

The Jazz and Dance Ensemble, a student-run dance group, organizes and performs an annual spring concert, where all proceeds go to the Crawford County Special Olympics.



Carissa Lange, '18, looks on as her dancemates prepare to practice their performance on the Shafer stage for the JaDe Benefit Concert.

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Eighth annual JaDE Benefit Concert Saturday, March 28

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Not guilty plea reconsidered

Kirk Nessel expected to change plea in April

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Former Allegheny Professor, Kirk Nessel, is set to change his not guilty plea in an Erie, Pa. federal court on April 6. Nessel, 57, made his original plea of not guilty on charges of receipt, distribution and possession of child pornography on Oct. 15, 2014.

No terms of any plea deal were made clear in the court record.

The tenured professor's home was raided by federal and state law enforcement officials on Oct. 1, 2014 where more than 500,000 image and video files were found on his computer. According to the affidavit, the investigation began on Aug. 14, 2014, when FBI Special Agent Jimmie John Daniels of the FBI's Phoenix, Ariz. office conducted an investigation in an undercover capacity on a BitTorrent Peer-to-Peer file sharing network. Upon further

investigation, the IP address was traced to Nessel's Arizona home and his billing address in Meadville.

Nessel was initially indicted on Oct. 14, 2014, citing child pornographic activities taking place over the span of nine years, from 2005 to 2014.

Nessel, an award-winning writer, admitted in the interview with law enforcement officials following the execution of the search warrant that he was aware that he was sharing information in a shared folder and that he knew "downloading child pornography was wrong," according to the affidavit.

Following news of his arrest, President of the College James Mullen released an immediate statement saying it was the first the college had heard of any allegations and that it would give full cooperation, if required, by law enforcement agents.

If found guilty, Nessel faces a minimum sentence of five years in prison.

Timeline of Nessel case

- Aug. 14, 2014:** Investigation started by FBI. IP address was traced to Nessel's Arizona home and his billing address in Meadville.
- Sept. 30:** Search warrant obtained.
- Oct. 1:** Search warrant executed. 500,000 images and videos found on computer.
- Oct. 2:** Nessel submits resignation from college.
- Oct. 14:** Nessel Indicted on three counts: receipt, distribution and possession. Pleads not-guilty. Investigation found nine years of illegal activity from 2005-2014.
- Nov. 24:** Motion granted for Nessel to travel to Prescott, Ariz. until Feb. 1, 2015 to tend to his house in the event that he is incarcerated and take care of his elderly father.
- March 19, 2015:** Motion filed to change plea.
- April 6:** Court to hear plea change.

Dean of Students DiChristina to leave at close of semester

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An email was sent out by President James Mullen on March 25, 2015 to announce Dean of Students Joseph DiChristina's departure from Allegheny College.

According to the email, DiChristina has accepted an opportunity to be dean of campus life and vice president of student affairs at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Sue Stuebner will head a committee in an immediate national search for a new dean of students. The committee will consist of students, facul-

ty and staff. The committee is planning to have the position filled by January of 2016 at the latest, though Jacqueline Kondrot, the associate dean of students for wellness education and deputy Title IX coordinator, said the position may be filled sooner.

"We will look for an experienced student services professional who cares deeply about the values that our statement of community represents and has clear experience enhancing the quality of life in a residential liberal arts community," Mullen said. "That individual should demonstrate a passionate commitment to the student experience and to bridging curricular and co-curricu-

lar life into a comprehensive learning environment."

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James Mullen
President of the College

Until a new dean of students is chosen, Kondrot will

fill the position and fulfill the responsibilities that come along with it.

"I'm certain it will be challenging," Kondrot said.

Mullen has full faith in Kondrot's ability to fill the position until a candidate is chosen.

"[Kondrot] is an outstanding professional with considerable experience and we are very fortunate she is willing to provide leadership during this critical time. She looks forward to partnering with the newly appointed dean and ensuring a smooth transition for the College and for students," he said.

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Crawford County revises public comment policy

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The opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed revision to the Public Participation Resolution ended March 3, 2015. This Resolution has been constructed in order to maintain order in Business Meetings with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. These meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse Assembly Room.

"The revised policy will make the meetings more efficient," said County Solicitor Keith Button.

Mark Lessig, County Administrator, added that the revised policy would also make meetings more effective.

"Pennsylvania has an act that is part of the larger law called the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and it requires public bodies to provide reasonable opportunities for citizens to speak," said Lessig.

He said that allowing for public comment is required by law, and because of that, freedom of speech cannot be breached.

"You don't have a choice, that's what it requires, but since it was created by public officials and since it has been tried in courts and streamlined through court cases by public officials, nothing in the

law prevents an elected body from controlling the conduct of their meeting and in focusing the meeting on agenda items."

The Sunshine Act states that, "The General Assembly finds that the right of the public to be present at all meetings of agencies and to witness the deliberation, policy formulation and decision making of agencies is vital to the enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic process and that secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government and the public's effectiveness in fulfilling its role in a democratic society."

The County Administrator added that public com-

ment has turned on many occasions, into conversations which the board has no jurisdiction. Lessig said that meetings when opened to public comment touched on a multitude of topics that the Board of Commissioners has no jurisdiction over such as elected officials, Meadville city police, how the district attorney prosecutes cases and other issues.

"The biggest change is having public comment in the beginning. Every meeting it seems to be thirty minutes of dialogue on issues we do not have jurisdiction," said Commissioner Francis Weiderspahn.

