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SRL hiring for new position

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Allegheny College will be hiring a new assistant Spiritual and Religious Life dean to focus on spiritual wellness along with the current religious and spiritual organizations on campus.

Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington explained how the new role will expand responsibilities to include unaffiliated spiritual life on campus.

"We took the opportunity to review the position, look at what our peers were doing, think about what kind of students' needs were in general," Binnington said. "And so we redesigned that position to expand beyond traditional faith or religious-based student organizations and part of the reason for that is that the student population is changing."

For a long time, the majority of students who declared an affiliation at the college have been Catholic, because the college's recruitment areas were majority-Catholic. The population of students who have been identifying as Catholic has gone from about a third of students to about a quarter, according to Binnington.

"It is about to be overtaken by the population of students who regard themselves as spiritual but unaffiliated," Binnington said. "I was particularly struck by a model I saw at Albion College and I borrowed heavily from that model after I met with their vice president for student affairs and got permission."

According to Binnington, the new model strengthens the spiritual and wellness parts of the job while leaving the religious parts intact.

"It is a strengthening of the kind of interfaith and more spiritual base part of the job," Binnington said.

The new position will have a lot of agency in how the role is navigated in order to give the person an opportunity to use their expertise, according to Binnington.

Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Heather Moore Roberson said the office is envisioning a partnership with student experience to provide two-tiered support for the new hire.

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'Allegheny is investing'

Cole announces $10m gift to renovate Brooks



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
President Ron Cole, '87, addresses the college's faculty and staff at the "State of the College" on Feb. 1.

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President Ron Cole, '87, announced the first of what will be a series of major gifts to the college at his "State of the College" address in Shafer Auditorium on the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 1. The presentation, delivered to Allegheny's faculty and staff, outlined the next steps for the college's strategic pathway, which Cole said will be fueled by a series of six- and seven-figure gifts to the college.

"I want to emphasize that we cannot chart our path to thrive by cutting our way out," Cole said. "Rather, it's through strategic investments that we pave the way to excellence and innovation."

The "State of the College" comes as the college's strategic plan pivots into implementation.

The development of the strategic pathway, launched by Cole just under a year ago, was administered by the Hill Group, a Pittsburgh-based consultancy firm, and used feedback from students, faculty and the college administration to define five values of the college — excellence, innovation, inclusion, community and sustainability — as well as five primary goals, which were Academic Excellence and Strong Outcomes, Vibrant and Inclusive Campus, Broaden Academic Offerings, Community and Economic Development, and Operational and Financial Sustainability.

This new series of "lead donations" is seen by senior leadership as an endorsement of the college's strategic pathway by alumni and the wider Allegheny community. The gifts are also designed to send a message to prospective students.

"I want to demonstrate to them that Allegheny College is a place that's on the move, Allegheny is investing in our students, investing in you, investing in our future," Cole told the assembled college employees.

Brooks

The first major gift comes from Patricia Bush Tippie, '56, a longtime donor to the college alongside her late husband, Henry Tippie.

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ASG hears Wi-Fi project proposal

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The Allegheny Student Government heard a capital project proposal and approved three new clubs during their first round of voting at their General Assembly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6. After the meeting, ASG leadership provided some updates on the current state of the financial system, which has been without a permanent leader for just over three months.

Funding proposals

The guest speaker on Tuesday was Chief Information Officer Katrina Yeung, who was in attendance to propose a pair of infrastructure projects that ASG could fund, as well as provide an update on the college's internet.

Both funding requests were to install outdoor wireless connectivity. The first, estimated to cost just over $50,000, would provide Wi-Fi to most outdoor spaces on campus, including the Gator Quad, Brooks Walk, the Carrden, Bicentennial Lawn, Murray Lawn, the NV courtyard and more.

"We would hang access points off of strategic buildings to create spaces for outside collaborations," Yeung said. "We'd focus them on where there are classes held outside, where we saw students congregating and where we know that outdoor events happen."

The 33 new access points needed to complete the coverage would take two to three weeks to install once they arrive, Yeung said.

The second proposal would be to provide additional wireless access to the Robertson Athletic Complex, at a total cost of just over $56,000.

"There's lots of data we can capture in the other sporting areas if we have the capacity to connect the systems," Yeung said. "Also, up at Robertson the cellular coverage is not great in some areas, so this would allow us to have some form of coverage for emergency purposes, and we can put in a few additional cameras just to increase security coverage up there."

However, ASG seemed skeptical of both projects and their role in funding them.

Among the representatives who asked questions was Co-Director of Student Affairs London Dejarnette, '24, who asked after the first proposal if Yeung had sought out other sources of funding, saying that ASG's funding was for student activities.

"After we exited the prior network installers, I was given a fixed dollar amount," Yeung said. "I have spent that. So if we want to do the 'nice-to-have' outdoor things, I need another source and President Cole guided me to ASG."

Yeung's proposal is not the first of its kind; ASG has previously funded water bottle refill stations and the installation of fire pits in North Village and on the Murray Lawn, as well as free charging stations across campus.

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FRN adds hydroponics system



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS
The hydroponics system, located to the right of the shelving, will grow fresh produce for students. The system was funded by the Bonner Program.

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The Food Recovery Center recently added a hydroponics tower to its food pantry. The center — created and stocked by Allegheny's chapter of the national Food Recovery Network — was unveiled in September of last year on the third floor of the Henderson Campus Center, adjacent to room 301/302.

President of Allegheny's FRN chapter London Dejarnette, '24, explained that the hydroponics unit was always part of the plan for the center.

"Ultimately the goal is it produces fresh food for students," Dejarnette said. "We're going to have harvest events where students can come and harvest vegetables and take some home with them, free of cost obviously."

The only hurdle in getting the unit was acquiring funding. FRN is a student-run club, meaning that club funds come from Allegheny Student Government. Dejarnette explained that additional funding came through from the Bonner Program, as FRN is also a site for Bonner funding.

After FRN had enough funding, the only thing left to do was assemble the unit and perform general upkeep.

"Hydroponics towers can be really fancy and confusing but this one is intended for homes," Dejarnette said. "It has the capacity to grow a lot, and in five weeks."

Hydroponics is the technique of growing plants using a water-based nutrient solution rather than soil, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The appeal of adding one to the FRC came from concerns that Dejarnette and other board members heard from fellow students.

"We don't have any sort of formal partnership with the Carrden right now," Dejarnette said. "The biggest gap that we tend to fall into is not having fresh food options, but it's also in the highest demand."

Much of the FRC stock is collected from Brooks or gleaned from local resources, but has included produce from the Carr Hall garden in the past.

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The lobby of the Wise Center has a new layout to display scores of the college's sports teams' trophies. Staff Writer AB Snyder, '27, showcases the new design.

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Sports Editor Kyle Chandler, '24, previews one of the largest sporting events of the year and delves into the excitement of fans.

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Without ASG funding, there would be no set time or funding for completion of these projects. "We could look to add it into some kind of capital improvement next year sometime, but I couldn't guarantee that," Yeung said, in response to a question from Attorney General Will Lowthert, '24.

"Could we do it on a later date? 100%. If you are willing to fund the dollars, we can do it faster," Yeung later added.

Towards the end of Yeung's presentation, ASG Vice President Sam Ault, '26, clarified that the Senate was not being asked to vote on funding, just hearing the proposal. Ault added that other groups — including the office of Physical Plant — would be pitching ideas to ASG over the course of the semester.

"We want this to be a process where you all feel really engaged and good about what we're going to be investing in," Ault told the Senate. "You guys have time to go and ask your peers, ask your classmates, ask people in your residence halls, 'What matters to you, which would you prefer?'"

ASG is currently sitting on just under $500,000 in unspent surplus funds, largely left from when the school's student activities shut down during the pandemic and student organizations had few opportunities to spend their funding.

Wi-Fi

Yeung's presentation included an explanation and update on the current internet situation. She noted that the college replaced its core switches in the first week of October and received a major shipment in the second week of October — one that filled much of the Reis Hall rotunda.

"We got nine pallets of equipment; it filled up an entire tractor-trailer," Yeung said. "Then we installed it all in less than 10 weeks. That is a Herculean effort by not only the installers, but my team and I know it's not perfect yet."

In the interest of speed, all wireless access points were left in the base configuration, Yeung said, which means that they need to be tuned to reach peak capability.

"If you take Baldwin as an example, it is essentially concrete," Yeung said, "I've got four concrete walls, I've got a mesh ceiling and a metal door and it's super hard to get radio waves through there. So now that everything is installed, it's a painstaking process of tweaking the configuration building by building."

Dejarnette asked if ASG could help fund the tweaking process and work on the existing network, instead of supporting a new project.

"The problem with you funding that is I don't know what the scope of work is yet; it's not super defined," Yeung replied. "I might have to re-cable 600 APs (access points) and it's $1,000 apiece. Maybe I need to do none. I just don't know, so I can't define the scope for you."

