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Gilberto Perez said electing a Latino to local public office begins with engagement

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Nearly every third person in Goshen identifies as Hispanic or Latino, according to a 2012 census estimate. Among elected city positions, however, Goshen has never counted a single Latino representative.

The disparity between the city's elected representatives and its Latino population, according to Gilberto Perez, associate professor of social work, is more than an issue of electing a Latino representative.

Last year, Perez was appointed to the Goshen Plan Commission, a committee that promotes orderly property development. He said it comes down to an issue of Hispanic involvement in the community.

Perez believes that candidates are elected based on how well they are engaged with the community. He said that organizations like the Parks Department, Community Relations Commission, neighborhood associations and separate organizations like La Casa are ways that candidates can become more involved.

"The more interaction you have in those groups, two or three things happen," he said. "People learn to know you, they learn to know your leadership skills and they trust you."

Perez and other community activists are interested in seeing



City council members Ed Alhersmeyer II, Julia Gautche and Jim McKee, from left to right, listen to a community member at a recent city council meeting.

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increased civic participation among the city's Latino population so that the sub-communities of Goshen can grow together.

The city of Goshen has been conscious about the way it represents its citizens. In 2007, the Community Relations Commission hired a consultancy group to put together a report on Goshen's changing diversity with a special emphasis on the Latino population.

According to the report, many of their interviewees "underscored the influence of elected officials in shaping civic discourse."

The report also applauded Mayor Allan Kauffman for his work in appointing a diverse group of people to positions on city committees.

Among Latinos, Richard Aguirre, GC director of communications and marketing; Sandra McMasters; Miguel Millán; and Gilberto Perez were all appointed by Kauffman or the Goshen City Council to various city departments.

"Just because we don't have a Latino elected official doesn't mean we don't have Latino representatives," said Felipe

Merino, a Goshen attorney. "When I look at the mayor of Goshen and some of the City Council members, they're very in tune with the concerns of the community. They're trying to gauge the Latino community like they're trying to gauge the rest of the community."

Merino has also seen instances in which elected minority representatives don't represent minority populations genuinely. He believes it's more important to have effective representation than

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New master's program, majors and minors to come

The business department has unveiled the Collaborative MBA and other departments will offer new majors and minors

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As the snow (sort of) melts away, and spring is in the air, Goshen College is bringing the promise of both new majors and minors to its students for the fall of 2014. Additionally, the business departments of Eastern Mennonite University, Bluffton University and Goshen College are collaborating to create a joint MBA program, in hopes of creating "transformative leaders."

According to Michelle Horning, professor of accounting and business department chair, "leadership for the common good" is what makes this MBA program unique from other schools, teaching that business is much more than just making money.

The program values, such as sustainability, intercultural leadership and conflict resolution,



Hannah Grieser and Twila Albrecht receive instruction from Merrill Krabill during class.

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set it apart by coinciding with Anabaptist-Christian values.

GC has never had a marketing program, which has pushed away prospective students in the past who were interested in pursuing a career in that field. The business department will add both a marketing major and minor.

The mathematics department is going through some changes as well, and plans to work with the business department to develop Information Technology and Computer Science majors and minors.

Although the currently named women's studies department is not adding any majors or minors, it is going through its own developments as well. In hopes of gaining more male interest in the field of study, and to broaden the scope of the courses to eventually include studies of people who do not identify with either gender, the name is being changed to women's and gender studies.

Other departments adding minors to their programs are the

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First 'three-peat' in IASB for the Globe

The Globe staff rings in state-wide and national honors

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Goshen College's radio station 91.1 The Globe won the "Radio School of the Year" award for the third consecutive year at the IASB, Indiana Association of School Broadcasters, conference earlier this month, placing them as the first school in both IASB and Goshen's history to do so.

Along with this accomplishment, the station's staff earned a total of 13 individual awards state-wide, and eight of the 11 staff members were recognized as finalists at the national level of competition.

At the IASB state conference, these awards are judged by a group of industry professionals.

There are 12 categories in which pieces can be submitted. Each college can have a maximum of two entries for each section, and

only one entry for the copywriting category of the competition. The pieces are then judged, ranked and given a point value (1st place is awarded three points, 2nd place two points, etc.).

Out of the 23 entries submitted by GC for this year's state competition, the school tallied a total of 24 points, placing them a full six points ahead of the next highest score (18).

Jason Samuel, professor of communication and the Globe's faculty advisor, discussed the Globe's results from the state competition.

"In the state competition, there are 12 different categories," said Samuel. "We placed in 11 of them, which is pretty significant. In addition to that, of our 23 submissions, 13 of our submissions won awards."

The Globe staff also won awards in the categories of newscast, radio imaging, radio in-depth, sportscast and radio spot production.

