Library continues renovations into fall semester

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The Pellettier Library will be undergoing construction throughout the fall semester. Construction began last May, past commencement, and is expected to end Jan. 15. The renovations stem from the addition of the Gateway, which will be added to the building following construction.

The college worked with Perlmuter-Winkep! Wagnif! of Goodrich Architects on redesigning the main floor and the third floor of the building.

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Meal plans change after ten years

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The college updated meal plans available for students at the end of the 2014 academic year. The student life committee, Joe DeCaratino, dean of students, Linda Wetzel, chief financial officer and treasurer, and Bill Watts, general manager for Parking & Dining Services at Allegheny College, worked together during the spring 2014 semester to discuss altering available plans.

Before updating the plans, there were ten plans available compared to the five current plans: Complete Plan, Daily Plan, Frequent Plan, Lite Plan and the Mini Plan. Some students have voiced concern over this change and began an online petition.

Sarah Naughton, ‘15, former director of student affairs, played a large role in updating the plans.

"This was the best thing for the majority of students," said Naughton. "People were running out of meals in October. They weren't getting what they paid for, they weren't getting quality."-

Naughton described the updating process as the college taking into account the increase in average meal prices in addition to the increase in cost of food.

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Former pre-law adviser leaves Allegheny

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The Meadville community keeps former pre-law adviser Michaequin Shuman at Allegheny for longer than she initially intended.

After eight and half years with the college, Michaequin Shuman, the former director of career education and pre-law advisor at Allegheny college, left the school for a new opportunity at Juniata University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Eight and a half years is in fact the longest Shuman has stayed at one college, something she credits to her love of the Allegheny community.

While pre-law advising was not her original assignment, she took it on after her first year and held the position for seven more. In a phone interview, Shuman admitted that there was no deep dark reason in her departure, but that it was simply the right opportunity for her and her family and she is looking for the next big challenge.

Though Shuman left after last year's graduation, she remained in contact with several students well into the summer to help their transition to law school and any questions they might have.

"I met with Miss Shuman a number of times while she was serving as my pre-law advisor and she was always very thorough and very informative and very helpful," said Alex Hurtuk, '15. "A few times I emailed her past individual questions as I was going through the process of taking the LSAT and working on applications and she had a

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Striking a pose with Chompers

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Allegheny students may find that there is less to watch on TV this year after a decision was made to cut back the number of channels that are received in dorm rooms from 30 to 20. The channels that will no longer be available include ESPN, Comedy Central, FX, AMC, TNT and USA.

The reaction to the change on campus has been less than enthusiastic, especially in light of this year's increase in room and board costs as well as increased mealflation. Just this year the cost of room has increased by $210, board by $150 and tuition by $1,550.

"Room and board go up, they should be adding channels if anything," said Henry Dittels.

Brenna Gallagher, ‘15, who has been a Community Adviser for two years voiced her opposition to the decision as she did not see it as in the best interest of her residents.

In a written statement, Gallagher voiced her concern that with the loss of many popular channels, students would turn to internet streaming to watch shows and movies, saying "It will be interesting to see if the internet at Allegheny can handle the possible increased usage for online tv programming."

Ryan Travis, ‘17, admitted that most of his television viewing is now through Netflix, but did voice some dissatisfaction in regard to wireless internet speed, due to the number of users on the network.

Gallagher also pointed out that television viewing can provide a safe outlet for students who do not wish to go out or work.

In a conversation with Andre Green, ‘15, former ASG Senator and current co-director for the Student Life

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available for student use, just reference librarians are all Learning Commons and as possible and with as little completed so as not to disrupt the renovation process. Construction crews.

The first couple weeks were not so much construction as rearranging everything,” said Bills. “So it took us two weeks to move everything into temporary quarters and to move the books, and after that two weeks, they started what they called ‘shelving’ and I call ‘demolishing.’”

Once designs were agreed upon and materials moved, Gillette and the renovation process. Construction has been ongoing since May. The library’s main goal was to have enough work crews to not disrupt student services in the building.

“Our first priority then was to do enough work so that the library to operate properly with all of its usual services with as much student use as possible and with as little interruption,” said Bills, “and that’s what we think we’ve accomplished.”