Another question came from Senator Kyra Jordan, '25, who said they could not access the Wi-Fi from their room in the Walker Annex. However, when Yeung asked if Jordan had submitted a help ticket, Jordan replied that they had not.

"If I know where it's not working, I can fix it," Yeung replied.

She then troubleshooted for Jordan on the spot and found a possible solution after learning that all of Jordan's devices were made by Apple.

"What we have seen with Mac and Apple products is that the SSID — the network ID, the network name — gets added to each time for some random reason," Yeung said. "So you might have the AC-Student that was Wi-Fi Fiber's, and not the "AC-Student" that's new. So we've seen deleting them completely and redoing it from scratch helps."

Yeung encouraged other students who may be experiencing network connectivity problems to file a support ticket at webhelp.allegheny.edu

"If you're having issues, put in a ticket so I know where it is," Yeung said. "I can fix things if I know."

Finance

The finance report for the week was relatively quiet. Following a brief discussion on whether or not the Outdoors Club could hold a skiing event given the creation of Ski and Snowboard Club last semester — ASG agreed the Outdoors Club could — the Senate approved $19,026.55 in student spending for the week.

However, despite the continued funding of club activities, ASG remains without a finance director. Thursday marked 100 days since Hunter Goerman, '25, stepped down from the role. Since Goerman's departure, much of the operational weight has fallen on Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckley, who acknowledged Tuesday that the Finance Committee has been working more slowly.

"I can't continue to work nights and weekends to get the finance done," Yeckley said. "So there has been a slowdown and I will own that because I am a dean of students and have a million other things on my list to do."

After the meeting, Ault said that only one person had applied to one of the finance co-directorships, and that person could be put up for a confirmation vote as soon as the next GA. Ault said that even if only one of the two finance chair positions is filled, the they would still help with the finance committee.

There has also been a change in the timing of the Finance Committee meeting; according to a post made to ASG's Instagram and Facebook Stories on Thursday, Feb. 1, the committee is now meeting on Fridays, with all finance requests due on Friday at noon. After the meeting, Ault — who leads the committee — said that the committee had been meeting on Friday since Jan. 26.

"I know we talked about it with Trae, and it was announced during either adviser (comments) or our comments in one of the GAs from this semester," ASG President Nicole Recio Bremer, '25, said of the change.

It is unclear what Recio Bremer is referring to; a Campus review of recordings of the last two GAs could not find any announcement that the Finance Committee would be changing its meeting time.

"I'm not sure if it was something that I had remembered to write down," Ault said. "It might have been something I said off the top of my head, um, which is my bad. I do apologize because I actually realized the other day that I was like, 'I don't know how clear I actually made that,' which is why I had our director of press and communications put up the reminder."

As of 5 p.m. on Thursday, there has been no permanent posting on the ASG Instagram or Facebook of the change in finance request deadlines.

The change in meeting time comes as the finance request form has contained conflicting information. As recently as Thursday, Feb. 1, the finance request form listed two due dates; at the beginning of the form, Saturday at 5pm was listed as a due date, while on the third page, the deadline was listed as Sunday at 5pm.

Prior to the Tuesday GA, the form listed Friday at noon as the deadline at the beginning, but the third slide still listed Sunday at 5pm as the deadline.

"Thank you for actually letting me know because I didn't know that it said again at the end," Ault said when asked about this discrepancy. "I noticed it at the beginning when I was reviewing for finance and we got it changed."

As of 5 p.m. on Thursday, the third slide of the form still listed the deadline as Sunday. Speaking on Tuesday, Ault confirmed that the deadline is Friday at noon.

Recio Bremer said that improving financial processes requires filling both finance directorships.

"It would be lovely to have more students apply because we really need help, and it's something that students really need at the end of the day," Recio Bremer said. "It's not only for your club, but also for other clubs and not only ASG, it's like the whole student body."

ASG will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

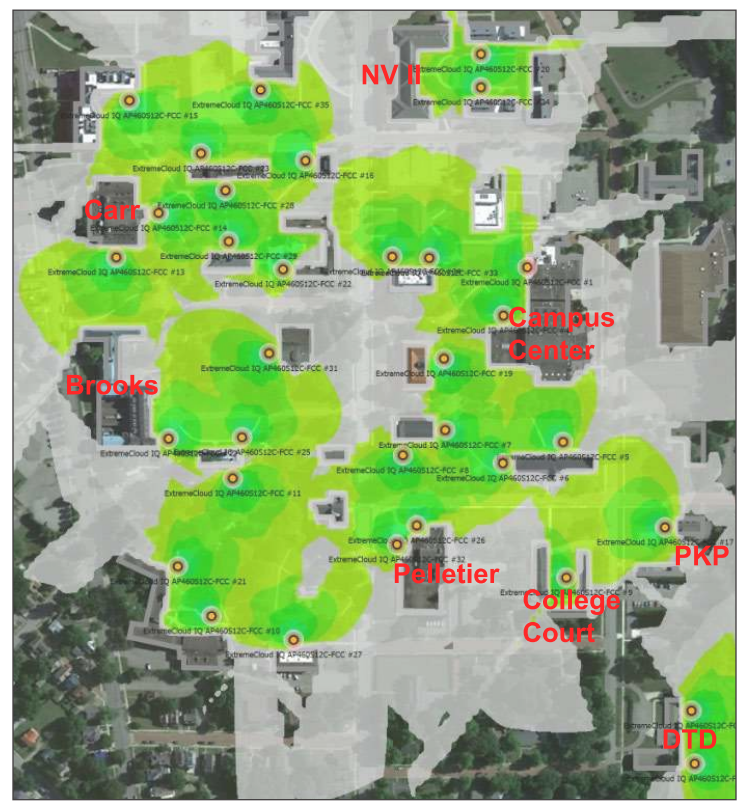

Image courtesy of Katrina Yeung

A proposed capital project from Chief Information Officer Katrina Yeung would add Wi-Fi connectivity to the green spaces above. Note that this map is only a proposal and is subject to change.

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"We have noticed in regards to spirituality that many of our students who come to campus are looking to have more conversations about spirituality as opposed to having conversations about religion," Roberson said. "They don't want to be boxed into a religious categorization and they don't want to think about spirituality as being aligned to religion."

The new position will also continue working with the IDEAS Center and other organizations on campus to create events that include more spirituality and wellness conversations, according to Roberson.

"I think having somebody who's focused on spirituality, wellness and religion is the way of the future," Roberson said. "Those three areas are not mutually exclusive, they are three areas that are interconnected and are a valuable part and component of the student experience. So I think that this person will be able to support all students if they are interested in helping them to be successful in whatever ways that make sense for them."

In the process of searching for the new role, students were included in interviews after being selected.

Newman Catholic Campus Ministry President Joseph Leszczynski, '25, was one of the students who was involved in the search for the new assistant SRL dean.

"I have been in multiple interviews that involve other faculty and administrators but I have also been in interviews that are all just students," Leszczynski said. "I would probably want someone willing to stand up and give a lot of effort in making things happen for our students and I feel like the most important thing in a candidate is their willingness to advocate."

Leszczynski said that through working with administrators to search for the role, he hopes that the feedback students gave will be taken into consideration when hiring.

"Students will be the people who will be the most familiar and interact with the most with this role and addressing the needs that they have set out to meet is the most important part of this and that involves taking our feedback," Leszczynski said. "I feel like the sort of attitudes of the administrators that I have been working with have been really conducive to that sort of goal."

According to Binnington, the individual hired will need to take up the banner of interfaith conversations.

"I am really going to rely on the expertise of this individual to advise us on what they think the job should be doing," Binnington said. "And I want to make sure that I don't impose a model that doesn't include their input."

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No matter the source, much of the food stocked in the center is gone by the next day, Dejarnette explained — the most recent restock saw just over 70% of refrigerated goods and 90% of dry pantry goods taken during the first day.

"A lot of that could be indicative of the fact that students recognize that we are restocking so sparingly," Dejarnette said. "If we had a consistent funding source that wasn't so hit or miss, the consistent stock would probably leave students feeling more secure over time and don't feel like they have to get as much food as possible when it is made available to them."

A new accreditation for the college may help keep the center consistently stocked. Announced at last week's ASG meeting, Allegheny is now designated a PA Hunger-Free Campus. The initiative is intended to "build a coalition of colleges and universities focused on addressing hunger and other basic needs for their students," according to the PA Department of Education website.

"There were a couple different criteria that you had to fulfill and a lot of what we were doing last year was trying to fulfill this so that we can get the accreditation," Dejarnette said of the initiative. "The other thing too is that a ton of our competing schools already had the accreditation and a lot of schools that students are leaving here to go to have it, and that was pretty indicative of maybe some gaps in student access."

FRN's commitment to equitable student access is the reason behind some of FRC's structures. For example, though Dejarnette's research for their senior comprehensive project through the FRN site focuses on what type of students are using the center and what approaches are working to get them there, there is no student-by-student logging in the center.

"Some food pantries at other colleges — when we were trying to figure out our model for this — would require you to check in, write what you took," Dejarnette said. "I think that there is a clear inventory purpose of that, and that would probably be really helpful honestly, but again our primary concern is it being a resource that is not daunting."

