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## Gregory Jordan Addresses Bethany College Students During Fall Convocation

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On Thursday, September 8, 2011, Bethany students, faculty, staff and distinguished guests met to observe and celebrate “the intersection of Bethany’s golden past and a bright future with possibility.” So said President Scott D. Miller in his welcoming address at this year’s Fall Convocation ceremony, held at 11 a.m. in Commencement Hall.

The event was a celebration of tradition, and of Bethany’s long and rich history as a liberal arts college. In his address, Miller attributed the College’s success to the strong principles on which it was founded, and its ability to blend tradition with new advancements and opportunities. He highlighted the school’s recent accomplishments, including an incoming class that is the strongest academically and most diverse in eleven years, increased and strengthened bonds with other institutions and significant renovations of campus fa-



2011 Fall Convocation speaker Gregory Jordan, member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity during his time at Bethany College, holds honorary degree while surrounded by current and former members of Beta. (photo by Becky Rose)

ilities. “With the past as prologue, and with all of you,” said Miller, “we will fully realize the potential of this most special college.”

Several students were honored at the ceremony, including those distinguished students listed on the President’s List (of students achiev-

ing a 4.0 GPA) and the Dean’s List (of students achieving a 3.65 GPA). The Anna Ruth Bourne Award and the W. Kirk Woolery Award, which are given each year to the women’s and men’s social groups who maintain the highest scholastic standing, were presented to Alpha Xi Delta and Beta Theta Pi respectively. Finally, Sophomore Amber Ridings was honored with the Richard B. Kenney Freshman Leadership Award for exemplary leadership and academic achievements during her first year at Bethany.

Two honorary degrees were conferred on members of the Bethany College Board of Trustees who have been strong supporters of the College in every aspect. G. Ogden Nutting, publisher of Ogden Newspapers, Inc., received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, and Gregory B. Jordan, Global Managing Partner for Reed Smith and Chair of

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## “Rogue Routers” Cause Internet Issues

By ANNIE WILSON  
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A barrage of “rogue routers” are causing the Bethany College Information Technology Department (IT) to jumpstart their plan of implementing wireless in all four of the Campbell Village (CV) resident halls.

Upon arriving at Bethany, many CV residents saw signs posted throughout lobbies that instructed them to notify IT if they were planning to set up a wireless

router in their room. The majority of these students were unsure as to the reason why IT needed to hook up their routers; however, improper set-up has been and continues to be a problem that hampers the Internet at Bethany.

The Bethany Internet runs off an IP address ending in .172, and as people incorrectly installed their routers, the routers handed out an IP address ending in .192 to other

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## Bethany Hires Private Security Service

By ANNIE WILSON  
TOWER Co-editor-in-chief

In order to better serve students, Bethany College recently made the transition from hiring individual security guards to Jefferson Security Services, a local private security firm.

According to William Kiefer, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, the idea to hire an outside security force came into being directly after the end of the spring 2011 semester. Kiefer said

the College spent time researching possible options to replace the existing security on campus. Kiefer explained, “Any time you make changes, it involves quite a bit of planning. We wanted to provide a better service to students, and we looked around the area for possible alternatives.”

One alternative that stuck out was Jefferson Security Services. The firm has over 25 years of

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## “Our Day of Infamy”: New York Fire Chief Recalls Tragedy of 9/11

By **DR. MORT GAMBLE**  
TOWER advisor

New York City fire Captain Jay Jonas shared an emotionally powerful presentation of the events in lower Manhattan of September 11th—including his own miraculous survival in the collapsing North Tower of the Trade Center—with a Bethany audience September 8 in a Student Activities Council-sponsored commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of 9/11.

Speaking calmly yet compellingly to a spellbound audience in Renner Art Gallery, Jonas presented a visual timeline of the aftermath of the attack, which began when a hijacked jetliner crashed into the North Tower just before 9 a.m.

Rushing to the scene and immediately dodging falling debris at what came to be known as “Ground Zero,” Jonas, then Captain of FDNY Ladder Co. 6, and his men were among the first to face the impossible task of extinguishing fires raging on the upper floors of the North Tower.

“People have asked me how the

fire would be put out,” he said, pointing to a slide of the 110-floor, smoke-engulfed skyscraper. “It wouldn’t. We were on a rescue mission.”

