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Professor charged in child porn case

Kirk Nessel admits to downloading thousands of files for two years

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Kirk Nessel, professor of English, 57, was charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography in United States District Court in Erie after federal agents executed a search warrant at his Meadville home on Wednesday, Oct. 1, according to a criminal complaint filed by the FBI.

Federal agents found thousands of images and videos of child pornography on Nessel's hard drive. According to the affidavit in support of the criminal complaint, approximately 550,000 JPG or movie files were located in folders on his computer.

Nessel appeared in U.S. District Court Wednesday

morning in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Baxter. According to the Erie Times-News, Nessel was released on \$10,000 unsecured bond on the condition that he wear an electronic monitoring device and have a curfew of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The investigation began on Aug. 14, 2014, according to the affidavit, when FBI Special Agent Jimmie John Daniels of the FBI's Phoenix, Ariz. office

conducted an investigation in an undercover capacity on a Bittorrent Peer-to-Peer file sharing network. Upon further investigation, the IP address was traced to Nessel's Arizona home and his billing address in Meadville.

A federal search warrant was obtained on Sept. 30, and executed Wednesday, Oct. 1. During the execution of the warrant, Nessel was interviewed by law enforcement officials and admitted to downloading child pornography material for the last two years, according to the affidavit.

The child pornography was organized by category on an external hard drive. Nessel admitted in the interview with law enforcement officials that he was aware that he was sharing information in a shared folder and that he knew "downloading child



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Faculty cancel classes following federal scandal

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Allegheny faculty and administrators have canceled classes on Friday, Oct. 3, following the arrest of Kirk Nessel, professor of English, was arrested on federal charges of obtaining and distributing child pornography. There will be a community gathering in Shafer Auditorium Friday at 1 p.m. where students, faculty and staff will be able to express their feelings in a safe environment, according to Joe DiChristina, dean of students.

"It was a very emotional faculty meeting, very good faculty meeting," said DiChristina about the meeting held on Oct. 2. "We just felt that the campus needed time to reflect and to try to come to an understanding to the best of our ability."

After reports concerning the arrest surfaced Wednesday, Oct. 1, at approximately 4 p.m. from the Erie Times-News, the Allegheny community awaited official notice

from the school. The following morning, President James Mullen sent a campus-wide email 15 hours after the initial report was released.

A faculty meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 2, however, after the community learned of the news the meeting had a different tone. Several students planned to organize a protest, or student gathering, to share their disdain with the college.

"It's really concerning that they took so long to let everyone know about something so prevalent," said Melanie Perez, '15.

Matthew Ferrence, assistant professor of English, is taking over one of Nessel's classes and actively discussed the situation in his own classes on Thursday.

"I'm supportive of the students voicing their opinions, particularly sharing their frustrations with communication and what's going on," Ferrence said. "I've had a lot of conversations with students

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Hinton hired as new associate dean of college

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Armenta Hinton was hired this year as the new associate dean of the college and director of the Center for Intercultural Advancement and Student Success (CIASS).

The college decided to hire outside, as opposed to filling the position from within the college, and conducted a national search for the best possible candidate. A similar search was conducted last year to fill the vacant position of associate provost for diversity and organizational development. Hinton was initially a finalist for this position, said Terrence Bensel, associate provost and director of the

Gateway.

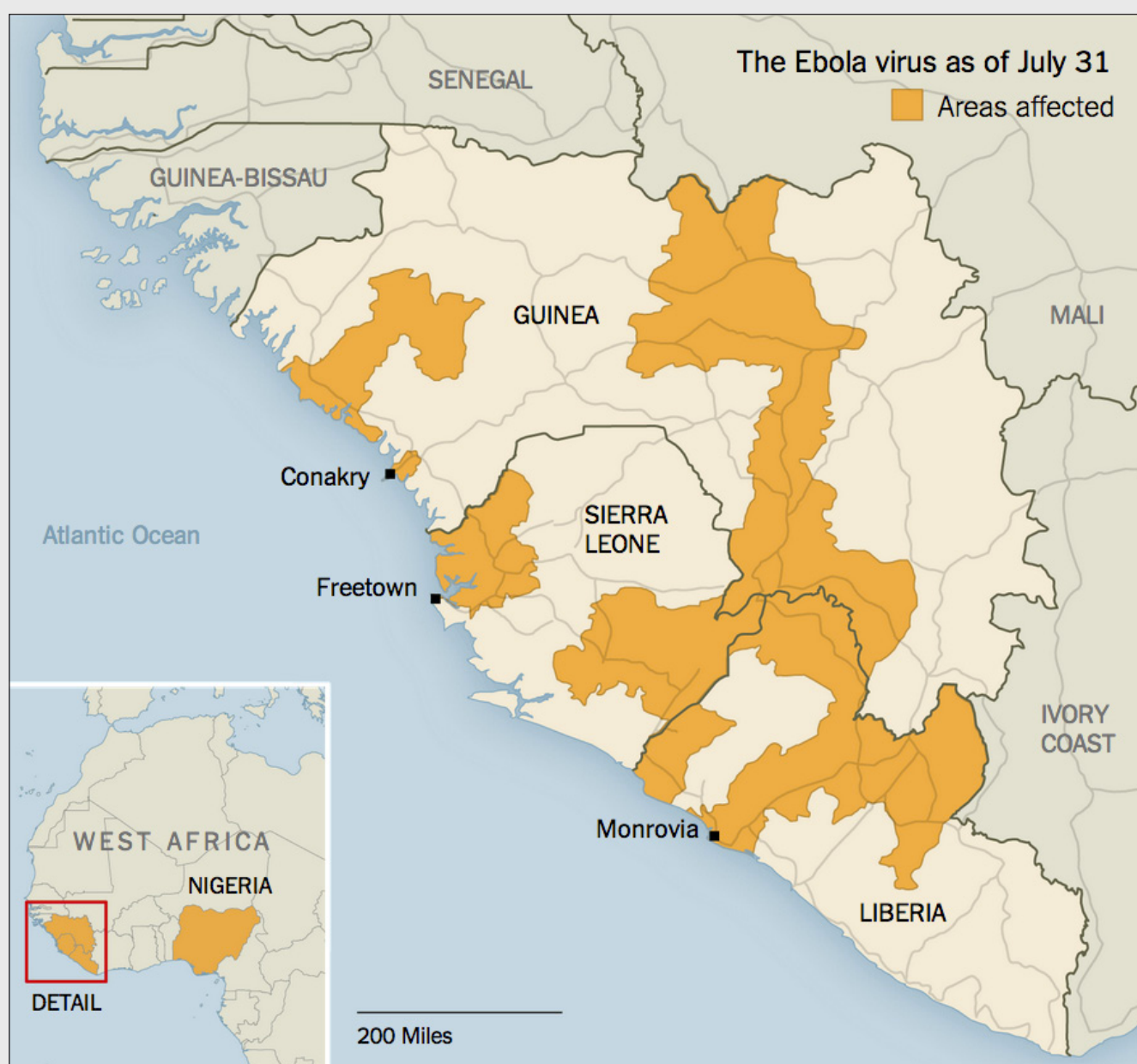
Hinton visited the campus as one of the finalists for the associate provost position, but in the end Ande Diaz was hired as associate provost, explained Bensel.

However a year later, with the college looking for a new associate dean and director of CIASS, Hinton's name resurfaced.

"She really brought a lot of student support experience to the position," said Bensel.

Bensel explained that the position Hinton originally applied for dealt more with the administration of the college than with the actually student body. But as associate dean, Hinton will be more focused

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The map depicts areas in West Africa affected by the Ebola virus as of July 31. Currently the virus has spread overseas and has reached the United States.

