

Assault charges against former student withdrawn

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On the night of April 7 at Julian’s Bar and Grill, an Allegheny alumnus, ’17, was assaulted and later sent to UPMC Hamot in Erie for immediate surgery. On April 11, a former Allegheny student was arrested by Meadville City Police Department for his alleged role in the assault.

All charges against the former student, Kobe Pinkney, were withdrawn on May 14. Pinkney has filed a lawsuit against Allegheny College, the City of

Meadville and seven additional parties in response to the charges of aggravated assault, simple assault, and harassment and disorderly conduct.

Two requests for comment regarding the April 7 assault sent to Police Chief Michael Tautin were unsuccessful.

“Due to ongoing litigation concerning this case I am unable to grant your request for an interview,” Tautin wrote in an email to The Campus.

Pinkney’s arrest took place a day after the interview of a witness by Meadville city police in the Office of Public Safety. On April 11, Interim Director of Public Safety William Merzbaker removed Pinkney from his philosophy class. He was then

taken into custody by Meadville city police prior to being arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Samuel Pendolino.

Pinkney filed a lawsuit against Allegheny College, the City of Meadville, Tautin, Patrolman Jared Frum, Merzbaker, First Assistant District Attorney Paula Digiacomio, The Meadville Tribune, Community Newspaper Holding Inc., the company that owns the Tribune, and Tribune reporter Keith Gushard, on June 6. He is suing on 10 counts, including false arrest, false imprisonment and racial discrimination in violation of his civil rights.

In an email to The Campus, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Eileen Petula declined to comment on the lawsuit, stating, “The

College is not able to comment on legal matters.”

The witness interviewed by the Office of Public Safety said they were waiting in line for the restroom at Julian’s when “an African-American male approximately six-feet tall with braided hair” approached the Allegheny alumnus, tapped him on the shoulder and then punched the left side of the man’s face, according to the probable cause affidavit filed by police in the case. The alumnus was taken to Meadville Medical Center and later transferred to UPMC Hamot for immediate surgery, according to the affidavit.

The witness later identified Pinkney from a photograph as the male responsible for assaulting the alumnus, according to the affidavit. Pink-

ney was placed in the Crawford County jail, but posted \$5,000 bond later that day, according to online jail records.

A preliminary hearing before Pendolino was originally scheduled for April 25, but later postponed until May 22. However, the hearing was cancelled when the charges were withdrawn on May 14.

The lawsuit alleges Pinkney was not present at Julian’s Bar and Grill when the attack occurred. Specifically, it states Pinkney’s mother provided a McDonald’s receipt “which had a stamped date and time of (1 a.m. April 7), which was coincident with the date and time of the assault against (the alumnus).”

Allegheny introduces crisis line

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The newest initiative on Allegheny College’s campus involving student mental health and overall wellness is the recently-introduced 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line.

The crisis line was developed over the summer and officially launched in August to increase accessibility of counseling services and other faculty, including the Dean of Students Office, to students any time they need it. The crisis line is also available during breaks and holidays, along with any time the college is closed.

Director of the Counseling and Personal Development Center Trae Yeckley said that after discussion between the Dean of Students Office and the counseling center, along with “a few more (Allegheny) offices,” the idea for the 24/7 Crisis Line was born.

Previously, the crisis line was answered by counselors who were on call, causing students to have long wait times or, sometimes, fail to get through at all. The new crisis line functions to erase the wait time and increase overall accessibility.

“(We wanted) to find the best way that we could support our students, not only during (the counseling center’s) office hours, but after hours as well,” Yeckley said. “The decision was made that if we could provide some sort of crisis line, that students could utilize it during office hours like they were using the crisis line before, but making it (available) 24 hours.”

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Students roll out dough as they learn to make their own pizzas during the Italy experiential learning trip in the summer of 2019.

New places, Allegheny faces

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Experiential Learning Seminars are designed to be an interdisciplinary learning experience where students travel and immerse in the local culture — this summer’s trip to Italy is an example of this philosophy.

Led by Mark Cosdon, professor of communication arts/theater, and James Niblock, associate professor of music and director of choral activities, 18 students traveled to Italy,

where the group enveloped themselves into Italian culture and society for four weeks.

“Over the years, I’ve developed a number of different study-travel experiences for my Allegheny students,” Cosdon said. “This particular one from this past summer was especially focused on language and culture, and introducing the students to the contemporary Italian landscape.”

The first half of the trip was spent in Amelia, a 3,000-year-old hill

town about 60 miles from Rome. There, students were assigned host families with whom they lived and received two hours of language instruction each day. The professors hosted students from their apartment in the town and would have outings to other Italian cities and towns such as Orvieto, Spoleto and Assisi.

“I think it’s really important for students to get a real sense of the region, of the local economy, of how the local towns sort of work together,” Cosdon said. “so the students visited a number of pretty historic sites in and around Amelia, but also places like a vineyard, an olive oil producer and had cooking lessons while they were there.”

Some students have never stayed with a host family before. English major and chemistry minor Lauren Isaacs, ’22, was one of the few attendees who has been to Italy before, but has never stayed with a host family.

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A Hidden Gem

Mayor Lord's House Bed and Breakfast expands into neighboring property

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Mayor Lord's House Bed and Breakfast located in downtown Meadville offers "distinctive accommodations, with comfort, relaxation and rich history," according to its website. This local bed and breakfast is expanding into a neighboring carriage house to allow more guests to stay at the property.

The bed and breakfast located on Park Ave., just blocks away from the campus is a popular destination for visitors to Allegheny College and the Meadville area, and its expansion into an additional property provides four additional guest rooms.

Allegheny's Art Department Coordinator Sherry Vardaro owns and operates the property.

Mayor Lord's was built in 1920 by Lewis L. Lord who was the mayor of Meadville from 1901 to 1904. Lord was also the grandson of Samuel Lord, who is known for donating land for the founding of Allegheny.

Vardaro has owned the property of Mayor Lord's since 1992. However, it was not until 2004 that she turned it into an operating bed and breakfast. Now, Vardaro has expanded Mayor Lord's into the carriage house located behind the property.

"I've lived in that house for 27 years and operated it as a bed and breakfast for 15 years now," Vardaro said. "I recently had the opportunity to expand into (the carriage house) because the properties are adjacent."

While Vardaro has expanded Mayor Lord's into the adjacent carriage house, it is Michael Dent who is responsible for the renovations and upgrades to the property.

Dent is no stranger when it comes to helping preserve the history of Crawford County. Dent and his late wife helped the Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum purchase a historic furniture collection that belonged to Austa Densmore Sturdevant.

