

Court grants three-year PFA order against student

Charges pending in investigation of two alleged sexual assaults

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Two first-year female students of Allegheny College requested and were granted protection from abuse orders against a first-year male student, accusing him of sexual assault. The PFA orders, which prevent the accused from contacting the women who requested them, were issued by the Court of Common Pleas on Oct. 17 and Oct. 19, according to Crawford County court records. One of the orders was extended to three years by the court on Friday, Oct. 7. The court will make a ruling on extending the second PFA at a later date.

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No criminal charges have been filed against the accused, Trey Serbin, '21. The two incidents are being investigated by Meadville police, but Chief Michael Tautin said the city's police department does not comment on ongoing investigations. The incidents occurred about a month apart — the first incident allegedly taking place on Sept. 1 in Schultz Hall, the second on Oct. 5 in Baldwin Hall. Hearings to decide if the PFA orders should be extended were orig-

inally held on Oct. 26 but were re-scheduled. A PFA is granted to an individual by county court in order to protect an individual from physical or sexual abuse. President Judge Anthony Vardaro granted defense attorney Ed Hatheway's request to continue the hearings on Nov. 3 to give Hatheway more time to collect evidence to assist Serbin's defense. Hatheway declined to comment on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Hearings on extending both PFAs took place on Friday, Nov. 3. During

the hearing that was completed, a witness testified that Serbin met the woman requesting the PFA at a party held at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house on Sept. 1. Multiple witnesses testified that those involved had been drinking before arriving at the fraternity house and continued drinking upon their arrival. After leaving the party, the woman, Serbin and three others went to Schultz, where the incident allegedly occurred.

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Editorial: Sexual assault in the media

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In today's issue of The Campus, a story appeared regarding two recent hearings that involved an Allegheny student accused of sexual assault and two women who requested protection from violence orders against the individual. In the story, none of the witnesses' nor the alleged survivors' names appears, but the name of the accused student does. This was a conscious decision made by our editorial board. In terms of legality, a newspaper has every right to publish every name, as all appeared in court and their names are listed in court documents which are a matter of public record. These documents are accessible to anyone. Therefore, our decision was purely an ethical one.

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Most news organizations, as a general rule, do not print the names of rape or sexual assault survivors. This is meant to protect survivors from ridicule and further victimization. We have upheld this practice in the past and saw no reason to change our policies in this case. In the case of the witnesses who were called to testify at the hearings, we at The Campus felt it important to omit their names as well, since identifying the friends of the survivors might inadvertently disclose the identity of the survivors. The one name which we chose to include was that of the student who has been accused. Once again, his name is listed in court records which are accessible to any member of the public, so we therefore had no legal requirements to omit the name. We felt that it was important for students at Allegheny to be aware of the accusations that have been leveled against someone they may live in close proximity to. While we understand the student has not been found guilty of any crime or even charged, but in a court of law, a judge saw fit to implement a three year protection order. This case cannot, therefore, be dismissed as entirely without basis. We recognize that as a result of our reporting, the accused student may face negative repercussions. For this reason, especially since charges have not been officially filed, we kept his name out of the lead of the article and made it clear that he has not been charged with anything and is therefore innocent until proven guilty. We felt the community needed to be informed of these events and that there was no way to properly do this without including the name of the accused student. We do not wish to harm someone without need, if they are innocent, but at times we must consider the greater good.

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Members of the Allegheny College Women's Lacrosse team participate in Up 'til Dawn's lip syncing competition on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017. Up 'til Dawn is an organization that raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Mullen and Petula look to the future at weekly ASG meeting

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Allegheny Student Government discussed the Allegheny Strategic Action Plan during their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Allegheny College President James Mullen and Executive Vice President Eileen Petula visited ASG to explain the plan. "This is an exciting time for us, and it's a time that we really have to grasp and run with," Mullen said. "As you know, across the country, folks are questioning what the liberal arts are really all about." In response to that questioning, Allegheny created ASAP, according to Mullen. "What we're trying to do with the Allegheny Strategic Action Plan is get ahead of all of that," Mullen said. "Really define our own destiny." Allegheny's Board of Trustees met in February of 2016 to plan ASAP, according to Mullen. Mullen said Allegheny is essentially all about the student experience. "It's all about making sure every student who comes to Allegheny is going to enjoy the experience ... and [preparing] you for the multiple careers that you will probably have in the world ahead," Mullen said. "Third, [preparing] you to be meaningful citizens in the world you inherit, to deliver a rich and meaningful life."