Weiderspahn said that although public opinion is im-

portant, many of the issues that come up are not related to the Board of Commissioners which becomes problematic in holding effective meetings that serve both the public and the Board's needs.

The resolution specifically tackles these issues by stating that the Board of Commissioners will not allow a speaker to address subject matter discussed at previous meetings unless the subject matter relates to future action by the board or comments about ongoing criminal investigations, political propaganda or a speaker to address or question a commissioner individually.

"We are available any other time for other subjects they

would want to talk about," said Weiderspahn.

Despite the fact that this resolution is created with the intention of producing more efficient meetings, The Board of Commissioners made it clear that they do not want to deter the public from asking community-related questions.

"It is a matter of addressing your public comment to the board or agency that actually has the authority to address your problem, if you aren't sure who that is, you can ask questions and find out who that is," said Button.

According to Lessig, the

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Students contribute to Gator Day programming

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This Tuesday marks the 6th Allegheny Gator Day and the second of the 2014-2015 academic year. Gator Days are held once a semester, when classes are cancelled so students may attend school-sponsored programming meant to encourage academic and career advancement.

The programming will begin the night before at 7 p.m. in Ford Chapel, when Robert Moses will deliver the keynote speech for Allegheny's Year of Voting Rights. Moses is a well known leader in the civil rights movement and a MacArthur Award winning educator. He is also the founder of The Algebra Project Inc., which works to improve mathematics among historically underrepresented groups.

Most recently, along with Danny Glover, an Algebra Project board member, Moses launched a national discussion calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would make a quality education a civil right.

Rebecca Dickinson, director of the learning commons,

along with the Gator Days Planning Committee were responsible for the day's programming. She said that the committee took suggestions from both students and faculty.

Dickinson said that this Gator Day will feature an event entitled "Working in Professional Theater," which was proposed by and is hosted by Student Experimental Theater students.

"There has also been some student suggested programming," said Dickinson "That's really run the range and we have always said...this is for everyone."

Dickinson explained that this type of student involvement is a large part of maintaining the integrity of Gator Days, which were student suggested.

"This was actually a student initiative. The students went to the...curriculum committee," said Dickinson. "They went before the faculty and had the faculty pass an approval of Gator Days, so, we are just trying to go with the initiative that was created by students."

Dickinson explained that suggesting topics for Gator Day events is fairly straightforward and is a matter of fil-

ing an online Wufoo form.

In addition to student suggested programming, Dickinson explained that she has been satisfied with the efforts of the faculty to come up with programming.

"Departments have really come forward and have started promoting a lot of really good programming," said Dickinson. "We love to see the departments take ownership of it."

Despite the number of proposals for Gator Day activities, Dickinson said that they have not had to turn down proposed topics, as usual the numbers tend to fit.

This year's Gator Day programming includes a variety of topics, including a student proposed and run even called "Chomp your Comp," in which comping seniors will share advice with fellow students.

The day will also feature topics such as "You Don't Have to be a Teacher," which promotes careers other than teaching for English majors and "The Path to an Environmental Job after Allegheny," which explores careers in environmental science.

The environmental science department is also offering an event that will give stu-

dents information on how to declare their major in environmental science. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. in Carr Hall, room 239. The event will consist of a panel that will include Environmental Science Department Chair

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Eric Pallant
Environmental Science
Department
Chair

Eric Pallant, alumna Sara Salisbury, '12, and several student panelists.

Pallant explained that the purpose of the event is to help students who are thinking of becoming environmental science majors.

"There will be three major things going," said Pallant. "First, is we have a panel of approximately five upper class students, juniors and seniors who will talk about their experiences with research, study abroad working in the community [experiential learnings] terms, solving environmental problems."

The event will also include introductions to the environmental science professors and a discussion on the differences between the environmental studies and environmental science majors.

Pallant said this will also give students a chance to consult with professors on what classes they should take to prepare for the major and show prospective majors what they might be able to do.

"These people have been all over the country and all over the world doing really great things and say this could be you if you're interested and start thinking about it," said Pallant.

While this year's Gator Day features several annual programs, it will also showcase new events. One of these will be held at 11:00 in the Tippie Alumni Center. The program is entitled "Unusual Combinations: First Gener-

ation Students and Liberal Arts Education" and is meant to encourage a conversation among students and faculty who are first generation college students.

The panel will include Tom Nonnenmacher of the economics department, James Niblock of the music department with English professor Aline Lo moderating the discussion.

"We thought that it would be, maybe a productive thing to just open up some conversations on campus about what it's like to be first generation student, to...come from a background that is a little bit different than sort of what you might think of as a typical college student," said Nonnenmacher.

Both Nonnenmacher and Niblock are Allegheny alumni and first generation students. Nonnenmacher explained that being the first in his family to attend an American university was a challenge.

He also expressed his hope that the event might also spark a discussion of things that could be done to help first generation students moving forward.

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resolution is meant to ensure that people understand what resources are available to them and know how to find the appropriate person to ask for assistance rather than bringing personal conflicts to the forefront of meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

"Anybody can call them and ask them that specific question. They are members of the county as well and they know folks and they can direct them to the proper forum, and do," said Lessig.

Members of the board said that they are happy to answer questions and connect community members to proper resources over the phone or during Work Session. Commissioners hold Work Sessions every Tuesday unless otherwise noted.

According to the current Crawford County Board of Commissioners Public Comment Policy, "These [sessions] can be informal in nature and address any range of comment or concern with an item of business on the official agenda, or an item of general comment as this may relate to county businesses, policy, practices or the like."