Densmore was born in Crawford County in the 1850s and was one of the first women to graduate from Allegheny College. Desmore later married Sturdevant, who was the superintendent for Crawford County schools.

"We were pleased to help," Dent said in an interview with the Meadville Tribune. "Baldwin-Reynolds House is a great example of what can be done by caring for a historical building."

Vardaro leases the carriage house from Dent, who is still the owner of the property.

There is a convenient guest and innkeeper pathway that connects the two properties.

The carriage house adds an additional four bedrooms, each with their own private bathrooms, to the existing six bedrooms in Mayor Lord's.

"For me, (expanding into the carriage house) has been relatively easy because I have a lot of experience and knowledge (about operating a bed and breakfast)," Vardaro said. "The property was, in essence, waiting to be seen and be used."

Vardaro is looking forward to sharing the property with others — she said few people are aware of the house's existence, which resides in the middle of Crawford County.

Through her ownership of Mayor Lord's over the years, Vardaro has been given the opportunity to meet hundreds of people, some associated with Allegheny and others not.

"Being a business owner and having a bed and breakfast has allowed me to meet people from all over the world," Vardaro said. "Living in a small community is a gift. I have met incredibly talented and interesting people over the years."

Many visitors of Allegheny, such as prospective students, parents, speakers and applicants choose to stay at Mayor Lord's — yet it is a popular destination for all who visit Meadville.

"One of the things that has surprised me is the number of people coming in to do genealogical research," Vardaro said. "A lot of people come in specifically because they want to rediscover family roots, and those roots are in Crawford County for a large number of people who come to this area."

The additional four rooms will allow Vardaro to accommodate more guests. According to Vardaro, parents ask about booking rooms for graduation while their children are in their first year.

"In the future, I hope to do more in what I am able to offer my guest," Vardaro said.

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Top: The outside view of the carriage house adjacent to Mayor Lord's House Bed and Breakfast that houses the four new additional guest rooms.

Middle: The communal living room located in the carriage house.

Above: One of the four private bed and bath suites located in the carriage house.

Left: The front view of Mayor Lord's House Bed and Breakfast located on Park Ave. just a few blocks away from Allegheny's campus.

Class of 2023 brings academic, extracurricular talent to campus

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Every fall, colleges and universities across the United States welcome new students to their campuses — young people eager to get away from their parents and experience life outside of their home and begin their higher education studies.

Allegheny College welcomed 511 new students to the class of 2023 during its annual matriculation ceremony on Aug. 24. Of the students, 26 countries are represented, including Brazil, China, Kazakhstan, Korea, Peru, Liberia and Sudan. Students represent 41 states, including Hawaii, Idaho and Wyoming — and even the U.S. Virgin Islands. The top five most represented states include Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, California and Maryland. These numbers indicate that over half of

the incoming class are coming to Allegheny from outside of Pennsylvania.

Admissions received approximately 5,000 applications for the class of 2023 — the second highest number of applications ever received. The competitive first-year class boasts an average GPA of 3.53, with 70% graduating in the top 25% of their high school class. The average SAT score is 1258.

The class of 2023 also has an extensive list of extracurriculars and accolades. One student represented Kenya at the Under-19 Cricket World Cup. Another student, Lydia Giannini, was named the 2019 Times Observer Student of the Year. A student placed first in biology and second in math in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Academic Challenge. And Kaitlyn Davis-Bonilla was named Meadville's Person of the Year. More than 50% of

incoming students have participated in some type of civic engagement while in high school.

Eileen Petula, executive vice president and chief operating officer, said this is an exciting time for the new class.

"I think that they are an amazingly strong class that's coming to Allegheny at a very exciting time for us," Petula said. "This is a transformative moment with the new president and capital improvements including restroom renovations, the new turf, and the Bentley renovations."

Cornell LeSane, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions, spoke about the strength of the class of 2023.

"What these students have done outside the classroom is not only going to add to the academic environment, but also the social environment," LeSane said.

LeSane said that, despite fewer high school graduates in Western Pennsylvania, he has seen Allegheny students thrive.

"During a time when we're experiencing a decline in high school graduates in this region," LeSane said, "we're extremely pleased to see growth in our new students over the last year. This says a tremendous amount about Allegheny."

Students shared their experiences in their first week of classes, such as Grace Connelly, '23.

"I've had more homework (at first) than I expected," Connelly said. "I understand now why time management is stressed because I was good at it in high school. Now, I start homework early in the day, but I'm still doing it at night."

New students have also acclimated to the social aspect of living on campus, including Claire Marsh, '23.

"I like my roommate a lot more than I expected, and we're already really close," Marsh said. "I'm most looking forward to making more friends and being more independent."

Tighe Raymond, '23, said that he is beginning to feel apart of the community.

"All of my professors (have been) very helpful and welcoming," Raymond said, "as were many of the upperclassmen students. Although I'm still adjusting to the community, I feel like I am fitting into it nicely."

LeSane said he is excited for the future prospects of the class of 2023.

"I'm looking forward to what (the students) will accomplish over the next four years, but more importantly, what they'll do beyond," LeSane said.

Provost Ron Cole echoed LeSane's excitement and said that he is inspired by the class of 2023.

"They bring high academic ability," Cole said. "They bring



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—CORNELL LESANE
Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions, Allegheny College

a breadth of diversity in terms of background and experience which enriches our campus. I believe that this class is committed to the pursuit of intellectual and personal growth that one can achieve at Allegheny, and that's part of the heartbeat of an Allegheny education."

ASG begins new year, keeps library open after-hours

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Cabinet members, senators and first-year senate hopefuls for Allegheny Student Government joined to discuss a new year of business on Tuesday, Sept. 3, when ASG held its first official weekly general assembly meeting of the year in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m with the swearing-in of all elected senators. Ryan Guide, '20, and Anna Campbell-Sowden, '20, were re-appointed by motion to the Curriculum Committee.

During cabinet reports, Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs, Cat Lord, '20, spoke about her efforts over the summer with Kelly Boulton, sustainability coordinator. Lord said that a group tabled this week in the campus center to promote the reusable green takeout boxes.

“There’ve been a lot more people using (the green boxes), at least a few hundred, so that’s been really exciting,” Lord said.

In her class, Class of 2022 President Kathryn Phillippe, '22, said the class of 2022 senators are working on brainstorming new ideas and events for the upcoming year.

“We have a lot of great ideas and events we’d like to see in place this year,” Phillippe said. “We’re focusing on building community and giv-

ing more recognition to ASG.”

Seven first-year students were in attendance and spoke about their interest in becoming senators for the class of 2023, including Julia Imler, '23.

“I’m interested in student government because my high school never had one, but it’s something that I always wanted to do, and I want to make a change in the community,” Imler said.