Upon deciding Allegheny's purpose, the board of trustees formed three working groups in June and defined Allegheny's future, according to Mullen. Mullen said the groups looked at the future of enrollment, Allegheny's programs and the facilities on campus as aspects they wanted to include in ASAP. "The groups found ... this a very rigorous college," Mullen said. "It's really important that there are students who can succeed in that rigorous environment. We want to be ... fair but rigorous." Since the groups also discussed Allegheny's programs, the school is going to add women's field hockey and men's lacrosse to their list of official sports, according to Mullen. The addition of these sports likely means a new field will be built, Mullen said. Another program Allegheny hopes to begin is the futures program, which will link the school's liberal arts program to the world students will inherit, according to Mullen. Mullen used the pre-med track as an example of how the futures program will enhance the curriculum. "For example, we can fold the health coaching program into the curriculum, and help you use that as an asset in medical school," Mullen said. "[We want to] create other internship opportunities, to create other interdisciplinary opportunities."



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Allegheny College President James Mullen addresses Allegheny Student Government during its general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, in the George M. Henderson Campus Center.

An aspect of ASAP that affects Allegheny staff was just announced on Friday, Nov. 3, according to Petula. The early retirement packages were released, and about 100 members of Allegheny's staff, including both tenured and non-tenured professors, are eligible, Petula said. She said the retirement package requires 15 years of continuous service and that the applicant is at least 56. The package will open later in November, according to Petula. "The goal is to preserve the breadth and depth of our curriculum," Petula said. "The provost ... may have to fill in order to continue to meet the needs of our very rich curriculum."

As ASAP is implemented, Mullen said he wants as much input as he can get from students and administration since there is a lot of energy and excitement surrounding the plan. "Here's what happens when there's a lot of energy: there's some uncertainty," Mullen said. "But we're working through that process. We're working through the uncertainty right now, but that can be part of the excitement." The funds for ASAP comes from the board of trustees, according to Mullen.

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Up ‘til Dawn

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Allegheny students did not stay up until 3 a.m. studying for an exam on Friday, Nov. 3. Instead, they stayed up ‘til dawn as part of the annual fundraising event for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Raising more than \$31,000, participants came to the David V. Wise Center to partake in Up ‘til Dawn.

Event and Logistics Director Chelsea Contino, ’18, became involved with Up ‘til Dawn at the end of her sophomore year. She, along with other board members, was responsible for planning and organizing Up ‘til Dawn.

As a sophomore, Contino said she received an email informing her that someone recommended her to apply, so she did and went through an interview process to become a member of the executive board.

“I knew what St. Jude was, but I didn’t know as much as I do now,” Contino said.

After becoming a board member, Contino and Executive Director Caitlin Deubell, ’18, went to St. Jude for the Collegiate Leadership Seminar and were able to visit the hospital. By becoming more involved, Contino said her love for the organization grew.

“It’s my favorite non-profit organization because I know so much more about it,” Contino said. “[Visiting St. Jude] really solidified my interest. I like helping people, and I’m really attracted to non-profit organizations and doing things for a purpose.”

Contino said raising money for St. Jude is important



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because the money is directly helping families and children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

“When you fundraise for St. Jude, when you donate to St. Jude, all that money is going to the families there, directly,” Contino said. “I think that is really important for a non-profit organization like that ... You don’t have to worry about anything.”