The Globe, on the national

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New website to chronicle Anabaptist martyrs

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Looking for a story? Martyrstories.org is a new website sponsored by the Bearing Witness Stories Project. A visit to the site would allow readers to read new accounts of faith in the midst of suffering from all over the world.

The Bearing Witness Stories Project began as an effort to revitalize the classic Martyrs' Mirror, a collection of stories of "bearing witness through suffering" in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition.

Martyrs' Mirror documents church history from Jesus' time until 1660 AD. Originally, the Bearing Witness Stories Project would have produced something to fill that gap: a website, series of books or single collection of stories. But now, it has become more than that.

A few years ago, the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism at Goshen College initiated the Global Anabaptist Wiki (anabaptistwiki.org), a website to host an exchange of information and stories among Anabaptists around the world. As of now, many of the stories in the Bearing Witness project come from that site.

But the Global Anabaptist Wiki is more than a story

collection. It "aspires to be the most complete resource available on topics related to martyrdom, costly discipleship, and the challenge of memory among groups in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition."

The new site Martyrs' Stories includes stories from all over the world. Some are just two or three years old, and some are 350 years old.

For example, the site includes a story of four Hutterite brothers who were imprisoned during World War I, and an account of Black Kettle, a Cheyenne peace chief who helped spread the Anabaptist faith throughout the Cheyenne tribes in the late 1800s.

Charles Moore, a member of the project's steering committee, said why he finds the project inspiring.

"We, in the developed West, need to be challenged to live more faithfully as disciples of Jesus," Moore said.

John D. Roth, the founder of the project spoke about one of the reasons for its beginning.

"While so many in non-Christian lands suffer on account of their Christian witness, we conform to and accommodate culture that relentlessly relegates Jesus to a realm that makes him and his kingdom existentially and socially irrelevant," said Roth.

Just a few clicks into the



John D. Roth helped to launch a new website that tells stories of Anabaptist martyrs. Photo by Lauren Weaver

wiki someone will find a story of a young Mennonite evangelist who worked in the Congo. Tribespeople tied him to a corpse and threatened to bury him alive unless he could raise the corpse to life, since he told them that Jesus did it.

On another page there is a collection of stories of Anabaptist conscientious objectors during World War I. Somewhere else,

there's a story of a Mennonite Central Committee worker who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010 while returning from a clinic.

According to John D. Roth, the founder of the project, the Bearing Witness website will eventually become "a useful resource for teachers at church-related schools, Sunday schools, pastors looking for sermon illustrations ...a reservoir for a

variety of collections of stories directed at a spectrum of readers."

He said the site might be important for those seeking "an entry point to the Christian faith... people who are disaffected with institutional Christianity."

The publication of the new website will be the beginning of a new effort to collect stories in as many ways and using as many media sources as possible.

For the RECORD

Several hundred mostly Black protesters gathered around the state capitol building in Tallahassee, Fla. this week, according to National Public Radio. Their songs, reminiscent of the civil rights era, "We Will Not Be Moved" and "We Shall Overcome," rang above their marching. Their protest? Repeal Florida's 'Stand Your Ground' law.

Groups like this have rallied since the death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed Black teenager, who shot and killed by George Zimmerman. Under the Stand Your Ground law, which gives individuals the right to use deadly force as self-defense, Zimmerman was later acquitted of murder charges.

Tallahassee might not have seen such a large protest this week if the Zimmerman case went uncovered by the news media.

Would the majority of people have known about the facts of Martin's death and the subsequent trial unless it was presented in a public forum? People were informed about Zimmerman's acquittal via the news and then could respond. Newspapers provide free access to information in a democratic society, keeping people accountable and building strong communities.

That's why I do journalism.

Reporters go into the world, collect information and share it with the public. Then the public has the opportunity to respond and interact.

Protestors have started a

movement to change a law that allows someone to kill a teenager without consequences. On the other hand, some have also spoken up for the freedom to bear arms.

Zimmerman sat at a table at the New Orlando Gun Show on Saturday to sign autographs and shake hands with attendees, according to Huffington Post. He told the Daily News he was there to "meet supporters." However, some responses are stronger than others. It was reported that fewer than 20 people came to his table during the six hours he sat there.

There has also been plenty of information to respond to in The Record this semester. This week, The Record reports that a new MBA program will be offered, faculty members have raised concerns with distractions in chapel and convocation, a new website that chronicles Anabaptist martyrs was launched and Latinos have been widely underrepresented in local politics.

Some of those stories might garner responses from the GC community; some might have more responses than others, and people might disagree about those responses.

But like all newspapers, The Record won't evaluate any facts as good or bad. The objectivity that journalism is founded upon allows readers to develop their own opinions.

Journalists simply report the facts.

On Facebook and in online blogs, people from across the U.S. poured out their opinions

about the Zimmerman case. Those are appropriate venues for people to offer evaluations of current events, including those that affect the GC community, too. But those evaluations could have only been formed after a careful review of the facts. That's where the objectivity of newspapers comes in.

