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Aubrey Hall, '22, campaigns for Vote for Meadville candidates on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2, outside of Grace United Methodist Church on N. Main Street in Meadville.

ELECTION RESULTS AS OF THURSDAY, NOV. 4:

MEADVILLE CITY MAYOR

JAMIE KINDER (D) - 1,327
WRITE-IN - 1,221

MEADVILLE CITY COUNCIL

GRETCHEN MYERS (D) - 1,313
JACK HARKLESS (D) - 1,181
JIM ROHA (R) - 1,336
NANCY MANGILO BITTNER (R) - 1,310

CRAWFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

JAN FELEPPA (D/R) - 4,251
HOLLY CHATMAN (D/R) - 3,883
ELYSE PALMER (D/R) - 3,807
RYAN PICKERING(D/R) - 3,844
WRITE-IN - 1,118

Editor's Note: These are unofficial results. Results are posted at crawford-countypa.net/voterservices/documents/2021general.pdf

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'Sourdough Culture': Eric Pallant hosts book signing

Pallant's first book explores history and methods of breadmaking across the globe

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Christine Scott Nelson, '73, Endowed Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability Eric Pallant's new book "Sourdough Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers," brought a look into the history of sourdough bread as well as a guide for how to start.

On Monday Nov. 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Grounds for Change at the Henderson Campus Center, Pallant did a book signing for his newly-released book.

The event started with an explanation of what sourdough is while students received samples of Pallant's homemade sourdough bread.

"Sourdough contains a collection of wild yeast and wild bacteria," Pallant said. "We are surrounded by little microscopic organisms, most of which are harmless and a couple are viruses that have related to things that have ruined our lives for the past three years."

After his explanation of sourdough, Pallant read an excerpt from his book which described his initial introduction to sourdough bread.

"If it weren't for the gentle persistence of my wife I would avoid most social gatherings," Pallant read. "I would have found an excuse not to attend the picnic hosted by Quimby Mamula, director of financial aid at Allegheny College. None of us knew that at the time that the bread we ate with lunch was baked from a sourdough starter that I would later find out was nearing its 100th birthday."

Along with the opportunity to purchase a book at the discounted price of \$23, students could also purchase sourdough starter for \$5. The purchase of a starter entered the person into a raffle in which they could win a full sourdough loaf. Pallant explained that selling zip-lock bags of starters are a way to have insurance in the event that he loses his culture and needs a sample.

"I went away for six months and gave my starter to a neighbour and he threw it out after two months," Pallant said. "I was horrified, which is why I gave these starters to everybody."

Students came to the book signing for a variety of reasons relating to their interest in baking or for their loved ones.

Vice President of Allegheny Student Government Sophie Adams, '22, shared why she was interested in attending the book signing.



EVELYN ZAVALA/THE CAMPUS

Professor Eric Pallant (far left) waits as students line up to get their books signed at GFC on Nov. 1.

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JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS ALLEGHENY

Ambassador Dina Kawar of Jordan to the United States spoke virtually with students in a Quigley event.



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Allegheny Football wears pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

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WOMENS' CROSS COUNTRY WINS BIG

The women's cross country team won their 16th NCAC Championship last weekend in Springfield, Ohio.

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FRIDAY



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Rain: 10%
Sunrise: 7:57 a.m.
Sunset: 6:09 p.m.

SATURDAY



H: 52° L: 35°
Rain: 7%
Sunrise: 7:59 a.m.
Sunset: 6:08 p.m.

SUNDAY



H: 56° L: 40°
Rain: 7%
Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.
Sunset: 5:07 p.m.

NCAC to collect data on racial climate

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Students across campus checked their emails on Oct. 25 to find a message from Kristin Dukes, Dean for Institutional Diversity at the College, informing them of an upcoming anonymous survey that they would have the opportunity to complete: the National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates.

“Your responses are essential to us gaining a better understanding of campus climate and for making Allegheny a more welcoming and inclusive com-

munity,” Dukes wrote.

Intercultural Advocate Maya Francisco, ’24, recalled her pleased reaction upon seeing this email.

“When I saw it, I was very happy to see it, because I know that we try to gauge ... students’ perspectives,” Francisco said. “But this one specifically was on a personal level and a community level, which I think was a step in the right direction.”

One day later, students received an additional email from Dukes with a link to the survey, along with links to information about the Inclusion, Diversity,

Equity, Access and Social Justice Center and the Counseling and Professional Development Center as on-campus resources.

The survey, according to the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center website, is the product of over 10 years of research conducted by the Race and Equity Center with a focus on assessing the racial climate of institutions across the nation. A quantitative assessment, it is designed to answer “how” questions and provide numerical data to either support or disprove a hypothesis, which in this case concerns the racial climate of a United States undergraduate college campus.

In November of 2020, Allegheny joined 50 other institutions nationwide — the likes of which include Bucknell University and Westminster College — to create the Liberal Arts Colleges Racial Equity Leadership Alliance, an initiative spearheaded by the Race and Equity Center.

One of the perks of being part of this alliance is the opportunity to complete a set of racial climate surveys on a three-year rotational basis. As this is Allegheny’s first full year of membership, the current survey on the rotation is the one aimed at students — the NACCC. The surveys offered in the second and third years of membership will be filled out by faculty and staff respectively.

In the survey, students are first asked to answer a few questions about themselves, indicating such things as their class year and their sexual orientation and

their race to get a baseline for how they might respond to later queries. Throughout the survey there is an emphasis on learning students’ sense of inclusion on campus, and even in the broader community of the college town. Do students feel like they matter, that they belong at their institution based on their experiences with on-campus services or social events? Do their interactions in the college town tell a similar story?

Furthermore, the NACCC seeks to make a distinction between campus experiences with white people and people of color, be they faculty or staff or fellow students. With whom do students primarily have conversations surrounding race? With whom do students find themselves hanging out? Are they met with similar levels of concern and support from white professors and professors of color, or is there a notable difference?

The questions that follow further explore race as it pertains to the College. Students must gauge the impact political influences like police brutality and anti-Asian sentiments have had on racial tension on campus. They must also reflect on how often they have experienced racism personally while at Allegheny. These questions, and the memories that they stir up, can naturally be triggering, but there are campus resources to help students process their experiences and their emotions.

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Happy 164th Birthday, Ida Tarbell!



Photo source: sites.allegheny.edu/journalism/history
Ida Tarbell (1857-1944) was an alumnae of Allegheny College and was most famous for her reporting on the Standard Oil Company.