The data on campus-wide food security is forthcoming: The food insecurity survey distributed by the college — which was also one of the criteria for meeting the PA Hunger-Free Campus distinction — will be presented soon, according to Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington.

Dejarnette's research will also be completed soon. Part of what Dejarnette was interested in specifically was income as it relates to the FRC. From their own food insecurity survey completed earlier this semester, they also noticed that some students were wary of taking from what seemed like a limited supply of food in the pantry.

"I think that not only does that identify that maybe we need to be doing more as far as communicating with students, like 'Hey, this is for literally anyone, it doesn't matter if you're poor, it doesn't matter if you're wealthy; if you don't have food for any reason that is in line with what your needs are, please get food from the resource center,'" Dejarnette said. "But I think it also indicates that higher-income students are seeing that other students maybe need food more than them and I think that to me is also pretty significant because it means that it's so visible. It's something that maybe students who don't have lived experience are really aware of, and that's not super typical for food access issues."

Through this semester, Dejarnette explained, FRN hopes to host more events, including harvesting events as a way to acquaint students with the new hydroponics unit. Dejarnette, as president of the chapter and a senior, is also focused on transition of power within FRN.

"We really do have really great foundations right now," Dejarnette said. "Even just materials-wise, we have the fridge and we have this hydroponics tower and those two things alone have the potential to really change the way that students are accessing food on this campus."

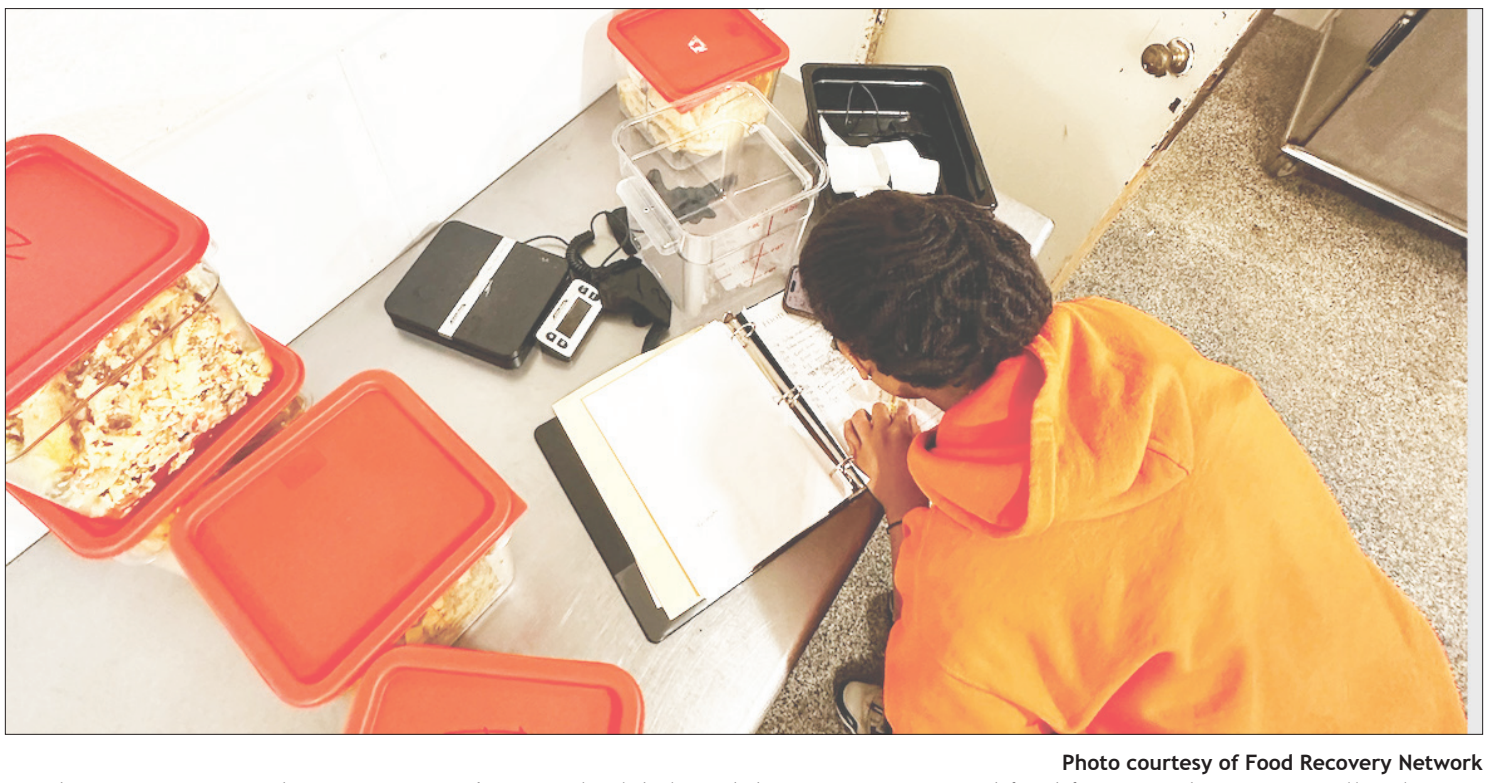

Photo courtesy of Food Recovery Network

Food Recovery Network Amani Green, '25, weighs, labels and documents recovered food from Brooks Dining Hall. A large part of the group's work during their food recoveries is recordkeeping.

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The Tippies have given millions to the college over the years, including a gift in the early 2000s to create the Tippie Alumni Center and $7 million in 2018 to help fund the $13 million renovation of Bentley Hall.

Now, Patricia Tippie is donating $16 million — including $10 million in a "visionary gift" to renovate Brooks Hall, Cole said.

"This meets a critical need and stands as a testament to Pat's dedication to creating a more vibrant campus community," Cole said. "It's a testament to her belief and investment in our strong future."

In an interview this week, Vice President for Intsitutional Advancement Matt Stinson said that while many members of the Allegheny community have a strong connection to the Brooks residential experience, the hall needs an upgrade.

"The bones of it are good, the nostalgia is good, but I would venture to guess if you asked a bunch of students, there's some TLC that's missing from that building," Stinson said.

That "tender love and care" has already materialized; the Brooks laundry room has been moved from the basement to the first floor and attached to a new lounge and kitchenette. Currently, Physical Plant is waiting on materials to adjust door configurations to improve accessibility, said Joe Michael, who heads Physical Plant.

"We're going to change some door configurations to make it more accessible," Michael said. "And we're doing some prep work as we go through the design for the elevator."

Adding a lift is a major part of the renovations to what Stinson called "not a very accessible building."

"There's an elevator in that building; it's not an ideal location, it's not always as functional as we would like it to be," Stinson said of Brooks. "This will provide an opportunity for a brand-new modern elevator so that anybody can go from any floor to any floor in the entire building."

Michael said that his office has talked to three engineering companies who are currently drafting their design proposals for the elevator. Though specific details are still up in the air, Michael did say that the elevator would have at least seven stops and would require the additional installation of ramps on two floors.

Michael said that his team is also in the "discovery" phase of a plan to add air conditioning to the Brooks complex. At this stage, Michael's team is still figuring out if the Brooks complex can be cooled through the same system of pipes that is used for heating, or if a second system of pipes must be installed.

"Most buildings on campus run on one system, which is why we have that one-week switchover because you can't have both on," Michael said.

Much of the work will be done while students are off-campus for the summer, and although a set timeline is still yet to be determined, students can expect the upgrades to take some time.

"It'll last — we're talking multiple years," Michael said.

Tippie's $10 million donation will not be the last word; Stinson said that his team is planning to leverage the initial amount to raise another $10 million for a total sticker price of $20 million for improvements to Brooks.

"Her initial gift will allow us to do some of the behind-the-scenes things that are really necessary," Stinson said.

Reis Hall gift

Another large gift is pending for the renovation of Reis Hall, Cole said Thursday. Formerly the college's library, Reis was emptied in 2018 during the Bentley renovation and has remained so — save for a few pop-up pubs — since then. The college received $2 million in state funding to work on Reis in October 2022, though the project has been quiet since.

"Today, I'm pleased to share that we're on the horizon of a major gift for that project — what will likely be the largest single gift in Allegheny's history," Cole said. "It's too soon to announce the details and it remains anonymous for now, but its impact, I believe, will resonate across our campus as Reis Hall is transformed into a center for innovation and interdisciplinary studies that will intersect a wide range of our academic areas."

Reis will be used to house the Allegheny Lab for Innovation and Creativity, Cole said. The ALIC has shared space in the Doane Hall of Art since it was opened in 2019.

Moving to Reis would be the second upgrade for the ALIC since November, when the college opened "ALIC @ Bessemer" in Meadville as a place for workforce and entrepreneurial development.

The gift, Stinson said, is part of a "very complex estate."

"Some of the payments on that estate are starting to come in February, and the people associated with that estate are very excited about our concept for Reis Hall and the vision that is going to be there: a center for innovation and a center for interdisciplinary studies," Stinson said.