Aidan Olszewski, '23, said he wants to bring about change to the college and community, while Adriana Solis, '23, said she hopes ASG will give her marketable skills for the future.

“I feel like (ASG) will be a good place to learn about how to solve issues and how to implement new ideas, which is something that I want to do in a future career,” Solis said.

In ASG Vice President Elyse Cinquino’s, '20, report, Cinquino said she is working on bringing in more speakers to general assemblies, including some from the Counseling and Personal Development Center and Offices of Title IX and Residence Life. She also hopes to have President Link come and speak at an ASG general assembly.

ASG President Jason Ferrante, '20, said that over the summer he sat in on former President James Mullen’s final Board of Trustees meeting and discussed engagement and student retention.

“A big thing that we’re pushing right now is retention and a sense of belonging, (as well as) community,” Ferrante said. “Some concerns were brought up about the costs of attending Allegheny, (which) is something that Elyse, Jared and our whole cabinet are looking at this entire year — ensuring that Allegheny is a place students can attend no matter what their income bracket is.”

Ferrante also spoke about ASG’s successful campaign to recruit students to apply for late-night shifts at the Lawrence Lee Pelletier Library. At the beginning of the school year, there were concerns that the library would not be able to stay open later than midnight. Through ASG’s outreach efforts, Ferrante said, the library had 33 people apply for the late-night InfoDesk positions. Now, it will be able to accommodate students until 2 a.m. on Sundays, as well as Monday through Thursday.

Ferrante added that the general assembly should be excited for the upcoming year, since there will be a major event concert.

During new business, Senator Ashley Leonard, '20, raised the concern that the Office of Public Safety was placing warnings on students’ vehicles on Aug. 27, only within 24 to 48 hours of students arriving on campus. She said she is unaware as to whether these warnings turned into



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Allegheny Student Government holds a discussion during its weekly general assembly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, in the Henderson Campus Center room 301/302.

tickets, but worried that this seemed aggressive, especially to first-year students.

Pamela Rodriguez, '21, also brought up that students working on the David Shipe Aquaponic System in Carr Hall are trying to bring some of the mint and basil to Parkhurst, and they want to spread awareness about it and the significance of local food. Finally, Ferrante said that,

this summer, administrative roles were re-organized, and that the cabinet has begun the process to replace Gretchen Beck, associate dean for wellness education as adviser of ASG. Her position no longer encompasses ASG. Brittany Martin, former assistant director of student leadership and involvement, was slated to serve as ASG advisor, but she accepted a position at Penn

State DuBois this summer. “A couple of weeks ago, we had some interviews with candidates, and we hope to have people coming forward,” Ferrante said. “This doesn’t mean that (Beck) will go away, but we will have a really strong relationship with the new adviser.” The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:20 p.m.

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Associate Dean of Students for Wellness Education Gretchen Beck explained that Yeckley reports back to her about the crisis line, and that they worked together starting in the spring semester to add accessibility for students to the crisis line and the Counseling and Personal Development Center, but waited to introduce the crisis line until this semester.

“My role is really to support (Yeckley) and the counseling center staff,” Beck said. “I help them get access to any additional resources and support that they need so we can respond to students in the best way possible.”

Additionally, Beck said she is now in charge of the wellness committee, previously run by Allegheny Chaplain Jane Ellen Nickell. Beck added that the wellness committee is run by faculty and student members, and focuses on student self-care, especially during finals week. The updated crisis line will expand on these initiatives.

Yeckley explained that students could use the crisis line’s phone number for anything, including feeling stressed, overwhelmed or, at anytime, just feeling the need to reach out.

“The way we have it set up, we really want students to use (the crisis line) anytime they think they need to use it,” Yeckley said. “Anytime a student thinks they need to reach out to somebody, we wanted to make sure that we had a resource available.”

Yeckley described how the process would work when a student calls.

“So it’s pretty simple — you call the phone number, (which is) 814-332-2105,” Yeckley said. “The line is answered, ‘Allegheny College Crisis Line,’ or something along those lines. They’re going to ask for your name, (student) ID number and phone number in case you get disconnected. And then they’re going to just ask you some questions: ‘What’s going on? How can we help you? Is there anything specific that you need to talk about?’”

Additionally, Yeckley said, depending on the students’ answers, more questions may be asked.

“(The follow-up questions are) just to make sure that the student is safe and that others are safe as well,” Yeckley said.

Yeckley and the counseling center worked together with Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students April

Thompson, who said that she hopes the new system will create less waiting time for students.

“I expect that our counselors will have more time to see our students one-on-one,” Thompson said. “Last year, some of our students needed to wait two to three weeks to see a counselor, so hopefully this will mean that students will be able to see a counselor much faster.”

Thompson said she also thought the improved crisis line would increase the time that counselors had to focus on other wellness activities and, as a result, create more initiatives in the future.

“With less time to focus on the late night calls, our counselors will be able to do more wellness activities, including in the residence halls,” Thompson said. “Several of our counselors are doing drop-in hours for students in the residence halls now. We just generally want them to be more available for the variety of mental health issues that we see on campus.”

Yeckley said the most common questions the counseling center has had about the crisis line so far is how to call and when.

“We’re trying to get the (crisis line) number out as much as possible,” Yeckley said. “We’re also trying to emphasize that it is a 24/7 hotline, and that it doesn’t matter if the college is closed, or on break — it really is a 365-day hotline.”

Additionally, Thomspson said she really hopes to hear a lot of feedback from students.

“I hope to hear feedback from both students who’ve used the service, how it went, what they thought,” Thompson said. “And (I would like to hear) also from students who’ve seen counselors, to see if the wait time actually is shorter.”

Along those lines, Yeckley added that the crisis line has been heavily supported by faculty and staff, along with the campus community.

“We hope that this is a resource that students will utilize,” Yeckley said.

Similarly, Beck said the Crisis Line is meant to be a resource for students and she hopes that students will take advantage of it.

“It really is a great resource (to have),” Beck said. “Not many college campuses have that.”

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CRIME BLOTTER

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Aug. 30, 2019
Allegheny Hall
Alcohol Violation

Aug. 31, 2019
Crawford Hall
Alcohol Violation

Aug. 31, 2019
Edwards Hall
Alcohol Violation

Sept. 1, 2019
Cafilisch Hall
Theft

Sept. 2, 2019
Hulings Hall
Drug Possession

Worry about your future, don't rush back to play

The importance of health awareness in the midst of CTE epidemic

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Football is a game filled with aggression, violence and a whole lot of testosterone. There rarely is a game of football played on any level — high school, college or professional — where someone doesn't get knocked around or hurt. But football isn't just a fun contact sport. It brings a lot more than a few bumps and bruises — it could damage your health in ways that are irreversible.