"Some people choose to

do it at the public forum rather than meet with us one on one," said Weiderspahn.

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Mark Lessig
County Administrator

Although the current and revised Public Comment Policy state that non-residents will not be allowed to comment at the Regular Meeting, students attending Allegheny and other Crawford County schools and universities are welcome to bring relevant matters to the board.

"The process for public

comment between the current resolution and the proposed policy is identical," said Lessig.

He also explained the standard procedure by which a claim is processed.

"The chief clerk is notified of the person's intent and then the relevant topic on which the person wants to speak. I can tell you right now that if it was an Allegheny College student that had a relevant reason to speak, I would see no issue allowing that to occur," said Lessig.

Although Button mentioned that if a group of students have a common interest, they would not be turned down by the board but rather required to choose a spokesperson who is a resident to speak on their behalf.

Lessig explained that he has received relevant feedback on the proposed changes.

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Kondrot said there will also likely be other interim positions adjusted to compensate for her increased workload and make it more manageable.

Kondrot has been employed at Allegheny for 25 years, spending eight of those years as the counseling center director.

She feels that, after working closely with DiChristina for so long, she has learned a lot from him.

"He's a very student-oriented person," she said. "I'll be very sad to see him go."

Mullen said he shares the sentiments that DiChristina had much to offer the college.

"I have been a college president for more than 15 years and in that time I have not seen a dean of students

who brings greater caring or passion to the service of students," Mullen said. "He is the consummate professional and Allegheny has been blessed to have his leadership over the past decade. He has made a powerful difference in the lives of so many students and all of us should be grateful for what he has meant to our campus."

Janos Cseh, '15, who worked with DiChristina during Allegheny's Collegiate Leadership Conference, acknowledged that DiChristina has a tough job.

"He was an interesting guy," Cseh said. "I personally have never had any problems with him."

DiChristina began his work at Allegheny as the director of the Center for Expe-

riential Learning in 1999 and has since held a variety of student life positions.

Although Mullen found DiChristina to be a strong asset for Allegheny, he is hopeful for the future dean of students.

"There will always be some change when new leadership arrives," Mullen said. "What I hope for most is a continued focus on strengthening the student experience. We will ask the new dean to continue to develop new programs that ensure every student the opportunity for a remarkable four years at Allegheny and we will ask our new colleague to work every day to give life to our statement of community."

THE GREAT THAW 2015



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Winter continues to blanket the college in snow in late January.

*"Blue skies
Smiling at me,
Nothing but blue skies
Do I see."*

~Ella Fitzgerald



Small patches of leftover snow scatter the campus days following the start of spring.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Senior Recital: Mezzo-soprano Rosey Sheridan
Saturday, March 28, 3:15 p.m., Ford Chapel
Rosey Sheridan presents music by Ned Rorem, Juan Canto Frances, Tobias Hume, Giovanni Paisiello, Gaetano Donizetti, Ambroise Thomas, Franz Schubert and Antonin Dvorak.

Ninth Annual Jazz Dance Ensemble (JaDE) Benefit Concert for the Crawford County Special Olympics
Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m., Shafer Auditorium
The family-friendly variety show includes performances by JaDE as well as other on-campus groups and dancers from the community, including ARC, the women's rugby team, dancers from ballroom and tap classes, Swing Club and Allegro Dance Studio. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Sixth Annual Trashion Show
Sunday, March 29, 4 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Models at the annual Trashion Show wear fun and innovative fashions made from recycled materials. This year's theme is "Junk Jungle." Students for Environmental Action hosts the event.

Year of Voting Rights and Democratic Participation Keynote Presentation: Robert P. Moses
Monday, March 30, 7 p.m., Ford Chapel
Legendary civil rights activist and MacArthur Award-winning educator Robert P. Moses is the president and founder of the Algebra Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to improving the achievement in mathematics of historically underrepresented students and communities.

Gator Day
Tuesday, March 31
Visit the Gator Days website for full descriptions of the sessions being offered.

Opening Reception and Awards for Annual Student Art Show
Tuesday, March 31, 12:30-2 p.m., Art Galleries
The exhibit of student works, juried by Cynthia Hawkins, runs through April 12.

Lecture on "Molecules That Shaped the Western World: From the Spice Trade to Modern Medicine"
Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m., Quigley Hall Auditorium
Natural products chemist Michael J. Krische will deliver the Jean Dreyfus Boissevain Lecture. Krische is a professor of chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin, the Robert A. Welch Chair in Science and the director of the Center for Green Chemistry and Catalysis.

Towns Family Lecture: John L. Esposito, "The Future of Islam and Democracy after the Arab Spring"
Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m., Ford Chapel
John L. Esposito is professor of religion and international affairs and of Islamic studies at Georgetown University. He is also founding director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding in the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown.

Lunchtime Learning Program with American University
Thursday, April 2, 12:30 p.m., Quigley Auditorium
David Green and Wendy Boland of American University's Kogod School of Business in Washington, D.C. will give a presentation on the university's M.S. Sustainability Management degree. Lunch will be provided.

Mathematics Lecture by James Sellers: "Euler's Theorem Relating Odd-Part and Distinct-Part Partitions"
Thursday, April 2, 4 p.m., Quigley Hall Auditorium
Professor of mathematics at Penn State University, Sellers is an expert on number theory, partitions and enumerative combinatorics.

CRIME BLOTTER

March 12, 2015
College Owned House
Two students found to have drug paraphernalia in their house.

March 13, 2015
Campus Center
Two students consuming alcohol in college building.

March 13-March 23, 2015
Caffisch Hall
Students reported items stolen from their room.