"It's a showcase, quite frankly, for all of what we do at Allegheny — combining major-minor combinations, combining interdisciplinary studies."

Michael said that the college went through a five-month request for proposal process to find a company to lead the work on Reis, reviewing proposals from a dozen companies before awarding a contract in December to the Rothschild Doyno Collaborative, which will be partnering with Mosites Construction & Development Company on the project. Both firms are based in Pittsburgh.

Reis, like Brooks, is still largely in the "discovery" phase as designers prepare their plans and workers test the building for materials like asbestos. When work begins, it is set to be completed in two phases: interior and exterior.

"When people return in the fall, there will be some activity," Michael said. "The goal is hopefully we will start doing some work this summer. The design won't be done until November for both phases."

Gator Give Day and SIF

Tippie's gift totals $16 million; in addition to the $10 million for Brooks, she's committed to giving $5 million over five years to Gator Give Day, to fund matching opportunities for other donors, and $1 million in an endowment to create a Student Investment Fund at Allegheny.

The SIF, proposed by a group of Business and Economics students, would mirror similar projects at other universities and allow students to gain experience investing on the stock market.

"That'll be 100% run by students, under the guidance of faculty and an advisory board," Stinson said. "Our students are going to manage that fund and get real world experience on how that works. I believe that will be unique for a school of our size."

All three donations, Stinson said, match a goal in the college's strategic pathway. The SIF fulfills Goal 1: "Academic Excellence and Strong Outcomes;" the Brooks renovation, Goal 2: "Vibrant and Inclusive Campus;" and Gator Give Day, Goal 5: "Operational and Financial Sustainability."

"You look at those three different things and they really overlap with multiple strategic pathway goals," Stinson said

Strategic Pathway

Matching donations to elements of the college's strategic pathway is a big part of the next few months. Cole said there was "clear evidence" that following the strategic pathway will increase enrollment, which will in turn grow revenue, providing for a "top student and employee experience."

"That's fundamentally critical and important to me," Cole told faculty and staff. "I believe we can't have the best student experience until you feel that you're also supported as part of the Allegheny experience, and I know we've got work to do."

Strategic teams have been formed to tackle each of the strategic pathway's five goals and 14 sub-goals and will start developing and implementing tactics to meet those goals.

"At the core of success is that there's clear communication across these teams and with the campus," Cole said. "This will not be a scattered approach."

Baked into this implementation is a word that has been used in regard to the college's accreditation over the last eight months: assessment. Allegheny received a "Notice of Non-Compliance" due to insufficient evidence that the college was reviewing and adjusting its practices to continually improve.

"If we do something that isn't working, we need to stop doing it or improve it," Cole said at the State of the College.

Cole also said that the use of the strategic pathway represented Allegheny's response to shifts in the landscape of higher education, including the oft-cited "demographic cliff" of fewer high school graduates nationwide. He added that the old system of spending a year or more creating a decade-long strategy was "gone from higher education."

"The comfort of developing a 10-year plan is no longer something that we enjoy," Cole said. "It's hard to predict what will happen a few years from now, let alone 10 years from now. We as an institution need to be prepared, to be nimble, to be able to adjust to a changing landscape, and I'm proud of how we've been able to do that."

Fall campaign

The major gifts are part of the lead-up to the next big thing in Allegheny's fundraising efforts — a campaign that will go public in the fall. Most of the details are still up in the air, though specific dollar amounts and strategies will be set in time for a presentation to the Board of Trustees in October, Stinson said.

"Our goal, other than just raising money, is to make sure that everybody sees themselves and can find their place in this strategic pathway moving forward," Stinson added. "The campaign will be nontraditional, in that it won't just be about raising money. It'll be about giving alumni of all ages and all backgrounds an opportunity to participate in ways that are meaningful to them and beneficial to the college."

In the meantime, Stinson said that the plan is to announce a major donation every two to four weeks, timed as prospective students are making college decisions. The ultimate goal is to use donations — like Tippie's gift towards Brooks — as a message that Allegheny is here to stay.

"Imagine a time next year when a potential student and their family is coming across campus and there's construction everywhere, there's investments being made, there's stories being told about the great outcomes our students are having," Stinson said. "We believe we are very fortunate to be in a position that is going to differentiate ourselves from a lot of those other institutions with the amount of investment that is taking place on our campus. We are going to invest heavily, and our alumni, families and friends are stepping up in inspiring ways."

Ask Allegheny

What is one Allegheny club/organization you think deserves more recognition?



Jess Morgan, '25
Major: Environmental Science and Sustainability
Minor: Biology
"Why Not Us"



Katelyn Bombalski, '26
Major: Environmental Science and Sustainability
Minor: Biology
"Food Recovery Network"



Ryan Cox, '26
Major: Environmental Science and Sustainability
Minor: Filmmaking
"Knitting Club"

CRIME BLOTTER

Editor's Note: The weekly Crime Blotter is compiled using the Daily Crime Log available on the Office of Public Safety's web page. Crimes reported may still be under investigation. Crimes listed below are collected the Thursday before publication.

January 24-28, 2024
Criminal Mischief
Edwards Hall
Referred to Dean

January 28, 2024
Criminal Mischief
Robertson Athletic Complex
Referred to Dean

February 3, 2024
Alcohol Violation
Baldwin Hall
Referred to Dean

February 3, 2024
Theft
North Village II
Referred to Dean

February 3, 2024
Harassment
Delta Tau Delta
Referred to Dean

February 3, 2024
Fondling
Delta Tau Delta
Title IX

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Wrapped Up

Are the Grammys still relevant?

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In 2023, Spotify added a new element to its annual "Wrapped" release. In addition to the breakdown of a listener's music taste, listening habits and where they fell within their top artist's "top listeners," Spotify Wrapped now included "Sound Towns" for some users.

According to Time magazine in a statement from Spotify, the Sound Town "selected for each eligible user has the most similar taste profile to their own, based on their most streamed artists of the year and how much those artists are streamed in other cities."

Wrapped made its usual rounds on the internet on Nov. 29 and conversation about the towns circulated for some time after. Several people in my life made a point to share with me a TikTok parody of the Burlington, Vermont Sound Town, in which the creator jokes that "we're all named Sam here in Burlington, Vermont." That, along with some quips about the so-called town population — like how we're all queer and we listen to Noah Kahan which yeah, you got me there — was so specific to my personality that of course I was sent the video and was shown it on my Instagram feed several times.

The point is: We love Wrapped, and Towns was designed to feed us more of ourselves. In the days and weeks after Spotify released their version, other "Wraps" started popping up online. YouTube now partakes, and even went so far as to generate an album cover for its users' year in music. Others used the Wrapped format in an approach similar to journaling; a TikToker's "Cry Wrapped" — of all the times and reasons behind why they cried that year — was one unique example of this.

I think the Wrap-ification of our lives deserves its own analysis. Our desperate need to make order of the world and our place within it, especially during uncertain times, has led to Wrapped and an endless number of aesthetics, usually tagged online under something "-core." We love quantifying and organizing the human experience, analyzing ourselves from the outside and learning about ourselves as if we are a third party.

For this reason, the popularity of Wrapped makes sense. But I think another significant element of this is the diversification of music, and the recognition that the systems that crown "good" music aren't always correct. At least from our unique and highly niche perspective, of course.

Look at the Grammys, for example. Sunday night's award ceremony drew in 16.9 million viewers, according to Variety. That viewership is the greatest the Grammys has seen since 2020, but overall viewership is still down significantly from what it has been in the past.

I can't help but think that a major reason for that decline is the recognition that award shows are rigged. We know that the artists that end up winning aren't necessarily who we want to see win, or who deserve to win.

Even at this year's Grammys, Jay-Z called out the awards show, pointing out how Beyonce, his wife, has earned the most Grammys ever but has never won album of the year.

He concluded his acceptance speech by saying "It's music and it's opinion based."

So if we know the shows are rigged to privilege certain artists over others and that music is subjective, why do we still watch? And, if we can get our music taste along with a description of our personality simply handed to us, why would we continue to value the opinions of a rigged system?

Admittedly, there's still a joy in seeing your favorite artists nominated and possibly awarded for the art that they make. I didn't watch the show myself, but I did make it a point to check on the winners the next day and was happy for Boygenius, a band that I think deserves recognition.

But your favorite artist may not have won. Or been nominated. Or have the kind of following that gets recognized in any way, Grammys or otherwise. This is a majority of the viewer experience, to the point that I think the respect for winning a Grammy has come to mean very little for listeners.

It's not a simple either/or of which measurement of music is more relevant; Spotify and the Grammys are very different entities. But I think that maybe feeding into people's need for individuality has made Spotify a more relevant way to talk about music that matters to us. Even if their appeal is perhaps too specific, at least we get to see our number one artist as number one.

So it's goodbye, Grammys for me. See you in Burlington, Vermont.

