The Diversity Expo was an initiative by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples’ Youth and College Committee to showcase and support diversity in Meadville—a majority Caucasian community—according to Maria Rosado-Huang, head coordinator of the event and chairwoman for NAACP’s Youth and College Committee.

“Fiji is a majority Caucasian people to Meadville that really don’t experience different cultures here, and that is why it’s important to get our community members, whether they be Hispanic, African-American, or other to get together and bring unity,” Rosado-Huang said.

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The fraternity’s statement emphasized that it is an organization that focuses on buildings courageous leaders and maintained that when a chapter of the fraternity is not upholding its motto and standards, it stands poised to make members of the community safe and included in its activities and to raise awareness regarding Martin Luther King Jr. “at the event. Students know what Firehouse is, and so we’re not cutting out a local favorite,” Smith said. “People have gone to Firehouse before. “I’m a huge fan of the honey sriracha wings from Willy G’s, names that were deliberately chosen for their unfamiliarity to many. There are more restaurants (than usual), and not all of us know them.

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Gator Day 2021

Students attend programs from Carnegie to Quigley

Title IX Coordinator Gillian Ford enforces the Title IX programming as well. Students interested in learning more about the program can visit the Title IX webpage, which has links to resources and information. The Title IX coordinator’s office is located in MyAllegheny, where students can find additional resources and support. Ford emphasized the importance of reporting incidents and insisted that all members of the Allegheny community play their part in this.

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CRIME BLOTTER

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Criminal Mischief

Crawford County’s Pride Festival

The Crawford County’s Pride Festival was held on September 11, 2021 in Meadville, which will be held during the upcoming spring semester.

‘I like to see them join the NAACP and partner with us in moving forward on the different things that we do.’

Most Ward, a 16-year-old, said that she’s interested in the NAACP and how that works on campus, and how that works on campus.

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The pavilion at Diamond Park, fully-kitted out for the expo on Sept. 10.  

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“Monsters at Work” and post-grad anxieties

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When the Disney+ show “Monsters at Work” was released, I had no idea what to think. I was interested in finding out what all the goss was about, but I was also curious to see what the show would be like. I didn’t know if I would like it or not. I thought it would be a fun show, but I wasn’t sure.

The show revolves around the Kool-Aid Man, who has a crush on a character named TikTok. TikTok is a character who is known for her extreme love of sugary drinks, especially Kool-Aid. She is the ultimate sugar slave, and she is always looking for ways to satisfy her cravings.

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Radio telescope aims to explore the Milky Way

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Situated among the greenery of the Carr Hall Garden sits a huge, superequipped telescope dish.

The dish in question—a radio telescope managed by the college’s Board of Trustees back in 2010—received a number of upgrades through a student’s summer research opportunity. The most observable changes to the new paint job, courtesy of physics major and society minor Benjamin Ramsey, ’22.

“It now is painted like a flower, a cosmos flower to be exact,” Ramsey said. “It’s a bit of a play on wording because of the greater cosmos that we’re studying with the telescope.”

Ramsey, who plans to use data collected from the telescope as part of his senior research with Professor of Physics Dan Willey, said that the radio telescope itself does not operate the same as a normal telescope, in some instances it is more effective.

(“The Milky Way) actually is just made up of mostly gas with some dust particles included,” Willey said. “So when you want to look into our galaxy, the problem is that there is a lot of light that can’t get through all that dust and some of the gas as well. If you want to see that distance, you can’t see it optically because the light doesn’t get there, but the radio waves from this hydrogen do get here.”

Willey explained that it is possible to map a region of the galaxy by plotting points received by the radio telescope—an almost impossible feat through any other observational method.

“We’re inside the galaxy,” Willey said. “We can’t go outside the galaxy and take a picture. It’s just not far enough. You’d have to be hundreds of millions of light-years away to be able to look at this, and we’ve never sent anything close to that far. It’s hard to see what we’re we don’t have the perspective.”

According to Ramsey, the radio telescope has been an ongoing project for senior comps; something that has “always been sort-of functional, but never fully functional.”

“A lot of the comps on the radio telescope have been fixing it and making it ready for that next team to use it,” Ramsey said. “That’s not to tear down anyone’s work. I think everyone who worked on the radio telescope has done really good work, but it (allows us) to do observations that we really are the only research that is going on at Allegheny that is observational astronomy.

Willey remarked that Ramsey’s summer work earned him renown within the physics department.