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Student finds fault in civility on campus

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prejudice that are alive on this campus.

I want to ask students, professors, and administrators to think about how fixating on someone's tone (rather than their point) is hurtful and oppressive.

To explain further, many students of difference deal with discrimination on a daily basis. Having others constantly make assumptions about us, share and perpetuate views that dehumanize us, and express openly bigoted statements is tiring, saddening, and infuriating.

Sometimes we have the emotional resources to stay calm, cool and collected during these interactions.

However, on some days the stress of navigating a campus that makes us feel unsafe is overwhelming, and we get angry or sad. We might yell, curse, or cry.

Bottom line: It is oppressive to say that a person who is experiencing oppression must present him/her/themselves in an 'appropriately civil' fashion in order to be heard.

Doing so means that students who have had their deeply held identity disrespected and disparaged must bottle up their feelings so they can explain to their oppressors why what was said or done was hurtful.

It means we must constantly shoulder the burden

of comments and actions that make us question who we are and why we're at this school, all the while presenting to the world smiling faces and perfectly articulated words.

I'm not saying that we should encourage students to get into shouting matches over which football team deserved to win the Super Bowl.

What I'm saying is that our expectation that students of color remain calm and collected while discussing Ferguson is a form of violence. I'm saying that we should respect the feelings of students who are fed up with professors using the wrong pronouns. I'm saying that it is unfair to expect students of difference

to make you feel comfortable while explaining why something you did caused them pain.

So what should we do?

We need to create an environment where students will be safe to speak their minds and share their experiences, without having to worry about tone policing and other silencing tactics. If someone calls you out, try to hear what their telling you instead of reacting defensively.

We all live in a racist, sexist, homophobic, classist world and it rubs off on even the best of us.

We all say screwed up things now and again. What matters is that we try to ed-

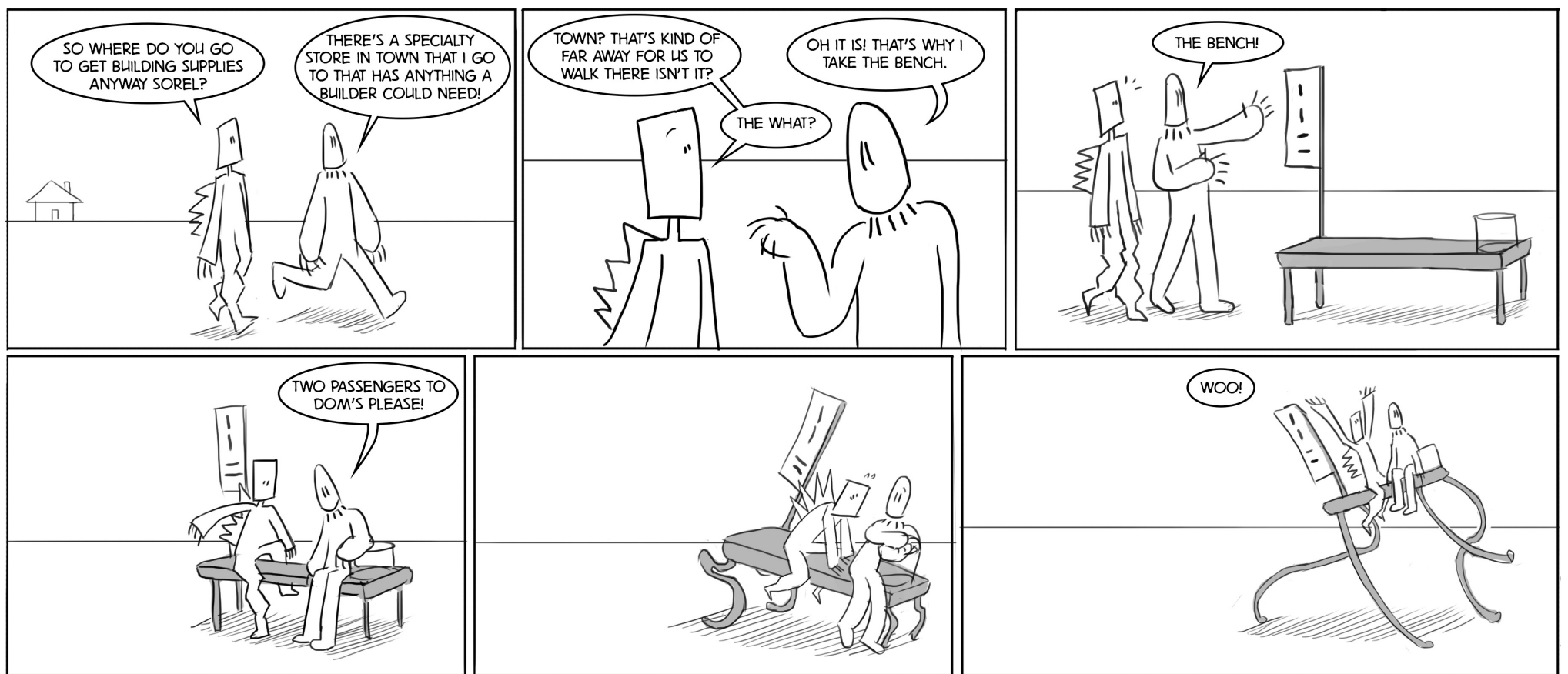
ucate ourselves. Most importantly, we must listen to others when they share why something we've said was upsetting or oppressive.

Going forward, let's focus less on civility and more on respect and compassion.