Each hauling 100 pounds of equipment, the firefighters began making their way up a narrow stairwell and passed office workers escaping in the other direction.

“Our shoulders brushed against theirs. We were met with calls of ‘good job,’ and ‘you guys deserve a raise.’ We liked that last comment,” he said, smiling.

Then news came over the radio that the South Tower of the complex had been struck by a plane, alerting Jonas to the reality that America was under attack.

Although it was the second tower to be hit, South Tower would be the first to fall. For Jonas, that was his scariest moment, he pointed out. Still climbing the stairs of North Tower when he learned of South Tower’s collapse, he knew the skyscraper he and his crew were in was also doomed.

He immediately ordered his men

back down the stairwell, accepting their incredulous looks at having just fought their way up 27 floors of treacherous stairwell.

They encountered an office worker, Josephine Harris, and began helping her down the stairs. At one point, Ms. Harris asked Jonas to leave her behind. Running out of time to evacuate, Jonas told her firmly, “No, you’re going to live.” The men carried her the rest of the way.

On the fourth floor, the firefighters heard the deafening sound of the North Tower collapsing above them, “pancake style,” floor by floor, the crashing of steel growing louder by the moment as 106 floors of metal and fire fell.

“The fires didn’t go out with the collapse of the buildings,” Jonas noted.

Surviving in a “cocoon” of wreckage, Jonas acknowledged that the firemen—trained to save others—were now themselves in need of rescue. A colleague’s voice came over Jonas’s radio: “I’m coming for you, I’m coming for you,” Jonas

said, recalling his emotion over the heroism, dedication and professionalism of his fellow firefighters, many of whom would not survive the morning.

Finally making his way to safety across the slippery, twisted steel of the twin towers’ rubble, Jonas confronted a familiar neighborhood transformed into an unrecognizable “moonscape.”

It was a day that would transform America, as well, he said.

“This was our ‘day of infamy,’” he said, echoing President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s description of the December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on the American naval fleet at Pearl Harbor. That event, which brought the United States into World War II, was a defining moment for a previous generation.

Yet out of the horror and heartbreak of 9/11, Jonas, now Deputy Chief, celebrates the heroism that survived to inspire a nation.

“I was never prouder of the New York City Fire Department than I was on September 11, 2001,” he said. “It was our finest hour.”

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the Bethany Board of Trustees, received the degree of Doctor of Laws. Jordan also presented the keynote address at the ceremony, entitled “You Can Get There From Here.”

In his address, Jordan recalled how he was steered toward Bethany from a young age by his father, who recognized the College as a venerable institution providing an education of highest quality. Jordan arrived at Bethany after being recruited by the football team; he abandoned football, but as he put it, “I stayed, and I let Bethany College work its magic.”

Jordan encouraged students to take advantage of every opportunity that Bethany has to offer: leadership experience, a broad range of activities, off-campus experiences and internships and the chance to

make lifelong friends. He praised the talented faculty who instilled in him lessons that he continues to use today, and advised current students to listen to their professors, pointing out that they choose to be here because they truly care about what they do, and “if you let them,” he said, “they will help transform you into the person you can be.”

As they look to the future, students should not be discouraged by what they see in the media, Jordan said. He cited the many Bethany graduates who have gone on to achieve great things, and credited his own success to the lessons he learned at the College. “No matter where you want to go,” said Jordan, “no matter what you want to do, you can get there from here.”

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## Bethany Myths: How Did They Moo-ve the Cow?

By AMANDA RODABAUGH

TOWER staff writer

Bethany College was established over 170 years ago and has acquired a number of myths. Just as every story loses truth with each retelling, so do the myths of Bethany College; what actually happened has been altered through repetition. Though these stories do not receive much national recognition, they never fail to entertain generations of Bethanians.

One of the most intriguing myths is the story of the cow in the tower. Though there are many versions of the tale, the general plot is as follows: Many years

ago a group of students thought it would be a funny prank to lead a cow up the steps and into the tower. A cow inside any building other than a barn is pretty humorous by itself, but the fact that cows cannot walk down steps is where this story gets interesting. Many rumors claim it was necessary to use a crane to remove the cow, while others reveal a more unfortunate removal. Many believe students ate hamburgers multiple nights following the prank.