In some cases, it's appropriate for well-articulated opinions to show up in news stories as quotes from credited sources. Page six of this paper, a forum for perspectives and opinions, exists to share evaluations of news apart from the news. (After all, clashing public opinions sometimes constitutes news. Consider reporting the opinions of politicians, for example. That information is necessary for voters.)

However, journalists at The Record will never publish their evaluations as news. That simply isn't journalism.

We will report what is going on in the GC community, but the action is up to you. How will you respond?

Pieces, roughly 600 words or less, expressing evaluations of current events can be sent to quinnb@goshen.edu or record@goshen.edu.

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Chapel, convocation planners express concerns

Some staff have asked 'more maturity' from students attending weekly assemblies

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Ten hours: the amount of time, approximately, that each student enrolled at Goshen College is required to spend every semester sitting in the Church-Chapel.

Convocation and chapel requirements have become nothing more than a chore for many students, and staff and faculty members are starting to notice.

"The other day I was in the balcony and a quick count of the students in my line of sight revealed 40 students," said Gwen Gustafson-Zook, chapel coordinator.

"Eleven had their heads up and appeared to be engaged with the speaker, while 29 had their heads down, apparently engaging in something else. I was somewhat embarrassed that [Goshen College] would invite a guest speaker and then not pay attention to what he had prepared to share with us," said Gustafson-Zook.

With more students attempting to sit as far back in the chapel as possible, spending the majority of either chapel or convocation on their iPads, the general lack of interest in the speakers or programs has been obvious to planners.

Becky Horst, convocation coordinator, included a reminder via email sent out at the beginning of the semester to the student body



Students pay attention to technology during Monday's convocation.

that stated, "When you choose to attend an event, also choose to engage, to 'be here now.' Choose to respect both the presenter(s) and those sitting near you."

For some, the question is why the lack of attention?

"I think technology plays a very large role in the challenge to pay attention," said Gustafson-Zook.

Horst added another reason for the challenge being "resentment about the attendance requirement."

Gustafson-Zook said the worship assistants "put significant time and energy into planning chapels that we hope have the potential to be meaningful to students, staff and faculty. We appreciate when we see that people are engaged, participating and attentive. We also appreciate feedback," she said.

Adima Idiong, a first-year, said that she enjoyed the majority

of chapels and convocations. But she added that she thinks there should be more services like the chapel about students attending the School of Americas protest, or the work that GC students are doing outside the city of Goshen.

"If we're going to talk about being global citizens, we need to know about what's going on around the world, not just what's going on in Goshen," said Idiong.

Maggie Weaver, a first-year, said, "I like that we have that time set out of our day to reflect, but at times I feel like they could be better organized."

Horst also mentioned the tactics of other schools in dealing with chapel attention.

"Bethel College in Kansas had, at least at one point, someone sitting in the balcony with a laser pointer to shine on people who had electronic devices or books open," said Horst. "Hesston College requires students to leave



Photos by Isaac Fast

backpacks outside the chapel and RAs monitor behavior and take away attendance credit for violators," she said.

Gustafson-Zook said that the staff is simply asking for more maturity from students.

"I would like for people to recognize that their behavior has an impact on those around them," said Gustafson-Zook. "Ideally people would recognize this and take responsibility for their behavior. This is a sign

of maturity."

She also said that she would like students to "recognize that we are a diverse community and that not every event is going to appeal to every student."

"That is one reason why students have the choice as to which chapels and convos they attend," said Gustafson-Zook. "We are trying to be creative, thoughtful and deliberate in our planning."

Students uncover the histories of local homes

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A new history course entitled Public History began this spring semester for ten history majors.

In the past three or four years, the History Department has noticed that some students were interested in museum work and archiving as a career.

"We have students go through our history program and then two or three years later, they write back to us and tell us that they decided to go back to school for museum science or historical preservation," said Jan Shetler, professor of history.

In response, the department designed a few classes around the field of public history; they thought it was important for students to begin thinking about a career while they are still in school.

The course is co-taught by Shetler, who has had background

in the public history field, and Colleen McFarland, who works with the Mennonite Historical Archives.

The course shows the nonacademic side of history, with a focus on introducing the field. The class spends time looking at museums, libraries, archives and websites to understand the basic ways to educate outside of an academic setting.

Two large projects accompany the other coursework and discussion. The first focuses on house histories. The class spent the first part of the semester researching assigned homes in Goshen's Historic District -- specifically on South 7th Street and East Lincoln Street.

Students were asked to research who owned the house, who lived there, any changes to the property since its original construction, the architectural style of the home, and any other relevant information.

A majority of the research was outside of class. Students had to visit Elkhart County Historical

Museum (ECHM) in Bristol to look through directories, the County's auditor's office and archive collection, the local library, and even "ancestry.com" for some last minute information.