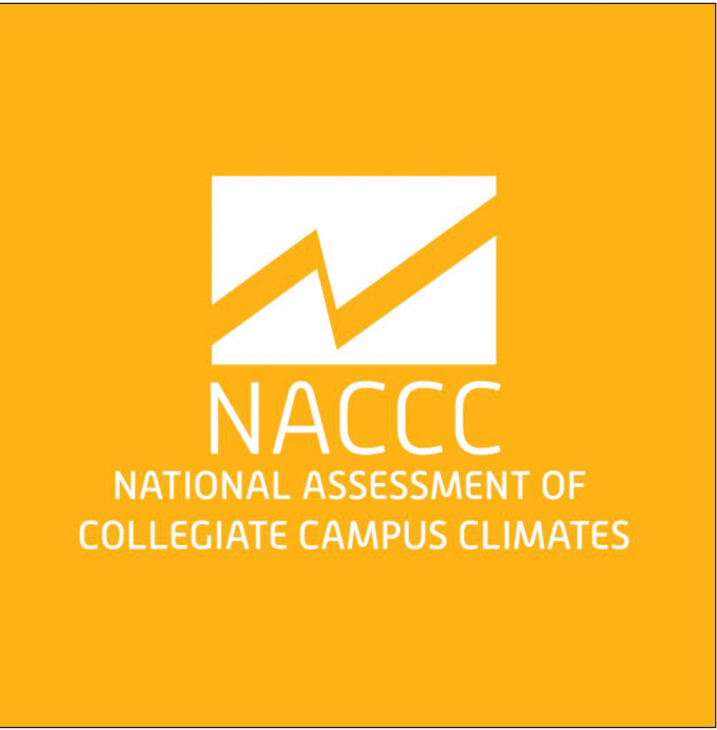


Photo source: @NACCCSurvey/TWITTER
The National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates, created by the University of Southern California’s Race and Equity Center, consists of surveys on race for undergraduate students, faculty, and staff. These anonymous and confidential surveys are then used by the given college’s administration to improve the racial climate on their campus.

THE LAST OF FALL

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Right: The fall sun shines behind Carnegie Hall.

SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Left: The drop in temperature that brought brief snow the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, also brought hail midday to the intersection of North Main and North Streets in Meadville.

Below center: Trees in front of Bentley Hall in full bloom.



Left: Bentley Hall and Brooks Walk bask in the fall sunshine.



Right: Colorful trees beside Brooks Hall.



IT’S WAR!

Juniors claim victory, sophomores slump in APO’s ‘Penny Wars’

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The Allegheny College Chi chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity hosted Penny Wars which concluded on Nov. 1.

For Penny Wars, students were able to participate themselves in the Penny Wars by donating different types of coins or dollars. Donation areas were set up in Brooks and the campus center. Last week, Grounds for Change was the home for the Penny Wars boxes. Penny Wars was shaped in a way for it to be a challenge for class years, as well as faculty and staff.

Each coin was able to have a positive effect on your year or a negative one on another if you chose to do that. Silver coins — like nickels, dimes and quarters — were negative points. So if you put a silver coin into a different class year you would take points away from that class. However pennies and dollars were positive points so you would want to put those into your class year.

Philanthropy chair Faythe Schulte, ’23, organized Penny Wars.

The proceeds went to St. James Haven, a temporary shelter for men in Meadville located on North Main St. They house up to 14 men per night, and during the day the men work at the Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program.

At the end of the day the men can return back to St James Haven to get their sleep.

“It is a safe place for the men to live, until they get back up on their feet.” Schulte explained.

The men that stay at St. James place do not necessarily need to work for CHAPS — they are able to go out and get their own job if they can. The men have the opportunity to find a job and not have to worry about where they are going to sleep every night, thanks to St. James Haven.

As an added bonus to all their good deeds so far, APO is going to exchange their change for bills.

“In the end we are actually going to do a change swap with Grounds for Change, because there is a national change shortage,” Schulte said.

Preston Turk, ’24, was very excited about the way the charity was trying to get people to donate.

“I thought it was a fun way for people to donate,” Turk said. “When I first saw it I just threw a bunch of nickels and dimes into one of the boxes. I am honestly not really sure which one. But the next day I went and put a couple dollars in the sophomore class.”

Ian Craycroft, ’23, was happy that APO was doing something to help the local community more.

“I feel like most charities usually go to the bigger foundations,” Craycroft said. “Don’t get me wrong, I am all for that but sometimes I think it is better for people to donate to smaller charities that may need more help. I donated the coins that I had lying around plus a couple dollars so hopefully that can help.”

Ian Eggert, ’23, made sure some of his Theta Chi friends donated.

“I talked to some of my brothers last week and told them to give whatever change they had to St. James Haven,” Eggert said.

Before the final day of Penny Wars some of the Alpha Phi Omegas did a dorm storm where they went to a residence hall and knocked on some doors to get some final donations.

“Through Penny Wars, we raised a total of \$354.38 for St. James Haven,” Schulte said.

The winner of Penny Wars was the junior class who raised a total of \$142.61 and had a total of 5,371 points. In second place the senior class had a total of 1,938 points. In third place was the first-year class with a total of 565 points. And finally in last place was the sophomore class with -1,108 points.

“I am really proud of the community coming together because the boxes are pretty full,” Schulte said.

PENNY WARS POINT TOTALS	
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2nd: SENIORS	1,938
3rd: FIRST-YEARS	565
4th: SOPHOMORES	-1,108

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Located on the third floor of the Henderson Campus Center, the IDEAS Center — with which the Intercultural Advocates program is affiliated — provides a safe space for conversations surrounding equity and inclusion, conversations that this survey might foster. Intercultural Advocates like Francisco and Crystal Hernandez, ’23, play a large role in creating those spaces and promoting those ideals.

Hernandez commented on potential fears students might have when it comes to making use of the center and the services that it offers.

“I think people are a little intimidated to go into the IDEAS Center, but you don’t need to go in there for any reason,” Hernandez said. “If you want to chill, you can.”

With programs like the IDEAS Center and initiatives

like the Intercultural Advocates, students have options when seeking inclusive spaces, even in just a casual sense, which can heighten the feeling of belonging that the survey tries to gauge.

Specifically, according to Hernandez, the Intercultural Advocates intend on hosting monthly events beginning in November, as well as open up select hours for students to come in and talk.

The NACCC website states that “participating NACCC institutions will receive a customized NACCC Report that includes aggregated data from their students and a NACCC Climate Score that permits benchmarking with participating institutions and that provides recommendations for making their campus more inclusive.” The emphasis is on learning and moving forward given the results.

Francisco and Hernandez suggested that they would like to see the recommendations or the results of the survey first before determining the best course of action to take.

“One path we could take is to be able to use the recommendations or the results as a way to maybe create awareness of ‘this is how your community is feeling,’” Francisco said. “I think people are less aware of or less conscious about what’s going on, how other people are thinking.”

By way of upcoming events like campus microclimate assessments in the spring, strategic planning initiatives such as the

action plan for addressing racial inequity and systemic racism on campus, and individual consults,

Dukes and the rest of her Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are already taking strides towards ameliorating issues that the survey explores. This work will involve making use of information gleaned from previous campus climate surveys.

“Allegheny is an orchestra,” Dukes remarked. “Allegheny is a symphony of beautiful music, but there needs to be a conductor of course to keep us on the same page, and ODEI is that conductor of the orchestra.”

—KRISTIN DUKES
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Allegheny College

SOURDOUGH

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“I came here to buy a book as a gift and also because I am excited to try the method described in the book,” Adams said. “I’ll definitely bake one when I am home for winter break. I want my bread to taste that good.”

Pallant explained the historical questions his book tackles about how sourdough bread making has evolved far from traditional practices.

“Why after 6,000 years have so many people given up on sourdough in favor of bread designed by engineers to exit a factory line with all the reliability and taste of a Model T?” Pallant said.

Rudra Schultz-Ray, ’23, explained his interest in reading Pallant’s book.

“I am really interested in baking so I thought I should show up and try to get some tips and experiences,” Schultz-Ray said. “I want to gain a further understanding of sourdough and from what I’ve heard the book is more about the history. I love history which made me want to learn more about sourdough’s history aside from the eating part.”

Pallant explained his intention of what kind of book he wanted to write.