In November 2015, when "Concussion," a movie based on real events starring Will Smith, was released, it shocked not only the NFL-community and its fans, but it also shined a light on a very important topic: mental and neurological health.

The movie is based on an autopsy made on Pittsburgh Steelers ex-center Mike Webster, who was found dead in his pick-up truck at age 50. Before his death, his actions were out of character. He would often act in a violent and demeaning manner, while also losing his ability to retain memories. An autopsy showed that Webster had severe brain damage caused by repeated blows to the head. His disorder was later given a name: chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or more popularly known as CTE.

Even though CTE can take years to develop in the human brain, according to the Concussion Legacy Foundation, the effects of the disorder are catastrophic, with symptoms including memory loss, con-

fusion, impaired judgment and eventually dementia.

Webster's case, being the most notable CTE case, took place in the late 1990s and early 2000s, yet the controversy surrounding the topic really took center stage in 2013 when the NFL became involved in a plethora of legal issues with their retired players. In August 2013, retired NFL players settled on a \$765 million concussion case that included nearly 4,500 impacted former athletes. These athletes have experienced a variety of effects, including depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

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The consequences outweigh any number of touchdowns or tackles.”

—TAYLOR RENK
Opinion editor

Affected athletes complained that the NFL would cover up injuries and rush bringing those who were sidelined back to live action before full recovery, resulting in even more health damage. Even though the league denied all accusations, there was an enormous amount of correlations between athletes, their injuries and their eventual disorders — which calls for immediate action to

resolve any type of culpabilities and prevent any further occurrences.

Granted, these players worked their entire lives and devoted countless hours with aspirations to make it to the professional ranks, making their time in the NFL completely voluntary. They put their bodies at risk, knowing whole-heartedly what potential impacts on their health they could face, but that does not excuse the NFL for not taking proper care of its players.

Since the movie "Concussion" was released and this lawsuit against the league was settled, the NFL delegated millions of dollars towards concussion research — initially in efforts to defend themselves against any critics of the game of football and the brutality that comes with it. But, eventually the NFL started taking a much sterner stance on the topic of injuries: specifically blows to the head. Just last year, the NFL took a huge leap toward emphasizing player safety through issuing a new helmet rule.

The rule calls for a 15-yard penalty if a player lowers his head and initiates contact with his helmet against his opponent. It covers more than contact with the head or neck, and the torso, hips and lower body are also protected, according to the official fact sheet released by the NFL. With this rule change, players can also be ejected from games if contact is intentional or malicious in any way.



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Throughout the 2018-19 NFL season, there was an obvious change in refereeing decisions when hits occurred, resulting in many more penalties and much longer games, but the NFL did what was necessary not only to protect themselves from future lawsuits, but also protect its players from potential life altering disorders.

When everyone thought the players would comply with the NFL's efforts to protect them, Antonio Brown, a wide receiver for the Oakland Raiders, proved everyone wrong. After recently being traded out of a self-inflicted, drama-filled environment with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Brown continued to bring theatrics with him to the West Coast, threatening to retire from football if he were forced to wear the NFL-approved

helmets. The main protective device for a player's head in the game of football is their helmet. The NFL banned any helmet that is older than 10 years, requiring Brown, along with the rest of the league, to upgrade their helmets to the newer versions.

After two lawsuits against the league claiming the NFL approved helmets impair his vision and abilities to catch a football, Brown has been forced by the league either to comply or sit out. There have been many efforts by Brown to sneak his old helmet into practices, yet the NFL has not given in to Brown's request. The league stands for the protection of its players, and a singular "superstar" is never going to change that. Kudos to the NFL.

No player is bigger than the game, and quite frankly,

the NFL could move on and be successful with or without Brown playing. There have been studies and movies made on the drastic effects that blows to the head have on the human brain. Why would anyone ever put themselves and their future health at risk just because of a game they play until they're 40?

The consequences outweigh any number of touchdowns or tackles. I play collegiate soccer and know that getting hit in the head is nothing to mess with — and I am not on the field with 300-pound men every day.

I am not saying that football is too dangerous to play, but it is more important to take care of oneself than make the Hall of Fame. Wear the helmet. Play smart. It's just that easy.

Friendship: a season, a reason or a lifetime

How those around you help shape you into the person you are today

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Throughout life you will cross paths with thousands of people, some of whom will be strangers you may never see again after that first instance, others may come for a moment and leave the next but, if you are fortunate enough, some will stick with you forever.

You never know when or why friends come into and out of your life, but for one reason or another, there is a purpose for everything. Friends come into your life for a season, a reason or a lifetime, and I guarantee everyone can relate to that statement, somehow.

Everyone has their "group" from high school. These are the friends who you ate lunch with, walked to class with and even got your prom pictures with. From freshman year of high school, you found yourself in a group that was your people for the next four years. I'm sure individuals came and went from your friend group, and you, yourself, probably floated between groups of friends too, but there was always a core group that you called your own.

The same goes for college. You move in as a first-year and are eager to meet new people. You are ready to find your niche again. Maybe some of your group from high school came with you to college, but the vast majority of people are off on their own again, looking to find a place in this crazy new environment.

I'm sure there are friends



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you had that you have now lost touch with that you thought were going to be with you forever. You did everything together, you told each other everything and considered each other inseparable. Flash forward a few years and those people are no longer in the picture. Those types of friends were there for a season — and that is okay.

Everyone goes through phases in their life where they are exposed to the same people day-in and day-out. Whether you are on the same teams, in the same classes or just ride the same bus, those people are going through exactly what you are going through — that's your connection. That is what draws

you to each other and keeps you with each other for any given period of time.

At some point, those friendships die off and you can't even remember the last time you have touched base. At this point, you're probably thinking of a friend or two that you've lost touch with — we all have them. It is important to remember that even though all friendships don't last forever, they are important to have at certain points in your life — for a season.

Other friends seem to come into your life when you least expect them to, but it seems like the timing could not have been more perfect. These are the friends who were in your life for a reason.

Whether it was to get you through a tough time or to just be your person for a short time, they had your back and you had theirs.

These people don't tend to stay in the picture for a long period of time, but when they are around, their presence is appreciated beyond belief. The phrase, "I couldn't have done it without you," is used often to describe these types of friends. To these people, I say thank you. Thank you for always being understanding and caring, and I am sorry we have drifted apart. No matter the distance, I want you to know that you helped shape me into the strong woman I am today, and for that I am forever grateful.

high school — I miss you, and I thank you for being there for me through those crazy four years of drama, dances and fire drills. To my friends who helped me through some very tough times in life — thank you, I wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Finally, for those who have been there for me through everything — thank you for sticking with me, I can't wait to hang out with you at retirement homes someday.