Letter to the Editor

SAE has benefits

To Whom It May Concern:

Your article of January 26 regarding the Town Hall to reestablish a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) at the Allegheny College omitted the benefits of participation in Greek life, and the mission of SAE.

As Allegheny alumni and SAE brothers, our aim in reestablishing the chapter is to enhance the campus experience for the Allegheny community, providing a motivated set of young men a positive opportunity for leadership, service and camaraderie. A fraternity is a unique vehicle for such things – for forming closer, more lasting relationships with fellow students, and for improving oneself as well as serving others. During much of our time at Allegheny, SAE had the highest grade point average of any fraternity or sorority, much higher than the student body average, while serving the college through numerous campus events.

Our SAE credo is The True Gentleman, a 100+ year old statement of principles, that among other things defines our brothers as men "whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety" and "whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe." Those traits are as honorable today as ever.

When any group of human beings exhibits unimpeachable conduct in perpetuity, we will be duly impressed. Organizations take on the character of their members. As has happened at many other organizations throughout society, including fraternities and sororities at a number of colleges, a decade ago our chapter took on a poor character, falling well below the standards we and Allegheny College demand. The best solution for the Allegheny SAE chapter was to close, wait, and start over. Now, upon our return, we want young men who have and will instill in the chapter their character, which will be that of True Gentlemen. There are no other criteria.

Re-founding a fraternity chapter is a tremendous opportunity for qualified candidates. When we interview candidates in our business lives, we look for leaders, people willing to start things and make them a success. Starting a fraternity chapter demonstrates that leadership, and it provides a lifetime of valuable experiences, connections, and friendships.

What's in it for us? Nothing. Consider our effort to re-establish the chapter as our continuing service, honoring our commitment to our credo, and making Allegheny College an even better place.

On behalf of SAE PA Omega Re-Establishment Committee,

- Steve Orkis, Class of '08

- Fred Eames - Class of '86

This week in Allegheny history, as told by The Campus

Feb. 9, 1905

- The Campus was 5 cents. An annual subscription was $1.50.
- The Junior class won the annual Senior-Junior debate competition held at the 'College Chapel'.

Feb. 9, 1928

- The Board of Trustees voted to erect Arter Hall — named after Clevelander Frank A. Arter, class of 1864, who funded the project. The Campus noted at the time that the new construction was sorely needed due to overcrowded classrooms.
- The Campus announces several new staff members, as well as title changes for the upcoming school year.

Feb. 9, 1956

- Advertisements for Allegheny College's May Day celebrations were promoting the nomination of female students for the May Day court.
- Four Allegheny students traveled to Washington D.C to participate in a seminar on American foreign policy.
- Reis Hall — then the library — was selected to receive a 54-volume set of "Great Books of the Western World," featuring 443 works from 74 authors ranging from Homer to 20th-century writings.

Feb 9, 1983

- Students complained about the smell of Carr Hall due to the building recycling "some of the gases it is trying to get rid of."
- Edwards Hall was reportedly hit with several thefts, including the theft of students' cash and checks.
- The Association of Black Culture sponsored a Black History Week, including an opening fashion/talent show held in the campus center.

Feb. 8, 1996

- The Curriculum Committee approved several new study away programs in Oxford, England; Quito, Ecuador; and Niamey, Niger.
- The "Campus Asks" question was "What did you dream about last night?" to which a student replied "I was running around the Walmart bath department with some rubber tubing and a can of Reddi-wip."
- Terry Bensel, then-assistant professor of environmental science, was interviewed about the hiring of a new faculty member.

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January and February are too hot for Meadville

Higher temperatures and less snow from El Nino are reason for concern

By **ZAYNAB JEBUR**

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A normal winter in northwestern Pennsylvania consists of heavy snowfall from January to March and low temperatures. This year, winter has so far been erratic with some snowfall and temperatures swinging from below freezing to mid-40s.

"In a typical year, northwest Pennsylvania by this point would have had a number of lake-effect snow events and we have only had one or two," said Chair of the Environmental Science and Sustainability department Terrence Bensel. "The fact that there is no snow on the ground, the fact that we are in late January or early February and that temperatures for at least the next couple weeks are forecasted to be above freezing temperatures during the day – that's unusual."

This phenomenon is not exclusive to Meadville; a recent survey published by Dartmouth College found that the Northern Hemisphere is experiencing less snowfall overall. It will not be temporary either as a warmer, inconsistent winter is a result of climate change.

"This year, one possible explanation and highly probable explanation for what's happening this year is that we are in the midst of a fairly strong El Niño cycle," Bensel said. "The El Niño is a Pacific Ocean current phenomenon, but it has ripple effects on weather all over the globe and during a strong El Niño, like what we're having this year, this part of the country, the kind of Northeast, northern Plains, will typically be warmer than usual."

The current El Niño cycle is expected to last until April, and is set to be one of strongest cycles in history, according to NOAA. Even though El Niño is greatly affecting current weather patterns, it is not entirely to blame because its symptoms are made worse by climate change.

"We have had on average warmer winters for a number of years, so that has to be attributed to global climate change, global warming and what we're experiencing this winter is a kind of a synergy or a reinforcing," said Bensel. "I think the El Niño is reinforcing underlying global warming. So those two things working in concert this year explain probably most of that variation of what we're seeing."

What winter will look like in the coming years is likely to be much warmer than the past winters.

"I think this year's is becoming more of a new normal," Bensel said. "One of the other things to consider is that – and again the reasoning why scientists prefer to refer to it as climate change rather global warming -- is because we're really talking about not just temperature changes, but changes in wind patterns, changes in precipitation, changes in temperature and all those have to do with climate, not just temperature."

Climate change is much more complicated in how different parts of the world are being affected, especially given their proximity to other phenomena. Northern Pennsylvania, for example, is much closer to the jet streams and their effects.

"When we talk about climate change one of the wildcards – if you will – is changes in jet stream formations, which are the upper atmospheric wind patterns or air movement patterns," Bensel said. "One of those changes is a weakening of what's known as the polar vortex. That polar vortex is a tight band of high elevation of air movements in a very high upper atmosphere in the polar region towards the North Pole."

When the Arctic warms more than usual, the stream deforms and cold air floods south into Canada, the northern United States and northern Europe. This happened as recently as mid-December.

When that cold air disperses, it disrupts the weather.

"You can go from a much warmer than average winter to almost record breaking cold for a number of days, so you get these really wild swings in temperature," said Bensel. "The new normal has much more variation and unpredictability associated with it which is again a kind of classic indicator of climate change happening in our area."

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> Professor and Chair of Environmental Science and Sustainability

The weather in Meadville is shifting into a territory of unpredictability. Climate change and its effects are tangible everywhere.

"It might be nice to imagine Meadville winters not being as cold as they used to be, but those changes in the weather could have very serious negative consequences for things like water supply — because we basically don't have the snow cover, which is water in the bank," Bensel said. "Winter should be melting slowly, releasing that water slowly, making that water available over long periods of time. It also has pretty serious effects on wildlife like migration and reproductive patterns with insects, pests and diseases which are more likely to survive and thrive in warmer conditions."

The consequences of an abnormally warm winter are much bigger than expected and it's likely that that list will grow in items and impact if climate change persists at the rate it is going.

The annual "4th Graders as Scientists" is back

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Allegheny College is hosting its ninth annual "4th Graders as Scientists" program this semester.

Friday, Feb. 9 is the first day of the five-day program, to be held over two days in February, two days in March, and one day in April.

"We bring all of the fourth graders that are in Crawford Central School District onto Allegheny's campus," said Associate Professor of Biology and Geology Lisa Whitenack. "Each kid gets to come for one day, but because there are five elementary schools, we need multiple days to do this."

The program is a field trip to Allegheny and an opportunity for students to learn about the school and paths in science, technology, engineering and math — or STEM.

After an introduction in the campus center, the students get a tour of Allegheny's campus before heading off to different activities.

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> Associate Professor of Biology and Geology

"Some of them are with Allegheny's faculty and students, some of them are with folks we bring from off-campus such as French Creek Conservancy, or Drake Well Museum, places like that," Whitenack said.

At 11:20 a.m., the students get to have lunch in the campus center and perhaps connect with someone they know on campus.

"They also get to eat lunch in the campus center lobby with Allegheny students, which is really fun because for a lot of these kids, this is the first time that they've been on Allegheny's campus," Whitenack said. "A lot of them have a family member that works here or goes here."

All around the campus center there are flyers advertising the program and QR codes in the corner for Allegheny students to sign up to help with the program. What their jobs will consist of depends on what day they choose and for how long they will volunteer

"Our student volunteers will run the campus tours, they will help escort the students and their teachers to their different classrooms in different buildings, they have lunch with the students, they are in the classroom with the fourth graders helping them with the activities," Whitenack said, adding that around 60 Allegheny students volunteered last year.

Behind the scenes, there are three students who help organize the program. Kaitlyn Royal, '24, who has helped the program for years, is in charge of organizing.

Her work involves wrangling all of the student volunteers, putting up the posters, scheduling the student volunteers and putting together scientist kits for the fourth graders. Those kits include a notebook, a drawstring backpack and a magnifying glass.