Though all versions are interesting, the real story has not recently been revealed, until now. According to a 1949 issue of the Tower, in the spring of 1891 George Bonar

and six other freshmen pulled a stunt that would go down in history.

Apparently during this time janitors of Old Main were dealing with a bit of a cow problem. Calves belonging to a man named Williams often broke through a gate that was intended to keep cows off campus, but the gate did not serve its purpose, leaving Bethany janitors to chase cows away. One day after running off a cow, the janitor came across George Bonar and a friend sitting on the steps of Old Main. As the janitor expressed his frustration, Bonar and his friend revealed a plan to put a calf in the tower and convinced the janitor to hand over

the keys.

Bonar and his friends waited until night to carry out their plan. After locating the calves in a barn and setting them free to roam the campus, the students found the largest calf and led it up the steps to the tower. They tied the calf to a railing and placed a sign saying "Beef is up" underneath. The calf remained in the tower until one o'clock the following day, when several students helped carry it down the steps.

Though the real story may not be as exciting as others, it is the truth about what happened to the cow in the tower. Bethany myth number one revealed.

## Aaron Anslow: Using Clay in a Whole New Way

By NOELLE WRIGHT

TOWER staff writer

After showing his work at the Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute in China, artist Aaron Anslow brings his skills and unique insight to the Bethany community. Anslow, a 2006 Bethany graduate and visiting assistant professor of fine arts, offers a show of his ceramic works in the Renner Art Gallery now through September 18th.

For this show, "Material and Process," Anslow displays the way he is inspired by the different materials he uses. The works focus on the natural qualities of clay itself without refinement, which makes them different from the kind of pottery one might see in a gallery, but the aptly named exhibit has a lot to teach its audience about the nature of the clay. As Anslow explains, "These works talk about how they were made."

Anslow grew up on a farm in southeastern Ohio, which gave him an early appreciation for creativity, functionality and working with his hands. In the fall of 2002, Anslow arrived at Bethany intending to play football and pursue a degree in history. However, to fulfill his liberal arts core, he decided to

take a class in 3D design, and was fascinated as he explored for the first time using metal and wood in a creative way. He soon moved on to ceramics, and, as he describes it, "clay took over everything." He stopped playing football, switched his major to art education, and devoted himself to his newfound passion.

After graduating from Bethany in 2006, Anslow earned his master's degree in fine arts from West Virginia University. He recalls a memorable professor from his study abroad in China who taught him that when working with clay, it is important to be aware of one's movements.

"Clay is a responsive thing," says Anslow. "It records every touch." Much of Anslow's work displayed in the gallery celebrates the process of creating a simple vessel, or, as Anslow puts it, "the idea of a vessel." Taking a handsome but rudimentary bowl-like piece in his hand, Anslow explains how the clay was dropped over a mold, and fired repeatedly using a labor-intensive wood firing process, creating a product that resembles polished stone. In fact, Anslow says, the process of creating pottery is very

similar to the way stone is formed in nature; the way an artist applies pressure through the heat of the kiln merely speeds up the process. For Anslow, there is an innocence and humility about clay that is lost when it is overworked, or made too perfect.

This year, Anslow's journey comes full-circle as he begins his first full year as a visiting assistant professor at Bethany College, where he will teach ceramics. Anslow hopes that he is able to help students grow as artists, and perhaps inspire a few, as he was, to express their creativity through pottery. "You are only limited to your imagination," he says with a smile.

Anslow, who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, credits his teaching methods in part to his training as both a soldier and an athlete. He pushes his students, but every exercise is about building skill. According to Anslow, "Sometimes it's good to fail. It's good to learn to deal with failure in a positive way." To Anslow, the ultimate goal of a teacher is to pass on what he has learned to his students so that they can surpass what he has done.

Anslow will be honored in an artist's reception to be held in Renner

Art Gallery on September 16th from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Students, faculty, staff and members of the public are all invited to attend.



Aaron Anslow in his second role as professor. (Photo By Noelle Wright)

## Flatley Interns at Kennedy Center



Flatley spent the summer months interning at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Bethany Selph)

By **BETHANY SELPH**  
TOWER contributor

The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts is a well-known venue that showcases both national and international talent. One deserving Bethany College senior got the chance to intern at this prestigious facility. Valerie Flatley, a senior from Wheeling, West Virginia, spent the entirety of her summer working for dance programming at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The Center opened in 1971 as a living memorial to President John F. Kennedy. The Kennedy Center now runs shows 365 days a year, showcases over 2,000 performances a year, and sells tickets to over two million people annually. The venue is currently running the famous show *Les Misérables*, the Suzanne Farrell Ballet, and China: The Art of a Nation.