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Opinion editor

Friends are in your life for a season, a reason or a lifetime, and no matter the case, each and every one of them are important and necessary. Some may only be in the picture for a short period, and others you may not be able to recall a time without them, but no matter the length or time spent as friends, they all make a difference. Take some time to think and appreciate those who have come into your life and changed it for the better — your life wouldn't be the same without them.

Allegheny students meet new president,

experience Italian culture

ITALY EL *from page 1*

“It was an eye-opening experience,” Isaacs said. “I stayed with a 6-month-old, a 2-year-old and a 6-year-old.”

Isaacs last visited Italy when she was 15, after her first year of high school. She said she knew she was destined to return and, when she did, looked at the country with different eyes. However, after never taking a spoken language class in high school, she found basic communication difficult.

“There was a huge language barrier between my family and myself,” Isaacs said. “I started learning Italian about three months (before visiting Italy) to learn basic Italian vocabulary, and even though I did all that work beforehand, it still was very tough to communicate with my host family.”

The language barrier was also difficult for Bronte Arreola, ’20, an English major with a creative writing/nonfiction focus, and psychology and philosophy double minor. To overcome the barrier, she often acted out different motions with her host family, a single mother and 12-year-old daughter.

“(The host mom) wasn’t what you think of when you think of a typical Italian,” Arreola said. “She didn’t drink coffee (and) didn’t like wine, but she was very open with having family in her house.”

This was Arreola’s first EL trip — she wanted to attend because of the religious as-

pects of Italy, since she is Roman Catholic.

This was also the first trip for computer science major and economics minor Simon Burrows, ’20, who had always wanted to study abroad but was never able to fit the experience in for a full semester. Like many of the attendees, the ability to experience another culture for a month was intriguing for Burrows.

“It was a little weird for the first couple of days trying to fit in and overcome the language barrier and stuff like that,” Burrows said. “But it ended up being incredibly nice, ... so it was a really great experience.”

This is the eighth EL trip to Italy co-led by Cosdon. He helped coordinate students’ homestay experiences in Amelia, which has blossomed into a warm and rich experience for students.

“I know a lot of the (homestay) families especially well, and many of the folks who live and work in Amelia have become especially good friends and some of them have hosted three (or) four students in the past,” Cosdon said. “(The homestay families have) this real great memory of previous generations of Allegheny students who have also lived in their homes and been alongside their children and had pretty extraordinary experiences together.”

The students are enrolled in a program, Eurolinks, a language school in Amelia led

by Simona Pernazza, who has become a close friend to Cosdon over the years. Pernazza teaches Italian, German and English courses and helped create a course on Italian culture and language centered in Amelia. This was the seventh trip to Amelia that Cosdon has led, and the fifth trip in which the attendees were enrolled in Eurolinks.

For the second half of the trip, the group traveled to three more well-known Italian cities: Florence, Naples and Rome. When in Rome, the group met a soon-to-be familiar face in the Allegheny community: President Hilary Link.

“I reached out to President Link to begin to explore if she was going to be in Rome and if she would have time to meet with the Allegheny students when we were there,” Cosdon said. “It really worked out pretty beautifully that President Link came to meet the students for about two hours while we were in Rome, and we had a pretty wonderful conversation in Rome, a place that President Link especially knows well.”

Before serving as Allegheny’s 22nd president, Link was the dean of Temple University Rome, a position she held for six years. Her encounter with the Italy EL occurred on June 3, during her final month in Italy before moving to Meadville.

Students found out about Link’s planned visit prior to

their arrival in Rome, even though it was supposed to be a surprise.

“Someone figured it out, that she was (working in) Rome,” Arreola said. “I thought it was a really awesome opportunity to get to meet her firsthand, and since it was a small group on the trip, we got to have a more personal interaction with her.”

Burrows agreed that, although it was not a complete surprise, the interaction was enjoyable.

“She was very friendly and answered a lot of questions and asked us a lot of questions, and so it was really nice to meet her and interact (with her),” Burrows said.

Isaacs agreed with other attendees, emphasizing the uniqueness of being one of the first groups to meet the new president of Allegheny.

“There were only 18 of us on the trip and right off the bat she tried to get to know every one of us,” Isaacs said. “Just from that discussion and everything that happened after, it just felt like Dr. Link is such a wholesome and pure person.”

Cosdon was thankful for the interaction and was glad that his students were able to have a one-on-one with Link.

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Professor of Communication Arts/Theater,
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late her vision of this campus community,” Cosdon said.

Overall, the attendees said they enjoyed the trip. Arreola’s favorite part of the trip was seeing the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, while Isaacs enjoyed their travels to Naples. Burrows said visiting Pompeii was his personal favorite.

“(Pompeii) was something you always grew up and read about in books and stuff like that so being there was pretty surreal and really cool to see,” Burrows said.

The attendees recommended that future students consider the EL. Isaacs cited the structure of the trip as being a selling point.

“I think that the four-week trip being split into (two weeks) and another two weeks gave us the whole picture of Italian culture, and I really felt like I was immersed in Italian culture during those four weeks,” Isaacs said.

Arreola echoed her fellow attendees, stating how travel is always a beneficial life experience.

“It shows you the way other cultures live and ways of life that can be better than how you’re currently living your life and things to keep in mind about how other people live theirs,” Arreola said.

Cosdon said he supports the EL Seminar program and believes his students learn a lot from the experience by acting like travelers rather than tourists. He also believes the greatest thing is how the trips are truly interdisciplinary learning experiences.

“It’s a pretty extraordinary learning experience where it, I think, articulates the vision of (Allegheny) as a truly interdisciplinary institution,” Cosdon said.



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Top: Students and professors attending the Italy experiential learning trip meet with Link in Rome during the EL trip in the summer of 2019.
Bottom left: Amelia, Italy, is situated in Central Italy.
Bottom center: Thomas Schultz, '22, holds up his pizza he made during the EL trip to Italy in the summer of 2019.



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Top right: Students listen to a community member give information in the summer of 2019.
Center right: Students pose in front of the Great Synagogue during their visit to Florence in the summer of 2019.
Bottom right: Emily Rice, '21, Max Boshaw, '22, Marina Varvaro, '20, and Bronte Arreola, '20, study in a circle in the summer of 2019.

Club Feature: Why Not Us

.....Preparing for new year, planning ‘big splash’ events

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When Anna Meyer, ’20, and Mark Myers, ’19, realized they found something fundamentally wrong with the culture surrounding them, they chose to push back, to fight for change — and they did it in the form of a club.