The Up ‘til Dawn executive board consists of about 15 to 16 students each year. Each board member is responsible for raising \$250, whereas participants are only required to raise \$100. This year, the money raised broke records, and fundraising will continue until Jan. 15.

Up ‘til Dawn started on Allegheny’s campus in 2002. Ryan Reczek, ’03, was an Up ‘til Dawn board member and now works at the Pittsburgh branch of St. Jude. Contino said his executive board raised a little over \$27,000, and last year was the first time that record was broken, as participants raised \$28,001.

“[Our goal this year] was to keep breaking the record,” Contino said. “We broke it

again with the \$31,000.”

Alison Celigoi, ’19, is the Up ‘til Dawn communications chair. Celigoi became involved with Up ‘til Dawn through friends who share in her passion for St. Jude. She fundraised, helped plan and attended the event on Friday.

“St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is important to me because they provide life-saving treatment to some of the most vulnerable people. They ensure that no family ever receives a bill from the hospital,” Celigoi said. “They devote all their time and care into helping children fight and recover from terrible diseases.”

Up ‘til Dawn members want to continue to break the record for funds raised year after year, and Contino said she is excited to see more students getting involved with the organization.

“I’m really grateful that I found Up ‘til Dawn, and I’m really excited that we’re growing on this campus and that more and more people are seeing how awesome St. Jude is and wanting to fundraise,” Contino said.

Laurn Long, ’20, raised \$1,080 by herself, contribut-

ing to a team total of \$1,881.

“My favorite part of the event was when we were asked to sing a song that doctors and nurses sing to their patients who are healthy again and do not have to endure chemo anymore,” Long said. “It was so sweet and uplifting but emotional at the same time. The total amount raised by all teams was announced prior, so it made it feel like we personally helped the children beat cancer and we were singing to them.”

Long became involved with Up ‘til Dawn after a friend told her about the event, so she decided to start fundraising. She said the event resonated with her on a personal level.

“I was not entirely sure why I became so involved with St. Jude, but during the candlelight ceremony at the end, it all came clear to me,” Long said. “When I volunteered at a [physical therapy] center last year, I used to help a young girl named Anja who had cancer in her leg. She worked on her balance and stability by throwing a ball with me while standing on



Top: Up ‘til Dawn participants line up to play musical chairs in the David V. Wise Center on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017. **Above:** Alex Grob, ’20, and Emily Watto ’18, win seats in musical chairs as Lauren Long, ’20, kneels on the ground at Up ‘til Dawn Nov. 3, 2017.

one leg. She was the reason I enjoyed waking up and going to volunteer. I loved playing catch with her. Unfortunately, when I came home for Christmas break last year, my friend told me how Anja passed away because of the cancer. It broke my heart. I am not even sure if she would remember

me to this day, but she left her mark on me. Anja is the reason I want to become a PT, so I can help children. During the candlelit ceremony, I instantly thought of Anja.”

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College continues to make strides toward carbon neutrality

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Although the 2017 Energy Challenge has come to an end, Allegheny College students, staff and administrators have not stopped in their efforts to continue on the path of making the school more sustainable and energy efficient.

Allegheny voluntarily completed an energy audit in collaboration with Siemens Energy Company and the Clinton Climate Initiative during the summer of 2008, and pledged to achieve a 20 percent reduction in energy by 2020 in 2011, partnering in the Better Buildings Challenge initiative.

“Around 2010, we said by the year 2020, we would commit to ensuring that every ton of carbon put into the atmo-

sphere by the college would be absorbed some place else on the earth,” Chair and Professor of the Environmental Science Department Eric Pallant said. “That’s the commitment, and it seemed like a long way away in 2010.”

Pallant said roughly half of Allegheny’s emissions are currently accounted for.

“What we’ve done since 2010 is try our best to increase efficiency and conservation as much as possible,” Pallant said. “But, we have a big decision to make by 2020.”