Ebola virus spreads to U.S.

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CBS news reported that Thomas Eric Duncan was confirmed to have the Ebola virus on Sept. 30, four days after he arrived in Dallas, Texas, on a flight from Liberia. Because he did not exhibit symptoms while he was on the plane, Dr. Tom Friedman, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), assured passengers on the flight that they were not exposed to infection. Duncan is currently in medical isolation in Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

The timeline for Duncan's case is fairly clear. Duncan arrived in Dallas, on Sept. 19. On Sept. 21, his first symptoms appeared. An ambulance brought him to the hospital for a fever and he was sent him home with antibiotics. Two days later, he was admitted to the hospital again, and on Sept. 30, the CDC lab in Atlanta confirmed Duncan was infected with the Ebola virus. He has been in medical isolation since he was admitted.

According to the CDC, Ebola is a hemorrhagic virus. Its beginning symptoms, such as fever, intense weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat resemble the flu. Later symptoms

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Sara Townsend
Class of 2015

of Ebola include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, impaired kidney, liver function and sometimes internal and external bleeding. CBS news reported that between 50-90 percent of infected patients die from the virus. The virus is transmitted

through direct contact of bodily fluids. In other words, one cannot contract the disease through the air or by simply bumping shoulders.

All people who have come in contact with Duncan, his family and friends, as well as the people who transported him to the hospital and other medical officials who worked with him, are currently being monitored for Ebola symptoms in medical isolation. Those people are to be kept in isolation for 21 days, which is the incubation period for the virus.

Sara Townsend, '15, expressed confidence in the CDC's ability to contain the virus:

"I'm a little concerned that they didn't make the connection between his travel history and his potential symptoms right away, but I think now that we've had this incident, everybody is going to be hyper-aware," said Townsend. "So I feel like it won't slip through the cracks in the way that I feel this person did."

There is no cure or vaccine for the Ebola virus at the moment.

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pornography was wrong,” according to the affidavit.

The college found out about the charges from Nessel himself. In a statement released from President James Mullen, the college did not hear of any allegations against Nessel until he told the school.

“This was the first we ever heard any such allegations,” Mullen said in an email to the school community. “To date, law-enforcement authorities have not contacted the college regarding this investigation. They will receive our full cooperation should they require it.”

Nessel answered the door at his Meadville home Thursday, Oct. 2, but declined to comment on the matter.

On Thursday morning Nessel gave his resignation and it was accepted by Allegheny Provost Linda DeMeritt.

“We have identified Matthew Ferrence and Kate McIntyre to take over the two creative writing classes and are still looking for an instructor for his FS101 class,” DeMeritt said.

Currently, Nessel only had one senior comprehensive project he was advising and

the school is still looking for a replacement adviser. His other advisees have been assigned to other professors as well.

Nessel was also a regular instructor for the Black Forest Writing Workshop, a creative writing workshop held in Freiburg, Germany. The workshop organizers sent an email to former attendees on Thursday morning to formally sever ties with Nessel.

“As former participants in the program, we want to assure you that we have never had any complaints about [Nessel] of this nature, and upon hearing these charges we have immediately severed all ties with him,” said an email from the Black Forest Writing Workshop team to previous attendees.

Lauren Dominique, ’16, was in the middle of applying to the workshop with Nessel’s help just last week.

“I met him mid-week last week,” said Dominique. “I told him that I was interested in the Black Forest Writing Seminar that he is a professor on. So he started helping with me the application. I spent a lot of time in his office this week talking about what it’s like in

Germany and what the seminar is and how people learn from it.”

Many students are talking about how this will affect the campus community as a whole from individual departments to smaller communities. Shaun Choffel, ’16, a Gator Guide, said the campus community has a responsibility to discuss how this might affect the campus community.

“I think every single department is going to have a discussion on that and get back to the students,” said Choffel. “I think the entire admissions department is going to have to have a meeting with the staff themselves and then with the Gator Guides separate as well. It’s each department’s responsibility to talk to us as students to say ‘here’s what happened, this is how we move forward and this is how we should respond to this if we’re asked about it.’”

According to the Meadville Tribune, Nessel is scheduled for a preliminary case hearing on Oct. 15.

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A federal search warrant was executed on Oct. 1, 2014, authorizing the search of Kirk Nessel’s residence in Meadville, Pa. His computer was seized and approximately 550,000 JPG or movie files containing child pornography were found, according to the United States District Court For The Western District of Pennsylvania affidavit in support of criminal complaint.

Security cameras require ASG vote

ASG tests its influence in administrative actions

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Allegheny Student Government (ASG) passed a motion to create an ad-hoc committee to discuss security cameras on campus. The ad-hoc committee was formed to ratify and potentially pass a resolution that requires ASG to have a two-thirds majority vote in favor of a security camera placed anywhere on campus besides parking lots.

While ASG has discussed the topic in depth in the past several years, no decision for or against having security cameras on campus has been reached.

“ASG this year is trying to actually get student voice heard and recognized and by actually having a say in what administration does,” said ASG senator Andrew Nunn, ’16. “A large part of that is Larry [Hailsham] and Autumn [Vogel] attending the [Administrative Executive Committee] and getting the administration on board with what we have to say. This is essentially a step in that direction of if we can get this approved, then that shows that ASG can actually have power

and have a say in what goes on, on this campus.”

Lee Scandinaro, ’15, a member of the ad-hoc committee, said the committee is not discussing whether or not cameras should be on campus, more so that ASG should have a final decision on where the cameras are located.

“What we decided to do was put in a formal document that said if [Safety and Security] wanted to put in cameras anywhere else other than parking lots, they would have to formally come to ASG and ASG would formally have to say, ‘yes, we want more cameras,’” Scandinaro said.

Scandinaro echoed Nunn’s comment about testing the power ASG has and how this resolution could have lasting effects for ASG.

“We’re saying ‘this is what has to happen,’ and if Safety and Security says ‘we don’t care,’ then that’s saying what power does senate actually have?” Scandinaro said.

Currently, there are two cameras already set up in parking lots on campus. One is placed in the Ravine parking lot and the other on Highland looking down at the Phi Kappa Psi parking lot, according to Jeffrey Schneider, direc-

tor of safety and security.

“We did a survey benchmarking other colleges and universities similar to our size and there was only one that didn’t have cameras,” Schneider said. “That was not that they didn’t want them, they didn’t have the resources at that time to do it. But it’s just an extra safety and security tool that really is beneficial to the college community not only solving crimes but sometimes preventing crimes.”

The cameras are not currently functional because of parts waiting to be delivered, but they are expected to be up and running later this semester.

“To a certain extent I don’t have a problem with that. I just don’t want [ASG] to tell us if we’re having a problem area that we want to address that we can’t do it,” Schneider said. “Any public area, to me, is really fair game when you’re talking about safety and security for the campus community. Now, inside buildings, that’s a different story.”

According to Schneider, food services have had cameras in place and have been successfully identifying students who vandalize or steal property.

“I think it’s good to share that information and have to have dialogues,” Schneider said. “That’s why we did this. It’s been a long path for us, really, to get to this point.

This conversation of security cameras on campus, of student privacy versus student safety, is amidst a larger national conversation. Recently the Obama administration has launched “It’s On Us,” a campaign against sexual assaults on college campuses around the country. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness and educate students on how to prevent sexual assaults.

For Nunn, this is just the first step in a long process of getting student voices recognized.