"It's kind of like detective work," said Shetler. "It can be really frustrating, but when you find something it's so rewarding. There are some really interesting stories."

Most of the homes had once been single-family homes and are now apartments. Some homes were renovated into apartments around the time of the Great Depression, others during a housing shortage following World War II, and still others because of an increase in immigrant population in the 1990s.

During the next few weeks, the class will tackle their second project, which will vary depending on the person. Some will create an exhibit proposal -- a documentation project, which will organize the information they find on their homes, and an opportunity to do a performing arts project.

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BRIEFS

Healthy Bodies Week

GSWA will host Healthy Bodies Week between March 17 and 22 with the following events:

Monday, Mar. 17 at 9:30 p.m.

•Viewing and discussion of the documentary “Busting Out” in NC 17, all genders are welcomed.

Tuesday, Mar. 18 at 7 p.m.

•Mental illness presentation by Becca Yoder, a 2013 graduate, NC 17, all genders are welcomed.

Wednesday, Mar. 19 at 8:30 p.m.

•Body casting for women only, details to be announced during the week.

Thursday, Mar. 20 at 9:30 p.m.

•Yoga class in NC 19, all genders are welcomed.

Friday, Mar. 21

•Discussion of body and sexuality for women only, details to be announced during the week.

Saturday, Mar. 22 at 1 p.m.

•Poetry readings and dessert in NC 17, all genders are welcomed.

Book drive

Social Reform Club is holding a book drive for Elkhart County Jail inmates. Collections are being taken in the first floor connector, outside of Westlawn Dining Hall and in the library. The club has a goal of collecting 300 books. Inmates have requested books written by Black and Latino authors.

Daryl Shawn in Java Junction

Acoustic guitarist and GC alumnus Daryl Shawn will perform at Java Junction on Thursday as part of his week-long tour starting in Chicago. The music will begin at 9 p.m. and admission is free.

Local music

Local nine-piece music group The Tumbleweed Jumpers will be playing at Ignition Garage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The Tumbleweed Jumpers have a bluegrass-folk-rock sound full of twists and turns, and their new EP will be available for sale at the show. Tickets for Goshen College students are \$10.

PAS: Pink Martini

Pink Martini will perform at Sauder Concert Hall on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are sold out, but the Welcome Center will coordinate a waiting list. Call to inquire at 574-535-7566.

Correction

In last week’s “Six-pack marathon” article, Linda Kaminskis was misquoted. The quote said “my exercise physiology class,” but she doesn’t teach the class. In an email, she said she believes her actual quote was, “We should have the exercise physiology class study their O2 levels, diet and recovery times to see how their bodies can handle it.”

Moritz to speak at annual Religion and Science conference

Goshen College’s 14th annual gathering will address human uniqueness

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Goshen College’s 14th annual conference on Religion and Science will bring new light to human uniqueness and the image of God.

The conference, held this Friday through Sunday at the Church-Chapel, is a weekend created to provide a space for discussion and dialogue between religion and science topics, all prompted by a special lecturer.

This year’s speaker is Joshua M. Moritz, a lecturer of philosophical theology and natural sciences at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., as well as adjunct professor of philosophy at the University of San Francisco and managing editor of the journal of Theology and Science.

Moritz will give two public lectures: “Is the Bible concerned with the question of human uniqueness?” at 7:30 p.m. Friday and “Has science established human uniqueness?” at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

His research primarily focuses on the problems of evolutionary



James Garcia and Hayley Mann work in the lab during Cell Biology and Genetics class.

Photo by Leah Stebly

evil, human evolution and nature, astrotheology and theological understanding of non-human animals and animal mentality.

In addition to Moritz’s main lectures around the conference’s theme of “Human uniqueness and the image of God: Bridging biology and theology through the Hebrew concept of election,” there will also be moderated discussion sessions for conference-goers to address topics with the speaker.

For more information, visit goshen.edu/religionscience.



David Bontrager and Stuart Kurtz in the lab.

Photo by Leah Stebly

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to have officials of a certain race or ethnicity.

That said, Merino would like to see increased civic participation among the Latino community. As an attorney, he has processed over 500 deferred action applications for young Latinos, granting temporary legal status to immigrants who came to the U.S. as children.

Merino sees the Latino representation issue as a matter of empowering young people.

He said that the majority of students in Goshen elementary schools are Latino U.S. citizens, but he worries about their outlook on life.

“What role models do they have?” said Merino. “If they don’t have role models, we run into the situation where people feel that there is a glass ceiling.”

Merino was grateful to

have grown up in a place where he saw people rising up to achieve prestigious positions, even though his family didn’t have much. Merino eventually worked in Washington, D.C. with Congressman Xavier Becerra, who had risen to that position from a working-class immigrant family.

A high-achieving role model inspired Merino, and Merino hopes that kids in Goshen will be able to experience the same.

Merino said that it’s a process to get there.