Allegheny administration works to see that every building is sustainable and energy efficient in order to help reduce the carbon footprint of campus, according to Pallant. Pallant said there are a lot of sustainable efforts hidden throughout campus buildings.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is a green building rating system,

and North Village I, II and Carr Hall are all LEED-certified on Allegheny’s campus. LEED Platinum is the best certification a building can possess, meaning that the building is eco-friendly.

The Vukovich Center for Communication Arts would have been LEED silver-certified, but Allegheny decided not to certify it because the college did not have the funds to pay for the certification, according to Pallant. Paying for LEED certification was built into the budgets of the other certified buildings on campus.

“LEED provides framework to create healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings,” according to the U.S. Green Building Council website. “LEED certification is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement.”

Energy Star-certified buildings and plants are required to meet specific qual-

ifications set by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the Energy Star website.

“They use less energy, are less expensive to operate and cause fewer greenhouse gas emissions than their peers,” the website says.

Washing machines around campus are Energy Star-certified machines, and next year the administration is looking to buy energy efficient refrigerators for campus dormitories.

Geothermal heating and cooling, water management and organic food service are all efforts Allegheny has made to help campus sustainability. One hundred percent of paper products purchased by Allegheny are made from recycled materials, according to Pallant.

“The level of sustainability across all sectors of the college is exceptional,” Pallant said.

By agreeing to collaborate with the Siemens Energy Company and CCI, Allegheny has agreed to uphold certain responsibilities to make the campus more sustainable. The college has upheld these responsibilities by making buildings more energy efficient, at least LEED Silver-certified and Energy Star-certified, according to Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Boulton, ’02.

Boulton described another layer of commitment the college agreed to by pairing with the Department of Energy and the Better Buildings Challenge.

Better Buildings is a U.S. Department of Energy ini-

tiative dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through energy innovation in households, public buildings and industrial plants, according to the initiative’s website.

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Sustainability Coordinator

The Better Buildings Challenge was created by the Obama administration and invited a small group of schools to partner with them and work towards sustainable efforts and energy innovation. Allegheny was the only small liberal arts college to be invited and become a charter participant. The Better Buildings Challenge encourages schools to reduce their energy consumption by 20 percent.

“We committed to creating a climate action plan for what we were going to do now that we knew what our carbon footprint was,” Boulton said. “We voluntarily, as a community, uphold that, and we also set the date of 2020 on our own. That was not mandated to us,” Boulton said.

When Allegheny agreed to partner with the Better Buildings Challenge in 2011, Boulton said it worked per-

fectly with what the college was already doing in terms of sustainability.

Boulton had a conversation with officials from the Better Buildings Challenge this past month and asked what happens if Allegheny fails to meet its goal by 2020.

Pallant said Allegheny is far away from achieving its goal of neutrality by the year 2020 and said the majority of the energy used comes from electricity and heating.

“There’s no punitive action if we don’t. It’s not a problem,” Boulton said. “Mostly, the [Better Buildings Challenge] just wants people moving in the right direction, and we are moving in the right direction, and we’ll continue to really push that as much as we possibly can.”

One hundred percent of campus energy is generated by wind power purchased from Constellation Energy Group and the lines used to distribute energy is owned by Penelec, an energy company. The school also has an agreement to purchase renewable energy credits alongside every kilowatt hour consumed on campus, according to Boulton.

“When you plug into the wall, you don’t know where the energy is coming from,” Boulton said. “Some is from coal, some from natural gas, so we purchase the renewable energy credit which is a small, extra cost on top which allows us to support the renewable energy market.”

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In order to protect the identity of the women who were granted the PFA orders, and those who testified during the hearings, The Campus has decided not to disclose their names.

Once at Schultz, the woman testified that she, Serbin and two others entered a dorm room where Serbin began kissing her and held her down as he tried to undress her.

When Serbin attempted sexual intercourse, she pushed him off of her and told him to get out of the room, according to the woman's testimony.

"I didn't want to be raped," the woman said after being asked why she pushed Serbin.