“I refused to write a book that was an academic book,” Pallant said. “I only wanted to write a book that I would actually read. There is a penalty for being a professor in that nobody believed that a professor could write a book that would be readable.”

The winner of the raffle Blake Neiderlander, ’24, shared his main takeaways from the book signing.

“I think one of the things that really hit home was that it inspired me to keep on writing,” Neiderlander said. “The fact that his journey of writing was a nonlinear pathway and he had that challenge of always revising that journey. That was something that inspired the little writer in me that wants to come out to not let writing go.”

Pallant shared his intention of writing another book.

“I’m thinking the next book is going to be about where your bread comes from from cradle to grave and it’s going to start in Western Sahara,” Pallant said.

What does that have to do with bread? It’s because it is sitting on the world’s largest phosphorus mine and without it no food grows. It will be much more back to my environmental roots.”

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CRIME BLOTTER

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October 19, 2021
Theft
Campus Center

October 28, 2021
Theft
Baldwin Hall

October 29, 2021
Theft
On Campus

'BODEQUALITY' a step in the right direction

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Every time I have turned on Hulu for the past week or so, I have seen the commercial (yes, commercials, for I am a broke college student) for Old Navy’s new decision, cleverly titled “BOD-EQUALITY,” to include all women’s clothing sizes 0-30 in stores and online. They announced this by having Saturday Night Live cast member Aidy Bryant dance with women of all different sizes in jeans and shirts in a rainbow of shades. With an upbeat song and dance number, the ad draws you in until it delivers this bombshell: all sizes 0-30.

Now I am sure some of you do not know what this means or why it is such a big deal. As a plus-size woman who has been a size 18 since freshman year of high school, I know a lot about this subject. Most clothing stores that try to cater towards women or those who choose to wear “women’s” clothes cap their in-store sizes at 14 or 16, with more available online. If they choose to include higher sizes in their store, the 16 and ups can be found in their own separate section normally labeled “plus size” or “women’s.” This makes sense because the bigger you are, the more of a woman you are, right? But whatever the reason, the clothes have been separated — pushed aside — because why would they need to be mixed in with all of the other clothes?

A couple of weeks ago, I actually went to an Old Navy while I was out shopping with my roommates. The three other women that I room with are smaller than I am when it comes to clothing size, so while they walked in and found something to try on in most other stores, I was left empty-handed. I did make it out of one store with a shirt, but it took me quite a while to find it on the plus size rack.

In Old Navy, however, I started to discover something unique: all of the larger sized clothes were just on the regular racks with everything else. Anything that you could have found in a size 4 was also in a size 4X. I was shocked. I did not fall in love with any of their clothes, nor did I buy anything. But that was the one store I did not stop talking about because of their size diversity.

Why was this such a groundbreaking experience? Obviously I get clothes from somewhere. In fact, when I am not at school, I work at an extended size women’s clothing store called Torrid, which is where I have bought most of my clothes both pre- and post-employment. But I will not lie, they can



Fat people want to wear cute clothes. We want to wear crop tops, form fitting dresses and short shorts — but we can not, because the fashion industry will not let us.”

—VICTORIA SMITH
Class of 2022

be quite expensive, as is the norm with most specialty clothing stores. Even in your regular department store like Macy’s, the price of the clothing sectioned off and pushed into a corner is normally higher than anything else. And I know that we should be avoiding fast fashion, but there certainly is not a larger section of plus size clothing at any thrift store I have been in lately either. So, why are we hidden in the back of the store and charged an arm and a leg for our t-shirts?

It is because of our fatphobic society. Say whatever you will about being progressive, but it is the truth. In our post-BMI world, we should be more welcoming to those of larger size, especially those who identify as women. Even declaring our world “post-BMI” is a stretch, as I and a few other people I know got their COVID vaccines in phase one because our BMI technically makes us obese — which is absolutely ridiculous. My “obese” self should be able to buy the same clothes as my size medium roommate if I want to. Fat people want to wear cute clothes. We want to wear crop tops, form fitting dresses and short shorts — but we can not, because the fashion industry will not let us.

Old Navy is doing something great by having every item offered in a range of sizes. Still, they should not be the only ones doing it, and it should not be so abnormal. We should not be shamed for our size when we are perfectly healthy and happy. We should not be forced to pay more for clothes that are larger sizes when the average body size of women has gone up over time.

It is time to stop making anyone feel bad about their body when they are happy in it. The amount of dressing rooms I have cried in because of the lack of size 18’s is ridiculous. Do not push us away. We are fat. We are fashionable. The two things do not have to be mutually exclusive. Stop making us feel like they do.

The convoluted charisma of "You" Season three evokes confusing emotions

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Editor’s note: this article contains spoilers. Content warning: discussion of themes of substance abuse, domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, murder and suicide.

The Netflix series “You” is my guilty pleasure. There. I said it. I love a show about a bibliophile who spends his days stalking women and killing members of both sexes and has a glass cage for detaining his victims until he decides what to do with them. I started watching the show when it first came to Netflix in 2018 and, like the rest of the internet, I was hooked from the jump. The TLC afforded to each and every character really drew me in. You notice that sort of thing as a writer. Plus, Penn Badgley absolutely kills it as Joe. No pun intended.

The third season came out on Friday, Oct. 15. After watching that week’s new “Great British Baking Show” episode, I knew what was next on my watchlist. Three days later, I was sitting in my dorm room wondering what the hell I had just watched. It wasn’t that I did not like the season — I enjoyed watching Joe learn, really learn, that he is not the only one around with a proclivity towards violence. (Even though he won in the end. RIP Love.) But something about it just felt ... off.

The new characters weren’t anything to complain about. I liked the absurdity of Sherry and Cary and could not help but root for them when they had their cage moment. Even though Sherry is the type to talk about you behind your back but play sweet to your face, and Cary seems like he would unironically say “Saturdays are for the boys” and drink keto protein shakes like they’re water, the two are sweet and surprisingly charismatic together. Plus I liked the representation that they brought to the table. Not only is Cary bisexual, but rarely do you see a polyamorous couple on any screen.

Joe’s boss, Marianne, is where things get interesting. I do not have a problem with her as a character; her uptightness struck a chord with me, and whenever she was on screen, a smile instinctively

crept onto my face. I do, however, have a problem with the way she is used in the story — but I will touch on that later.

I think my main issue lies with the season’s overarching storyline. Joe’s re-actor neighbor Natalie, who we caught a glimpse of at the end of the season 2 finale, and with whom our protagonist has become quite obsessed, makes a move on Joe, and Love finds out and kills her right after Natalie shows her a lot that she thinks would be perfect for a bakery. This all happens in the first episode, mind you, and that threw me for a loop.

A “you” established and killed off basically in one episode? It felt like a lot to squish into 52 minutes, and vaguely reminiscent of the *Scream* movie, where (spoiler alert) Drew Barrymore’s character is murdered by Ghostface within the first twenty minutes. She is primed to be the main character, the “final girl” if you will. For Pete’s sake, she is featured front and center on the movie poster. But as it turns out, Sidney Prescott is our final girl.

The rest of the season deals with the fallout of Love’s decision, how the whole town is in an uproar, Sherry puts together a search party and, although the Quinn-Goldbergs find a way to frame someone else for the crime, Natalie’s husband is not buying it. He proceeds to basically violate the privacy of everyone in Madre Linda by gaining access to cameras around town, just to have a glimpse of Natalie’s final moments. In the end, he figures out that a Quinn-Goldberg killed her, but he remains a bit fuzzy on the specifics, believing the killer was the husband when in fact, it was the wife.