Respect the students of difference who have the courage to talk about their experiences and call out oppression. Respect the feelings of these students, even when they aren't cheery.

Most of all, let's strive to understand each other compassionately.

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International students travel for spring break

Six students who could not go home spent week off in Chicago



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Hector Lopez Vila (left) and Christiane Felicio were two of the six students who decided to travel to Chicago, Ill. with Rodolpho Camargo for their spring break.

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Every year, the week of spring break presents an interesting challenge to many of Allegheny's international students: what do you do for a

week when you have no easily accessible home to return to?

In response to this dilemma, this year a group of six students staying at the Max Kade International House decided to explore Chicago, Ill. for spring break. Shu Yi Tang,

'17, a four-year international student from Malaysia, described the decision as a consensus among her friends.

"We have a Facebook group for international students," said Tang. "I stay at the international house, and we

have a pretty close community there. One of my housemates, Rodolpho Camargo, [said that] there were a few places he wanted to go."

Camargo, the Portuguese teaching assistant, posted a few destination ideas on the Facebook group's page and asked if anyone wanted to go with him. The students in the international wing voted and decided on Chicago.

"We wanted to go to a city to see a change of place, not necessarily going to the beach because that's where everyone is going," Tang explained.

According to Tang, the group of students decided to take the Amtrak, which, while only being slightly cheaper than flying, provided them with the unique experience of taking a train in America.

"All of us were surprised by how comfortable the environment was," Tang said. "There was also an observatory deck with glass all around you and you get to see everything passing by outside. And we

woke up seeing a sunrise in the train. It was a really interesting experience."

Upon arriving in the Windy City, Hector Lopez Vila, a Spanish teaching assistant from the University of Autonoma de Madrid, compared Chicago to New York and Madrid. Vila originally came to Allegheny to experience a small-town American community.

Of Chicago, Vila remarked, "It was very great to be in a different environment with new people, with the feeling that you are completely disappeared and no one knows you. It was a very liberating experience. Here [in Meadville], everyone knows you, but that feeling of being free was very great."

According to Tang, the group of students arrived in Chicago on Sunday morning, and stayed at a hostel, relying on Chicago's metro system to transport them about the city. On Monday, they spent time at Navy Pier and enjoyed the

beach. They also visited Cloud Gate, commonly referred to as "the Bean," according to Vila, where they observed the skyline of Chicago.

"You can see the skyline of the city reflected in [Cloud Gate]," said Laura Hagen, '17. "It's supposed to be like a gateway between the pedestrians and the skyline. It's a really cool concept."

The group visited a litany of tourist attractions, including the Museum of Science and Industry, the Lincoln Park Zoo and the Garfield Conservatory.

Of the latter, Tang recalled, "It's like a greenhouse essentially. It was one of my favorite places because it was still pretty cold in Chicago and inside there it was warm, and in one of the sections were flowers that were blooming. So it was a really nice kind of escape from winter where you could see spring bloom right in your face."

Hagen is not herself an international student, but she is a German major who lives in the German international house and is close friends with many international students. She admitted that there were times when she noticed her background distinctly manifesting itself during the trip.

"It was the first time that I had hung out where I was the only American," she said, "so I suddenly became aware of just how American I am, and all the little things that I might say that make sense to other Americans."

Many of the students, including Vila, are at Allegheny only for the remainder of the semester, rendering any future spring break plans moot. Vila did, however, concede that he still had some travel plans before he returned to Madrid.

"I will go [for] a few days to Miami because my plane leaves from Miami," he said. "Maybe I will try to go to Philadelphia in April. I would like to go to Boston, but I don't know if I will have time."

Other groups of international students took a cruise around the Bahamas and traveled to Miami, Washington D.C. and New York City.



(From left to right) Laura Hagen, Hector Lopez Vila, Shu-Yi Tang and Katharina Lopez spent some of their time away from Meadville by the beach in Illinois.

Allegheny College begins 'Culture 2 Culture Peer Mentoring'

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Allegheny College's International Education Office is implementing a new Culture 2 Culture Peer Mentoring Program that will begin in the 2015 fall semester. The program intends to help incoming international students adjust to life at Allegheny and hopes to increase internationalization within the college community.

The program aims to pair one Allegheny student with two incoming international students. The current student will act as a mentor for the international students throughout their fall semester at Allegheny. Any current student (sophomore or above) with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.50 can apply to a mentor position. The position is unpaid and open to both current international and domestic students.

Mentors will be expected to initiate contact with their respective students during the summer – before the student's arrival on campus and this contact is expected to be maintained throughout the semester. Mentors are required to attend a training session in the spring and encouraged to join the Welcome Celebration at the beginning of the fall semester. Throughout the semester, the International Office plans to host events for mentors and mentees to attend, which mentors have to attend a minimum of two.

According to Lenee McCandless, International Student Adviser, the program is intended to be beneficial for both current and international students. For domestic students, McCandless hopes it will increase cultural sensitivity, help intercultural communication skills and help them

understand different cultures more. For the international students, it is about helping them not only adjust to life in America, but also to integrate them into the campus community.

"International students have a unique set of needs, language, immigration wise, different educational systems and sometimes it can be very overwhelming when they are arriving in a completely new place, especially if they have never been to America before, or been in an American educational system," McCandless said. "My hope is that this will bridge the gap between domestic students and international students...I want international students to feel that they are not just international students but that they are Allegheny students."

Mary English, '15, currently works in the International Education Office as a

peer adviser of international students. She has worked on helping international students in all four of her years at Allegheny but said that every year the number of international students has increased. Because there are so many more international students now, she believes that this now has to be a community effort.