A witness to the assault testified that she heard the woman say no twice and saw her push Serbin off of the bed. Details included in the witness's testimony were consistent with information provided in the survivor's testimony.

During his testimony, Serbin said the woman did not say no.

"If she said no, I would have recalled it," Serbin said.

Serbin said he does not recall the events leading up to their arrival at Schultz, but thought he and the woman were going to "couple up" upon entering the dorm room. Serbin said her body language and the conversations they had with each other throughout the night led him to believe he and the woman were going to have sexual intercourse.

Serbin testified that he had pushed the woman off of him and not the other way around.

"I pushed her away to go to the bathroom," Serbin said.

Serbin also said the woman performed oral sex on him before he left the room. In testimonies provided by five first-year students, only Serbin included this information.

During his testimony, Serbin said he was written up for intoxication by the Schultz Resident Advisers after being caught intoxicated in the bathroom.

Assistant Dean of Students Joe Hall would not comment on the case.

During the hearing, Serbin

was asked what consent meant to him. Serbin responded by saying consent is when two parties agree.

Janes read Allegheny's policy on consent after Serbin answered.

In Allegheny College's 2016-2017 Policy Against Discriminatory and Sexual Harassment Including: Sexual Assault and Other Forms of Sexual Violence, it says "Consent cannot be obtained from someone who is asleep or otherwise mentally or physically incapacitated, whether due to alcohol, drugs or some other condition. Consent cannot be obtained by threat, coercion or force."

In mid-October, the woman went to Allegheny's Title IX office and received a no-contact order. The woman said she wanted the PFA because she fears retaliation from Serbin. The no-contact order only applies while on Allegheny's campus. Copies of the PFA order were given to the local police department where the woman resides when not at school because Serbin lives about 15 minutes away from the woman's permanent residence in Allegheny County.

The woman waited about a month to report the incident due to a lack of action taken by authorities when she reported a previous sexual assault case in her hometown.

"I thought it would be a waste of time and emotion," the woman testified.

She alerted Title IX Director Gilly Ford, the Office of Public Safety and the Meadville police after hearing another woman had reported Serbin for sexual assault, according to her testimony.

Following testimony from the woman, Serbin and four witnesses Vardaro granted a three-year PFA that bans Serbin from having contact with the woman and from entering the residence hall sections of Brooks Hall. A PFA is granted based on a preponderance of evidence, meaning that a judge makes a ruling based on one side having more convincing evidence rather than the amount of evidence.

Serbin is allowed access to

Brooks Dining Hall.

The second alleged sexual assault occurred on Oct. 5 in a Baldwin Hall dorm room.

The hearing for the Oct. 5 incident took place before Judge Mark Stevens on Nov. 3, recessed at 12:20 p.m. and will continue at a later date.

Both parties lived in Baldwin at the time of the alleged assault. Serbin has since been moved to Ravine-Narvik Hall, according to court records.

The woman alleging the second assault testified that she went downstairs to let Serbin into Baldwin because he did not have his student ID card to let himself into the building. After letting him in, the woman and Serbin went to her room.

During her testimony, the woman said Serbin made unwanted sexual advances toward her while they were in her room. She said he sexually assaulted her after she told him she did not feel well. The woman also said she consumed alcohol at a party on the night of the alleged assault.

The woman met with Allegheny's Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford after the incident, according to her testimony.

Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford did not respond to two messages left by The Campus, asking for comment.

"I did have faith in the school until they told me we had to be treated as equals," the woman said during the hearing.

Prior to the recess, Hatheway said he plans to call two more witnesses, one of the witnesses being Serbin.

"What these young women have experienced should not happen to anyone," said Kyle Janes, the attorney representing the women. "I hope privacy for them and their families will be given to them during this time."

Dean of Students Kimberly Scott was away at a conference and could not be reached for comment.

Executive Vice President Eileen Petula issued a statement but declined to comment further.

"The college is unable to give any statement," Petula said.