This storyline somehow managed to both squeeze too much into too little time and drag on for too long. If I were in the writer’s room, I would have killed Natalie off in the third or fourth episode.



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'Being youself' involves a whole lot of other people

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“Be yourself” is good advice, given the fact that it is impossible to do otherwise — everyone else is already taken, and you are, by definition, yourself, regardless of how you change over time or reflect qualities of others. Of course, the expression is meant to suggest that one should strive for authenticity and allow the natural personality to shine, rather than obscure one’s way of being for fear of social scrutiny. This is also good advice.

Still, I feel that there is a tension between this sentiment and the reality that no one is free from the influence of others. The person that you are is at least partially composed of fragments of those you have met, known or to whom you have been exposed. That no individual is perfectly unique is not a troublesome thought for me, but rather a comfort, even a compliment.

I, and likely everyone alive, have had the pleasure of knowing so many wonderful people, and I am honored to think that I share in any degree those qualities that I find wonderful — intelligence, kindness, determination,

open-mindedness, thoughtfulness and many more.

We learn how to be people from other people: we observe the behaviors of others, we react and reflect, we model their behavior, we accept or reject values and correlative actions motivated by those values and somewhere along the way, we grow out from the flabby, crawling animalism of infancy and into relative independence, maturity and adulthood. Somewhere along this journey, we develop and curate personalities we would like to think of as unique.

Sure, everyone is unique (and no, this does not make everyone collectively less unique), but everyone is also connected. I am generally hesitant to make sweeping, universal claims about human nature proper, but it seems nearly self-evident that social interdependence is one of the most fundamental characteristics of human life in the anthropocene.

The boundaries of the self are permeable and nebulous, as well as ever-evolving. Western hyperindividualism and its predominance as a social doctrine have led many to believe that people are capable of rationally constructing identity without any reference to others at all and that one’s ideas are the product

of their mind alone.

In reality, however, searching for meaning, peace, happiness or whatever you would like to call it would be an utter shot in the dark if we were not blessed with the ability to communicate with others and make use of their ideas as stimulus for our own, like kindling without which one’s campfire would never burn.

The ability to communicate with others, though worthwhile and often delightful, is not a clear, simple task. I know I struggle to stay in touch with others, to convey my thoughts in a fashion that seems to capture whatever I want to express and to understand why people say the things they say. I am old-fashioned; I like snail mail and am very easily overwhelmed by notifications and other forms of communication involving mediation of human thought through screens and pixels.

For these reasons, I have a tendency to become somewhat of a hermit when I am faced with stress. Alone time is immensely valuable and comforting to me, and I am entitled to making time and space to turn my attention away from others and toward myself as needed. Still, I find that when I am in my hermit eras, I yearn for the back-and-forth

noggin content sharing that is dialogue.

I am only me; I like to think that I am reasonably good at thinking, but without others around, my ideas are far more likely to settle into an inert state. Exposing my ideas to the criticism and praise of others is how I strengthen the foundations of thought from which I form my beliefs, desires and ideals. Through this process, what was a feeble modicum of cognition grows and expands exponentially larger than isolation and independent reflection could have ever allowed.

Although I have thus far focused on the significance of interpersonal interaction to the development of ideas, people also depend on one another materially and physically. The mere existence of children, the elderly and people with disabilities undermines the possibility of living in total isolation, both for those who need others to take care of them and for those who are in a position to care for those in need. There are still more forms of connection I could discuss, but my point is that I cannot underscore enough how deeply, fundamentally and inescapably connected people are.

The more time we spend with others, the more likely it is that elements

I would have spread that plot out more — same outcome, more time to get there. I understand what they were trying to do — hook us from the start and make us wonder where the season could go from here — but it did not work for me. I felt like I was experiencing whiplash every time the story switched between the Natalie and Marianne storylines.

Let’s look back at all the “you’s across the series. For those unfamiliar with the show, its narration is essentially a series of one-sided dialogues Joe has with the latest woman with whom he’s developed an obsession — his “you.” In season one, we had Beck. In season two, we had Love, my personal favorite because, well, Victoria Pedretti. And in season three, it was kind of all over the place. First there was Natalie. Then there was Love, again, if you want to count her. Then seemingly out of nowhere we shifted to Marianne.

I really wish that Marianne had not turned into a “you.” I know this was supposed to show how Joe is never satisfied with what he has for long, but it was too much. For me, the season became convoluted when Joe started looking at her differently. Were we really going to do this again? All of the sudden, she was less her own person and more Joe’s latest conquest. It was, dare I say it, getting to be a tad trite, especially after Natalie.

As I said earlier, I didn’t dislike this season. The new characters were great, and acting-wise, everyone brought their A-game. But I’m going to take a trip back into the writer’s room. Natalie should have been the main “you” so Marianne could have maintained her personhood, with a similar level of involvement in the story. As to what that involvement would entail, however, I am not sure. A bookish friend for our bookish protagonist? Perhaps. Unlike Joe, I don’t have all the answers.



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of their personalities will rub off on us. Since we cannot reasonably avoid others, we should not cling to some threadbare conception of the self as a cohesive and unique fabric whose every fiber was meticulously woven together by an individual. We are rather more like rag rugs: cloth scraps taken from many different items, torn to pieces and tied together into a unique assortment composed of recycled fragments.

I for one am grateful for the great permeability of the self — I certainly would not be as cool as I believe myself to be if I had never had significant help from others.

Jordanian ambassador connects with students

Ambassador Dina Kawar visits virturally for Quigley discussion

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Students packed Quigley auditorium during the lunch hour on Oct. 27 to participate in a talk with Ambassador Dina Kawar of Jordan to the United States. Kawar formerly served as the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations, where she became the first Arab woman to preside over the United Nations Security Council during Jordan’s non-permanent membership.

Notably, Kawar’s talk — which took place virtually — was highly interactive, inviting questions and comments from the students in the audience. Despite technical difficulties, the ambassador was able to converse with the students and faculty present, tailoring her presentation to their interests.

According to Sami Alkayam, assistant professor of Arabic and organizer of the event, the ambassador suggested that the talk be more of a discussion than a lecture, as she was more interested in hearing students’ thoughts and questions concerning Jordan than delivering a speech. He attributes this interest in student interaction to the ambassador’s own background as a liberal arts student.

“She made it clear that she values the mission of liberal arts education, which follows the interactive approach of



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS

Students participate in a discussion with Ambassador Dina Kawar of Jordan to the United States on Oct. 27 in Quigley auditorium. Kawar discussed interdisciplinary topics as they relate to Jordan and international affairs.

teaching,” Alkayam said. “She thought that would be a better chance for (her) to connect with these students.”

In true liberal arts fashion, the event — which was originally planned exclusively for the students of the Middle Eastern and North African Studies department before being expanded to the campus as a whole — quickly turned into an interdepartmental affair.

During the talk, Kawar covered topics everywhere from the film industry in Jordan to international refugee aid, tying in such departments as world languages & cultures, economics, history,

environmental science and sustainability, and political science.

“We are a college that really focuses on the ways that questions intersect across formal academic disciplines,” said Shanna Kirschner, associate professor and department chair of political science. “I think (intersection is), in some ways, a no-brainer ... particularly for this talk, that was really easy.”