“ASG is trying to get student voice recognized,” said Nunn. “There really isn’t that level of respect towards ASG...I would rather have my friends and everyone on campus get things done that they feel needs to be done, so this is just a way to start that. Because [the committee] got passed, so far, that’s a good sign. There’s just a lot more that can happen from here.”

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Armenta Hinton

on student involvement, putting her student support experience in action. The college felt that she was a good fit as associate dean because it requires skills in reaching out to students, according to Bensel.

“For Dr. Hinton it was important to meet the students,” said Valerie Guerrero, associate director for CIASS.

Guerrero explained that whenever new staff gets involved it allows for a fresh set of eyes to look at how things are being implemented.

“I think there is always an excitement when you have a new set of eyes get to look at things on campus,” said Guerrero.

She admitted that Hinton’s dual role as associate dean and director of CIASS keeps her extremely busy with numerous meetings requiring her attention, but stated that Hinton is managing very well.

“The first 90 days for any new hire is a lot of meetings,” explained Guerrero.

Hinton’s approachability and desire to meet and interact with students were both praised by Guerrero.

Originally from Montgomery, Ala., Hinton received her Bachelor’s of Fine Arts in music history and piano from Alabama State University. She also studied at Roosevelt University in the music department and received her Ph.D. from Antioch University in leadership.

Hinton has spent 15 years overseas where she worked as an administrator, teacher and performer. Her employers abroad included the Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Birmingham Opera Company.

“I have always wanted to link arts, communications and business,” said Hinton

In addition to her experience overseas, Hinton is the co-editor of a collection of essays on diversity called “Persistence and Memory.” She has also done extensive research in the area of equity in higher education and is contributing a chapter to a collection of essays on historically black colleges, entitled “Historically Black Colleges and Universities Struggle for Equity Post Fordice.” The collection will be printed this fall by Clarity Press.

She has also received several awards including the Susquehanna Community Builder Award and the Birmingham Partnership for Change Community Service Award.

“She was someone who seemed to be a good fit,” said Bensel.

Hinton explained that her primary responsibilities will include assisting intercultural students and helping to get the Gateway program in Pel-

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dents today, a lot of conversations with faculty today about things that are happening. One of the things that I think is really important that’s come out from the students as well is the importance of recognizing both the importance of outrage and the importance of compassion in the moment.”

Many students and faculty believe that the time it took for the college to make an official statement is unacceptable.

“A lot of time passed between when people learned through social media and through the good work of journalism,” Ferrence said. “We all learned about this independently and it wasn’t until mid-morning today that we learned about it officially. I think that’s where a lot of the frustration lies. There is a

desire for some communication to have happened before that. I, too, share that desire. There may be very legitimate reasons why things couldn’t be communicated, but news travels very quickly now.”

Students and faculty have already begun to discuss the situation in their classes, although they are still waiting for an official statement from the administration as to why so much time had passed for a detailed communication.

“It was wonderful to actually talk about it and not have people skirt around the issue and have people be very frank with one another emotionally and objectively,” said Perez talking about student reactions. “I wish that we had an open talk about this where it was mediated. I think this is something that Allegheny

should confront head on.”

According to the faculty handbook, a formal complaint must be submitted to the provost in order to terminate a tenured or nontenured professor. In Nessel’s case, his cause for potential termination is a violation of moral turpitude. If a written letter had been submitted to the provost, the provost would then decide if the case is prima facie. By definition provost deemed the facts of the case viable, the case would continue. If the charges warrant further investigation, the next step is to seek advice from the tenured members of the faculty council. If a prima facie case is found, then an official and thorough procedure will begin that involves conversation with the professor, administration and potential-

ly an appellate process.

Though Nessel has already formally resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the provost, much debate has occurred over whether or not he should have been fired first.

For expediency purposes, resigning his position cuts all ties from the college immediately instead of a longer, more thought out process if Nessel had been formally terminated.

In the wake of such an event, Ferrence believes that the issue remains in the lack of communication.

“I think people are feeling anxiety in that gap not knowing what to do or what to think. You don’t know how to react, it’s such a difficult situation.”

“I think there is always an excitement when you have a new set of eyes get to look at things on campus.”

valerie guerrero
CIASS associate director

letier Library underway. The idea of the Gateway, she explained, is to integrate all the services that students need academically and advising into one central location.

“It is kind of like one stop shopping,” said Hinton.

Hinton did admit that the job was her primary reason for coming to Allegheny. However, she also expressed her satisfaction with the college thus far, as well as her hopes for the future, praising the college for its effort to strive for better.

“There are ways to do better what we have done well,” said Hinton.

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Sept. 24 2014
Campus house
Student reported unknown actor/s stole a laptop from her residence.

Sept. 26, 2014
Wise Center
Student reported unknown suspect stole money from her bag.

Sept. 27, 2014
Schultz Hall
Student being investigated for underage drinking.

Sept. 28, 2014
North Village II
Student being investigated for public drunkenness and taken to the hospital.

Sept. 28, 2014
College-owned house
Student reported unknown actor stole her ID.

Sept. 30, 2014
Ravine-Navik Hall
Three students being investigated for possession of and smoking marijuana on college property.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

History and Journalism Panel: “Outside the Wire: The Military/Civilian Divide”
Friday, Oct. 3, noon, Tippie Alumni Center
Panelists include Professors Cheryl Hatch and Franklin Forts and Vietnam veteran Larry James. This is a Word Made Flesh conference event.

Women in Science Meeting
Friday, Oct. 3, 12:30 p.m., Campus Center 301/302
Learn more about events, mentorships and opportunities planned for the year. Lunch is provided.

Open Improvisation Session in Dance and Music
Friday, Oct. 3, 4-4:30 p.m., Montgomery Performance Space
Sessions take place regularly on Fridays throughout the semester. No experience is necessary, but bring your own instrument or come to dance.

“Combat Paper: Word Made Flesh” Invitational Exhibition, Performances and Reception
Saturday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m., Doane Hall of Art Gallery
In addition to the exhibition, there will be a vocal performance by Music Professor Carol Niblock and students and a dance performance by Assistant Professor of Dance and Movement Studies Eleanor Weisman and students.

Kickball Tournament
Sunday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m., Robertson Athletic Complex
The 2nd Annual Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Kappa Psi Kickball Tournament benefits the Crawford County Humane Society. To join a team or create one, email princes@allegheny.edu or hainese@allegheny.edu.

Panhellenic Council Workshop in Honor of Women’s Week
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Craft mirrors to promote self-esteem and sign the Positivity Pledge poster with the Panhellenic Council.

Fall Leadership Series: “Preventing and Mediating Conflict within Your Organization,” with Jayne Piskorik
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 12:30 p.m., Reis Hall Treasure Room
Space is limited and lunch is provided. Sign up by emailing mpeters@allegheny.edu.

Discussion on the Honor Code
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 12:30 p.m., Schultz East Alcove
The Honor Committee will host a discussion on what the Honor Code means to the Allegheny community. Freshmen are highly encouraged to attend, but students of all classes are welcome. Light snacks will be provided.

Flu Clinic
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1 to 4 p.m., Winslow Health Center
Allegheny students and employees can get a flu shot for \$20 (cash or check). Please wear short sleeves.

10th Annual Lehman Medical Ethics Lecture: Aviva L. Katz
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Quigley Hall Auditorium
Aviva L. Katz, assistant professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and director of the Ethics Consultation Service, will speak on the topic “Do Good Facts Make Good Ethics?”