Co-President Meyer and former co-President Myers of Why Not Us were first connected through Allegheny College Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford during the 2017-18 school year. Both survivors of assault, Meyer and Myers had already been in contact with Ford when she introduced them.

Myers had been working with Ford, he said, when he realized he wanted to reclaim what had been taken from him after his assault when he was a first-year.

“I thought that (taking part in) activism and trying to create a campus where we broke down this that (assault) is definitely something that people want to not talk about,” Myers said. “Our club, we’ve done a lot of things that ... are all meant to get conversations started to get people to have a cultural shift toward consent culture.”

Similarly, Meyer said she needed to break her silence concerning her own assault and wanted to carry that feeling onto campus.

“I knew that I didn’t want to be quiet anymore,” Meyer said. “I think a big part about trauma and healing from trauma is being able to talk about it and finding the words for things.”

After Meyer and Myers connected, they decided to form Why Not Us during the 2017-18 school year as a way to give other students that voice and knowledge about consent culture. Since bringing the two co-presidents together, Ford has been working directly with Why Not Us.

“(Ford) has been a really great ally and someone who’s helped me find a voice,” Myers



Attendants of the Allegheny Title IX Conference, coordinated by Why Not Us, on April 7, 2019, sit in the Tippie Alumni Center during the event.

said.

Once the club was founded, its first big event was the Red Flag campaign, in which club members placed small red flags in the ground across Allegheny’s campus. Although Meyer and Myers wanted to hold as many large events as possible, their first full year as an ASG-official club was focused on name recognition and coalition building, according to Myers.

Initially, Myers said, he and Meyer had planned to focus solely on sexual assault, but domestic and gender-based violence quickly fell under the scope of the societal problems they were addressing.

As a way to build name recognition and find a place on campus and in the Meadville community, Why Not Us reached out to Meadville Women’s Services and Alpha Chi Omega, a fraternity and sorority life organization whose philanthropy is domestic violence awareness. All three organizations have worked together on various events, and, Meyer said, Why

Not Us hopes to work with the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Justice Center this year.

Having other organizations, especially professionals, working with Why Not Us has been helpful at their events, Myers said.

“Given our work, people could be triggered at our events,” Myers said. “We have support there to make sure people are always safe and feel like they can participate.”

A few of the club events in which people could participate included the Take Back the Night walk and “I Ask” campaign. The Allegheny IX Conference, though, was an event that both Meyer and Myers said was one of the biggest and most impactful.

Why Not Us brought in different speakers for the conference. Representatives from the Audrie Pott foundation — a non-profit organization founded in the name of 15-year-old Audrie Potts, who committed suicide after she was assaulted — visited to give advice to attendants

on how to make a difference on a college campus. Another speaker told his own story of assault during an “Ask a Survivor” portion of the conference.

“He acts out his story, which was an interesting spin on it,” Meyer said. “It was super intense, (I was) totally not expecting that, but I think it was really impactful. A lot of people were very moved by it.”

A panel with representatives from Meadville Women’s Services was also scheduled for the conference, allowing the Allegheny students in attendance to have a direct connection with the Meadville community.

Citing the AIXC conference as one of his proudest Why Not Us memories, Myers reflected on what the club, between its heavy workload and high rewards, had come to mean to him as he prepared to graduate from Allegheny.

“(Why Not Us) has been something I’m definitely most proud of,” Myers said. “The work is never really done, and that’s the hardest part. ... I hope Anna’s going to do

an amazing job with whatever she does. ... I’m excited to see what people rise up in the club. We have these (students) with a lot of fire and energy.”

After Myers graduated in the spring of 2019, Tage Boggs, ’20, became the club’s co-president, along with Meyer, who remained in her position. This year, one big challenge Meyer and Boggs are focusing on is apathy. Although students clearly care about the core of what Why Not Us stands for, Boggs said, finding people who want to be actively involved in the events the club plans has been unexpectedly difficult. After a year of tabling events that “weren’t super effective,” according to Meyer, the club is planning fewer, but larger, events.

“We want to get people to care about (the club’s work),” Boggs said. “Instead of doing a lot of tabling small events, ... doing bigger events, but a little bit fewer, so you really get a large turnout. (We want to) make a bigger splash.”

One such “bigger splash” event that Meyer and Boggs

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—ANNA MEYER
Class of 2020

hope to hold is a formal dance, similar to the annual Teal Ball held by Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, for domestic violence awareness month.

However, Meyer and Boggs are not only preparing for the year ahead, but looking at the club’s future beyond their own graduation.

“For us, (our biggest goal) is to get a solid following and a kind of legacy idea because we’re graduating,” Boggs said. “Getting people to take up the mantle.”

Although Meyer has been with Why Not Us since its creation, she said she feels confident that the club will continue even after she’s gone.

“The rest of our leadership team are not seniors, which was somewhat — and somewhat not — intentional,” Meyer said. “We have a pretty strong group of juniors and sophomores that have been around one or two years now. We also have a new adviser, Emma Highland. She and (Ford) staying as a fulcrum should be helpful.”

Looking back on her experience with Why Not Us as its leader and one of its founders, Meyer said it isn’t always easy, but it is rewarding.

“As a leader in a club like this, you have to be ready to tell your story at any time to substantiate why you’re doing things,” Meyer said. “It’s very fulfilling work, even though it’s hard sometimes.”

New Chappelle special ‘Sticks and Stones’ breaks some bones

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It’s been 16 years since “Chappelle’s Show” aired on Comedy Central, a TV series known for its societal commentary and political undertones. Since the show ended in 2006, Dave Chappelle, a popular American stand-up comedian, has collaborated with Netflix for four specials including “Deep in the Heart of Texas,” “The Age of Spin” and “Equanimity and The Bird Revelation” according to Vulture journalist Megh Wright.

While it has been just over a decade and a half since the end of his TV series, Chappelle continues to stick to his uncensored, controversial comedic style in his new special, titled “Sticks and Stones,” on Netflix that was released Aug. 26.

Chappelle likes to float in and out of the grey area of controversial topics that makes his humor simultaneously ingenious to his fans and infuriating to his critics. Despite backlash from critics, Chappelle still remains a standout in the realm of comedians. In October, Chappelle will be receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, according to Wright.

Chappelle, now very familiar with the spotlight, has seemingly become immune to the heat he faces from the media. He typically handles his controversial status by twisting irony into comedic ammunition that fuels his stand-up.

The first half of the special is void of clever metaphors and slick societal commentary. Rather, he is reliant upon crutch jokes and outdated humor. He cashes in a few cheap laughs amongst the scattered silence in the audience.

Chappelle has always been most heavily criticized for his comedic bits on the LGBTQ+ community and deservingly so. These jokes reflect weaker parts of his performance style and detract from stronger elements of his comedy.

