despite his busy schedule, Krantz still takes time to enjoy playing IM sports with his friends. He is currently captain of a B-league basketball team and plans to play indoor soccer next month as well.

"It's a great opportunity to take a break from studying, get some exercise, be competitive and fellowship with other students," Krantz said.

With plenty of options and levels of play, IM sports offer incredible opportunities to make even more college memories.

"IM games help bring back some of that high school sports nostalgia," Krantz said. "The commitment isn’t that hard, and you’ll definitely find yourself looking forward to the next game."

Women’s Varsity Basketball

Tomorrow’s game decides fourth-place PAC standing

By Kelley Smith
Collegian Senior Copy Editor

The Grove City College women’s basketball team earned its sixth consecutive split week after falling to Bethany College on Feb. 11 but defeating Waynesburg University on Feb. 12. Bethany’s 67-59 victory pushed the Lady Wolverines down to fourth place in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference. Grove City had been fighting the Lady Bisons for third place throughout the season, being.

The Lady Wolverines began the first half of the game with a 12-4 lead and had a 26-25 edge on Bethany by halftime. In the second half, however, Bethany owned a 15-2 run to secure their victory.

Sophomore Christine Slater earned her eighth double-double of the season against Bethany with 17 points and 14 rebounds. Junior Laura Miller also shared Slater’s game-high 17 points, and junior Krista Beechy scored 10 points.

Grove City ended the first half with a 23-20 lead after trailing Waynesburg, 16-6. After 18 minutes in the second half, Waynesburg was never able to regain the lead. The Lady Wolverines held Waynesburg to only 17 percent shooting (5 of 30) after halftime and committed only three turnovers. Grove City forced 21 turnovers; Waynesburg, however, out-rebounded Grove City, 40-34.

On Wednesday, the Lady Wolverines hosted St. Vincent College and added a 60-48 loss to their season record. St. Vincent is a provisional PAC member and is therefore ineligible for the PAC title. Also, any games against St. Vincent do not count against Grove City’s PAC record.

The Lady Wolverines travel to Thiel College at 1 p.m. tomorrow to play their final regular season game. Grove City’s PAC record is 6-7, and Thiel’s is 5-8; therefore, the winner of Saturday’s game will own the fourth place PAC standing.

Regardless of place, all PAC opponents will compete in the 2008-09 PAC championship tournament, scheduled to begin on Feb. 24. If Grove City defeats Thiel, the Lady Wolverines will have home-court advantage.
Sophomore Christine Slater is a Grove City College double-threat. Splitting her time between the women's varsity softball and women's varsity basketball teams, she is proving that one can excel in multiple areas of the college experience.

Until October, Slater spends her fall with the softball team for its pre-season, "fall ball" action. When softball heads into the off-season, she begins practicing with the basketball team for its winter season. "Playing two sports is tough," Chelle Fuss said, head women's softball coach and women's assistant basketball coach. "Then make the sports overlap, and it becomes very complicated. [Slater] must have a relationship with two teams and balance her desire to do well on the basketball team while preparing for the season of softball." Fuss can relate to the obstacles of a student-athlete committed to both softball and basketball. She is a 1993 graduate from Geneva College where she received four NAIA All-District recognitions on the softball field and obtained 1,333 career points as a basketball point guard, ranking her sixth in school history.

Slater’s performance in her first two basketball seasons at Grove City may allow her to eventually pass Fuss’s college career points record. Earning Second Team All- Presidents’ Athletic Conference from the league’s head coaches, Slater finished her first season with a team-high 310 points, becoming the first freshman to lead Grove City in scoring since 1995. "[Slater] has done extremely well so far in her career at Grove City," women’s head basketball coach Sarah Harris said. "She proved that she can hit her shots last season, and this year she has really improved the other areas of her game [such as] defense, rebounding [and] passing." She also led the team in rebounding (186), field goal percentage (.479) and three-pointers made (36) in 2007-08.

"Slater is a very effective leader and an encouraging athlete," junior Heidi Lohr said. "Lohr is a first-year player for the softball team, transferring to Grove City for the fall 2008 semester. Already Slater’s commitment and dedication to both teams has shown through to Lohr. ‘Slater’s discipline is made evident not only through her hard work on the field and court but also in her relationships with her teammates and coaches.’"

So far in the 2008-09 season, Slater has continued to lead the Lady Wolverines on the court. As a full-time starter, she has already earned more than 330 points, over 100 points higher than her next highest scoring teammate, junior Laura Miller. She also once again leads the team in rebounds (201). Slater plays, on average, over 34 minutes of the 40-minute game and averages nearly 15 points per game.

"Slater is vital to the Grove City women’s basketball program, but she is also a stand-out player in the PAC overall. This season she owns the fourth highest scoring average in the entire conference, as well as the first place PAC seat for defensive rebounding and second place for overall rebounding. ‘Slater’s talent level could easily make her overconfident or even arrogant, but she’s one of the kindest, most humble and team-oriented players I have ever come to know,’" sophomore Lauren Pennell said, Slater’s teammate on the Lady Wolverine softball team. "Slater goes out of her way to be at functions for both teams,” Fuss said, “and we all know how hard she works to keep a strong connection with both teams.”

After her basketball squad completes a stint at the PAC championships at the end of February, Slater will rejoin her softball teammates to begin their 2008-09 season. She will be returning to her starting shortstop position, where she started all 38 games her freshman season.

Last year, Slater earned a .297 batting average, a .331 slugging percentage, drove in 14 RBIs and was six-for-seven in stolen bases. "Slater is a great teammate, not only because she works hard and is dedicated to our team,” junior Jessica Hodge said. "She creates a fun atmosphere she creates with her sarcasm and quick wit allows our team to be that much closer." Hodge is also Slater’s softball teammate; she will be behind the plate, throwing out runners to Slater when they try to steal second base this season.

Slater is pursuing a secondary education degree in mathematics with the hopes of one day being a teacher. But juggling school and two lengthy varsity seasons is not always easy. “Christine has to be disciplined to balance her schedule and prepare in advance for assignments and exams during the season,” Harris said. “Most of our players get an opportunity to settle into their semester in the fall, recover in the spring and simply be students. Slater is always in-season and has had to learn to make adjustments.”

“I think Slater would say that being an athlete is helping her in working towards her overall goals,” Harris said. “The work ethic, courage, assertiveness and other characteristics she develops through sports will play a large role in what she will accomplish beyond the basketball arena or softball field.”

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Head Woman’s Softball Coach

Ass't Women’s Basketball Coach

Slater double-dips in varsity sports
Multi-talented sophomore dominates court, field

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