ASG UPDATES

ASG passed an ad-hoc committee whose primary purpose was to get a legislation introduced on Tuesday’s meeting passed. The resolution ensures student choice in the installation of security cameras at Allegheny College. It states “that any additional installation or relocation or removal of security cameras must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Allegheny Student Government Assembly.”

Students voiced their frustration with the computers removed from the 3rd floor of the Campus Center. Student life directors talked about the concerns with administration and one computer will be reinstalled within one month.

Allegheny Student Government is revealing the new website this week in order to streamline the process of obtaining official ASG forms and getting in contact with senators and cabinet members.

The Senator of the Month is Andrew Nunn, ’16!

Corrections:
James Fadden will be handling cable complaints.

The 40:1 vote to keep the Allegheny gator green was a straw poll to gauge senate opinion unofficially.

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Active Minds: Understanding Depression

How to identify the multiple symptoms of mental illness

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Skepticism is undisputable when it comes to recognizing depression. The goal of Active Minds is to reduce the skepticism and stigma surrounding mental illness, so that people are not ashamed to seek help.

The journal of Research on Social Work Practice stated the fact that there is no measurable biological marker or test to identify depression is stated and thus, cannot be soundly established.

Doctors look for red flags when diagnosing patients. According to Project Safety Net's diagnostic criteria, a person can have major depressive disorder, or an isolated depression episode. The specific symptoms identified

for major depressive disorder are depressed mood or irritability, decreased interest or pleasure, significant weight, sleeping pattern, eating,daily activity changes, fatigue, guilt, diminished concentration and suicidal thoughts or actions.

A person may experience one or more of these 'red flags' in healthy moderation and not need medical treatment. A failing exam grade or the flu may induce a sad mood or lack of sleep but thoughts of self-harm are extremely detrimental to one's health. Of course there is a great deal of controversy about depression.

Studies have been completed that measure the result of chemicals called serotonin reuptake inhibitors on depression symptoms. For example, an article in the

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Regardless of whether you believe depression is a problem, people suffer from prolonged periods of depression, and sometimes, these can result in negative life changes, the worst being self harm.”

Abigail Remis

Journal of Psychopharmacology stated that a particular serotonin reuptake inhibitor, sertraline, was efficient in a number of studies on patients diagnosed with major depression episodes.

A serotonin reuptake inhibitor is a chemical that increases the level of serotonin in the brain. The correlation between the two is positive, but like in a Statistics class, correlation does not mean causation.

However, if the serotonin reuptake inhibitors can be directly linked to the decrease in amount and degree of depression symptoms, then this would be a 'biological marker' that critics search for.

The debate of depression being a real diagnosable disease continues as people suffer. However, regardless of whether you believe depression is a problem, people suf-

fer from prolonged periods of depression, and sometimes, these can result in negative life changes, the worst being self-harm. However, there is hope.

Although this depression may not be curable, help is available. Positive correlations have been made between medicine and a decrease in depression symptoms.

Getting plenty of sleep, eating properly and exercising regularly are a few of the natural ways to cope with depression. Eventually, those depressive slumps will become less frequent and severe. It is possible to live a healthy, happy life with some changes that improve your mental health.

There are outside resources available. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number is 1-800-273-8255. At Allegheny College, the number for the counsel-

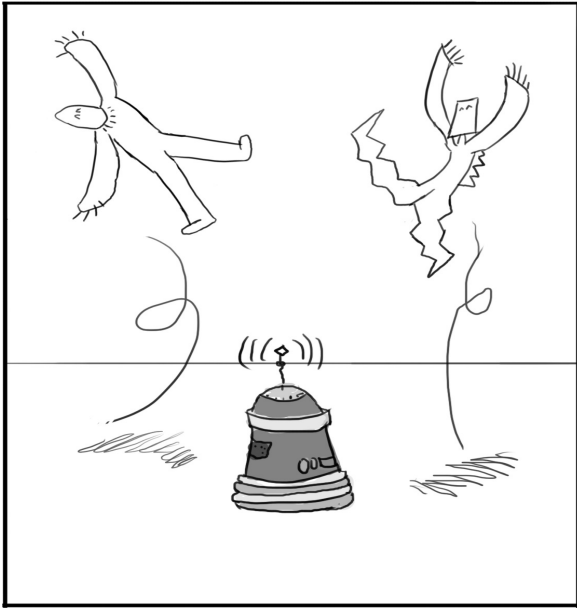
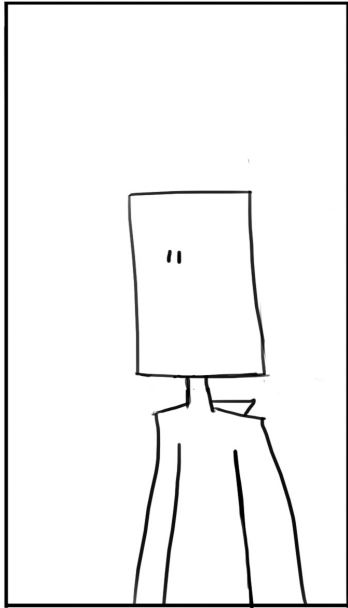
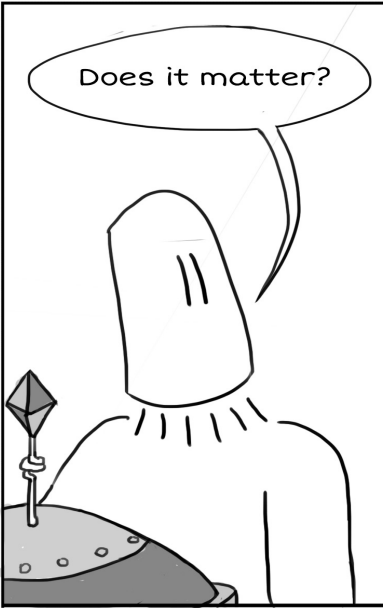
ing center is 814-332-4368. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If it is after hours, call campus security at 814-332-3357. They will contact a crisis worker from Meadville Mobile Crisis or a counselor from Winslow Health Center on campus.

Active Minds is a relatively new club at Allegheny, but has chapters across the country. It's goals are to raise awareness about mental health and decrease the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Active Minds meets on Mondays in the Campus Center at 9 p.m. in room 206. All are welcome and encouraged to attend or email Active Minds at activeminds@allegheny.edu

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BY JONATHAN YEE

Just the Tips: STD Testing and Prevention

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October has arrived, and with it wonderful new opportunities to get screened for sexually transmitted diseases at the Winslow Heath Center right here on campus! This week, we are going to share with you basic information about STI and STDs, how to avoid them and how to get tested.

First off, what exactly is an STI or al STD? They are infections that get passed from person to person usually through intimate sexual contact. This involves vaginal, anal, oral or any form of genital touching. Remember, you don't need to have penetrative sex to get an STI.

It is important to remember that STIs are a very common occur-

rence, and are not always incredibly serious. Over half of all Americans will contract an STI during their lifetime, and approximately 19 million infections spring up every year. You may think, "Wow that's such a huge number, how do people keep getting infected?" This large number of infections typically occurs because most STIs have little to no symptoms. If you're not aware you have an STI, then you can easily infect your partner or others.

One of the most common STIs is the human papillomavirus (HPV) and in the majority of cases it displays no symptoms at all. Some other common STIs include: chlamydia, genital herpes, gonorrhea and syphilis. If left untreated, these infections can lead to cancer, pelvic inflam-

matory disease, infertility and other widespread problems throughout the body.