“I don’t think anybody had worked on this over the summer, which is good because sometimes what happens is the students do the senior project (on the telescope), and by the time they’re ready to take data, it’s too late,” Willey said. “So hopefully (Ramsey’s get) a head start by working over the summer.”

While the telescope has been worked on as recently as spring 2021 by then-senior Austin Shaw, Willey cited his troubled path, as well as given a bit more information about the appeal of the Sustainable Design Team.

McRae described the team as “just a collection of these students who wanted to do something slightly different.”

“The biggest appeal to me was that we were sitting down and we were planning on proposing something that would actually make a difference on campus and really transfers spaces around campus,” Peachey said.

One of these goals of the project was to help students learn more about environment and sustainability, which was addressed by Kelly Bollon, ’02, director of sustainability at Allegheny College.

“It will model permaculture—how plants work in symbiosis,” Bollon said.

Permaculture is defined by Bollon as a system that designs sustainable human habitats by evaluating the different types of natural ecosystems around the world. According to Bollon, being able to understand these different ecosystems makes it much easier to mimic the benefits in ways that will benefit not only the environment, but people as well.

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“You can give all the credit to the team, but I did suggest (painting the telescope as a cosmos flower),” Willey said.

“Food forest’ to provide food and educational opportunities

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Allegheny College declared carbon neutrality in 2020, and became the first college in the state of Pennsylvania and eighth college in the nation to do so.

According to the European Parliament, carbon neutrality is defined as the balance between the emission of carbon dioxide and the absorption of carbon from the atmosphere in carbon sinks, natural environments that are able to absorb the carbon dioxide that is emitted in the atmosphere.

On campus, three of the primary efforts to reduce carbon emissions were identified: a food forest, a student-designed Sustainable Design team, and the radio telescope that, according to the Carr Hall Garden, is a large, superequipped telescope dish.

Another one of these efforts was to decarbonize energy sources on campus by shifting the source of energy from fossil fuels to alternative, more environmentally-friendly sources of energy.

The third effort mentioned in this plan was to reduce the remaining carbon emissions by investing in sustainable projects around campus.

One of these projects is the Carr Hall Garden.

Plenty of different fruits and vegetables are grown in this garden, and are supplied to the two dining halls on campus, Brooks Dining Hall and McKinley’s Food Court.

According to the Carr Hall Garden, when they moved the environmental science department in, we had to take it all down,” Willey said. “And after that, they said, ‘Well, we don’t want people on the roof anymore,’ so we had to pack it up and (its current spot) was the place.”

According to Willey, the telescope currently still needs work on the motors that allow it to move up and down—at full functionality, it is capable of moving in all directions—and changes to wiring configurations, but otherwise Ramsey will soon be ready to begin data collection.

Ramsey hopes the opportunity to collect data from the radio telescope will help propel him forward post graduation.

“I want to go to grad school,” Ramsey said. “And I think this project opened my eyes to radio astronomy, and really observational astronomy in general. I always dreamed of being a theoretical physicist and diving with general relativity, but this food forest has opened up my perception to the idea that maybe I want to pursue observational astronomy as a potential career path.”

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For me, the yoga studio was always kind of like a small home. That's what I think myself — along with a lot of other people who practiced — we really felt connected and missing that connection.

As the pandemic wore on, Henry and Costanzo began hosting yoga classes in partnership with Federal Creek Tea and Coffee Co., as well as outdoor events in public parks. The support that they received from the community was so strong that Henry, who has a background in business, began formalizing plans for an online platform.

"We've always been a dream of mine to own my own business and create my own thing, but I never found that passion or that spark," Henry said. "Once I discovered yoga and I realized I had this passion for yoga it all just came together — things fell into place.

After finding a storefront at 252 Chestnut Street (ironically, the former home of Federal Creek Tea and Coffee Co.), Henry got to work on customizing the space to suit the yoga studio.

"[Yoga] gives people a different way of coming to an introduction to yoga without being quite as intimidating," Costanzo said. "It's a great way to go inside and connect with nature."

Part of Yoga Spot's inclusive mission is to introduce the Allegheny community to the yoga studio. Among the teachers at the studio are Jennifer Bihlworth, professor of English and women's, gender and sexuality studies, and Joshua Seave White, professor emeritus of baked bread and ornamenting the space with fresh flowers.

"I want to find time to go there because the pop-ups were such a great space to connect and compress and release a lot of stress and anxiety," Ferguson said. At its core, Yoga Spot is built on love for the community — both Meadville and the yoga community at large.