The internship description states that the position is recommended for individuals who are interested in arts management. Despite Valerie's background in dance and major in history, she found this a valuable experience. Valerie began her dancing career in elementary school, and continued through high school at the Oglebay Institute School of Dance. Her favorite part of her time at the Institute was the community aspect of it, where the Institute "focused on bringing dance to the community," Flatley said. Many

aspects of this internship tied in very nicely with her interest in the public.

Valerie spent her down time in the dorms of George Washington University, which was a short ten-minute walk from the Kennedy Center. As an intern, she received a small compensation and was able to attend any class or seminar that the center offered for free. Valerie was also able to view as many performances as she was able, and was even lucky to work with some of the individuals.

Valerie's official position title was assistant manager, and as such she led communications between the Center and Performing Companies of ballets for the summer season. She would set up hospitality for incoming groups, greet incoming companies and oversee the backstage workings before, during and after performances.

One unforgettable visit for Valerie was from the Royal Danish Ballet that was accompanied by the Queen of Denmark. This particular visit required auditions for younger children from the area, which Valerie helped set up and manage.

Her most memorable experience at the Center, Valerie recalled, was titled the Local Dance Commissioning Project. Within this project emerging artists from the area had the opportunity to audition for rehearsal space at the Kennedy Center, and a large grant towards their showcase, as well as a chance to show at the center. Valerie got the chance to meet two out of the three artists who inspired her greatly with their enthusiasm and passion for their work.

Those interested in an internship should visit the website: [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org). The admissions process requires two letters of recommendation, a writing sample, resume, cover letter and a phone interview. The center offers internships for individuals interested in dance, theatre and overall arts management.

## From "Tatao" to Tattoo: a History

By **MICHAEL SHOWALTER**  
TOWER staff writer

The word "tattoo" came from "tatao," which means to mark someone. This was originally coined by Captain James Cook in 1769. However, scientists have evidence of tattoos from the human remains of "Iceman," which was found in 1991. His body had tattoos on his back, ankles, knees and feet. "Iceman's" remains were examined by scientists and his body was dated to be 5,200 years old.

Scientists have also proven that Egyptians, Romans, Greeks, Mayans and Aztecs used tattoos as well. During this time, tattoos served as a symbol of rights, symbols of ranks, symbols of spirituality/devotion/religion, awards for bravery, amulets and security.

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computers, causing the Internet to fail. When students' computers were not connecting correctly to the Internet, they automatically blamed the Bethany connection, but the issue lies within these "rogue routers." There have been a total of 22 "rogue routers" found by IT thus far.

According to Ron Shaw, Network Administrator, it is a violation of college policy to use a wireless router, but IT is being "extremely lenient" on students who decide to free themselves from Ethernet cords. Shaw explained that even though a wireless connection is more convenient than using an Ethernet cord, a wired connection is much faster.

Shaw ordered three wireless boxes on September 6th and hopes to have wireless throughout the CVs by the end of the month. A wireless box will be placed at Hummel Field House and should be able to blanket CV 1 throughout CV 4 with wireless coverage. At that time, Shaw asks that all students remove their wireless routers because there will no longer be a need for them and they will continue to cause problems.

Tattoos were created by taking a sharp-pointed comb dipped into lampblack, then pressed down onto the skin and carved onto the body.

According to National Geographic Magazine, by the 1920's, there were over 300 people who were employed by American circuses to show off their full-body tattoos.

Today, many people have at least one tattoo. In fact, according to FoxNews.com, a 2006 survey shows that 24 percent of Americans between the age of 18 and 50 have tattoos.

Tattoos seem to be a way to express one's self or represent identity. The tradition of tattoos is an ongoing tradition that has been seen for over 5,000 years with many more to come.

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experience in the area and is currently employed by Franciscan University of Steubenville and Eastern Gateway Community College.

Kiefer hopes the students at Bethany will "see a higher degree of professionalism brought to them by people who realize they are providing a service." A few of the former security guards will stay for a short period of time until the Jefferson Security Service guards are more familiar with Bethany and, if possible, remain on staff.