This is why we cannot stress enough how important it is to get tested! If you are sexually active at all, or have been in the past, then you are the perfect candidate to get tested! STIs can infect anyone of all genders, sexualities, ages, races, etc. "How do I get tested?" you may ask. Well, that's simple! Our friendly neighborhood Winslow Health Center, located in Schultz hall, is partnering with Meadville Family Planning Services to offer free STI screenings Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The test will screen for HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. Call the health center at 814-332-4355 for more infor-

mation and scheduling options.

Now I'm sure you're wondering, "Will it hurt?"

You will be relieved to hear that getting tested is a breeze. If you do so through the health center here you will be asked for a urine sample (so make sure you have to pee) and a blood sample. They only take one small tube so don't worry. More invasive testing includes pelvic exams or a tissue sampling.

On a closing note, the most foolproof way to prevent STIs is to not have sex, but we're realistic here, so the absolute best way to prevent STIs is to always use protection! It is also helpful to know your partner's sexual history and to stay on top of your own sexual health and testing.

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Alumni connect with students at Geology symposium



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Above: 48 alumni registered to present and participate in the geology symposium organized by geology professor Ron Cole.

Right: Alistair Macdonald, '83, discussing during a symposium field trip.



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For the second year in a row, the geology department held a symposium to give students and alumni the chance to connect. Held on Sept. 26 and Sept. 27, 48 alumni signed up to participate in the symposium by giving presentations on topics ranging from induced seismicity in the Appalachian Basin to applied geomechanical modeling.

Alumni graduating anywhere between 1960 and 2014 attended the symposium, the oldest being Bob Judd, '60.

Professor Ron Cole, chair of the geology department, organized this year's symposium. For the past 15 years, the geology alumni have been doing student career meetings, giving them leads on jobs, internships or career advice. Wanting to increase alumni involvement further, Roger Willis, '80, pushed for the symposium last year.

"We've also had alumni reaching out to be more involved," Cole said.

One of the alumna who was unable to attend the symposium, Greta Lydecker, '79, still wanted to participate and connected with presenters over Skype.

To make the relationship between students and alumni even stronger, mentoring sessions were held for a one-on-one talks between the two parties.

"This was the first time we had a direct call for mentoring," Cole added.

The symposium offered opportunities for students to learn about different available jobs from people in the geology field.

Brianna Edgerton, '16,

found the mentoring to be valuable.

"It was a good job and internship opportunity," Edgerton said.

During her mentoring session, Edgerton discussed what she is doing now and what she can do in the future for a more successful career. She also received the contact information of people who can help her achieve these things.

Twelve students participated in the mentoring sessions and 20 attended the lunch and presentations on Friday. Cole added that anywhere between one to six students were always filtering in and out of the presentations at a time on Saturday, attending speeches where they could fit them into their schedules.

Dan Kerschner, '17, felt the experience had a lot to offer for those involved.

"It allowed us a chance to network with alumni and see job opportunities outside of what we've already learned at Allegheny," Kerschner said.

Over the course of two days, students learned interview skills and how to in-

teract professionally in the workplace, as well as information about geological jobs that may not be as common or obvious.

For example, Josh Dailey, '06, presented on potential career paths in law. Law provides opportunities to explore environmental issues, resources, and real estate.

Both Kerschner and Edgerton felt that the symposium was valuable and should be held in the future.

Cole agreed, saying, "We're doing it again. It was a huge success."

Ebola *from page 1*

Patients are being treated only with supportive care, according to CBS News. This includes oxygen, fluids, blood transfusions and treating other infections the patient may develop. Some patients, like Duncan, are receiving experimental treatments. There is no word thus far on how the patients are reacting to these treatments. Kirsten Peterson, director of pre-professional studies and instructor in chemistry pre-professional studies at Allegheny, said she was not completely surprised when she heard Ebola was in the U.S. Peterson saw it as inevitable. Townsend agreed.

"I kind of felt like we were doing better screening in airports," Townsend said. "But at the same time, it's an infectious disease, so it would be only a matter of time before it could potentially be here."

Peterson is not worried about Ebola spreading much further throughout the states. She fears more for our health officials being sent to West Africa to combat the disease, where it is an epidemic. As for the U.S., Peterson has trust in the CDC to manage the Ebola virus and keep it contained.

"The potential is always there for the disease to spread," said Peterson. "The reason it won't become widespread like it has in West Africa is because of their lack of infrastructure, lack of equipment, lack of supplies, lack of doctors, lack of information. They just don't have the capacity to handle it like we do. If we can't contain it, nobody can."

Her biggest concern is that information may not be properly stated because people do not understand the virus. She fears there may be widespread fear and the potential for panic because of information not being reported properly.

"I think it's really interesting to see a public health emergency unfold in front of us," Townsend said. "This is going to be history."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY RACHEL WANG

Members of Meadville Senior Center listen to Ronald Cole giving a lecture on hydraulic fracturing.

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Hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking, is an industrial technique that fractures the earth and rock with a hydraulic liquid. It is widely applied in Northwestern Pennsylvania to collect gas and oil, and it impacts people's lives in various ways, thus raising the public awareness of fracking.

On Sept. 30, Meadville Senior Center and Active Aging, invited Ronald Cole, professor of geology at Allegheny

College, to give a lecture on hydraulic fracturing and shell gas.

According to Krista Geer, the Executive Director of the Meadville Senior Center, the center gained a grant from the state to conduct a lifelong learning institute that works with Allegheny College to provide a series of free, non-credit classes to seniors in the community. Recently, members of the Senior Center have expressed interest in learning about hydraulic fracturing, which fits the academic focus of Professor Cole.

As a professor in the ge-

Professor gives community lecture on fracking

ology department, Cole has been giving lectures on hydraulic fracturing and shale gas for years. Almost a year ago, he started turning these academic lectures into a public, broader lecture series, first as a part of Bousson Advisory Group Information Session.

"I think there is a lot of misconceptions about the whole process of hydraulic fracturing, and about what we should be concerned with," said Cole, at the beginning of the lecture. "And that's what we are all sharing today, about where we should focus our intention on, in terms of some of the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing."

During the lecture, Professor Cole helped seniors to understand hydraulic fracturing through talking about basic background of deep shale gas drilling, and its impacts on water resources and earthquakes.

Afterwards, he led a discussion among the seniors fo-

cused on the risks of developing different kinds of energy, including alternatives like solar and wind, and how to use resources in a sustainable way concerning the future of shale gas.

"We should talk about the environment. We should all be concerned about what we are doing to the environment," said Bertha Mesarch, a senior volunteer of Crawford County Senior Environmental Core. She helps test the quality and pollution of French Creek, and has been informed about fracking's impacts for the waterway.

"We've had speakers talking about fracking before, but he is a promoter of this activity," said Mesarch. "But today's lecture is more about educating us about the geology of fracking in our area. We need to be educated because there is a lot of fear out there, and we were concerned that there would be a lot of pollution when fracking wells were be-

ing drilled."

"Our minds have been set already, but we should educate the younger generation and get them involved," said Mesarch, at the end of the discussion.

Lorri Drumm, an untraditional student in her third year at Allegheny College, is volunteering at Senior Center to help with a lifelong learning institute.

"It is a way to offer something new to seniors and to keep them learning, being active and engaged. And I think the staff and professors really enjoy spending their time talking about what they teach," said Drumm.

Cole was highly impressed by this experience.

"The discussion was outstanding. There were great questions and dynamics. The audience really had some interests on this topic," he commented.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are typically placed on the Opinion page, but the original article was published on the Science page.