The two other students, Ethan Borsh, '25, and Elle Carpenter, '25, are learning how to take over when Kaitlyn graduates.

"It's super fun to work with the fourth graders," Whitenack said. We put out a survey last year for the students who participated in the program and overwhelmingly they had an absolute blast. The fourth graders are at a perfect age where they are really good at asking smart questions and they're not afraid to ask them because they're not afraid of not looking cool."

There is still time to sign up and volunteer — the remaining days for the program are Feb. 23, March 15 and 22 and April 5.

NaviGator Spotlight: Athletic Trainer Tyler Shipley

By **the NaviGators**
Contributing Writers

What do you wish more students and student-athletes knew about resources on campus?

I wish more students were aware of the resources that are available to them on campus for improving their mental health. With mental health wellness becoming more understood in recent years, Allegheny College made it a priority to make a variety of services available to its students:

Edinboro Counseling and Psychological Services are located at Winslow Health Center on campus. Call (814)734-3975 or walk in and drop off your name and number to schedule an appointment at your convenience. State that you are an Allegheny College Student. For more information, contact wellness@allegheny.edu.

CampusCare 98point6 — virtual healthcare service for students seeking assistance with stress, depression, fear and anxiety, family or relationship related issues, etc. Download the 98point6 app to get started.

Which sports do you mainly work with?

The sports that I primarily work with here at Allegheny College are field hockey and cross country in the fall, men's and women's basketball in the winter, and women's lacrosse and track and field in the spring, although our staff assists with providing medical coverage for all sport teams on campus throughout the school year. We also assist with providing medical coverage at 10 local high schools across Crawford County, mainly over winter break and the last month or so of the spring semester.

What made you want to work in athletic training or work with athletes?

I have always had a love for sports since I was young. I grew up playing basketball, as well as running track and cross country, but I enjoy watching all sports and love being surrounded by motivated athletes that enjoy healthy competition. I also enjoyed learning about the physical sciences growing up and was drawn specifically to human anatomy in my schooling, so I knew that I would enjoy working in a field that allowed me to deepen my knowledge in that topic.

The profession of athletic training provided me with an opportunity to work in the field of athletics and also be able to assist athletes in optimizing their health and athletic potential, which was exactly what I was looking for. Having dealt with a major knee injury myself, I sympathize with those that sustain injuries and are able to persevere through the strenuous rehab process and recover both mentally and physically from such difficult life challenges. Athletic training combines my love for athletics, my interest in anatomy and my passion for helping others.

What has your career journey looked like? What is one piece of advice you'd give to your past self?

Prior to college, I served in the U.S. Navy for seven years. While in the Navy, I met an athletic trainer that talked to me about the profession and allowed me to intern with him to learn more about what the job entailed. After spending time interning with him, I fell in love with the profession and decided to make the career change. I completed my undergrad at The University of North Carolina and graduate school at Ohio University, both for athletic training. After grad school, I started at Allegheny College in the fall of 2020 and have been working here since.

A piece of advice I would give my younger self is to be more patient. Looking back, oftentimes I was impatient or had a lot of anxiety associated with both working and completing assignments for school. If I could have been more patient with myself as well as others, I probably would have been more relaxed overall and able to appreciate each experience more.

What keeps you at Allegheny College? What's your favorite part of working with athletes?

The relationships that I build with the athletes, coaches and other coworkers. Allegheny College provides a true sense of community, especially in the Department of Athletics. During the school year, we spend more time together than we do with our families, so it's important to me to build strong relationships with those that I'm working with.

I also want student-athletes to feel safe and supported when they enter the athletic training Room. Many student-athletes are from far away, so having a place where they know they can be themselves, feel heard, and also receive medical care is important for their "home away from home."

My favorite part about working with student-athletes is being able to build close relationships with them and getting to see them grow as individuals both on and off the field.

Is there a piece of advice for someone starting or on their fitness journey?

Whether you are an active individual or someone looking to become more fit, find a form of exercise that brings you joy even on the coldest of mornings and rainiest of days because the key to optimizing your fitness potential is consistency. If you dread doing something, it's obviously going to be harder to stay consistent with it. If you love the activity, it makes getting out of bed a little easier and the results will naturally follow.

Anything you want students at Allegheny to know about you or maybe a fun hobby of yours?

Being active and spending time with family and friends is very important to me. Whenever I have free time, I enjoy catching up with friends, going on hikes and exploring new areas with my family, getting lost in a good book or comic, and playing basketball with my fellow noon hoopers.

The Comedy Corner: Jazz swans and gov't groundhogs

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Gig Harbor, Washington, spent $457,600 to replace over 700 LED streetlight bulbs around the city, according to the Seattle Times.

These replacements were installed in 2017 and already have begun to malfunction.

"It's quite upsetting," said Gig Harbor Mayor Tracie Markley. "I guess it's true, nobody, not even light bulbs, want to work anymore."

CNN reported on Jan. 30 that the European Union is currently working towards a solution for the high influx of the invasive Chinese mitten crabs – listed as one of the world's 100 worst invasive alien species.

One of the leading plans is for McCormick & Company to begin shipping vast amounts of Old Bay to E.U. member states in a bid to entice the consumption of the crabs.

A group of 11 Democratic senators and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) have called for the Biden administration on Jan. 30 to completely deschedule marijuana, according to The Hill.

"I don't see why it was ever scheduled," Sanders said. "I'm far too busy to be dealing with that."

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson told ABC News on Jan. 30 that he has yet to see the bipartisan border deal from the Senate, but that it is a "nonstarter in the House."

"I haven't seen any of the specifics yet," Johnson said. "It's a lot easier to complain about the deal if I just imagine it's terrible, instead of actually reading it. I wouldn't want to read it and accidentally agree with it. It's bipartisan for goodness sake!"

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported on Jan. 31 that relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman signed a one-year contract worth $10.5 million with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Chapman is best known for holding the record for the fastest recorded pitch speed in MLB history, at 105.1 mph.

Fans of the team are sure to be excited about getting the chance to watch Chapman throw with such a high velocity.

Fans of other teams are likely equally as excited to watch Chapman throw five balls for every strike pitched.

Trumpeter swans are congregating in Almonte, Ontario. The birds, once nearly extinct, have rebounded in numbers all across Ontario reported the CBC.

Almonte locals have expressed their joy upon seeing the swans return to the area.

"It was so quiet before they returned," a local resident said. "Now the air is filled with the sounds of Dizzy Gillespie and Louis Armstrong."

Gonorrhea cases are down, chlamydia has remained relatively unchanged and syphilis has spiked upwards across the country, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report.

Syphilis fans were elated to hear the disease climb the ranks of sexually transmitted infections.

The Arizona Coyotes have applied to buy state land in north Phoenix in order to build a new larger arena, according to The Arizona Republic.

The team currently plays at Arizona State University's Mullet Arena, which can seat 5,000. Most NHL teams can seat between 15,000 and 20,000 fans depending on the arena.

Hopefully the team can find at least 10,000 fans willing to pay to see them win just over a third of their games each season.

The Punxsutawney Spirit reported that Punxsutawney Phil detected no shadow as he stepped out onto Gobbler's Knob on the morning of Feb. 2.

His prediction of an early spring seems to be on the money as temperatures for the weekend are poised to be in the 40s and 50s.

Gov. Josh Shapiro was in attendance at the event, for the second year in a row. He announced that Phil will receive a new title: Official State Meteorologist of Pennsylvania.

This comes after Shapiro's first act as governor, which was eliminating college degree requirements for 65,000 state jobs. I didn't realize meteorology was one of those jobs.

I know Phil didn't go to college, but I don't think he even went to high school.

Lewis Hamilton has said he will be fulfilling a childhood dream when he joins Ferrari in 2025 reported The Guardian on Feb 3.

Hamilton will also be fulfilling an adulthood dream of being paid a rumored 100 million euros (around $108 million).

Disclaimer: All quotes are fictious. Any lack of joy as a result of this article is unintentional and we claim no responsibility.