“The only way we can get there as a community is if we are raising our young people to feel engaged, to make a difference,” he said. “That’s how we get leaders to rise up in a community. Then we engage those young people on a community level, so when that young Latino decides to

run for office, he or she is running with an intimate understanding of the community.”

Although he didn’t know of any upcoming Latino candidates, Merino was confident there would be a Latino candidate within the next few years.

So was Mayor Kauffman.

“Attitudes are changing in Goshen,” he said. “There are people other than white Republicans that can get elected.”

Kauffman said it’s been a struggle to engage the Latino community, but believes it will change with time and generational shifts.

“It’s only a matter of time until we see Latinos elected into office,” Kauffman said.

Perez sees what he calls a swelling, or a rise in Latino involvement. He believes it will create a brighter future

for Goshen.

“We’re seeing a shift, but we’ll see it even more so in the next three to four years,” said Perez. “Because of deferred action, many young Latinos have a higher status. Now they can work at that bank.”

Perez said young people are starting to become more confident as they become more involved in the community. Positions as business owners, clergy, professors and physicians are being filled by Latinos, and according to Perez, it’s only a matter of time until somebody is elected.

“The community is preparing itself for an elected Latino official,” said Perez. “The process of the community growing and living with the newcomer will bring an elected official in the next four years.”

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History department with both pre-law and political studies minors, and the Bible and religion department will add Theological and Christian studies minors. As a result, the youth ministry minor

will no longer be offered starting this coming fall.

The TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program is following the theme of collaboration floating

around campus departments, as it is working with the Education department. The two will be developing an official elementary education/English learners major, which began as a program in 2003.

All these changes are coming in hopes of giving students a wider range of options in their studies.

For more information on the Collaborative MBA, visit collabrativemba.org.

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level, had eight finalists out of over 800 entries recognized at the ISB conference taking place in New York City.

Finalists at the national level included: Andrew Witkowski, Ashley Davenport, Danielle Kerschackl, Tony Miller and Jimmy Cassoday. Davenport was also recognized as the Best Program Director on the national level.

Along with the student awards, Samuel was awarded Best

Faculty Advisor honors. Samuel was nominated by his students and colleagues.

Overall, Samuel was thrilled with the results from this year’s competitions.

“I have to commend our staff because they really pulled a heavy weight. They worked really hard collectively toward a common goal,” he said. “Many of these awards there was more than one person apart of the project.”

Samuel commended his

staff both on their work ethic and their resiliency functioning as a collective group.

Said Samuel, “One of the things about this staff that is really satisfying is the number of different people that were involved in the thirteen awards, sophomores, junior and seniors all recognized. I think that is the essence of this victory, this state championship, is the fact that it was a total team effort.”



Globe staff won awards.

Photo contributed by Comm-Mar

Race walkers bring home All-American honors

Seven athletes traveled to Ohio for NAIA Indoor Track and Field Nationals

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The Maple Leafs athletes had a successful weekend at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Nationals held in Geneva, Ohio. Seven athletes competed at the event and four of them got All-American honors.

In the race walking event, six of the seven competitors on the team qualified for the 3,000-meter race. These athletes were juniors Mitchell Brickson, Kolton Nay, Brad Sandlin, Michelle Moyer, sophomore Abby Dunn and first-year Kayla Gray.

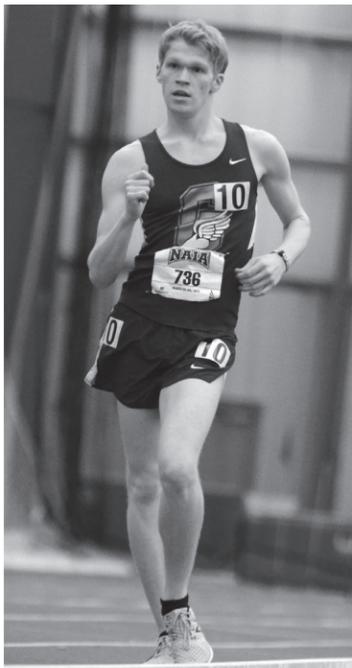
In the women's race walk, Dunn got fifth after finishing the race with a time of 15:09.64. Dunn earned her third All-American honor in her college career.

Meanwhile, Gray, from Maine, made her debut at Nationals with a 16th place finish with a time of 16:32.66. Gray improved her previous best by more than ten seconds. Moyer, a Hesston transfer student, also made her first championship appearance, finishing in 19th position with a time of 16:58.49.

In the men's race, the three Goshen College participants earned All-American honors after finishing fourth, fifth and seventh. This is the first time in the program's history that three race walkers earn this status at the same event.

Brickson was the first Maple Leaf athlete to finish the 3,000-meter and he got his fifth career All-American honor after taking fourth place with a time of 13:58.62.

Nay got fifth place in his championship debut with a time of 14:24.43.