The circulation desk, Learning Commons and reference librarians are all available for student use, just displaced from last year’s location. Circulation is located at the north entrance of the building, where it will remain once renovations are complete. The Learning Commons and reference librarians have temporary locations until the main floor of the library is finalized.

“Of all the work that is being done in the building, the students are going to have it darker than anyone else,” said Bensel. “Philo was designed with this corner in mind. It’s a building that houses three distinct programs within the Gateway, which includes counter-study, international education, career engagement, intercultural pre-professional programs, undergraduate research and scholarly-creative activities; center for political participation and nationally competitive fellowships. Those departments are currently housed across the campus and through the Gateway it will be brought together under one building. Renovations and other works with the Gateway hope that these offices will cease collaboration between student learning and out of the way.”

“The Gateway, the Learning Commons and everything in the library is really about student success at Allegheny, Gillette said. “It’s an approach to managing the academic experience of the students,” said Bensel. “Philosophically you could say the library is symbolic of a place you could go to accomplish the work as a scholar, as a citizen, as a student.”

Bensel hopes faculty and students will come to see Pelletier as more than a library. “It’s a building that houses the library but also houses the Learning Commons and the Gateway as opposed to being a library where we squirreled a couple things into. I think that over time that is a goal to have Pelletier perceived as a building that houses three distinct units of all which are all about supporting the student academic experience.”

With all the current changes, Allegheny’s campus students are skeptical of the decision to renovate Pelletier once the Gateway is in place.

“There’s no existing space to become a center in the library to study, so to take up the space with something else, I don’t know what was wrong with Ren Halls, I feel like they could have just stayed there,” said Rose So, ’16.

Despite student concern, Bensel is confident this change will be to the benefit of all students on campus.

“There’s been some skepticism and annoyance,” said Bensel. “It’s a difficult change. It’s going to take a few years for people to really fully comprehend and for the new structure itself to sort out some of the changes that are happening. Day one everything’s not just going to be great.”

The library will remain open during normal hours of operation. Monday-Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

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Before the new plans were official, Allegheny Student Government held a town meeting on April 15. Approximately 50 students attended the meeting and some students voiced concern about the upcoming change. One of the discussions questioned why students are required to buy a meal plan. According to the AGS minutes, two main reasons are health and safety of students and fiscal resources-providing pay for workers and keeping hours of service.

Students also showed concern over increasing Brooks meals on certain plans.

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“If you think of Pelletier once the Gateway is in place, it’s going to be disorienting, whether you have a library, a center for study, a library, a wall was erected on the main floor to keep student space separate from the ongoing work.”

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When asked if this switch to online streaming would adversely affect the college's endless internet network, Fadden said, "Our system has the capacity to handle what we want to do and then some," pointing out that the current network peaked at only 490 MB last week, when it was capable of handling up to 500 MB of use. Fadden also stated that the network is constantly monitored and the bandwidth is usually increased once a year, typically during the second semester based on usage. Though channel options have been limited within individual dorm rooms, all 60 channels should be available in common areas and lounges of residence halls. "We saw it as a chance to build community among the people who live in each dorm building," explained Green.

Fadden also stressed that students do have other options. If any student wishes to regain the use of all 60 channels they may call Armstrong Cable at 877-277-5711 and as long as they identify themselves as an Allegheny Student, they may make arrangements to receive all 60 channels for a cost of $6.00 a month. They may also purchase HD for $8.50 a month and there is even an option for DVR.

Fadden urged any students with questions or concerns to contact ITS and simply stop by the building, "explained Green. "If there are students who wish to continue the conversation, I am happy to do that with any student," Fadden said. Both Fadden and Green denied that money was involved in the decision and stressed the cooperation that took place between ITS and the Student Life and Affairs Committee in making the decision.

and Affairs Committee, and Director of Information Technology services (ITS) James Fadden, it was revealed that the decision was largely based on a student survey conducted last year. The Student Life Survey concluded that a majority of students at Allegheny do not actually use cable as their main source of entertainment. It revealed that internet streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu, have become the go to for entertainment. When asked if this switch to online streaming would adversely affect the college's

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By REBECCA FOX

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The truth is, when some- one is such a deep depres- sion that they are contemplating suicide, they are not thinking about how it af- fects others. In fact, in many cases, the person suffering from depression believes that the only way out is through death. However, all people have to take medication for the illness. It can lead sufferers to the idea that the only way out is through death. Parents of some of the deceased have faced this struggle and want their children to learn about mental illness and get to talking about it. Jennifer Lowline recently said that "I think that there’s such a huge stigma over [mental illness], that I hope we can get rid of it. I mean, people have diabetes or asthma and they have to take medication for it too. It is the same for mental illness."