Students will notice the guards now all wear a Jefferson Security Service uniform, but the policies at Bethany will remain the same. No changes will be made to parking policies, drinking, unlocking doors and disorderly conduct. Criminal charges are still reported to local police.

Dean of Students Gerald Stebins is looking forward to the change of security personnel. He is convinced the transition will be for the better and fresh eyes are always helpful. "We can now staff major events...with people familiar with Bethany."

## Bethany College Calendar: Latest in Clubs, Sports & More

### Wednesday, Sept. 21st

3-5 p.m. Bethany College Grad School Fair in Commencement Hall

### Saturday, Sept. 24th

4 p.m. Popcorn & Movie in the Library

### Sunday, Sept. 25th

6:10-7:30 p.m. "6:10" Contemporary worship service for college students in the Morlan Lounge/Bethany Beanery

### Monday, Sept. 26th – Oct. 16th

SCIENCE becomes ART (In the Galoagos!) in Renner Art Gallery

### Monday, Sept. 26th

7 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Sexversations in Wailes Theatre

### Wednesday, Sept. 28th

Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)

7 p.m. Keresty Journalism Keynote Speaker Michael J. Christman in Commencement Hall

### Thursday, Sept. 29th – Sunday, Oct. 2nd

8 p.m. Boy Gets Girl by Rebecca Gilman in Wailes Theatre

### Saturday, Oct. 1st

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Equine Open House

12 p.m. Wicked in Pittsburgh



Michael J. Christman

### Keresty Journalism Keynote Speaker

Mike Christman is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Fort Wayne Newspapers and Publisher of the News-Sentinel. Prior to joining Fort Wayne Newspapers, he held the position of Regional Publisher for Ogden Newspapers and was Publisher of the Parkersburg News & Sentinel in Parkersburg, West Virginia. From 1999-2000, he was Publisher of the Salem News in Salem, Ohio, and from 1990 to 1998, he was Director of Operations for Ogden Directories, a division of Ogden Newspapers.

Mike graduated from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia. He grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia and attended Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

Mike holds current board positions as President of the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Junior Achievement of Fort Wayne, and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana.

# Off-Campus Food Review: Hard Times Cafe

By **ALEXANDER LUCAS**  
TOWER contributor

Strapped for cash and looking for somewhere off campus to eat? An unknown gem for so many Bethany College students is the small Wellsburg restaurant known as Hard Times. Known for its fair prices and large portions, Hard Times has everything you can imagine a college student needing in a meal.

Upon entering the establishment you seat yourself and wait for your server. When you are handed your menu, your main attention should go to the “Hoagie” selection. Each one of their subs is special and delicious in its own way. If you are a true Pittsburgh-er, take a look at their “Hard Timer” sandwich. Inspired by the Primanti Brothers sandwich, it is stacked high with your selection of meat, cole slaw, french fries, lettuce and a special sauce to bring it all together. The Hoagies come in whole or half portions, and each half is about the size of the average forearm. One of the popular side dishes you will see is their Sweet Potato Fries thin cut, properly cooked and absolutely delicious.