Dear Ms. Spadaro and Mr. Stephenson,

I recently read the newspaper article profiling the three new hires made by the Department of Environmental Science. As I read the article, I was disappointed to find that I was absent from the piece. Unfortunately, I was not given the same opportunity as my colleagues to

speak to a reporter about my research or my excitement about coming to this campus. Had the reporter contacted me, I'm sure we could have found a mutually agreeable time for an interview. I remain open to doing so should the opportunity arise.

In particular, I am disappointed that my research and interests were not clearly explained in The Campus. Given that I am new and that this will be all many people know about me, this was a missed opportunity to explain the unique perspec-

tive I bring to our department's work. To provide some background, like Ben Haywood, I am trained as a geographer. My research focuses on human dimensions if natural resource management in general and marine environmental knowledge, and tourism in particular. I bring a focus on coastal and marine ecosystems, especially tropical coral reefs, which is an area that the other Environmental Science faculty do not cover. This may be of interest to some students but, unfortunately, it

was not conveyed. Instead, the original article misrepresented my interests, expressing them as "political and social ecology and ecotourism."

In the future, I hope that writers for The Campus work to profile all professors equally in an article, rather than focusing on two out of three new hires. The minimal attention paid to my work in the article may imply to readers that my research is either uninteresting or unimportant. This is not the case. I am doing innovative, exciting work both

in the classroom and in my research. I would welcome the opportunity to explain to the Allegheny community what it is I do research and teach about and why students might find that interesting.

Thank you for reading this. I would appreciate a response to my concerns.

Sincerely,
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Kayla Orr, '18, and Nathan Lewis, an Iraq war veteran, lay a piece of sheet to separate newly made papers on Wednesday, Oct. 1.



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Allegheny student Nia Shuler, '18, makes paper during the Combat Paper Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014. Students created this paper by cutting squares out of uniforms.

Students get hands on with Combat Paper Project

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Rain did not stop Allegheny students from gathering in the gator quad this week to give veterans uniforms a second chance. The workshop on paper making was a part of the Combat Paper Project conference that Allegheny College hosted this past week.

Professors Steven Prince and Alexis Hart started planning the conference together in the summer of 2013. The interdisciplinary conference had various informative panels, documentary screenings, dance performances and guest lecturers.

“Combat exists inside us in a deep set. People may

be struggling with suicide or addiction or abuse,” said Prince. “I think trauma can be dealt with through a communal response and that’s what this project is. It’s about community coming together to express and explore those deep-set hurts in open form. You can’t just bury trauma, it’s going to manifest itself in some way.”

Nathan Lewis, an Iraq war veteran, facilitated the Combat Paper: “Word Made Flesh” project on campus. Lewis has been active with this project since 2007, while he was involved with Iraq Veterans Against the War organization. He has participated in dozens of workshops similar to the one Allegheny held for the conference.

The Word Made Flesh

project uses old uniforms donated by veterans from as far back as World War II. The uniform is transformed into special paper where people can engage artistically with the uniform. “It acts as a mode of expression and release for veterans or anyone dealing with trauma,” said Lewis.

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lewis demonstrated the process of papermaking. To begin, students were separated into small groups.

One group focused on cutting the veteran uniforms into small squares while the others focused on the final steps. The squares were then beaten into a pulp in a hand-lander beater. After completing those steps, the remaining

pulp is put into a vat and this is where the sheet of paper comes together. Finally, the sheets are pressed and dried.

“Uniforms are a perfect representation of time in the military. Individuals are reflected in their uniforms,” said Lewis. “It is uniform and standard across the board and that’s how the military and life is. We all have these unique things that make us individuals. No two military experiences are exactly alike. It’s the perfect symbol of your service. It shares things that are in common with others yet it’s unique.”

Students quickly noticed that each of the sheets had a small paper clip on the corner. Lewis said that the paper clip watermark was adapted from a close friend.

He explained it was an underground anti-war symbol in the military and he was bringing it back.

Prince and other professors cancelled their normal lectures and required their students to attend the exhibit. He connected this project to the Allegheny community and argued that combat is not just served in war.

“The Combat Paper Project helps release the burden from yourself. We use this project to heal ourselves and communicate our opinions, experiences and stories,” said Lewis.

Bryce Olson, '18, a student of Prince spent time at the Word Made Flesh project early on Monday.

“I was honored to participate in the project because

there are men and women who risked their lives to help us and now I have had a unique opportunity to use the same uniforms they fought in to make art,” Olson said.

Prince reflected how art can be symbolic to the community and used to illustrate human experience and should not be taken lightly.

“Think about the fabric you have. It was made here in America. That fabric covered a body that did work and service. How do you think that fabric came back?” Prince said. “It’s not the same. Nothing is ever the same. That’s the power in the project I believe.”

Family owned business opens ‘Allegheny Corner’ *Pennsylvania Sandwich Company finishes renovated store front*

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Pennsylvania Sandwich Company, located at 342 North St. Meadville, PA, has finally opened its store front doors to the Meadville community.

Ever since its opening in April of 2013, Mark Brode, the owner, has been conducting business from the kitchen entrance due to construction on the intersection of North Main Street and North Street.

Despite the delay, Brode is warming up to his new store front and planning to make it Allegheny Gator themed, complete with a special Allegheny Gator treat.

“I’m going to have, like an ‘Allegheny Corner’ over here, in that big booth,” said Brode. “I have a baseball T-shirt that the baseball team gave me last season, so I’m going to put that up; I’m going to try to pick up some memorabilia from Allegheny and put them up. I’m really looking for some stuffed alligator heads, I want to get a couple of them.”

Brode’s original setup was that of a New York Style Deli, where one would order a sandwich, pay, then leave. Through constant customer suggestions, Brode pacified their requests and constructed exactly what they were asking for: a seating area.

“A lot of people were saying, ‘you know, if we had a place to sit down it would be better. We’d come more often’ that sort of thing. So I sort of caved in and made a seating area.”

The inspiration for the Gator themed seating area, however, derived from the sports teams that periodically come to the shop. Brode’s past interactions with team coaches and members pushed him toward both honoring the gator community, and attracting more students to fill his establishment.

“I like to talk to the students when they come in, because I have two kids that are you guys’ age...”

Mark Brode

“I like to talk to the students when they come in, because I have two kids that are you guys’ age for the most part,” said Brode. “I’ll ask, ‘What are you doing? What are you taking?’ The kids [Allegheny students] here are awesome. They’re just really good kids; really friendly and bright.”

Eleni Kaffenes, '17, a regular, thinks the new store

front is a great idea. One of the most attractive aspects of Pennsylvania Sandwich Company to Kaffenes is the fact that it’s a family owned business.

“You could tell that all of the family worked there,” said Kaffenes.

Brode commented on keeping the business family owned versus establishing a chain that would progressively accumulate more money.

“Everybody wants to open up another store when they start one, but you have to have the right success, the right remedy...it’s not an easy thing to do,” said Brode.

Brode goes on to say that chains tend to create a diminished sense of pride within employees because they are less invested in its success.

Brode, who commits about eighty to ninety hours a week into PSC, emphasized that the charm of his business is more than just good food and a fancy store front. According to him it’s his initiative to make sure the customers feel welcome and at home.

“When you’re invested in something you’re going to try your best, do your best, make sure that the product is right, make sure the customers are treated correctly, and everything goes smoothly,” said Brode. “This is way more than just another day at work for me.”



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Owner of Pennsylvania Sandwich Company, Mark Brode first opened his shop in 2013. On week days the shop is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and they offer over twenty five specialty subs on their menu. Stop in for a sub and a coffee or take it to go with their pick-up service.

One recurring inquiry amongst the interviewed Allegheny students, like Allison Ganger, '18, who have never been to Pennsylvania Sandwich Company is whether or not Munch Money or Gator Cash is accepted.