Mitchell Brickson at Nationals.

Another championship debut was made by Sandlin, who finished seventh with a time of 14:31.45.

In his first appearance, Nay took more than 20 seconds off his career best, getting the first All-American honor of his career. Even though he took fifth, Nay was not happy with the race.

"I know I could have done a lot better," he said. "I decided to set a really high goal for myself, so I was gunning for 13:30 at nationals."

Before the race, Nay recognized that he was nervous and excited because it was his first competition at a national level. "But when I started the race, I just felt tired," he said. "By the 1K mark I was exhausted, but I hung on right behind my teammate Mitchell Brickson, who was also going for 13:30."

During the race, Nay got the first red card of his career and that played a major factor in his race.

"It was weird for me to get warnings and a red card on my



All-Americans were presented awards.

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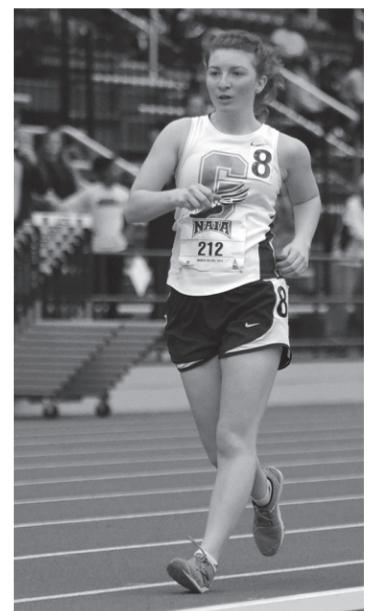


From left to right, Brad Sandlin, Kolton Nay and Mitchell Brickson during a race walk.

form, because I'd never gotten a red card before," Nay said. "I'm not sure if my form was just lacking that day, if the judges were tougher because it was nationals, or if they laid special attention on me because I was

in fifth place. But getting carded scared me, and I didn't want to push myself too hard for fear of getting disqualified."

Ryan Smith, a first-year, also participated in the NAIA Track and Field Nationals. Smith ran the



Abby Dunn at Nationals.

mile, finishing 17th with a time of 4:33.38.

The next event for GC Track and Field will be the Maple Leaf Invitational on March 29. This home event will be the start of the outdoor season for the Leafs.

Youthful teams prepare for season, brace for weather

The baseball and softball teams started playing out-of-state games over spring break and returned to snow.

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The calendar suggests that it will soon be time for the Maple Leaf baseball and softball teams to take the field. While patches of bare grass were visible on both teams' home fields earlier this week, Mother Nature appears to disagree.

The softball team will have more chances than ever to be postponed – the Crossroads League changed its schedule so that each team plays its opponents twice at home and twice on the road, resulting in a 36-game slate that is twice as long as that of previous seasons.

The baseball season hasn't been lengthened, the longer schedule having been instituted in

2012; however, conference policy prohibits rescheduling one series after the next has begun, so only four teams over that two-year span have completed the full schedule.

Whatever the number of games that are played, the six-week conference season will test the depth of every team. This will be especially true of the Maple Leafs, who list only 19 baseball players and 13 softball players on their roster.

The baseball team is scheduled to play six games a week, which is a heavier schedule than many professional teams face in March and April; they will do so with a staff of only ten pitchers, six of whom play other positions and all of whom are right-handed.

Relative youth is a recurring theme in the coaches' boxes: softball head coach Kristen Kolter enters her third collegiate season and first at Goshen, while baseball coach Alex Childers begins his second season on the GC bench.

Both coaches have northeast-Indiana ties from their high-school

days; Childers is an alumnus of New Haven High School while Kolter attended Adams Central High School in Decatur.

On the field, youth will be self-evident as well.

A majority of the baseball roster is first-year students, joined by four sophomores, two juniors and three seniors – and only one senior, infielder Josh Schlabach, has played all four years at Goshen.

Last year's team leaders in batting average, runs batted in and stolen bases are returning; the team was paced in all three categories by Arick Armington, a senior. But the three most-used pitchers from last year's 4-40 club were lost to graduation or transfer, and a majority of the innings thrown thus far this season have come from first-years.

Despite the return of first team all-conference pick Melanie Meyer, a junior who was Goshen's first all-league selection in a decade, the 7-23 softball team saw significant losses to graduation



A Goshen softball player winds up for a hit.

as well.

Between Ame Blankenship and Maria Koshmider, 2013 graduates, more than two-thirds of Goshen's innings pitched have exhausted their eligibility; by batting average, six of last year's seven leading hitters have left the program.

Neither team was able to pull out a win during southern sojourns over midterm break; baseball was swept in nine games in Kentucky

and Tennessee, while softball went 0-8 in Florida.