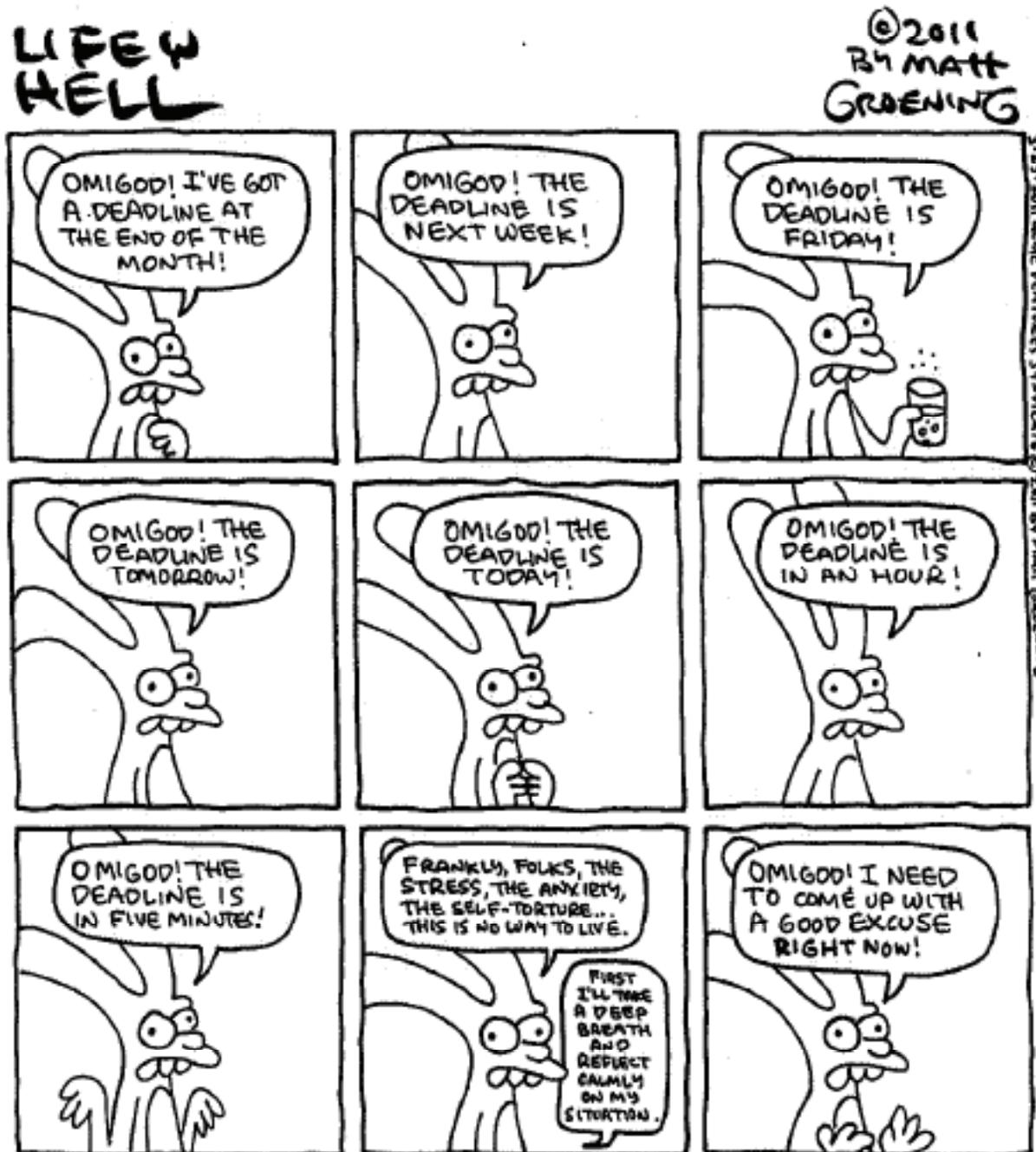
Don't eat meat on Friday? Head on down to Hard Times on Friday for their Fish Sandwich Lunch Special with bottomless fountain drinks. Are you looking for a secluded bar environment to relax for a while? The restaurant has a nice little bar with some televisions set up, typically on the Pittsburgh sports channel and the Daily News. If you have finished only half of your hoagie and realize you can't finish the other “forearm,” do not worry. The waitress will be happy to provide you with boxes.

Even tipping the wait staff generously, you will still only pay between \$10 and \$15. You get way more than what you are paying for, and the atmosphere is casual and friendly. So if you are feeling adventurous one day, need a place to

take your parents for lunch, or just have a hankering for some great food, head on down to Hard Times and treat yourself. The address is 69 27th Street, Wellsburg, W.V., 26070, but it is easier to find by simply turning off of Rt. 2 as if you were going to Kroger's and not turning until you see the restaurant's sign with a large yellow sad face. There is parking on 27th Street, or you can turn right at Charles

Street and find parking in the back lot. Monday through Wednesday they are open 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday they stay open until midnight, and on Sunday they serve from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Right: One of Hard Times Cafe's famous sandwiches with a side basket of fries. (Photo by M.E. Gamble)



## One-on-One with Bison Basketball Standout Nick Wilcox

By JAMES BARTON  
TOWER contributor

After a championship basketball season Nick Wilcox averaged 13.5 points, 6.8 rebounds, and shot 49% from the field, all while leading the league in minutes played. He is a special student-athlete from Venetia, PA, who plays small forward at Bethany College. Balancing academics and basketball, Wilcox has been able to excel both in the classroom and on the court. Wilcox started as a freshman, and received honorable mention for the all-conference teams that year. His sophomore year, he improved his game and made second team all-league after helping the Bison win the PAC Championship. I sat down with Wilcox and asked him a few questions to get to know him a bit better as a basketball player and see what he expects as he enters his third season with Bethany.