"The world, as a whole, needs more yoga," Henry said. "That's my philosophy. Whether you're in a big city or a small town, I feel the benefits of yoga transcend whatever size demographic you're looking at."
President Hilary Link speaks with faculty members at The Sycamore.

**THE SYCAMORE**

The bar at the Sycamore in Reis Hall featured several variety of beer and wine for students older than 21 and faculty and staff members on Friday, Sept. 17. The Sycamore will open once per month.

The location for The Sycamore says, was meant to "pique people's interest." The advertising campaign was made to make up for the relative lack of information on The Sycamore and Reis Hall, with some community members not knowing what the event was going to be about, or that there was going to be alcohol available. The posters and placards gave information about the time and location for the event as well as some additional information like the menu of what food The Sycamore was offering.

A point of interest for The Sycamore that generated a buzz around campus was how it would be serving alcohol. However, the serving of alcohol was not a large focus during the planning of the event, but just a way to further facilitate the greater goal of bringing the campus community together. According to Link, the college and Parkhurst Dining worked together to acquire a liquor license that allows the college to serve drinks at events like The Sycamore and at home football games; despite this, the college is not trying to compete with local Meadville establishments that students of age can already go to.

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"Legend has it that Timothy Alden himself planned the great sycomore in front of Bentley Hall in 1822 under the classical belief that certain trees planted at the southwest corner of a building would bring prosperity to the building’s inhabitants." This quote could be found on many signs that advertised The Sycamore, a pop-up pub in Reis Hall that had its opening on 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. The event offered live music, food and drink — both alcoholic and nonalcoholic — for the music, food and drink — both alcoholic and nonalcoholic — for the attendees. Attendance was a mixture of administrators and other faculty members as well as students.

"(Reis Hall) is one of the most beautiful and historical buildings on Campus," President Hilary Link said. "We have a vision for how it will, down the road, be renovated, but we also know that we have many other building and renovation priorities that are more student-centered and student-focused before we will get to Reis. In the meantime, it felt like a pity not to have people get to see it and use it and experience it."

Students of all ages were welcomed to the event, but only those over 21 were served alcohol. Allegheny ID was required for entry into Reis Hall and a driver’s license or some other form of age affirming identification was required to drink. The location for The Sycamore was the library, which used to be the library, had been closed to the campus community for the past three years. It was used as storage for the Bentley Hall renovations for a period of time as well as serving other functions. It was built in 1902 through a combined effort of Allegheny’s President at the time, William Henry Crawford, and various donors and developers.

"The Sycamore is only one part of the plan that President Link and the college have been working on to bring the campus community back together following the social distancing and life-saving restrictions caused by the pandemic," said Daisy Rundio, the marketing director for Parkhurst at Allegheny College. "The Sycamore will open again. The idea is to have The Sycamore open in Reis Hall at the same time approximately once a month, while also debuting and establishing new events to bring the community together."

"(The Sycamore’s going to hopefully take off after this first event," Rundio said. "We really hope students and faculty enjoy it so that we can explore other avenues in the future."

There was a large investment of time, money, and resources into making The Sycamore’s debut a successful one, presumably to justify its continuation in the future. For example the multitude of posters and placards that appeared all over campus in the days leading up to the opening which Courtney Hild, who works in the Financial Aid Office, and was on the committee for the Sycamore says, was meant to "pique people’s interest."

The advertising campaign was made to make up for the relative lack of information on The Sycamore and Reis Hall, with some community members not knowing what the event was going to be about, or that there was going to be alcohol available. The posters and placards gave information about the time and location for the event as well as some additional information like the menu of what food The Sycamore was offering.

Pop-up pub opens in Reis Hall, offers food and alcohol

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Men’s and women’s cross country win Allegheny Classic

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The Allegheny men and women’s cross country teams took home their second straight wins of the year at the Allegheny Classic on Sept. 18. The men’s team took first in a pool of seven teams whereas the women’s team won in a pool of eight teams. The teams in each race were all local, including three future President’s Athletic Conference rivals in Chatham University, Grove City College, and Thiel College.

This was the first time in three years that both Allegheny teams placed first in their home meet. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was also the first time since 2019 that Allegheny has been able to host the event. Because of this, runners on both teams were excited to compete in Muddle Creek again.

“T his year has been really close to normal in the way that we’ve been operating, which has been encouraging” said Head Coach Ben Monzor, ’07. “Right now both teams are looking forward to getting out and showing how good they can be.”