The wide range of disciplines present in the room became evident during the question-and-answer period, in which the questions ranged from life in refugee camps to the effects of climate change

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on the Jordanian economy. According to the organizers, this was the intended effect of the talk. Alkayam, in organizing the event, hoped that drawing in students from a diverse range of academic dis-

ciplines would spur conversation that would in turn allow students to contextualize their studies within the framework of international politics.

“I thought, regardless of the technical difficulties that we sometimes experienced, (the ambassador’s visit) answered some important questions,” Rudra Schultz-Ray, ’23, said.

There was a high turnout for the event, a fact which Kirschner attributed to both the interdisciplinary nature of the subject and the interest of Allegheny students.

“I hope that some of those students came away with more interest in the Middle East, more interest in states like Jordan, and ... just knowing a bit more about something that doesn’t always cross our radar,” Kirschner said.

During the talk, Kawar answered a question regarding her path to becoming a diplomat. She attributed her success in part to her educational background — particularly her study of foreign languages — citing her fluency in English, Arabic and French as one of the most valuable life skills she developed through school.

She stressed the rewards of politics as a career throughout her talk, and especially at the end.

“I think being an ambassador is the most interesting and most fulfilling feeling you can get,” Kawar said. “It’s a beautiful job.”

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—DINA KAWAR
Ambassador of Jordan to the US

She went on to praise the personal fulfillment that she gains from a career in diplomacy, sharing stories of visiting refugee camps in Jordan.

As for the continuing effects of the visit, Alkayam hopes that students came away with a sense of empowerment. He believes that the ambassador has a knack for reaching students, citing her open and engaging manner as well as her educational background similar to students at Allegheny.

“I wanted students to have a role model that they can look to,” Alkayam said. “We always invite students to dream big and think about the future as big ... We ask them to keep dreaming of becoming something that they’ve always wanted. This (was) a chance for students, first of all, to connect with someone who is informed about the region, but also someone that they can look at as a role model for them and their education and their endeavors in the future.”

Germany EL to explore international sustainability

Summer 2022 EL stops in Cologne, Watt, Berlin, Cottbus and Freiburg

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Experiential learning trips are full of opportunities for students to learn more about the cultures and environments of countries that they are not familiar with.

Some serve the purpose of learning more about that country in a cultural context, while others can be more informative and particular to one issue.

Next summer, Allegheny College will be offering students the opportunity to travel to Germany to learn more about German culture while also having the opportunity to learn more about sustainability in the country.

Julia Ludewig, assistant professor of German, spoke on the significant history of Germans and their relationship with nature.

“Germany really, among other European nations, developed a rather specific relation to nature and especially in relation to the forest,” Ludewig said.

During the Germany EL trip, students will visit six major cities to learn more about the ways that German people

live in a way that protects the environment.

The trip will begin in Cologne, a city in central west Germany.

Here, students will have the opportunity to visit the University of Cologne.

Jesse Swann-Quinn, assistant professor of environmental science and sustainability and co-leader for this trip, explained how visiting Cologne benefits the trip.

“A big part of what we’d be doing in Cologne is interacting with other university students,” Swann-Quinn said. “There’s so much higher learning that happens there — typically related to climate and environment. And some justice focus as well.”

Not only will the students have the opportunity to visit the country, but they will also get to visit large universities in Germany to see if they could envision themselves studying abroad.

During their time in Cologne, students will get to learn more about one major form of environmental sustainability — the zero-waste lifestyle.

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—JULIA LUDEWIG
Assistant Professor of German, Allegheny College

“Cologne is quite an active sustainability scene and one aspect that we really want to focus on is the zero-waste lifestyle,” Ludewig said. “A woman named Olga Witt lives there who has really turned her life upside down.”

From there, students will have the opportunity to visit Bremen, a city in the northern region of Germany.

In Bremen, there is a lot of renewable energy that is produced from wind turbines.

During this part of the trip, students will have the opportunity to learn more about wind energy lobbying and the role that the government plays in wind energy development.

The next destination of this trip will be Watt, which is well-known for its mud flats.

In Watt, students will have the opportunity to hike through the mud flats and explore the ecosystem.

Students will also have the opportunity to visit Berlin, the capital of Germany.

Following the stop in Berlin, students will also get to visit Cottbus, the city at the heart of the German Democratic Republic coal production.

Although, now the city has made a huge energy transition from fossil fuels to renewables.

The last major stop on this EL trip is Freiburg, a city located in the southwestern region of Germany, and is also home to the Black Forest.

Freiburg plays a vital role in the sustainability of more urban areas.

“Freiburg is sort of a hub of different urban initiatives for pursuing sustainable energy and urban development,” Swann-Quinn said.

Swann-Quinn spoke about how there is far more environmental sustainability that occurs in the major cities of Germany.

“It’s where most people live, so that all the systems that are going to provide en-

ergy and food and transportation and living can either be more sustainable or less sustainable,” Swann-Quinn said.

In Freiburg, finding alternative forms of transportation around the city is vital to sustaining the environment.

In fact, dedicated bike roads are very common in Germany, and actually make it much easier for people to move from one place to another.

Although, the overall experiences acquired from these trips can help broaden social relationships, as well as intelligence about the culture and different elements of life in those countries.

Swann-Quinn also addressed his previous experience on international trips.

“One of the most fruitful parts of studying abroad is realizing the experiences,”

Experiencing other places, getting the chance to experience other locations and other cultures and meet other people presents opportunities for learning that are not possible just by reading.”

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Faculty members’ children participate in vaccine study

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The US Food and Drug Administration approved an Emergency Use Authorization of vaccines for COVID-19 in December 2020, with the most vulnerable — the elderly and the immunocompromised — being the first to receive the vaccines.

Now, almost a year later, children aged five to eleven — those presumed to be the most resilient against the virus — have been given access to the vaccine, following a period of trials and studies around the country and nearby in Erie, Pa. to see whether the vaccine is safe and effective in children aged five to eleven.

According to Becky Dawson, ’00, an epidemiologist and professor of global health studies and biology the study is investigating if the vaccine is safe for children 5 to 11-years-old since there have been reports of very rare myocarditis or pericarditis — both inflammation affecting

the heart — following vaccination. The study is blinded, meaning that the participants and their parents do not know whether they are getting the placebo or the vaccine. Two-thirds of the participants get the vaccine while one-third are given the placebo.

The point of this study is to see if the vaccine has any effect on the heart through the monitoring of troponin, a type of protein that affects the heart and its ability to contract and function correctly; blood was drawn before the first shot to gauge troponin levels and will be taken again later in the study.

Each participant is asked to monitor their health with the use of an app each day after their first shot to see if they suffer any side effects.

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Professor of Biology and Neuroscience,
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Since the CDC has approved the administration of the vaccine to children 5-11, the study will now be unblinded, meaning participants will be told whether they got the placebo or the vaccine.

Professor of Biology and Neuroscience Lauren French is one of a handful of parents on campus who have a child participating in the study.

“This is live science, this is how it happens and up un-

til this point I’ve only read about (pandemics),” French said. “(I heard about it from) a colleague of mine who sent a message out to a bunch of folks who have kids that she knew and said ‘Hey, Pfizer is conducting this study, it’s still looking for more participants and it’s based in Erie,’” French said. “So I jumped on that being a biology professor.”