**The TOWER: What year are you at Bethany?**

Nick Wilcox: I am in my junior year.

**What position do you play and have you always played that same position?**

NW: I play small forward and sometimes shooting guard. Up until about 9th grade, I played point

guard, then I hit a growth spurt and moved to small forward.

**Was it a hard transition from point guard to small forward after playing the point for most of your life?**

NW: It took some getting used to at first, but I quickly was able to take the same skills I used at the point and shape them to a small forward's game.

**What number are you and why?**

NW: I'm number 10. It's my favorite number and it's the day I was born on.

**How long have you been playing basketball?**

NW: I have been playing for 13 years. I started out playing rec ball and made my way up to travel.

**Did you enjoy travel more than rec?**

NW: Yes, because the competition got better as I got better, and we played teams from all around the area. The tournaments were fun and left me with a lot of good basketball memories.

**Why did you choose to go to Bethany?**

NW: I enjoyed my tour of the school, but mostly because the rooms were so nice. They also have The Bison Inn.

**I hear that is the place to be.**

NW: If you catch it on a good night, it is absolutely the place to be.

**Are you happy playing for Bethany, why or why not?**

NW: I'm a little happy because I enjoy playing and love to win, but I don't enjoy the preseason for basketball.

**Is the preseason worth going through?**

NW: It most definitely is, especially if you are on a winning team. It would be tough for me to get motivated to put in all the hard work we do in the preseason just to be on a bad team.

**How is the team this year compared to previous years?**

NW: The team is going to be very strong this year. We only lost one starter and our 6th man after winning the PAC Championship.

**Do you think you will win it again?**

NW: We definitely have a good chance. If we could do it with the team we had last year, we should definitely be able to with the team we have this year.

**What is your most memorable basketball moment?**

NW: My favorite basketball moment was making it to the PAC Championship and going to the Division III basketball playoffs.

**What are your long term goals in basketball?**

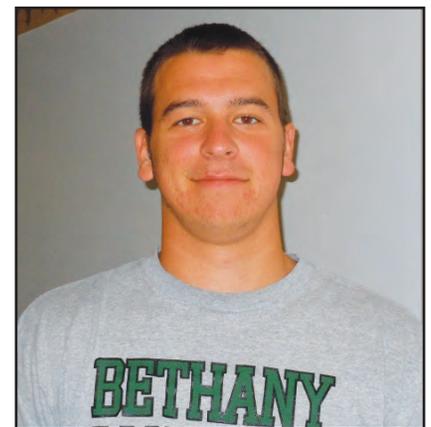
NW: I want to get 1000 points as a player and get to the NCAA Division III final four and maybe even win it.

**Do you think you will accomplish those goals?**

NW: I think if I work hard enough to accomplish them, so I think I have a pretty good chance to do one or two of them.

**If you could play one person one on one who would it be and why?**

NW: I would play LeBron James to see how good he really is and see if I could get at least one point against him.



Junior Nick Wilcox is looking for back-to-back PAC Basketball Championships. (Photo by Annie Wilson)

## Bethany Women's Soccer Welcomes New Coach

By ANTHONY SPARKS  
TOWER staff writer

Former Mary Baldwin College women's soccer coach Peter Parikakis is the new head women's soccer coach at Bethany College. Parikakis says he is very familiar with Bethany, and he has an extensive coaching background, which makes him a great fit for the position.

This past fall, Parikakis was an assistant for the men's program. He played a major role in turn-

ing around the program from a two-win season in 2009 to 11 victories, a berth to the PAC Tournament Championship match and a bid to the ECAC, Eastern Coastal Athletic Conference, where the Bison stunned #1 seed Penn State Behrend in the opening round and reached the semifinals.