The men’s team was strong at their home meet, capturing over 70% of the top ten spots in the four mile race, including a first place finish from men’s captain and NCAC Athlete of the Week Tim Weighart, ’22. The women’s team was able to take 40 spots, as they placed seven of their own runners in the top 15.

Coach Monzor and his team were happy with their performance over the weekend, as runners from both teams cited how well they stuck to their racing strategy.

“I’m really happy about how we’re packing up, we have the second pack that’s a little further back from our front guys and they’re looking incredibly strong right now,” Weighart said. “I have never seen it that strong in my four years here and we have a lot of guys who are really focused on winning races, I just really like the atmosphere we have going.”

This victory for both teams came from a range of moments after the Chatham Cougar Challenge which was the first meet for both teams. Both teams captured first at this event as Weighart was able to take his first win of the year on the men’s side, while Emma Wall, ’24, was able to take first in the women’s competition.

“Both teams are confident in the way they are running, however they look to further improve throughout the course of the season. In doing so, Monzor and his staff have their runners train in phases as they work up to full speed as the season progresses.”

“We’d like to enter into a new phase of our training, but right now I think we’re struggling a little bit in pushing through the hard part of a race,” said women’s team captain Eira Kerr, ’22. “The next phase of our training will help us to get to that next level, and give us all of our speed.”

Although the competition will be tougher in their next event the teams still feel confident in their abilities and hope to use it as a chance to hone their skills.

“Monzor is also happy to be at the helm of what he thinks are two very strong teams.”

“We’re going to go into October as two undefeated teams which is pretty cool” Monzor said. “The competition in the first two meets was not at a super high level, but I know that we’re very competitive teams based on those results.”

While both teams were excited to compete in their first two meets, Monzor and his runners look forward to their next event — the Lehigh Paul Short Run — where they will compete against the Lehigh Paul Short Run — and nationals beyond that. Because of the change of the meet to the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference, the team is for their last chance to win the NCAC.

The last time both teams won the conference in the same year was 2016, and Monzor has made it clear that this is his team’s have enough talent to finish their final season as champions of the NCAC.

“This is our last year in the North Coast (Athletic) Conference, and we have made it extremely clear in all team meet outings, our goal is to win both conference championships,” Monzor said. “Both teams can win a conference championship and we are very much looking forward to trying to do that.”

**La Roche soccer team defeats Fredonia in historic 9-1 win**

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The Allegheny College men’s soccer team traveled on Sept. 15 to the Bear Athletic Complex at La Roche University.

Coming into the game, the soccer team had a track record of two wins and two losses, whereas the La Roche men’s soccer team came into the game on a four game win streak.

The La Roche men’s team started the game strong when Jake German, the junior forward, scored the first goal of the game 12 minutes in. The Gators responded by scoring a goal of their own just one minute after German’s, and followed with three more goals in the first half scored by Aiden Red, ’22, Shane Luman, ’23, and Eli Weaver, ’25.

At the half, the Gators were leading against the home team 1-1. After a slow beginning to the second half of the game, the Gators scored 3 goals in the last 20 minutes of the game by Darren Gorge, ’25, Ryan Hilley, ’22, and Keegan Cassidy, ’22, who scored the closing penalty goal.

Hilley, the senior defender, led the team in the highest numbers, in the midfield, and the top too. He led the team 3 goals in the last three games, by Darren Gorge, ’25, Ryan Hilley, ’22, and Keegan Cassidy, ‘22, who scored the highest numbers in the game.

“We finished our chances well,” Luman said.

Despite the win, Head Coach Angelo Panetta spoke a bit to the abilities of their opponent.

“La Roche has some good things going on with their squad,” Panetta said.

Following their 9-win record against La Roche, the Gators hosted SUNY Fredonia at the Bear Athletic Complex. Both Allegheny College and Fredonia came into this game with a 5-2 track record, with more wins than losses.

Despite winning against La Roche on Sept. 15, the Gators fell to the Blue Devils. An early goal by the Blue Devils ended up being the only point scored in the game.

In the heat of the loss, Panetta compared the skills of La Roche and Fredonia.

“Two different opponents for us,” Panetta said. “La Roche has some good things going on with their squad and stuff. So much different than the squad for Fredonia, which one of the better teams in the conference.”

After an impressive week, the men’s soccer team will take on Keayton tomorrow, Sept. 25, at 3:30 p.m. The matchup can be watched online.

“Wow! I was feeling pretty good. It was our biggest win of the season!”

—CLIFF WEATHER Clifford of Class of 2023