The Active Minds Club could not agree more with Lawrence. If there was no stigma associated with depression, people wouldn’t use the word "depression" when they didn’t understand what it meant. There’s no need to make things more difficult for that person to get help, and we can all make a change, and it starts with you and me.

So, the next time you want to call someone a psycho or a freak, or you want to say that the person they are dating is crazy for having depression, or if you think about what you are di- aled, they know it. They know it. They know that you are judgmental of even a mental illness. You are making it more difficult for that person to get help, and you are making it more difficult for them to feel alone and misunderstood. Instead of criticizing what a person is going through just because you don’t understand what they are going through, stop and consider the fact that you are being judgmental.

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President of the college’s H. Hallow. Mr. Judy re- marks as well as Larry Halil- hul, the president of Allegheny Student Government. They were followed by the Investor Committee chair, Kristinville. Mele, lead students in the Honor Code Pledge.

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Students maintain Carrden during summer months

Garden manager hopes to expand campus impact

By AMANDA SPADARO

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Tomatoes, some of the more fragile crops of the Carrden, are often initially planted in the greenhouse and then acclimated and transplanted outside.

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Jessica Schombert, ’16, picks tomatoes in the Carrden in the morning on Aug. 28. Because of the ripening schedule of tomatoes, they must be harvested every few days to ensure appropriate ripeness.

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Gettin’ back in the groove

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Sometimes you need to put a little swing in your step before getting motivated for the school year. Students trickled in to Montgomery Gym last Sunday, welcomed by red-faced dancers and ballroom music. Dance professor Betsy Summerfield guided first time and vetran dancers in learning the basics to tango, salsa, tango and other ballroom steps.

"It was sick. "

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Professor Betsy Summerfield led the swing class. "Nothing like getting back in the groove."

Professor Kazi Joshua bids farewell to the school after five years of service

Kazi is a figure on campus most people are familiar with. They know him from his time in the Religious Studies department or have seen him around Baldin Chapel. They may recognize him as the professor sitting on the Gaze Quad, engag- ing with students. Or maybe he’s been a part of their lives through his involvement with United or the Center for Intercultural Advancement and Student Success (CIASS). Popularly known as Kazi, he is a professor, leader, advisor, associate dean and friend to all, whose presence will surely be felt after he leaves for a position at Wheaton College following this term.

At the conclusion of the fall semester, Kazi will be moving on to Whitman Col- lege in Wala Wala, Wash- ington, learning on the first of September, Dr. Armenta Hinton will be taking over his position as the Associate Director of CIASS. Hinton is coming from Susquehanna University where she worked as the assistant director of multicultural leadership and the Center for Diversity and Social Justice.

"[Hinton] is a woman of great credentials who is loved greatly by students, by those who met her and I think she will only continue this work of making Allegheny more inclusive and more excellent," said Kazi.

Prior to his time at Al- legheny, Kazi worked toward similar goals at the Illinois Institute of Technology where he worked on recruitment, retention, excel- lence and teaching courses in black studies.

Kazi came to Allegheny College in 2009 after being of- fered the position of associate dean of students in residence life, two years after he had first visited the school interview- ing for a different position. For Kazi, this was a perfect fit.

Professor Kazi Joshua will serve as his final semester at Allegheny in his same position he has occu- pied for the past five years.

"It is really that act of being involved in the classroom wasn't some- how or somewhere else. Being in the classroom wasn't so somewhere...Being in the classroom wasn't some- thing that was associated with the job but it was something that I was really invited into," said Kazi.

Kazi was initially brought to campus solely for the po- sition of associate dean of students, but he quickly be- came involved in a multitude of programs and areas of the campus.