Chappelle’s purpose has never been to attack groups or spread hate. At his best, he delivers jokes with strong social and political undertones similar to younger comedian Hasan Minhaj. Minhaj is known for his Netflix special “Homecoming King” and TV series “Patriot Act.” Both comedians are driven to challenge American expectations, values and systems that they consider toxic and detrimental

to the countries democratic framework. Minhaj uses fast paced one-liners paired with witty, relevant cultural references to appeal to millennials and Generation Z viewers that grew up on quick, digestible meme and Twitter humor. Chappelle requires more dedicated viewers who are patient enough to ignore outdated rants and persevere through scattered, lazy humor. Minaj has the finesse to appeal to a younger, more culturally attuned crowd. Chappelle is more likely to appeal to audience members that are reminiscent of his role in Chappelle’s Show and brief Saturday Night Live appearances where his comedy felt more up to date. These viewers might be more forgiving of Chappelle’s unrefined, arrogant style that dominates the first half of “Sticks and Stones.”

Chappelle fans might consider him as constantly playing the devil’s advocate. This can also be an easier way of saying he is a bully. Chappelle does not care if his jokes are considered offensive or politically correct. His comedic character operates with arrogance and charm which allows him to weave in and out of controversial topics.

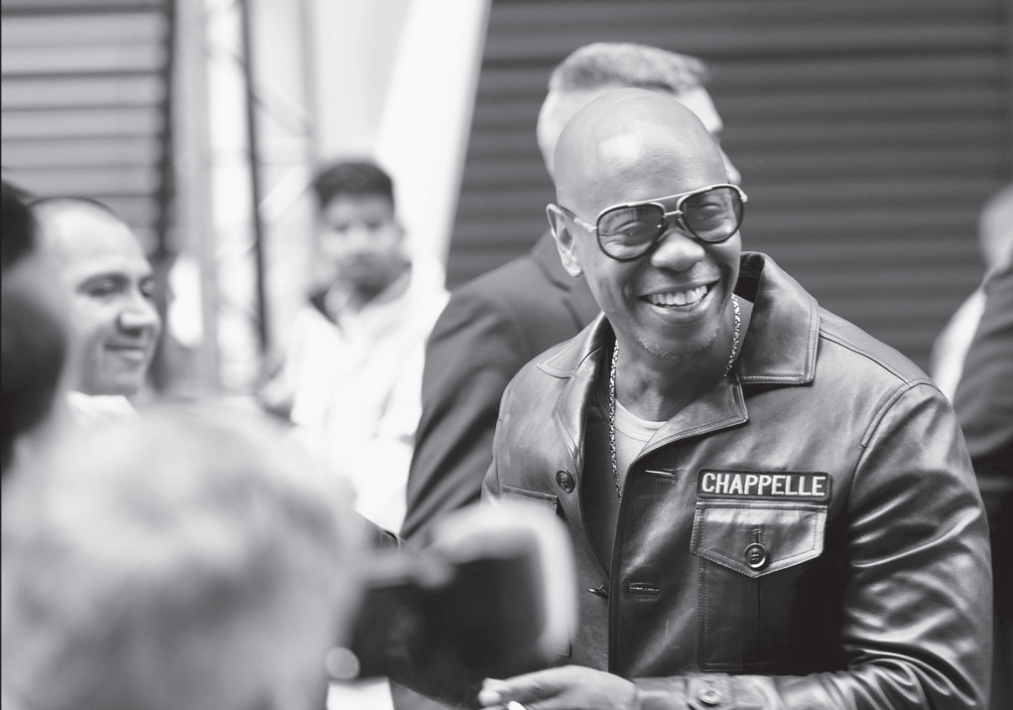


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“There is tremendous value to intellectual discomfort, particularly intellectual discomfort as hilarious as “Sticks and Stones” according to NBC journalist Steve Krakauer. To qualify “Sticks and Stones” as hilarious is a stretch, and there is no denying the un-comfortability of the special. The jokes jabbed at Anthony Bourdain for his suicide, the half-hearted defense of Louis CK and his sexual assault charges and the rants about

the LGBTQ+ community were dated and cringe-worthy.

The latter half of the special was more purposeful and Chappelle was able to deliver stronger, more relevant bits. Chappelle uses metaphors to maneuver around tough subjects such as school shootings, the opioid epidemic, and gun rights in Ohio. A more empathetic side of Chappelle emerged in this portion where he talks about being uncomfortable when his child explains school shooting drills

to him. Yet in pure Chappelle style, he cuts many of these jokes with gritty, unapologetic one liners to remind the audience of his “say whatever I want” comedic style.

Take it or leave it, Chappelle will always say what he wants and how wants. There is no denying that his comedic character is unafraid to cross boundaries.

Parker wants to help students discover ‘their truth’

Gateway begins the academic year with new position, career adviser

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What is your truth? How can the events that lead you to be who you are right now help you in your career, your future life, and in your community?

These may seem like loaded questions, and they are meant to be. But this philosophical question of “what is your truth” happens to be one that has stayed with Autumn Parker, ’16, since her first few days as a Gator.

Parker is one of the newest employees in the Allegheny Gateway — she began her role of career advisor on Aug. 1, and said she is excited to help students translate their Allegheny experiences into career paths and apply for jobs. She also said she hopes students will head down to her office in the Gateway just to chat about coursework, or for any general advice.

“Work with me and tell me your truth,” Parker said.

One of the many steps on Parker’s journey to becoming a career advisor at the Gateway was being an Allegheny



PARKER

student. Her father, an alumnus from the class of ’89, spoke of the college as being one that “looked at the whole person,” as opposed to treating its students like a number.

When a slightly unimpressed Parker came to tour Allegheny, she remembers immediately falling in love with the campus atmosphere.

“Yes, they ask the typical questions,” Parker said. “But they were asking me, ‘Do you feel a sense of belonging?’ And I had never heard another institution ask me that on a tour.”

Parker had toured several other schools before Allegh-

eny, but none of them seemed to share Allegheny’s passion for students fitting in as community members. This feeling was amplified for Parker in Grounds for Change Coffee House one afternoon when someone had asked her, “What’s your truth?”

Parker said the student was relating “truth” to Parker’s personal story — the events that have led her to become who she is as a person. The student then asked, “How do you think your truth can contribute to our community?”

“(The question) was coming from the sense of, ‘you are bringing all of yourself here, and we appreciate the differences (you bring to Allegheny), ... but we also want to challenge you in formulating it in a more global manner,” Parker said.

It was this critical thinking sent Parker down the path of a communication arts major at Allegheny. But like many students, she did not know what she wanted to do right away.