A Crafty, Clever and Cool Crossword

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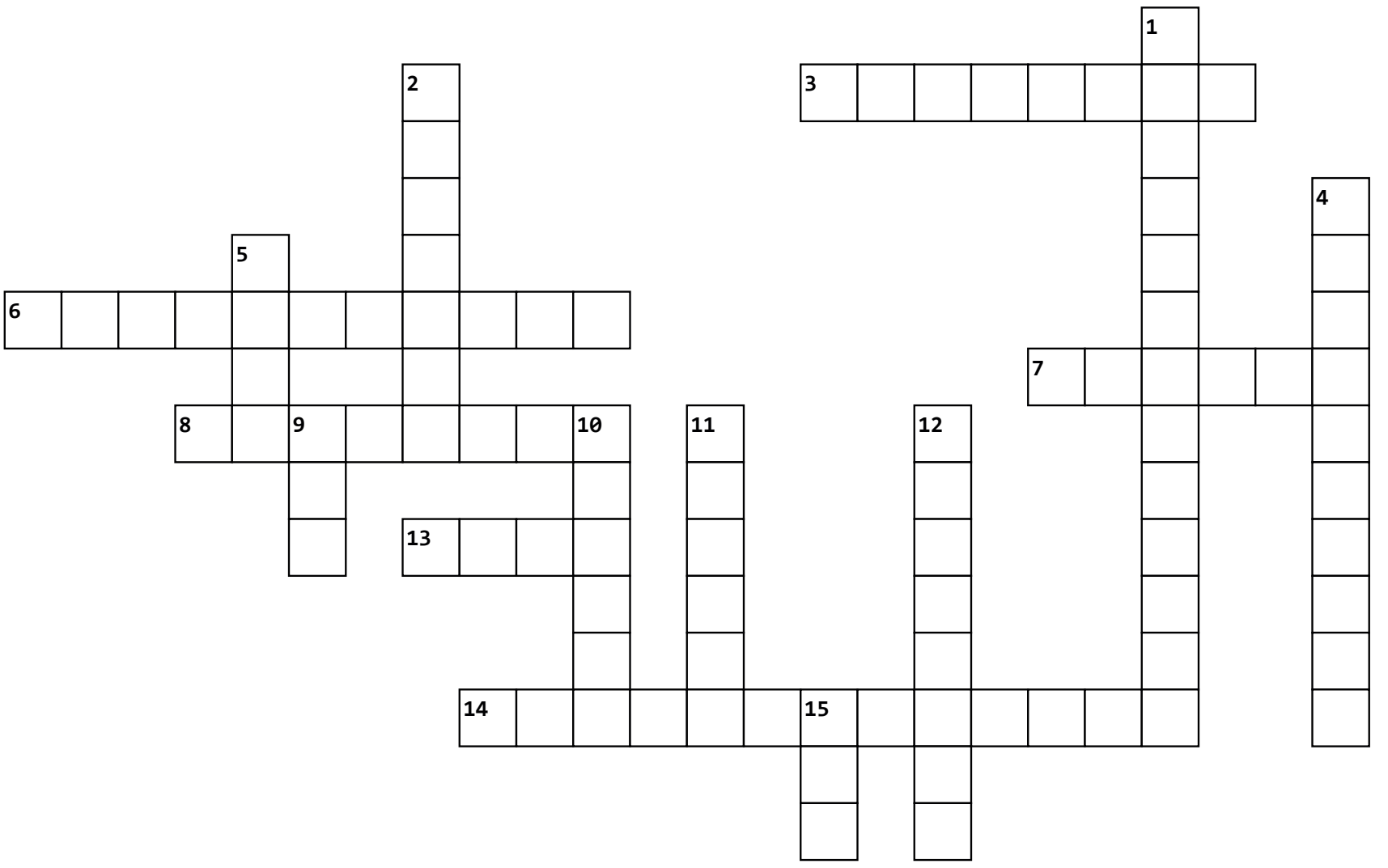
Across

3. Last name of the dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion
6. Type of tower added to the Food Resource Center
7. Chair of the Environmental Science and Sustainability Department
8. City hosting this year's Super Bowl (two words)
13. One of three companies that have bought Super Bowl ad spots
14. Where additional funding for the Food Recovery Network comes from (two words).

Down

1. Former athletic director whose name adorns the "Walk of Fame" (two words).
2. Artist who holds the record for the most Grammy wins.
4. Spotify "Wrapped" town of Opinion Editor Sam Heilmann, '26.
5. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
9. Spiritual and Religious Life
10. Home country of Anton Hedlund, '25.
11. Last name of the main donor to the renovation of Brooks Hall.
12. Current athletic director (two words).
15. President's Athletic Conference



Answer Key

Across 3. Roberson, 6. hydroponics, 7. Bensel, 8. LasVegas, 13. Dove, 14. BonnerProgram | **Down** 1. NormSundstrom, 2. Beyonce, 4. Burlington, 5. NOAA, 9. SRL, 10. Sweden, 11. Tippie, 12. BillRoss, 15. PAC



Relaxing on the ice

Students take to the MARC rink

EMMA CONTI-WINDLE/THE CAMPUS

Left: Allegheny students skate in a line at the Meadville Area Recreation Complex on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 4. Students could skate for free with their Allegheny ID, and rides from the college to the rink were also provided.



EMMA CONTI-WINDLE/THE CAMPUS

Right: Max Prazer, '27, quickly skates by during the event.



AB SNYDER/THE CAMPUS

A view of the Wise Center lobby from the second-floor balcony; the "Walk of Fame" occupies a space once filled by a seating area. The front desk has also been moved.

'WALK OF FAME' SET TO OPEN SATURDAY

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In early January, construction began on the "Norm Sundstrom Walk of Fame" in the Wise Center, in honor of Allegheny College athletics and former Athletic Director Norm Sundstrom.

"My vision was to put our excellence on display and reiterate that it is not only the past, but the current, and hopefully the future," said current Athletic Director Bill Ross. "My goal was for that space to be aspirational."

The newly installed Walk of Fame consists of eight pillars with three display cases to each pillar, allowing for every Allegheny team to be recognized. The display cases include team memorabilia and championship trophies. To the right of the displays is a kiosk with information on all athletes in the Hall of Fame.

The Allegheny Hall of Fame inducts new members every year, a process that was started by Sundstrom himself.

The idea for the project originally came from Ross, along with Vice President for Institutional Advancement Matt Stinson. While Ross managed the coaches and memorabilia for the cases, Stinson handled connections with the alumni donors. The installation of the Walk of Fame was entirely funded by Allegheny College alumni.

The project originally gained momentum following the renovation of the baseball field in honor of former head coach Robert Garbark, '32 Stinson said. The late Frank Fuhrer, '48, namesake of Allegheny's football stadium, had been involved with the renovation of the baseball field and said the next person who needed to be honored was Sundstrom.

Ross credits many advancements to athletics thanks to Sundstrom. "He put us on the map, athletically speaking," Ross said.

Ross said Sundstrom was meant to be honored for also being a beloved coach to athletes.

"I don't know that we would have been able to receive the donations as quickly as we did had we not had that in honor of Norm Sundstrom," said Ross. "He was just one of those memorable people that touched so many lives, whether they were on his teams or not."

While the Walk of Fame serves in part to honor Sundstrom, it largely exists to inspire current and future athletes.

"I've always had this vision that our Hall of Fame information needs to be a lot more out front so people can get a sense of the rich tradition we have within Allegheny athletics," said Ross. "To celebrate those who came before us, maybe motivate our current athletes to want to try and achieve the same things of those who came before them…that was what I wanted to do."

With funding from the alumni, Ross was finally able to see his wish for athletics come to fruition.

The project was largely collaborative, with teams from Marketing and Communications, Athletics, Physical Plant and Institutional Advancement working together to make it happen.

Penny Drexel, the project manager from the Marketing and Communications department, largely oversaw the construction.

"It's quite the project, the biggest one I've been involved in since I've worked here, but it's been really neat to see it come together," said Drexel.

Drexel was also the one who found the construction company, Method One, to create the vision. The construction began in early January so as not to disturb students on campus.

Before moving to the lobby, the Hall of Fame plaques had overlooked the basketball courts.

Ross felt like this was not enough to honor the history of athletics, and Stinson was inclined to agree.

Allegheny has a strong history of athletics with many proud alumni from the 1980s and 1990s, Stinson said. Now, the college has a space to bolster that legacy.

"When you walk into the Wise Center now, it has a totally different feel," Stinson said. "There's a 'wow' factor. And that's what we need to show the student athletes that we're totally committed to their experience here and it's also what our coaches need as they're recruiting potential students to come to Allegheny."

The cases will not be static; coaches will be able to add trophies and other additions to the collection as each team continues to victory.

The Walk of Fame will be officially opened on Saturday, Feb. 10. President Ron Cole, '87, as well as Ross, Stinson and Sundstrom himself, are all slated to speak.

"It will be an amazing day to celebrate all that Norm has done for athletics, along with the donors that made it happen, along with coaches and student athletes," Stinson said.



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An exhibit dedicated to Norm Sundstrom, a longtime coach and athletic director who founded the Allegheny Hall of Fame and the Golden Gator Club.



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Against one of the walls is a touchscreen kiosk with information about members of the Allegheny Hall of Fame.

Men's tennis looks for second straight PAC title

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The Allegheny men's tennis team has its sights set on one goal — a Presidents' Athletic Conference championship. Defeating Grove City in the tournament finale a season ago, the Gators are looking to go back-to-back with the spring season upon them.

"I plan to do the same thing I did last year," said Anton Hedlund, '25. "Focusing on what coach and the other captain have come up with. Staying dedicated to the goal, which is obviously winning the PAC and making an appearance at the NCAA tournament."

The Gators are scheduled to play rigorous competition in the early stages of the season. Allegheny opens the season versus No. 1 Case Western Reserve. The Spartans won the NCAA Championship last year.