"There always tends to be an international community and an Allegheny community and bridging this through this program is very important" said English. "When you do an exchange the goals are the same: to learn languages and integrate yourself. Doing this outside of the classroom is just as important as inside the classroom...the one-on-one side would help with the integration of international students."

Huno Michael, '15, believes that the program would

definitely be useful. Michael is a four year degree-seeking student from Ethiopia, who said he would have loved to have a student mentor from Africa, if not from Ethiopia.

"Personally, I would have preferred another international student that has adjusted to life here," Michael said. "The transition from one culture to another is hard, so having someone who has been through the similar transition can only help. But I honestly believe this could be a huge success among international and local students alike."

McCandless said that the mentor position has been targeted at students who have studied abroad; who are able to understand feelings such as culture shock, or at students who are interested in going abroad to help them learn more about different cultures and countries. However the positions are open for anyone

who would like to apply and the International Office intends to provide all mentors with necessary training. This training will include helping students with culture shock, topics to initiate conversation, resources such as the international student handbook, and diversity training.

For now the program will only run through the fall semester, however McCandless hopes that relationships will continue to develop, even after the program officially ends.

"My hope is that the program will be successful and that students will continue their relationships with mentors on their own accord in the form of new friendships."

Applications for the program are open until March 31.



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JaDE performers practice their dance for the benefit concert this Saturday March 28 at 7 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. It is the 8th annual concert benefiting the Crawford County Special Olympics.

Allegheny dance club gives concert to benefit Special Olympics

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The Allegheny Jazz and Dance Ensemble will perform their 8th annual spring benefit concert on Saturday March 28 at 7 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium.

The money raised at the concert will go to the Crawford County Special Olympics.

Megan Aurin, '15, president of JaDE, said the club of 13 women will host the event and other movement classes from campus, as well as dance classes from Meadville to perform a family-friendly variety show.

"A couple years ago the Crawford County Special Olympics lost a lot of their

funding so we try to compensate for that by holding this concert," Aurin said. "We've been able to send them to state competitions with the money we've raised so it really does help them out a lot."

The show is choreographed by members of the club as well as other students who participate in dance organizations and classes on campus.

Aurin said that they have a club advisor, Betsy Sumerfield, an instructor for dance and movement studies at Allegheny, to oversee the club but the group has the freedom to pick and create the dances how they please.

"We started learning the dances and picked out the dances last semester," Aurin said.

"We've been really work-

ing this whole semester on learning choreography and creating choreography. We've also asked a lot of businesses downtown and clubs on campus to help create raffle baskets so it really is a joint community effort."

Fundraising chair Caroline Brennan, '17, said that they have gotten a lot of support from the Allegheny campus as well as from local Meadville business.

"We made trips downtown and asked businesses to get involved and help us create baskets to raffle off at the event," Brennan said. "We've been contacting clubs around campus for help as well."

Brennan said the hardest part of preparing for the concert was working with everyone's schedule and finding

time to devote to the club and the cause.

"We're all so busy with a lot of different things but this is something we all care about and want to make time for," Brennan said.

Aurin said she is looking forward to showcasing their talents, raising money for a great cause and her last performance at Allegheny.

"This is going to be my last concert so I am kind of looking forward to it being my last big performance at Allegheny but it will also be bittersweet just because it is the last one," Aurin said.

"I love all the girls and it will be sad to leave them and leave the club because it has done so much for me."

Sam Bretz, '18, concert co-chair is most looking forward



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JaDE publicizes their event on a banner over Park Avenue in Meadville.

to performing for a crowd.

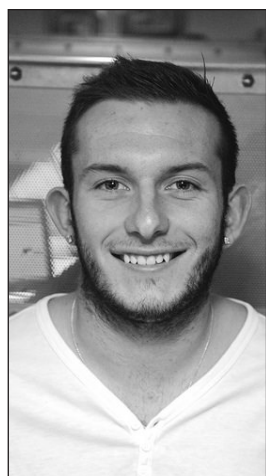
"There will be kids from the Special Olympics coming to the show which will be really cool for them to see what we are doing for them and see the impact that we are making on them," Bretz said.

Admission to the concert is free but donations are appreciated. All donations and proceeds from the raffle baskets will be donated to the Crawford County Special Olympics.

Are you chomping that comp?

The Campus asked some Allegheny seniors how they felt about approaching senior thesis deadlines

Reporting and photos by Amasa Smith and Meghan Hayman



Cam Olson

Psychology major,
Communication Arts minor

Title: The Relationship Between Self-Esteem, Self-Efficiency and Playing Time in College Soccer

"I'm just finishing it. It hasn't been that stressful of a process because I'm a two semester comp so I've had a lot of time."



Julia Luczko

Biology major,
Psychology minor

Title: Investigating Expression Patterns of Peroxidase 42 in Arabidopsis Thaliana

"It's going fine. I plan to be done by tomorrow. And I'm doing yoga."



Stephanie Von Ahnen

Psychology major,
German minor

Title: The Effects of Professor's Verbal Behavior on Student Attitudes and Performance

"I'm in denial that my comp is due Monday. I've been meeting with my adviser more however I've been finding ways to not work on it. And I've been sleeping a lot more."



Danielle Frank

International Studies major,
Spanish minor

Title: The Incorporation of Bolivian Immigrants into Argentine Society

"I'm doing pretty well. I could be in a better place but I'm not behind. I just hang out with friends whenever I have time to take a break and sleeping whenever I can."