Both teams are scheduled to open their home seasons this weekend; the men will serve as the home team for a series in South Bend, taking on Robert Morris University at 6 p.m. Friday and in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. Saturday, while the women welcome Siena Heights to the GC Softball Complex for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Vacationing, working with the Amish in Florida

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We've (Niles Graber-Miller, Emma Ruth and Hans Weaver) been living with vacationing Amish in Florida since the beginning of January.

The three of us were brought here upon request by several members of the community to serve as the bridge between Pinecraft and Sarasota county officials. We've written an updated master plan, which will help preserve this community of Amish and Mennonites that has been here since the 1920s.

Today we would like to address some FAQ we received about Pinecraft:

Q: Do you know many people there?

A: The "Mennonite Game" is different from the "Amish Game." People often ask what Emma Ruth's last name is. Niles cannot be both a Graber and a Miller—the only time those two names have been listed together before in Pinecraft is at the intersection of Graber Ave and Miller Ave. Hans lives in Lancaster county, Niles grew up in Goshen, and I have been to the Q Mart in Quakertown, PA. That's how we begin most connections.

Q: What's so great about Pinecraft?

A: There are no "fences" here. This is something that we have heard time and time again as we ask community members to tell us what makes Pinecraft so special.



Emma Ruth and Hans Weaver pose on tricycles at Pinecraft.

Photo contributed by Emma Ruth

Unlike Amish communities in the north, Pinecraft is a vacation destination for families ranging from the most conservative Amish to the most progressive, a rare mix especially as everyone packs into a church building on Sundays. We live on the same block as families from many states, all getting along based on basic Anabaptist values.

Q: Are you going to buy some property there?

A: While we have been fortunate to be provided with

housing during our time here, being a property owner in Pinecraft would prove to be pricey. Even the small 40x40 lots that made up the original part of Pinecraft in the 1920s are sold for \$250,000 or more, regardless of the quality of house. So when we say that people here love Pinecraft, we mean it.

Q: Which is better: Yoder's or Der Dutchman?

A: There are two Amish-themed restaurants in Pinecraft, both of which we have been

lucky enough to eat at every day, thanks to the generous owners of both places.

Stay tuned for our TripAdvisor reviews we will write after three months of trying almost every menu item, but in the meantime know that we would highly recommend both places.

Highlights include the premium wait staff, the delicious orange/grapefruit juice, Yoder's omelets, and the salmon at Der Dutchman.

Q: So have you gained weight?

A: Yes.

Q: Has Emma found an Amish boy?

A: Not yet, but Hans and Niles are pushing for it.

Hans Weaver and Niles Graber Miller contributed to this report.

For more information on the details involved, see our website: www.pinecraft.weebly.com

Transition from high school brings change in thought

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I draw as a spiritual practice. One image I created in high school included a simple, beige-skinned man (Jesus), a sexualized female image with a snake armlet (the Tempter) and between them, a non-descript human figure. On each side, I surrounded the images with words. "Compassion" and "hope" lay opposite "greed" and "lust."

While finishing the image, I thought about any words I might have missed. I thought of homosexuality. I had not included it. My face flushed and my shoulders tightened as I put it next to "lust."

The rush of blood to my face and the stiffness my shoulders felt were unfamiliar to me then. Now I recognize them as the feeling I had when my dad wanted me to return a used item to a store in a new box. It's the feeling that causes me to cross out words in my journal and forces me to wait and meditate until words of truth come from my pen.

I was experiencing untruth.

It has been a long journey for me spiritually and theologically at GC. I froze in my seat the first time Paul Keim suggested some biblical passages might have been written for political purposes rather than as divine revelation.

I blushed when Duane Stoltzfus said he did not believe accepting evolution in any way compromised his faith. The



Natasha Weisenbeck reflects on this drawing she did in high school.

Photo contributed by Natasha Weisenbeck

conflict of the idea made me feel small in my seat. In that smallness, however, there was also a bubble of hope.

This professor exhibited, arguably, all the fruits of the spirit.

He also could accept something that my home community (and therefore, my faith) would see as blasphemy.

Yes, I know: accepting evolution as true or

understanding the Bible as a historical document is not a comparable act to homosexuality. Choosing a life partner, however, is.

Before I started dating my

now fiancé, I was scared. I didn't want to end up like my parents; I wanted to do things "the right way" and make "the right choice." I scoured the entire Bible for information on relationships during my winter break my first year at Goshen.

I didn't find many good examples. Instead I found polygamy, adultery and maids treated badly after being told to sleep with their mistress's husbands. Daughters were sent out to be raped and a widow seduced her father-in-law to produce a child. There were forbidden interfaith and clan marriages, prostitutes and a man marrying a woman who was going to have a child out of wedlock.

Most of these characters are considered good and just: David, Abraham, Esther, Ruth, Lot, Tamar, Mary and Joseph.

In Ezekiel, the Lord does not condemn Sodom for any sexual injustices. Sodom is condemned for being "arrogant, overfed and unconcerned."