Ganger mentions that she would like to go one day in light of the recent renovations, but that she’d be more likely to go if they accepted Gator Cash or Munch Money, which they currently do not.

“I’m trying,” said Brode, on the getting Gator Cash established in his store. “I

have an intern now and she’s working on it.”

Depending on how quickly the process can be done, PSC could be one of the many Meadville establishments to accept Gator Cash and Munch Money by the end of the week.

PSC is picking up interest amongst Allegheny students who reportedly mentioned that they are now likely to go after hearing about the new Gator space.

“I’ve never been,” said Sarah Cole, '18. “But I’ll probably go now. I’m a sand-

wich person.”

“Now I’m curious,” said Joshua Perez, '18. “That honestly sounds really cool. I would definitely go now.”

The storefront is completely functional, and beside some small installations still to come, PSC is open for business.

Some things still on Brode’s to-do-list include Wi-Fi and streamed gator games so that students can experience the excitement of school competitions in the spirited section of the Pennsylvania Sandwich Company.



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The Wingmen 2.0, a last minute entry, triumphed over their rival teams, The Delts, The Blue Wings and Team Owen on Saturday, Sept. 27 as part of the annual wingfest.

Four thousand wings served as part of Wingtennial Weekend



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From left to right: Spectators were able to add hot sauce or ranch to the wings on the contestant of their choice for \$1. A student holds out half eaten wings. Larry Hailsham, '15, encourages his teammate, Mike Arcieri, '17. Students enjoyed a warm afternoon of wing eating, tie-dyeing T-shirts and sitting on the quad.

The Gator Quad sported several tables and four thousand wings for the annual Wing Fest event, hosted by Gator Activities Planning. Students gathered to collect their free T-shirts and wandered down the rows of wings which were from a collection of local small businesses.

Four teams got down and dirty in the main attraction: the wing eating contest. Crowd members were able to add hot sauce or ranch to a contestant's wings for \$1. Money raised went towards the charity of the winning team. The Wingman 2.0 beat the three other teams, upsetting The Delts, which generated the loudest cheers.

Students were also able to tie-dye their wingfest T-shirts yellow, green and blue throughout the day.

The night before, GAP hosted the Madison Letter, a pop rock band formed 2010, to kick off the Wingtennial weekend with a performance on the Gator Quad.



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Students gathered on the gator quad count down to the beginning of the wing eating contest on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Alumna's dance company performs on campus

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Antaeus Dance, a Cleveland-based company founded by Allegheny College alumna Joan Meggitt, presented its annual fall concert, Saturday, Sept. 27, in the Montgomery Performance Space.

The themes for this year were addiction and mortality. There were a total of six dance pieces; two of those pieces were performed by Allegheny students who participated in the 2014 Allegheny Summer Dance Intensive. The dance intensive program is sponsored by the Dance and Movement Studies department and ran by Meggitt and Desmond Davis.

Meggitt, '92, launched Antaeus Dance in 2001 bringing in more than 60 choreographers, musicians visual artists and filmmakers to work. Meggitt is an assistant Professor in the Dance Division of Kent State University's school of Theatre and Dance.

Meggitt began studying dance at Allegheny College with Jan Hyatt and James

Reedy. She earned her M.F.A in Dance from Case Western Reserve University under the instruction of Kathryn Karipides and Kelly Holt.

Through the growth of her genre and style, Meggitt choreographs a lot of her movements close to the ground. She says, "Antaeus is a mythological figure which means, son of mother earth," exemplifying the type of movement and choreographer Meggitt creates.

Gavrielle Winer, '18, who has been dancing for 16 years, and Chelsea Contino, '18, for 5 years, participated

in the dance concert and summer dance intensive. According to them, practice started the second day of the dance intensive. They learned Meggitt's piece in three days. After that they had four days to learn Desmond's piece. Altogether they had three days and four hours to learn a five to six minute routine.

Teresa Roland, the spouse of a faculty member at Allegheny, really enjoyed the concert.

"I was taken by all of the work and hidden dialogue. The interrelation of the dance art, poetry and theatrics

was great," Roland said. She enjoyed seeing the students and professionals perform together.



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Antaeus Dance Company performed in the Montgomery Performance Space on Saturday, Sept. 27.



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(left to right) Jessica Mrdjenovich, '16, Madison Caufield, '18, Rachel Vigliotti, '16 and Iffie Uwazie '16, went to Oakland Catholic High School together and continue playing basketball together at Allegheny.

Four women from same high school play together

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This season is the first time the women's basketball team will have four women from the same high school on the team in Coach Kate Costanzo's time at Allegheny.

Jessica Mrdjenovich, '16, Rachel Vigliotti, '16, Iffie Uwazie, '16, and Madison Caufield, '18, played together at Oakland Catholic and during the summer through Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). Each came to Allegheny for a great academic setting and a place they could play basketball.

"I knew coming out of high school that I was at a DIII level and I wanted to stay close to home," Uwazie said. "I looked at other places but Allegheny had the reputation for pre-med that I was looking for and I met great people here."

Costanzo said she wanted all four women to come because she knew they would

do well and be good for Allegheny.

"I recognized them in the summer before their senior year and we built a connection," Costanzo said. "Their high school team was very successful and made it to the state championships their senior year."

Playing for so long together has made a seamless connection for the women and that translates to the court and to their friendships.

"This is the seventh year Rachel and I have played together and we played with Madison for one year in high school and some in AAU," Mrdjenovich said.

Costanzo said the four women read each other well because they have played so much together.

"Rachel and Jessica are what opponents may call tenacious defenders," Costanzo said.

Mrdjenovich added that playing the same position as Vigliotti means they know how each will play and challenges each to try something

new.

Vigliotti said since she has been playing with the Oakland Catholic women for so long they mesh in a way that is hard to compete with.

"We know each other like the back of our hands on and off of the court," Vigliotti said.

Caufield said the team has a chemistry that teams do not see often and that is a huge benefit for the team.

"It's beneficial because we increase team chemistry and it eliminates individualistic dynamics," Vigliotti said.

Though the women do not see their game play any differently with each other, they agreed that they can respond faster to each other because they have been together longer.

"I think our bond brings a kind of sisterhood to the team and adds more chemistry," Uwazie said. "I don't know if I play differently around them, but we have a flow and understand each other better."

Cross country teams win NCAC Preview at Denison

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The cross country team has started off the season with two weekends of success. After having a pre-conference race hosted at Denison on September 13, 2014 Coach Brent Wilkerson is confident in the team's performance.

The cross country team emerged as champions at the Denison Invitational, totaling a score of 26 points. The team proved themselves being eight points ahead of Denison.

"Men and women are doing really well," Wilkerson said. "Both teams have put in a lot of work over the summer time."

The pre-conference meets are a chance for runners to familiarize themselves with the course and to get a feel of who they will be running against in the conference. It serves as a time for them to practice and get a sense of what they need to work on.

"Both teams won their last race and it was against all conference competition, which is good news," Wilkerson said.

At the Denison Invitational, the women finished the race in a pack, with Marisa Brown, '15, leading and Ariel Rittenhouse, '18, following a couple seconds behind.

"I wasn't completely happy with my performance, but I

think it was a good start," Rittenhouse said. "I was really glad I was able to contribute to the team. I look forward to dropping time in the next meet now that I have established a starting base time and I look forward to the Gators having a close running pack."

Brown finished the race with a time of 24:03.4 in the 6k race.