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"They received the presentations about the things we want to do, and they voted \$10 million for phase one of the action plan," Mullen said. "It's a sign of the commitment the board has and the potential they see here."

In addition to the \$10 million ASAP received, Allegheny's endowment has recently passed \$210 million, according to Mullen.

Mullen finished his presentation with a comment on what he hopes to see in Allegheny's future.

"We're looking for all the ways we can better help a student thrive at Allegheny. We want to continue to augment the programs that support you once you arrive," Mullen said. "The last thing I want is for a student to come here and not to succeed academically."

After Mullen and Petula finished talking to ASG, Jesse Tomkiewicz, '20, asked for approval of his club, Allegheny Veteran's Service. The club will be run by Tomkiewicz and John Fazio, '20, according to Tomkiewicz.

Tomkiewicz said he and others interested in the club have been visiting Lilac Springs, a resort for combat



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Executive Vice President Eileen Petula and President James Mullen address students during the weekly Allegheny Student Government meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

veterans to relax, for the past five weeks.

"We started this because we wanted to help local veterans," Tomkiewicz said. "We thought this would be a really cool thing to do, especially since I'm vice president for College Democrats and [Fazio] is the president for College Republicans, and it's a nice thing to be co-presidents. It's something really all people should be able to agree on doing this kind of service."

Allegheny Veteran's Service was approved by a vote of the senate. The club plans to pursue other things to do in the community that could coincide with events, such as Veteran's Day, as well as bring awareness to campus, according to Tomkiewicz.

"We [want to] show that we do care," Tomkiewicz said. "We want to bring something to campus as well to show we have appreciation for the things that they've done."

CRIME BLOTTER

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

Nov. 1, 2017
Walker Hall
Drug Possession.

Nov. 3, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Underage Consumption.

Nov. 4, 2017
North Village II
Drug Possession.

Nov. 4, 2017
McKinley's Food Court
Criminal Mischief.

Nov. 5, 2017
Off-Campus House
Sexual Assault.



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Modern Friendship

New friendship dynamics in an ever-changing world

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The way we think about friendship has transformed in recent years — the word “friend” is a verb in the digital age — and we would do well to return to first principles.

It is not all bad. Social media has benefited many friendships. Not only does it allow those who may not have traditionally been in contact to remain in touch, but it has also enhanced in-person relationships.

In 2010, a study in the Journal of Information Communication & Society concluded that “the more spaces the friendship expands into, the more intimate and rewarding it becomes.”

Email, social networking sites and communication apps allow friends to share content of mutual interest such as articles and videos, and thus keeps conversations going longer than they might have. Additionally, apps like GroupMe have given friend-groups a platform where they can all interact and converse 24/7, no matter their physical distance.

“For difference of character leads to difference of aims, and the result of such diversity is to estrange friends.”

Cicero

This does not come without consequences. Social media, in some ways, has trivialized the idea of “friendship” and made it synonymous to peer or acquaintance. In this way, many have come to value the quantity of friends, and not their quality.

“So-called low-popular users — users with few friends on a social networking sites — are influenced by the intensity of their perceived friend-

ships — i.e. how strong they perceive their relations with their online friends. On the contrary, high-popular users — users with many friends on a SNS — are influenced by their online friends’ perceived coolness — i.e. how “cool” they consider their online friends,” according to a 2014 study from the Journal of Media Business Studies.

In short, the more “friends” one has, the less they tend to value the intimacy of their friendships. The stimulus and satisfaction that comes with high frequency interactions “in front” of large quantities of peoples can distract one’s energy away from less public but deeper interactions.

Building an online persona has led photo-taking to become a chief concern during most social encounters. Internet friendships have taken primacy over face-to-face interactions, and consequently, the quality of in-person friendships has deteriorated, as Ruth Whippman pointed out in the New York Times.

“Americans in general are spending less and less time actually connecting with other people. Nearly half of all meals eaten in this country are now eaten alone,” Whippman said. “Teenagers and young millennials are spending less time just ‘hanging out’ with their friends than any generation in recent history, replacing real-world interaction with smartphones.”