Likewise, the bits of positive information I did find on relationships also warned against arrogance.

I realized God does not care who I marry. Through scripture I see that God cares if I love and respect the person I marry. God cares if I love and respect others. The Lord does not require us to wear specifically colored shirts or to decide who can be married and who cannot.

We are required to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with God.

How to live better with ice cream

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So sometimes, when a person comes back from her lovely, lovely bi-annual trip to visit friends and family in the San Francisco Bay area, she feels a mite let down by Michiana.

I call it the California Hangover. * Thankfully...ice cream helps! Specifically, going out for local ice cream.

'Cause what is more hometown-pride-fortifying and I'm-just-grateful-to-be-right-here-right-now-in-this-divine-moment than being just...SLAIN by some ridiculously amazing local ice cream?

Nothing. That's what. Over the last month I've cured myself via:

The Mangonada from Paleteria La Michoacana Ice Cream Shop

This time I got a whole one for myself. It's frozen mango, plus chili/lime/chamoy (pickled fruit) sauce. The sauce is sour and salty and spicy – and kinda amazing. Not technically ice cream, and not unique to Goshen, but totally counts for a dose of the exotic AND post-California-depression-therapy!

Homemade Fresh Mint Ice Cream from Rachel's Bread

My co-workers brought this to me. (Thanks guys!) It had some cream cheese in there somewhere. It tasted green and rich and unlike any ice cream I'd ever had.

Freshly Made Strawberry Ice Cream from Rocket Science Ice Cream in Nappanee

It was FROZEN WITH SCIENCE!!! And it was to die for. Like a cross between hard ice cream and soft serve, with delicious little frozen nubs.

Basil Ice Cream from Rachel's Bread

Anna, who makes the ice cream, is some kind of ice cream goddess. I recommend that you eat it at the table outside while taking a late lunch break to catch up with a dear friend and just... rack up all kinds of contentment.

*Yeah, yeah, I know...poor me with all of my California vacations and various ice creams all the time. Ahem.



Strawberry ice cream from Rocket Science Ice Cream.

Excerpt from "Dumbsters," a comic book | Phil Scott

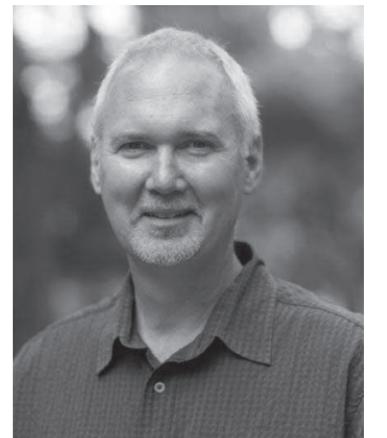


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"Your God is a rock. Is that a good thing?"
-Paul Keim



"You can imagine how much fun it would be, watching this - to be born out of the holy vagina."
-Keith Graber-Miller



"We should destroy Sauder Hall."
-Scott Hochstetler



"Okay, well, we do have this satisfyingly destroyed so I'll turn on the lights again."
-Paul Meyer-Reimer

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Goshen's ten commandments

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1. Thou shalt have a really bad ID photo.
2. Thou shalt increase tuition every year.
3. Thou shalt dumpster-dive and feed the multitudes with stale bread and rank fish.
4. Thou shalt pay \$14 per Rott meal and delight in it.
5. Thou shalt not drink, for it will lead thee into sin and iniquity.
6. Thou shalt not live off-campus unless thou hast 112 credits (and bribe Chad Coleman).
7. Thou shalt display only photogenic people on the homepage.
8. Thou shalt appease the donors.
9. Thou shalt go Goodwill hunting every other Saturday.
10. Thou shalt illegally download only on the wired network.

Weekend arts in review

Last Saturday the International Student Club (ISC) presented their annual International Coffeehouse dinner and show. Students catered a meal in the Church-Chapel, which was followed by a show in Sauder Concert Hall that featured performances by students from more than 30 different countries.

On Sunday, senior art students Jess Sprunger, Liz Reese and Sunday Mahaja gave a reception celebrating their senior art show. The exhibit, which will run in the Hershberger Art Gallery until March 23, represents the culmination of their studio art studies at GC. Sprunger is exhibiting her metalwork, Reese is exhibiting her portrait drawings and Mahaja is exhibiting his paintings.



Châu Bui performs a Vietnamese dance using fans.



From left to right: Ruth Ordonez, Carina Zehr, Andrea Moya and Noemi Salvador perform an Ecuadorian bomba.



Tiantian Chen plays a traditional Chinese instrument.



Kate Yoder, a junior, stands in front of portraits by Liz Reese.



Sunday Mahaja, Maddie Ruth, Adama Millogo and Melanie Drinkwater perform African drumming.



Sunday Mahaja poses with his piece entitled "Oya."



Reception attendees gather around Sunday Mahaja's sculpture entitled "Housa Man."

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