Zach Bauer

Physics major,
Philosophy minor

Title: HR5171: Simulating A Hyper Massive Contact Binary

"I'm feeling really good about it. I feel like the junior sem has really kept me on track and allowed me to get my project done at a reasonable pace."



Aubrey Welschcox

Religious Studies major,
Theater and economics minors

Title: Untitled

"The comping process is stressful but informative as well. I've learned a lot about my topic and I will be glad to have experience like this to take with me into a graduate program."

Civil Rights leader chosen as keynote

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As a part of Allegheny College's Year of Voting Rights and Democratic Participation, Robert P. Moses will speak to the campus community at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 30 in Ford Chapel. The Year of Voting Rights is in honor of 2015, marking the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Voting Rights Act. Moses' presentation is a keynote speech for the year.

Moses is most widely recognized for his work as a civil rights activist in the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. During that time he worked for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which was a student founded group that organized sit-ins and other forms of protests. Moses was one of the first civil rights leaders in Mississippi where he organized voter registration efforts in 1961.

Heather Bosau, '17, is a fellow for Allegheny's Center for Political Participation and has been involved in the efforts to bring Moses to campus. "It's been a whole community effort to bring him here," said Bosau.

"We've still kind of been at the forefront but there have been a whole lot of other people like the President's office is involved and Dave Roncaloto's office apparently has played a really big role since he's done a lot with education policy," said Bosau.

The fellows worked to raise awareness for Moses' visit and his accomplishments on cam-

pus, as well as try to encourage students to take advantage of the events during the day leading up to his presentation in Ford Chapel.

Hanna Herbert, '15, is also a fellow for the CPP and she will be working at the event to help usher and ensure the event runs smoothly. Herbert will be attending the other events earlier in the day where Moses will be speaking with students and faculty or participating in interviews with writers from the Robert H. Jackson Center.

"I've heard that he's a really great speaker to begin with so I think he'll be very enthusiastic to be here and very enthusiastic about what he's talking about," said Herbert. "He's a major civil rights figure and he also is involved in a math learning program, the Algebra Project, which I think will bring a new dimension to this year's theme."

In 1982, Moses used the MacArthur Fellowship Award he received to start the Algebra Project, a nonprofit organization with a national mission to improve children's mathematical skills.

The project specifically targets middle schools and high schools in low income areas, both urban and rural. It began in Cambridge, MA with just one school but now is involved with schools in eight states.

Kayla Greer, '17, is excited to go to the presentation with her class. "I have to go for one of my classes but I'm also really looking forward to it. It sounds like it's going to be really interesting," said Greer.



Submitted art works awaiting for being reviewed by the guest juror and art department faculty at Allegheny College's Bowman, Pennelec and Megahan Art Galleries on Tuesday, March 24.

Student works eligible for Doane Prizes

Photos and stories
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As a tradition of Allegheny College, Doane Prizes in Art has been given to students' art works annually. Awards in painting and drawing, graphics, sculpture or ceramics and Juror's Prize are offered through the generosity of the late Foster B. Doane, a former Allegheny trustee.

Juror's Prize is selected by a guest juror every year. This year, Cynthia Hawkins, art professor and gallery director at SUNY Geneseo, will determine which works to present in the art show.

All students were encouraged to submit their work. Darren Miller, assistant professor of art and gallery director, communicated with faculty and students in different departments as well as posted call for submissions on MyAllegheny. Submissions were accepted in the art galleries on March 23 and March 24 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"If you just want to enter an art work in the show, you make a general entry," said Miller. "Or if you have a body of work, like ten paintings that are all about one idea, then you can enter them as a Doane Prize."

Students who work as gallery assistants help organize and guide the entry of art works. "We install and handle the art works and facilitate gallery openings. We also give people information about the gallery shows," said Janos Cseh, '15.

This student art show, as a juried exhibition, is different than other curated exhibitions. Submitted works are displayed on the floor awaiting for the judges and accepted works will be hang up on the walls as regular gallery shows. Works not chosen for the exhibition will be presented at the "Salon des Refusés" in the hallways outside the galleries.

Miller emphasizes that rejection is part of the practice and students shouldn't take it

personally.

"Sometimes, very excellent work is rejected because it may or may not fit with the broader theme of the work that's shown in the gallery," said Miller. "So the juror's job is not just to accept the excellent work, but to think about how it is all going to look together, how are the different pieces and what they communicate going to flow as the viewer walks through the gallery."

Jaysa Alvarez, '15, submitted paintings, sculptures, photographs, performance art work and computer art.

"Mostly I work around loss. Sometimes it's about the feeling of losing something. That's the most cohesive theme," said Alvarez. "I don't really stick to a medium generally, although I think most of my work is sculptural."

Since her sophomore year, Alvarez has been submitting works for the student art show. She believes the show addresses a sense of community. "It's interesting to have

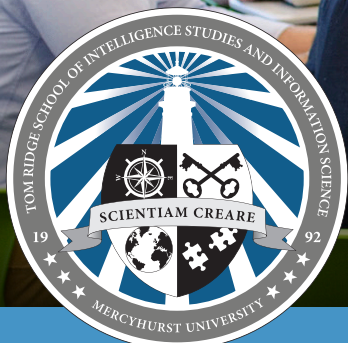
people come around and look at your work and tell you what they think of it," said Alvarez.

"This is the way that art is professionally practiced," said Miller. "So this gives students a real opportunity to do more than just to make the art work, but to also put the art work in some sort of context that reviews can interact with it. If you never display the artwork, then it never really goes beyond being a kind of exercise. Without an audience, it's questionable whether art exists."