"It was really that act of being front line witness to transformation of ordi- nary students becoming extraordinary leaders."

Kazi Joshua

"I believe that it is always important for the social in- frastructure of the college, as it relates to leadership and staff, to consistently reflect the demographics of the stu- dent population. That means that AEC [Administrative Executive Committee] should reflect the composition of the student body, it means faculty and staff should also. He said. "As we have now, you get a much more diverse student body, eight percent, and you have a less diverse staff and administrators."”

After looking at his im- pressive resume, one could easily boast of his transfor- mative influence on campus. However, Kazi himself would tell it a little differently.

I don’t want to claim that I have been involved in transforming Allegheny, that I would be proud to do, but I want to say that I have participated in the effort to make Allegheny even bet- ter," said Kazi.
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PHOTOS BY MEGHAN HAYMAN/THE CAMPUS

Gator staff take items as Alexander Calle Sr. unloads his car and carry the belongings of freshman Alexander Jr. into Baldwin Hall. Baldwin is the only freshman dorm on campus, also housing the only non-gender hall.

First year student Lucie Shiffman, center, looks through the bowls of snacks offered by alumni volunteers outside of the Campus Center during move-in day. She is pictured here with her mom.

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Some came by car, others came by plane. On their arrival, hundreds of new faces, students and parents alike, were greeted by the Gator Guide staff and the rare appearance of sunshine in Meadville on Aug. 25.

Students who have been on campus all summer or arrived early for camps watched as bright green dressed Allegheny gators rushed in and out of dorm buildings, carrying large boxes, refrigerators and rolls of carpet.

Incoming students come alone, or they come with a friend. Marta Zimmerman and Chelsea Contino from Washington, Pa. have known each other since kindergarten. Meeting outside of Walker Annex, Contino helped move her friend into their new room.

Although Zimmerman and Contino have known each other for years, most of the freshmen class were roomed with complete strangers from across the country. Upon arrival, the first to the room is the first to choose the furniture.

After hours of unpacking things that will probably end up making the journey back home, new students and families traveled to the campus center. On their way they were greeted by the friendly faces of current students and alumni, handing out smiles and free snacks.

Walking through Baldwin hallways became an obstacle course as freshmen’s belongings were left outside rooms to first figures out the inside.

"Months are different in college, especially freshman year. Too much happens. Every freshman month equals six regular months—they’re like dog months.”

-Rainbow Rowell, author of Fangirl

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Boxes, suitcases and stairs, oh my!

ALLEGHENY welcomes more than 500 students to their new home.

Stephanie Carson, ’15, Residence Advisor of Baldwin, greets new students.
A graduate of Baldwin Wallace, Wallace in the Ohio Athletic Conference, Hill continued her education at Bluffton, Ohio, earning a master’s in Business Administration. She also began her coaching career at Bluffton, coaching their football team for three years before joining the Yellow Jackets. During her spanning career at Baldwin Wallace, Hill earned multiple all-OAC honors and All-Ohio honors on route to her team winning three NCAA titles. Hill’s senior year bore her earn the Paul “Spy” Adams Most Outstanding Female Athlete award and the Baldwin Wallace Most Outstanding Sprinter award. 

The Gator football team is looking for a new coach, and they are determined to make the most of the upcoming season. As Portia Hoeg, Allegheny’s Athletic Director, talks about the Bicentennial, she explains the significance of the university’s history and how it inspires the team. Hoeg states, “The guys are pumped and ready to go, they don’t really need a lot of motivation because they know the record they’ve established. It’s very exciting.” 

The football team is looking to rebound from a bad year last year, stated Hill. “I hope you’re an up to par quarterback.” 

The Gator football team is looking forward to rebuilding for Sept. 6, against Thiel. “We’re just getting to know each other, it was a difficult year,” stated Portia Hoeg, Allegheny’s Athletic Director. “I think that as we go into this season, we have a new mindset than from last year. I think they’re going to have a really good year.” 

Looking ahead to the 2014 fall season, Hill expressed her hope for the team’s success. “I hope that the team goes all in everything that they do,” Hill said. “I hope that they experience the success that they’ve worked so hard for, and I hope that they have fun playing the game that they love.”