French is not the only faculty member with a child in the study, Dawson also has her son participating in the study as well.

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The opportunity to be a part of history was a point of importance for French as well, however giving her child a head start on getting vaccinated was also of importance.

“I think, as a parent, the idea that he could get vaccinated because I didn’t know if the process would be official by this week or if it would be

longer,” French said. “My husband and I both got vaccinated last February or March. My daughter is 13, so she was vaccinated in May ... yet we’ve still had to live remembering that my son is not vaccinated. We don’t go out to restaurants, we wear masks in public.”

Both also agree that the way to combat misinformation is to have closer, more intimate conversations with the people in our communities about health and about the vaccine. Dawson explained some of the reasoning behind people who go to school board meetings to rail against vaccines and masks and the anti-vax ethos in general.

“A lot of the misinformation is rooted somewhere in the truth,” Dawson said. “I’ve just been frustrated with people using social media as their main form of research, of not taking the time to understand the truth. My big battle cry over the past couple of weeks is that people really need to start talking to their providers again, whether it’s calling and talking to the health de-

partment, calling and talking to a primary care physician or a pediatrician at this point in time, finding experts, whether it’s at a local college or university, but not just digging ourselves into a hole on the internet.”

As of Nov. 3, the CDC has approved only the Pfizer vaccine for administration to children between the ages of five and eleven.

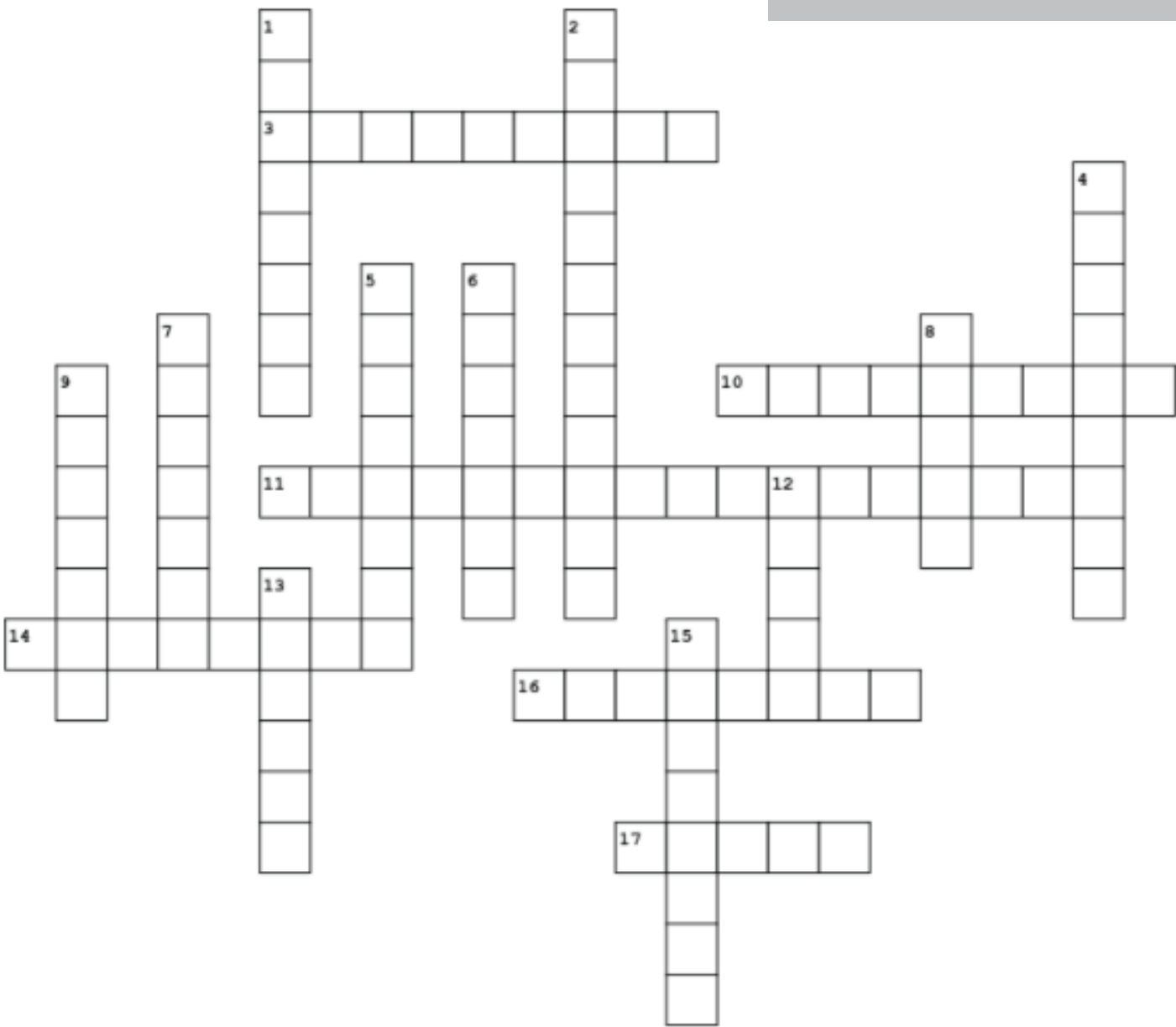
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Studies will be ongoing but as of now it appears that as for all other age groups so far the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. Vaccinations are available at Meadville Medical Center as well as multiple pharmacies such as CVS and Walgreens, with all vaccinations being free of charge.

Kaleigh’s Crossword!

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Across

3. These guys are often thought to be put up in corn fields to scare away birds, but a lot of modern-day farmers tend to put up a scare gun instead
10. Do you remember the 21st night of this month?
11. This is a fall staple at Starbucks and the subject of posts with #PSLLife
14. A lot of people like to watch this sport on Thanksgiving
16. A common mammal that is known for eating nuts and having large teeth
17. These are the seeds that come from oak trees

Down

1. This fungus is often used in fall-themed decorations
2. A staple in classical antiquity, especially relating to “the first Thanksgiving,” the cornucopia is also called this
4. As stated in the TV show ‘Brooklyn 99,’ “The pilgrims were ___ and turkey tastes like napkins.”
5. This word refers to something that is “of autumn”
6. This popular autumn gourd used for carving and pie-making is actually a fruit
7. The gathering of crops
8. A delicious pie one can have on Thanksgiving, although my mother insists it is a “Christmas pie”
9. During the autumnal ___, the sun shines directly on the equator and the northern and southern hemispheres receive the same amount of daylight
12. A popular fall drink made from apples
13. Macy’s sponsors one of these every Thanksgiving day
15. These fall from pine trees, and are often considered seeds; in actuality, they are a vessel for the seeds, and therefore, a fruit!

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Students vote in razor-thin City of Meadville election

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Although the frigid temperatures that came with the second day of November caused students to hunker down indoors and try to keep warm, a select group braved the weather to encourage all students to get out and vote in the local election.

Representatives from both the Center for Political Participation and the Andrew Goodman Foundation continued their yearly tradition of hosting a small tabling event with coffee and pastries at the top of Brooks Walk, in addition to providing bus transportation to voting locations for students.

“Colleges, in general, have a very low turnout, especially during (non) presidential elections,” said Ryan Valerio, ’22, who spent some time managing the table. “But this is where we’re living right now — in Meadville. This is a local election. It directly impacts us. So I think it’s important that students realize that they’re going to be living in this community for four years, and they should help make it better.”