The program Parikakis takes over is improving, but has yet to qualify for the PAC tournament in recent years. In 2007, the Bison won only 3 games, but in the last three sea-

sons, Bethany has won 24 matches and is coming off back-to-back .500 seasons for only the second time in the 24-year history of the program. Looking ahead to the next season, 10 players return who started at least 11 matches this year, including First Team All-PAC selection Cassie Spalding (Claysville, Pa./McGuffey), who led the conference in scoring for the second straight year with 19 goals and 42 points.

Coach Parikakis called this new experience a "homecoming since I

am originally from the area." He is a Follansbee, WV, native. "Growing up, Bethany College was the place you went to school if you were a soccer player," he said. "And now, being a Bison is a long-time dream which has finally become true. I plan to re-establish traditions and expectations here on the women's side and I'm very eager to get to work and start writing the next chapter in Bethany women's soccer." We look forward to a good season with our new coach.

## Bethany's Walker Nominated Pre-season All American



Bethany standout, senior Eric Walker, warms up in preparation for a game. (Photo by Jess Miller)

### By SIMEON YOUNG TOWER contributor

A leader is described as someone who “leads, guides, or who is in charge to command others with a positive influence.” When it comes to running back Eric Walker, senior of the Bethany football team, he is considered a true leader. The Bison just began their new season, and one important harbinger is that Walker has been named as a Pre-season All-American running back. It’s a great honor to be named as an all-American at any position, but we’ll get some insight into how Eric secured this nomination, how he feels about it, and what he expects from this upcoming season.

### The TOWER: How were you nominated?

Eric Walker: Eric didn’t exactly know how the polls and the system worked, but he responded by saying “stats and accomplishments on the field from previous seasons.”

### How do you feel about this nomination?

EW: “It motivates the team and me. It gives another credential to my teammates that shows leader-

ship, and also that people have recognized my talents and efforts.”

### What do you expect this upcoming season?

EW: “I expect it to be phenomenal due to a lot of returning players on the offensive and defensive side of the ball, and having a lot of talent. I see my contribution as a small factor to our goals. I think the focus should be on winning as a team vs. individual accomplishments. Having that mindset will lead to the Bison winning more games this year.”

The role of being a leader isn’t just given to anyone. Eric Walker has earned accolades not only from the PAC but leadership by his teammates as well and his performance on and off the field proves that. Within the interview I asked a few questions about that naming, and what he expected for this upcoming season. His answers were genuine and straightforward. Hopefully this is carried on to the field every Saturday for the next nine weeks.

## Bison Defensive Back Coach Aims for Championship Season



Jacoby Watkins is welcomed to Bethany as the new defensive back coach. (Photo by Ed Holmes)

### By ED HOLMES TOWER contributor

This past offseason was a time of hard work and change for the Bethany Bison Football team. The Bison’s recently welcomed Jacoby Watkins from North Carolina to the staff as the new defensive back coach. He played at University of North Carolina where he began to show his talent and speed by his sophomore season. His career was temporarily cut short after a broken leg in 2006 held him back a season. He quickly bounced back to go on to play for the Miami Dolphins practice squad and here is what he had to say.

Coach Watkins described being a new coach here at Bethany College as being “great” and the “best job in the world.”

Coach Watkins, being from North Carolina described what made him choose Bethany College as an easy transition, he said, “Coach Weav-

er is a good man. His and my NC roots, I want to follow in those footsteps after Coach Weaver knowing how much Weaver loves the game of football”

After a 5-5 season Coach Watkins explains what he wants to bring to the Bethany Bison Football team as “hopefully a championship, the first championship and the playoffs and after that we will see what happens.”

Coach Watkins has experience from his time at the D1 level and technique from great coaches. He states “learning from the coaches that we had there at UNC such as Bush Davis, John Budden, the defensive coordinator from Nebraska who brought great defensive game plan when he came. All of them were former NFL head coaches with great football knowledge and I can help pass that on to my players here at Bethany.”

Going from the D1 level then to the NFL then to the D3 level can bring about many differences such as “highways, driving, trees, and where are the people.” Coach Watkins says as he chuckles. Then he continues with “football is football D1-D3. There are still big strong fast guys at every level. It’s about studying the opponent and showing up on Saturday and playing the best you can play.”

When asked about some of Coach Watkins’ goals he simply says “win a championship. I keep saying that because that is my goal and I want to instill it in all the players as the main focus.”

**Homecoming Football Game:  
Saturday, October 8, 2 P.M.  
vs. Westminster College  
at Bison Stadium**