“What I really appreciate about Allegheny is that it didn’t have this tone of, ‘you have to commit now to who you want to be for your entire life,’” Parker said.

She only began studying communication arts after switching her major twice. She settled on declaring as a communication arts major and a psychology and community justice double minor.

After graduation, Parker had the opportunity to work for a few different organizations centered around teaching and helping those who were less fortunate — she worked with Breakthrough Collaborative teaching seventh graders in Alabama, for example.

She then worked for City Year Cleveland Americorps, an experience, she recalls, that was tinged with sadness. She taught in an eighth grade math class and remembers it being “traumatizing” to watch the kids struggle to multiply double digits when she was supposed to be teaching them linear algebraic equations. The experience, she said, helped her to understand, “why it is school districts are grappling with these obstacles and providing basic resources for their students.”

Both of these positions had helped her figure out what she

wanted her future job to be — a dean of students for higher education, which led her to the Baldwin Wallace leadership in higher education program.

Through her new role as career advisor, Parker hopes to utilize a peer-to-peer connection system with students. She served as a career peer advisor during her time as an Allegheny student, where she developed internships, job shadowing opportunities and educational programs to aid in students off-campus success.

“Peer-to-peer connections are so undervalued,” Parker said. “So many students have these passions to actually translate their academic work to a work-study position. We want our career peer advocates to advocate that these are the tools and resources

that I have affirmed that are useful in both a personal and professional development.”

Jim Fitch, director of Career Education, shared his excitement about the development of the position of career advisor, and its effect on the students here.

“As a small, private liberal arts college, this position is important because the students complete their coursework and then they are unsure how to connect what they have learned into a job,” Fitch said.

He said he also believes that Parker is in the best position to help guide the students of Allegheny through the career process.

“Her passion for student development, whether it be personal or professional, makes her the person to go to,” Fitch said.



Work with me and tell me your truth.”

—AUTUMN PARKER
Career Advisor,
Allegheny Gateway



Same house, new land

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Top left: The view of the colonial-style columns from the outside of Mayor Lord’s House Bed and Breakfast.
Top right: The kitchen, and the ornate light fixture above the long table, in the carriage house.
Bottom left: The communal living room in the carriage house.
Above: A wooden vanity, complete with a mirror and flowers, placed in the carriage house.



A Field Hockey First

The Allegheny Women's Field Hockey team begins its first season



EMILY RICE/THE CAMPUS
Top left: The Women's Field Hockey team runs across the field on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, at Roberston Athletic Complex during practice.
Top right: During practice, the team breaks from playing together on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019.
Above: The team practices drills on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, on the field.

SPORTS
UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Soccer
Saturday, Sept. 7
Marietta, Ohio

Men's Golf
Sept. 8-9
The Country Club
of Meadville

Women's Volley-
ball
Friday, Sept. 6
Lansing, Michigan
at Kalamazoo

Women's Field
Hockey
Sunday, Sept. 8
Annville, Pennsyl-
vania

Women's Golf
Sept. 14-15
Tiffin, Ohio

Men's Cross Coun-
try
Saturday, Sept. 14
Robertson Athletic
Complex

Women's Volley-
ball
Saturday, Sept. 7
Lansing, Michigan
at Saint Mary's

Women's Soccer
Saturday, Sept. 7
Pittsburgh

Women's Cross
Country
Saturday, Sept. 14
Roberston Athletic
Complex

Men's Soccer
Friday, Sept. 13
Erie, Pennsylvania

Women's Golf
Sept. 22-23
The Country Club
of Meadville

Women's Soccer
Wednesday, Sept.
11
Fredonia, New
York

Women's Tennis
Sept. 7-8
Oberlin, Ohio

Football
Saturday, Sept. 7
Troy, New York

Men's Tennis
Friday, Sept. 13
Alliance, Ohio

Women's Tennis
Tuesday, Sept. 10
Tennis Courts at
Robertson Athletic
Complex

Conversations with Men's Soccer

Men's Soccer athletes discuss new season, new goals

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The Allegheny Men's Soccer team graduated seven seniors in the spring of 2019.

Now, returning members of the team are tasked with creating a new identity for the program as they embark on the 2019 season. With the season just underway, The Campus sat down with three members of the Allegheny Men's Soccer team to talk about their goals for the 2019 season.

Owen Harkins, '21:

How long have you been a part of the Allegheny Men's Soccer team?

This is my third season on the men's soccer team. I played soccer, and I also played hockey and lacrosse in high school.

How has your experience been with the Men's Soccer team at Allegheny?

My overall experience with the soccer team has been an emotional rollercoaster that has had many highs, as well as many lows. I have enjoyed every moment of being on the field with the boys and look forward to creating lifelong memories and friendships.



HARKINS

What are your ambitions for the team this season and moving forward?

My mission for the team this year is to be a competitive (team) that not only competes in every game but also competes for conference championships and sets a level of excellence to be upheld exceeded.

For the 2019 season, what are you most looking forward to?

I'm definitely looking forward to the competition. Being a junior now, I am used to the speed of the play and the level of players we stack up against, so I'm looking forward to imposing our will on the teams we compete against.



SNYDER

Kristian Snyder, '21:

How long have you been a part of the Allegheny Men's Soccer team?

This is my third season on the men's soccer team. I played soccer and tennis throughout my high school career, but decided to direct my focus solely on soccer.

How has your experience been with the men's soccer team at Allegheny?

My experience as a member of the soccer team has been really positive. I've made many friendships that will last a lifetime and memories I'll never forget. I can't imagine not playing soccer here.



PASTORIUS

What are your ambitions for the team this season and moving forward?

The goal for this season is to leave everything we have out on the field and live with the results. We want to compete for a spot in the (North Coast Athletic Conference) Tournament, and in order to achieve that, we have to stick together and work as a team throughout.

For the 2019 season, what are you most looking forward to?

I'm definitely looking forward to competing in a very strong NCAC conference, and seeing what we can do against some of the best Division III schools in the country.

Joseph Pastorius, '22:

How long have you been a part of the Allegheny Men's Soccer team?

This is my second season as a member of the Allegheny Men's Soccer team.

How has your experience been with the Men's Soccer team at Allegheny?

I have felt truly grateful to be a part of the Allegheny Men's Soccer team. It is a fantastic group of athletes, students, and people. Despite the challenges, being a student athlete at Allegheny is one of the best decisions I have ever made.

What are your ambitions for the team this season and moving forward?

The goal for this season is definitely to compete and battle in every game. In our conference, there is not an easy opponent, and our non-conference schedule is difficult as well, but we are up for the challenge.

For the 2019 season, what are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to spending time with my teammates and getting to know our new players as the season goes on. I'm also looking forward to competing day in and day out on the field, in practice and in games.