Olivia Brophy, ’23, elaborated on election turnout, explaining that although local election turnouts are decent, they never hold a flame against federal elections.

“We saw really, really high voter turnout for the 2020 Presidential or just the 2020 general election last year, because obviously federal

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—RYAN VALERIO
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elections get lots of attention in the media but local elections do not,” Brophy said.

The push for student voting on campus has long been a facet of CPP, AGF and other Meadville and Allegheny-related organizations. Similar groups have previously advocated for students to be given the day off so they feel free to contribute their time in the election.

Although the second mental health break day fell on Election Day, Valerio explained that the correlation does not necessarily equate to causation.

“I don’t know for a fact if this was the case, but I think it was because there’s been a group of students pushing to use Gator Day on Election Day so that people would go vote,” Valerio said.

Some students, like Kalliyan Greevy, ’25, continue to cast their ballots in their native areas. Greevy remarked that it was not out of spite toward Meadville, but rather a duty to home.

“I feel like my vote has more of an impact at home because my family primarily resides there,” Greevy said. “While things in Meadville might have an effect on me, Allegheny feels like its own town and voting in the outside town doesn’t feel as impactful and immediate as the effect my vote has on my family and friends at home.”

Aubrey Hall, ’22, is heavily invested in the political landscape of the Meadville community and a strong advocate for students registering lo-



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Center for Political Participation Fellows Ryan Valerio, ’22, (left) stands with Olivia Brophy, ’23, (right) during the CPP and Andrew Goodman Foundation’s tabling event on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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“This is where you spend the majority of your time, and students could really help work with the Meadville community to make this a better, more wonderful place to be a part of,” Hall said.

Hall, a Colorado native, originally voted via absentee ballot, as she was much more invested in the politics of her home state.

“I was like, ‘Why would I register to vote in Meadville? (It) doesn’t really interest me that much,’” Hall said. “The reason that I registered locally and started voting locally was the campaign in 2019 for (Meadville Councilman) Larry McKnight and (Meadville Councilwoman) Autumn Vogel. They started the ‘Vote For Meadville,’ ‘My Meadville’ progressive coalition in town, and it was off of that momentum that this campaign for Jamie Kinder, Jack

Harkness and Gretchen Myers really started.”

During her sophomore year, one of Hall’s professors proposed the idea of assisting the McKnight and Vogel campaign.

Since then, Hall gained more connections through professors and peers, and is now a member of Crawford County United — an organization which seeks resolutions to systemic issues by organizing within the community and electing community-centered candidates.

“It matters to me because I have, over the past couple of years, gotten to know Meadville a little bit better, and I care about Meadville quite a bit,” Hall said. “I want students to be able to vote in general, but I think it’s important that they vote locally because, I think it’s one step in reducing the whole town-down dynamic, and like getting students to care

about the community that they’re a part of.”

As of Thursday, Nov. 4, both the race for mayor and city council remain uncalled. Vote for Meadville’s mayoral candidate, Jamie Kinder, a Democrat, leads the write-in votes 1,327 to 1,221. Republican challenger Marcy Kantz ran a write-in campaign, but write-in votes have yet to be verified to be all intended for Kantz. Kantz claimed victory Tuesday night on her Facebook page despite this verification process still needing to occur and mail-in and absentee ballots needing to be counted.

In the race for Meadville City Council, the race is razor-thin for the two-seat vacancy between Democrats Gretchen Meyer and Jack Harkless and Republicans Jim Roha and Nancy Mangilo Bittner.

Allegheny football supports BCAM with ‘pink out’

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In their final home game of the month on Oct. 30, the Allegheny football team took on Wittenburg while showing support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a “pink out” theme.

In 1985, the American Cancer Society and Imperial Chemical Industries launched the first ever BCAM. The campaign received help in raising awareness from former first lady Betty Ford who was diagnosed with breast cancer during her husband’s presidency.

Since its launch, the movement has grown worldwide, and wearing pink during the month of October has become synonymous with support for the cause.

“I think the breast cancer awareness theme is a fan favorite or at least a favorite for players,” wide receiver Anthony Steinpreis, ’22, said. “It allows us to have some variety in what we wear and it’s a united purpose too. The cheerleaders have been a part of it and the fans can be a part of it. I know it has a special place in a lot of people’s hearts too and the theme supports a good cause.”

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The prevalence of the disease makes for many personal connections to the cause.

“It hits kind of close to home for me,” cheerleader Katherine Leyonmark, ’22, said. “My mom’s a breast cancer survivor and has been cancer free now going on four years so it’s a theme that means a lot to me.”

Even for those who have not been directly affected by the disease, many know someone who has.



Photo contributed by Ed Malliard

The Allegheny Football team takes the field as they are cheered on by cheerleaders and fans. Players and cheerleaders sport various articles of pink clothing in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“Our coach’s wife is actually a breast cancer survivor so it’s one of those things that holds a lot of meaning to him and a lot of other people,” Steinpreis said. “I know some guys on the team who have had various members of their families go through or are still going through it.”

In order to help raise awareness, Allegheny’s student-led Major Events Committee helped supply fans at the game with various pink items.

“We at ASG bought all of the items that we gave away such as pink pom poms and noise makers and things like that,” Allegheny Student Government Chief of Staff Genesis Pena, ’22, said. “When we started working together through MEC, we really wanted to get student participation in games up. It’s something we talked about at ASG and something President (Hilary) Link and the trustees wanted us to work on.”

MEC is comprised of three members from ASG and three members from Gator Activities Programming. The group’s subcommittee has collaborated to help boost student participation and school spirit at games, theater and other events.

“I think collaborating with other big groups is working because a lot of students are coming to the games,” Pena said. “We plan to do a few more things with winter sports and ASG wants to do another giveaway. We just did the sweatshirt giveaway at the football and volleyball games so we want to do another one of those. Giveaways really entice people to come to games when they know they’re going to get something free.”

The extra help to promote themes has received positive feedback.

“I think it’s nice when the school helps fund the theme,” Leyonmark said. “They were passing out the

poms and ASG gave us money for bows and poms so we would have some pink too.”

While BCAM has a serious message behind it, there is a fun element that comes with incorporating pink into the team’s blue and gold color

scheme that many enjoy being a part of.

“I tried to look around for anything I could find at Dunham’s and I know some guys were looking for pink gloves but they were all out,” Steinpreis said. “I personally just did the pre-wrap that goes underneath tape. Some guys went all out, though. (Moses Snell Jr., ’22,) had a pink leg sleeve and arm sleeve and was going nuts with that and some guys had pink hoods so we all had different looks.”

These different looks were effective in drawing eyes which is the first step in spreading awareness for regular cancer screenings.

“It’s kind of funny to see all the coaches in pink jackets and the football players decked out in pink so I’d say the pink out theme is definitely both fun and effective,” Leyonmark said.

Though the month of October has ended, support for breast cancer awareness continues. For more information, visit the National Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation’s website.



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Fans cheer on the football team from inside the beer garden while waving pink pom poms provided by ASG and GAP.

Women’s cross country wins 16th NCAC Championship

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The Allegheny men’s and women’s cross country teams ended their conference schedules at the NCAC championships in Springfield, Ohio on Saturday, Oct. 30. The women won their 16th NCAC championship, while the men placed second behind Depauw University.