"It was a really fun race for the top four or five girls to work with each other and to push each other to work a little bit harder and to move up closer to the top girls," Brown said. "I was really focusing on controlling my race and pushing the second half more than the first. I am really excited to see how the team continues to improve, especially at the Paul Short race this weekend."

Rittenhouse, who was following right behind Brown finished at a time of 24:09.9.

Finishing fifth were S.J Guillaume, '17, with a time of 24:20.1 and Alyssa Brindle-sixth, '16, finishing at 24:27.4. These women finished within a couple of seconds of each other. The pack has a complex dynamic with veteran Brown leading the pack and Rittenhouse following her.

"This is the first year we had a pack of runners, they finished within ten seconds of each other. That's the kind of team that does well in a championship," Wilkerson said.

The Men's Cross Country team showed excellence at the Denison Invitational as well, with Logan Steiner, '16, winning the 8k race with a time of 26:42.3. Steiner was ten seconds ahead of the second place runner from Denison.

"A lot of our top guys were out due to injuries, so seeing us do well as a whole was really awesome," Steiner said. "It really made me realize that we aren't anything without each other. Not one runner is more valuable than the other."

Following Steiner was Randy Violette, '15, who finished 4th place overall with a time of 27:13.7.

"Randy Violette is transitioning from being a guy that was outside of our top 7 and is now our 2nd best runner. He's going through a lot of changes and has worked through an injury last year. He works diligently," said Wilkerson

The men's team had six runners finish in the top eleven at the invitational.

The Conference consisted of the teams participating in the all-conference meets. The Gators placed with 26 total points from the invitational, with Denison following with 30 points.

The Gators are ranked 20th in the Division III poll and will be back to face these teams on October 4th at the Paul Short Classic.

Chompers changes to blue for Homecoming 2014

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Many have been whispering about the new and improved Allegheny College mascot the past few weeks. On Sept. 17, Portia Hoeg, director of athletics and recreation, announced at a Students-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting that Chompers, the official Allegheny Mascot, will now be blue and will be unveiled during Homecoming events in Oct. Visuals were passed around the room as everyone took in the change.

Since April of 1925, Allegheny's mascot has been green. However, for the College's 200th anniversary, Hoeg, along with a few executive members of SAAC, decided a change must be made. This transformation sparked students' attention. Allegheny's official colors do not include the color green, however, according to the Gator Logos page on Allegheny's website, green, white, and grey are the only appropriate colors for the alligator. A blue gator is not an acceptable logo according to the site.

However, Chompers is not a logo, he is a mascot and therefore does not need to follow the logo guidelines.

Patrick Cole, '14, and Kevin Snyder, '14, 2013-14 executive board members of SAAC, responded to a petition by Admissions Counselor Zeben Ashton stating in an email to

SAAC members and Hoeg, "We want one thing to be clear: logos and images are not changing, only the mascot."

"I personally don't really care. It's an alligator but our school colors are blue and gold," Patrick Orr, '17.

Although Orr may not have a strong opinion on the matter, 508 Allegheny members, including faculty and students, have signed Ashton's petition on change.org where Ashton used the website against Hoeg with the trend #gatorsaregreen.

Cole and Snyder agree with Orr, stating "The Allegheny colors are blue and yellow, not green. Have you ever seen an Allegheny sports team decked out in a green uniform during a competition? We haven't"

Melissa Lunz, '17, disagrees with their argument.

"I have been to numerous athletic competitions to support my friends and they all have some sort of green in their uniforms," Lunz said. "Whether it's a hair bow, shoe laces or pre-wrap, they always incorporate it. Plus, alligators are not blue."

Cole and Snyder responded that other schools such as Wittenburg University have a red tiger as their mascot.

Athletic staff were asked for comments and opinions concerning Chompers' improvement, however all were advised to make no comments by higher officials.

"I would really prefer the

focus be on the students," Hoeg stated in an email concerning the matter.

Athletes and nonathletes were asked throughout the week if they would like to say anything about Chompers turning blue. Unfortunately, many athletes wished to not be named.

"I like it green. I don't really have a big opinion, but I do like Chompers green," Fran Weber, '18, said.

Although Chompers staying green is a very large topic in the Athletic Department, Allegheny Student Government (ASG) also had a lot to talk about concerning the mascot.

During the Sept. 23 meeting, Hoeg addressed the mascot costume changes. In an email by Veronica Schuver, the significant points of the meeting were documented for all to see. A poll was taken asking the color of Chompers where 40 students voted Chompers should be dark green while one voted blue.

Another matter of Chompers' masculinity has been added to the Chompers situation. With new concerns on the table, Hoeg announced by the end of the meeting that there is no release date for the new mascot costume, which left everyone wondering if a change would actually happen.

Legacy athlete: Cam Olson

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Cam Olson, '15, is a returning soccer player and captain on the Allegheny Men's Soccer Team. Many know of Cam Olson's accomplishments on the soccer team while he has played at Allegheny, but not many know of the history behind his decision to come to Allegheny or about the fact that both of his parents played sports at Allegheny in their time here.

Cam Olson did not always want to go to Allegheny. He wanted to go a Division I school and play soccer but ended up getting injured just before his senior year of high school, which hindered his decision.

"[Allegheny] was actually my last choice," Cam Olson said. "It ended up being the only place that still offered me a starting position as well as a great education. But now, it is my first choice."

Cam Olson said he never really thought about going to his parent's alma mater.

"I always had aspirations to play at the highest level possible," Cam Olson said.

He said although it was not where he expected to end up he is glad he did and playing at and attending a school where his family graduated from has brought him closer to his parents and has also given him an even stronger relationship with the school.

"It gives me something to talk about," Cam Olson said. "Even though Allegheny is already a close-knit community it gives me the opportunity to make a lot of connections around campus."

Cam Olson's father Ron Olson, '86, who played football while at Allegheny, believes that Cam ended up at Allegheny for a reason.

"While Allegheny College was one of his college choices he was on a different path in regard to his collegiate soccer career until he underwent

knee surgery in the spring prior to his senior year of high school," Ron Olson said. "The approach the orthopedic doctor took to repair his knee was better for Cameron long term but it dramatically changed the college soccer recruiting process for him. The saying "the obstacle is the path" is one Cam embraces."

Cam Olson's father said that no matter where he went to school his parents would have supported him just the same.

"In the end it was always Cameron's decision. He had to feel that the fit was right and we would have supported him regardless of where he attended – but, of course, his mother and I are pleased he chose Allegheny," Ron Olson said.

Ron Olson also said Cam's coach, Angelo Panzetta, played a large role in helping Cam decide where he wanted to go in the end.

"Coach Panzetta took an active role during the college selection process discussing options with Cameron and offering guidance," Ron Olson said.

Cam Olson said that his re-

lationship with his coach and the football coach, because of his father's involvement, have been stronger due to the connections from his parent's past.

"Even though my dad and I played two different sports I'm a lot closer with the football coach and football team because of him," Cam Olson said. "There's a 30 year difference though so things have faded out and allowed me to have my own experiences."

Panzetta, who is entering his 14th season as a coach, said being a legacy athlete would increase any athlete's pride in their school and in their team.

"There is an added connection to the school that comes with being a legacy," Panzetta said.

Panzetta said being a legacy works in his favor during the recruiting process because parents can give more information to the potential athlete about what the school is like.

Although things did not turn out the way Cam Olson anticipated; Cam, his parents, and his coach are happy with where his decision to come to Allegheny has led him.



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Ron Olson, '86, pictured with Cam Olson, '15. R. Olson played football during his time at Allegheny and C, Olson plays soccer now.

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