During the Gators spring trip to Florida, the challenge continues with teams including Saint John's, Concordia and Spring Arbor on the slate.

The opposition will be fierce, but Allegheny is excited for the opportunity.

"It's very learning (opportunity) to play great teams like that," Hedlund said. "They're doing something that our goal is to do. Winning matches at the national tournament is very learning (opportunity). You can go and observe what they do. Maybe something they do a little bit different than us, something that we can take away."

Hedlund is the reigning PAC Player of the Year. He earned First Team All-PAC honors in both singles and doubles, and registered four PAC Player of the Week awards a season ago.

In a flurry of success, Hudlund was named a top player for Division III tennis in the Central Region, and won all but six of his matches — four losses stemming from doubles play.

With the abundance of accolades he accumulated last year, the first core item Hedlund attributes to his success are the players around him.



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The Allegheny men's tennis team shows off their Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship rings from the 2023 season.

"I think it's the whole team," Hedlund said. "We stay as a unit. And then also, focusing on what you can change. You can only focus on what you can do, and leave variables that are not in your power outside of it."

Growing up in Hovas, Sweden, Hedlund has had a racket in his hands since early childhood. His grandfather taught his father, who passed it down another generation in the family tree.

"My dad was the one who taught me to play tennis ever since I was a little kid," Hedlund said. "Ever since then I've been stuck. I've played different sports, team sports, but that really wasn't for me. I like the individual aspect of tennis, where it's you against the player on the other side of the net."

There was always a plan for Hedlund to come to the United States, although he did not know what school he was going to end up at.

For a period of time, he was considering the Division I route. Hedlund realized that was a road that would not best suit him, and his next step was to put a recruiting video out on YouTube.

Former head coach Taylor Coffman struck interest in Hedlund. The two connected, and knowing Allegheny had a high standard of academic performance, the now junior star made his decision.

Allegheny's second captain this year is William Jarvie, '25. An All-PAC Second Team selection a season ago, Jarvie is ready to make a big impact on the team this year.

The key is living in the present.

"I just like to take it one day at a time," Jarvie said. "Focus on my training, recovery, proper nutrition, listen to what coach says and stay on the course of playing every day and focusing every day."

Working hard in the offseason, Jarvie said he fancies his backhand side and on-court mobility. Leading up to the season, he has put an emphasis on improving his forehand and volleys to become a well-rounded athlete.

Jarvie was poised when discussing where the team could go this year. He attributes a large amount of the success last season to the team chemistry, also saying it has continued to grow.

This is a bunch of Gators that do more than just practice together. They do get extra time on the court with each other, but the guys also regularly bond during chow-time, study sessions and social occasions.

In addition, the team's mentality should be an asset to the Gators. When discussing his strengths on the court, Jarvie also mentioned Allegheny's fortitude.

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> —WILLIAM JARVIE
> Class of 2025

"Mental toughness — I would say most of the guys have improved with as well," Jarvie said.

During the 2023 campaign, Allegheny advanced to the first round of the NCAA Championship tournament before falling to Christopher Newport 5-1. It was an early exit for the Gators after an exemplary season in PAC play.

It was the first time in program history that a men's tennis team has made it past the conference championship bracket. One thing is certain for this season, everyone has the same goal in mind.

"We're looking forward to going hard and competing for a second ring," Jarvie said. "Coach has made it very clear. After winning the PAC last year, our goal is to become nationally ranked, and then in the NCAA tournament, if we can hopefully get there again, to win a round or more."

Chiefs and 49ers set for Super Bowl rematch

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Football is a high roller game, and Super Bowl LVIII is set to take place in Las Vegas on Sunday, Feb. 11, as the Kansas City Chiefs return to the big game for their fourth time in five years in an attempt to topple the San Francisco 49ers.

These two foes met right before the COVID-19 pandemic during Super Bowl LIV in 2020, when the Chiefs cruised to a 31-20 victory. This year, San Francisco is currently a two-and-a-half point favorite, according to sportsbook.fanduel.com.

The gambling line has not swayed everyone's opinion on who they think will come out on top.

"I think the Chiefs are going to win," said Jonathan Sharp, '24. "They're figuring out ways to win when, you know, it looked like they were down this season."

Sharp is not the only one to favor Kansas City. Guillaume Emiliano Loinard-Gonzalez, '24, added that it is hard to bet against the Chiefs.

Star talent Patrick Mahomes is solidifying himself as one of the best to ever play quarterback. Into his seventh year in the league, he was the driving force in all of the Chiefs recent title runs. The team's only Super Bowl loss came against a team that was led by whom many consider the greatest of all time — Tom Brady.

Although it was an exit for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns this postseason, fans of the franchises enjoyed seeing their divisional foe fall short in the American Football Conference championship game.

A Cleveland native, Sharp has jumped on the Chiefs train after the Browns were eliminated.

"It felt great," Sharp said on the Chiefs' win over Baltimore. "It would have been a real shot to the heart if Baltimore won and we didn't get a chance to face them in the playoffs.

Born in Baltimore, Matt Reynolds, '25, was disappointed witnessing the results of the AFC title game. Since winning a Super Bowl with Joe Flacco in 2013, it has been a quiet 11 years of football for the Ravens in Charm City.

Lamar Jackson is the heart and soul of the team. Not only did the star quarterback lead the way in passing yards this year, but also in total rushing.

Although he threw for more yards than Mahomes, Baltimore was held to just 10 points during the loss. Jackson, who won the Most Valuable Player award in 2019 and is a front runner for the naming rights this year, is just 1-3 in post season play.

"Watching the Ravens lose was probably the worst game I've experienced all season," Reynolds said. "Lamar, well I just feel like everybody could have played better as a whole on the Ravens team, and I guess seeing the Chiefs in another Super Bowl is really frustrating."

For the 49ers, their path to success almost dissipated during the NFC Championship game. Trailing 24-7 at halftime, San Francisco came roaring back on the Detroit Lions to win 34-31.

It was a perfect way to cap off what has already been a miraculous season for the Bay Area. Brock Purdy began the year as a possible MVP candidate. Although his numbers have fallen off slightly in recent weeks, Purdy has exceeded expectations of being a sophomore quarterback.

Christian McCaffery was finally healthy for a full season, and reestablished himself as an elite running back in the league.

San Francisco also carries a top-level defense, offering high market names in Nick Bosa, Trent Williams and more.

Fans on campus are expecting a good game.

"(Mahomes) is ready to win," Loinard-Gonzalez said. "But still, San Francisco has been the best team this season, other than the one stupid Baltimore game that they lost."

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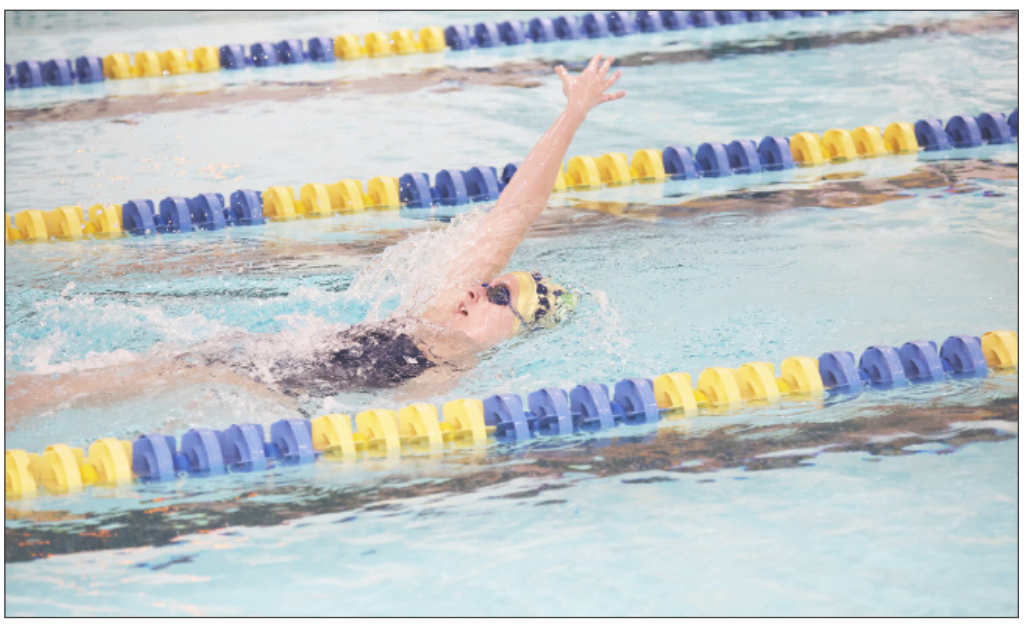

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Katya Pryshchenko, '25, performs the backstroke during a home event for the Gators this year. An All-PAC honorable mention in 2023, she will look to perform well in her final meet of the sesaon.



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Jack Malnar, '25, takes a breath during the 50 freestyle. Malnar was a First Team All-PAC swimmer last year, placing third in the 200 freestyle during the conference championship meet a season ago.