Megan Aaron, ’23, shined for the Gators, earning the first place title on the women’s side and NCAC Runner of the Year for her efforts. Close behind was teammate Emma Wall, ’24, who finished second in the race and earned NCAC Newcomer of the Year after not being able to compete due to COVID-19 last fall season.

Head coach Benjamin Mourer, ’07, was happy with both of his team’s ability to race with a

lot of energy from the start.

“The men ran first and we brought the energy, the guys led very early in the race, but throughout the race Depauw slowly moved up on us and really pulled away from us in the second half,” Mourer said. “For the women it was similar that they came out aggressive but they also stayed out in front, again that was exactly what they were supposed to do but the women got to do what they wanted to do, which was win.”

These two strong performances at the conference championships came after both teams lost important members for most of the regular season due to injuries. Their returns helped propel both Gator teams to their strong conference finishes.



Photo courtesy of Allegheny Athletics
Megan Aaron, ’23, and Logan Meyer, ’22, both ran in the NCAC Championship for cross country on Saturday, Oct. 30. Aaron earned a first place finish and Meyer finished in seventh place.

Aaron was one runner who was able to bounce back after facing setbacks, winning NCAC Runner of the Year after joining the strong Gator team for just two races. Mourer commended his runner on her strong performance after the delayed return to racing.

“Megan had been dealing with a lot of setbacks this semester, but she is obviously at a



different level than everyone else in the conference which is really cool,” Mourer said. “So, Megan was really excited with the race and I only think she’s going to get better in her next one, two races.”

On the men’s side, Logan Meyer, ’22, came back from an injury and proved to be a reliable runner this season after finishing second for the Gators

in both meets he was able to run this year. Meyer also finished seventh individually at the conference championship meet.

Mourer remarked on the role that Meyer has been able to fill on the team since his return.

“One big addition late in the season for us was Logan Meyer, who ran one regular season meet and was plugged in for the conference championship,” Mourer said. “Without Logan in the mix, we weren’t nearly the team we were with him there so that was a big addition.”



The general goal is to always make sure we go to nationals to compete. The goal is never just to qualify for nationals, the goal is to qualify and be competing well.”

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Atlanta Braves win their first World Series in 26 years

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The Atlanta Braves defeated the Houston Astros to clinch their first World Series title since 1995 on Nov. 2. The Braves won the final game of the series via a 7-0 victory and won their fourth championship as a franchise, the second of which they have won since they began playing in Atlanta in 1966.

The Braves beat the 95-win Milwaukee Brewers in the National League Division Series in four games, the 106-win Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Championship Series in six games, and the Astros — who have been to the World Series three times in the last five years — in six games. The Brewers boasted arguably the best pitching trio in baseball with Corbin Burnes, Brandon Woodruff and Freddy Peralta, whereas the Dodgers and Astros were both the favorites in each series.

Overall, Andrew Stablewski, ’24, was thankful that the Dodgers and Astros did not play in the World Series this year as the two teams faced off back in 2017.

“I am glad too that it wasn’t the Dodgers versus the Astros because I find myself not liking

the Dodgers either,” Stablewski said. “It was good to see Atlanta win because I feel like they were a good team to win the World Series.”

Garrett Senchur, ’24, is happy that the Braves were able to fend off the Dodgers, especially when comparing the payroll of both teams. According to spotrac, the Dodgers had the highest payroll of \$267 million and the Braves had the 12th highest payroll of \$148 million out of 30 teams.

“The Dodgers are a huge organization,” Senchur said. “I studied this in my FS class freshman year. The Dodgers budget is crazy high, and the Braves are one of the lower expense teams, so I thought it was really cool they beat them.”

Besides their postseason foes and financial situation, the Braves path to baseball’s biggest stage was filled with obstacles along the way. Before the season began, PECOTA, which simulates major league baseball seasons and offers projections for each year, predicted the Braves would be in first place in the NL East. However, many baseball fans were shocked that PECOTA chose the Braves over the New York Mets, who signed Francisco Lindor to a 10-year, \$341 million contract before the season

began.

At first, the Mets were the frontrunner in the division thanks to Jacob deGrom. The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner was vying to break Bob Gibson’s season ERA of 1.12, the lowest ERA in the modern baseball era (1920 onward) set in 1968. Furthermore, the Braves did not have their ace in Mike Soroka for nearly the entire season and lost MVP candidate Ronald Acuna Jr. to a season-ending ACL tear right before the All-Star game, which further dampened their chances of winning it all.

Right after the All-Star break, deGrom came down with a season-ending injury and the Mets began to fall apart. Even so, the Philadelphia Phillies looked like they would have a shot at the NL East crown, especially with Zach Wheeler and Bryce Harper looking to win some hardware.

Nevertheless, Braves General Manager Alex Anthopoulos decided to give his team the best chance at winning the Commissioner’s Trophy. Anthopoulos traded for Adam Duvall, Joc Pederson, Eddie Rosario and Jorge Soler. Duvall led the NL with 113 RBIs, whereas Joc Pederson and Eddie Rosario helped the Braves detrone the reigning



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The Atlanta Braves captured their fourth World Series as a franchise and won the Fall Classic at Minute Maid Park in Houston, TX. on Nov. 2.

champions in the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLCS. The latter in Rosario won NLCS MVP honors and Jorge Soler hit three-go-ahead homers, including a three-run jack in Game 6 to earn the World Series MVP.

The Braves pitching also led them to become the eventual champions. The three-man play-off rotation consisting of Charlie Morton, Max Fried and Ian Anderson were crucial to their success. Morton had a 3.24 ERA this postseason before breaking his leg on a 102 mile per hour comebacker in the World Series, yet still stayed in the game long enough to retire three more batters. Meanwhile, Anderson tossed five no-hit innings in Game 3, and Fried emptied the tank with six shutout innings in

Game 6. The Braves success extended to their relievers as they overcame bullpen inconsistencies that plagued them on their play-off runs from 2018 to 2020. Will Smith was a shutdown closer all year long and in the play-offs. Moreover, with the Braves up 4-2 in the seventh inning of Game 6 of the NLCS, the Dodgers had runners on second and third. The Braves’ setup man in Tyler Matzek, recorded three straight strikeouts to help send the Braves to the Fall Classic and added two scoreless innings in the final game of the World Series.

Heading into the 2021-22 offseason, the question remains: can the Braves repeat next season? No team since the 1998-

2000 New York Yankees have been able to win at least two World Series in a row, and the 21-year stretch without a back-to-back champion is the longest in baseball history.

Dalton Dubois, ’22, believes Atlanta can hoist the Commissioner’s Trophy in 2022. He recognizes that the Braves will need to re-sign several impending free agents such as franchise icon Freddie Freeman and the four players aforementioned that were acquired during the trade deadline.

“After an experience like winning the World Series, I feel like the (Braves) don’t want to go anywhere,” Dubois said. “They want to have that same team as long as they possibly can hold onto it.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

All games can be watched through the Allegheny Athletics website and in person during home games

Women’s Volleyball Playoffs
Friday, Nov. 5
@ Depauw @ 4 PM

Swimming and Diving
Saturday, Nov. 6
vs. Edinboro @ 1 PM

Women’s Basketball Season Opener
Monday, Nov. 8
@ Bethany @ 1 PM

Men’s Basketball Season Opener
Tuesday, Nov. 9
@ Fredonia @ 7 PM

Women’s Basketball Season Opener
Wednesday, Nov. 10
vs. Penn State Altoona
@ 6:30 PM