Hawkins and faculty of art department started viewing and judging submissions for Doane Awards on Wednesday, March 25. Doane Prizes will be announced at the opening reception on March 31 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Winners will receive cash awards and books that are significant publications within the field of studio art. All accepted works will be displayed in the galleries from Tuesday, March 31 to Sunday, April 12, 2015.

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Spring Break 2015

Spring sports teams travel south for break for training and games

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Alex Hurtuk, '15, plays in a match in Hilton Head, South Carolina over spring break. The men's team closed the week with a 4-1 record.

The men's and women's tennis teams travelled together to Hilton Head, South Carolina for the break. The women went through the trip undefeated, while the men ended the week 4-1 with a loss against Carleton College.

"The Macalester match was a big win, it was there big match for the week and we won it in singles," Daniel Conroy, '15, said.

Conroy won 6-3, 6-1 in singles against Macalester and gave the rest of the team momentum going into doubles.

Conroy said a challenge through the beginning of the week was adjusting from the blue courts in the Wise Center to the regular courts and

getting used to playing outside again.

"When we got there we were excited for the warm weather and ready to be successful on the trip," Kirstie Oravec, '16, said.

Oravec and doubles partner Michaela Thompson, '17, were the clinching match against St. Norbert College and pulled through with a 8-4 win.

"We had a lot of support from players and parents, no matter where you were playing there was always someone cheering for you," Oravec said.

Conroy said the team can learn from the wins and losses they face and take something

from each match to work on.

Off the court the team spent the week at the beach and enjoy team dinners together.

"Being with the other players and parents was the best part," Oravec said. "We are a close knit group and that helped us win matches."

The team lived together for the week and spent time not playing tennis with hanging out with each other in Hilton Head.

The men will play tomorrow Sat. Mar. 28 against Wittenberg University at 10 a.m. followed by the women's match against Wittenberg at 1 p.m.

MEN'S BASEBALL



CONTRIBUTED BY JIM BERGER

Jameson Murray, '18, pitches during the Benedictine University game on March 19. The game was part of the team's spring break week of games. The Gators won 3-2 over Benedictine.

The men's baseball team went to Florida for break for a week full of game play.

"We hadn't had a game yet since our first few were cancelled, so we had to get acclimated to the grass and faced difficult teams like Oswego and Washington & Jefferson," infielder Jacob Shick, '17, said.

The team fell 1-9 to Washington & Jefferson College on March 17, then faced Oswego in a double header the next day. The men fell 0-7 in the first game, but won 6-1 in the second game.

"A highlight was taking two games from Bowdoin," Shick said. "They were wins from a quality opponent and we came out on top."

The team went 3-1, 6-4 against Bowdoin ending the week with a win, and a 6-3 record.

"Being able to play in the sun and warm weather was nice, your arm feels better and your swing is better in the warmth," Shick said.

The men are using their experiences from Florida to prepare for their next games.

"We faced adversity and overcame the positions we got ourselves in," Shick said. "We worked through the games and that's something we can carry with us."

The Gators will face College of Wooster at home on Sun. Mar. 29 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL



CONTRIBUTED BY JIM BERGER

Caitlin Nealer, '15, pitches against Keene State on March 21. The Allegheny women's softball team ended the week with a 4-6 record.

For Spring Break the women's softball team travelled to Clermont, Florida for a season opening week of games. Through the week the team played ten games ending the week with a 4-6 record.

"It was a change going from the blue courts of the Wise Center to outside on the dirt and in the heat," third baseman and catcher Hannah Blinn, '17, said. "It was nice to be outside though and be in the sun playing games."

Blinn was a top hitter during the Keene State game.

Blinn said the evening game against Wisconsin Stout was a highlight game of the week.

"It was our first win of the week, and it was a great win that everyone can remember," Blinn said.

Off the field, the team spend time with each other and with their families who came on the trip with them.

The women will travel to Delaware, OH to play Ohio Wesleyan University at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m tomorrow Sat. Mar. 28.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE



CONTRIBUTED BY ASHLEY HUGHES

The women's lacrosse team travelled to Orlando and met John Wilcher, Allegheny's first women's lacrosse coach. Wilcher was at Allegheny from 1994-1998.

The women's lacrosse team went to Orlando, Florida for the break to enjoy team bonding time and face Western New England University and Rowan College.

"For better or worse it's good to get beat up a bit," Ashley Hughes, head coach, said. "It lets us check ourselves and know weaknesses."

The team went into each game knowing they were going to face a challenge but were prepared to work.

"Not letting the other team get in our heads was a challenge," Kaelin Clogan, '17, said. "They were great teams with great skills and we let them get to us."

The Gators fell 14-10 to Western New England University followed by a 22-8 loss to Rowan University.

"We played teams that are better than us and we know our weaknesses and can make ourselves better now," Clogan said.

Hughes said the team knew they were going to face tough competition and were excited for the challenge.

"The games highlighted what we need to work on and the track we are set for," Hughes said. "We played top quality teams."

In addition to playing two games, the women visited Universal Studios, Magic

Kingdom, Medieval Times, and went on a boat ride for an afternoon.

"The energy was higher and we were able to bond more, overall the attitude was better in Florida," Clogan said. "I think our attitudes had a positive correlation with the weather."

"Spring break is an opportunity to get to know people in a new way, team wise they can know more about each other," Hughes said.

The women will play University of Mount Union tomorrow Mar. 28 at 1 p.m at Robertson Athletic Complex.