One anecdote to this de-valuing of relationships is to re-assess what friendship means. For Cicero, in his essay On Friendships, this began with a simple axiom.

“I must at the very beginning lay down this principle — friendships can only exist between good men,” Cicero wrote. “For difference of character leads to difference of aims, and the result of such diversity is to estrange friends.”

Immediately, one sees that a friendship is built on mutual-moral admiration — two people who regard each other as good and virtuous, and share the desire to grow in that realm. As for the nature of the friendship, he notes

A final season for an American proclivity

College students’ waning love affair with television

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Once made accessible, television has been a centerpiece of American life. Simply owning a television set once meant that one had reached the proverbial American middle class. But now, the end of television seems imminent and where America turns its attention is significant.

In recent years, many have looked back nostalgically on the days where there were fewer television stations. It was not so long ago when viewers were surprised to find that there were enough options to reach into the triple digits. When the number of stations reached into the hundreds it seemed to many that the options had become more of a burden than an upgrade.

High-definition stations further complicated the leisure activity. When high definition was still considered a luxury, it doubled the number of stations to allow those who declined to pay to still watch standard, and then became a way for many service providers to incentivise package upgrades.

This concept of buying television packages became increasingly popular as more niche channels were created. Instead of ESPN, one could subscribe to a sports package and get whole channels devoted to golf, baseball, football or hockey, but all for an added price. As television became more personalized, it also became more expensive.

It is no surprise that online content providers were able to so quickly steal the attention of a large portion of the nation. Netflix — which was not long ago a company that would mail a customer rented DVD’s — has made television even more personal than the service providers but for a smaller price tag.

In the past six years, hours of “traditional television” being



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watched by college-aged students has dropped substantially. Whereas one was watching 26.78 hours per week on average in 2011, the average time spent watching TV now is 14.52 hours a week, according to Marketing Charts.

Although more personalization and convenience have been gained with the development of alternate forms of entertainment aside from television, there are some reasons to worry. For example, as cable is attracting fewer and fewer viewers, advertisers are looking elsewhere. Internet and online service providers have drawn the viewers away from television, and advertisers have followed.

“Time on Instagram — owned by Facebook — can replace time on television; Facebook is trying to turn its News Feed into a social television feed; Google owns YouTube, which not only substitutes directly for television on music videos, high-lights and more, but also has its own cable-bundle lookalikes,” wrote Derek Thompson for The Atlantic.

It was not long ago that there were not advertisements before YouTube videos, but now they are to be expected. Advertisements on Facebook have become less recognizable and are often disguised as other user’s content. These are two such examples of the changing landscape of advertising which has arrived in-light of the increasing internet market. When advertisers compete as they are, viewers should be weary.

Netflix has annexed their content behind a subscription wall to keep advertisers out. YouTube Red offers a similar service, but one should not regard these as permanent arrangements. If the end of television means the end of the television commercial, there will be new and innovative approaches used by advertisers to get at consumers. As viewers become more willing to pay to escape these advertisements, advertising strategies will become more subtle and pervasive.

A second possible reason to lament the end of television is that it was once a unifying force among Americans but no longer serves that role.

As cable packages became more personalizable and more channels were created, there was less of a chance that Americans around the country were watching the same thing. Just as sports stations were able to attract specific fans, news stations with particular political leanings were able to silo viewers into separate groups, and supplanted the vitality of the once essential six o’clock evening news.

Political scientist Charles Murray has suggested the decline of television and the increasingly personalized content viewing habits in America has left the nation without a unifying mass popular culture which was once imported into every living room daily, despite any differences in income, geographic location or ethnic group.

The positive side of the end of television is that it has created a market for viewer-funded content. Subscription sites like Patreon allow for users to become patrons for the content they want, which allows more creativity and freedom from content creators. Many YouTube channels are funded in this way, and it has given producers more accountability to their audiences but most viewers are still reluctant to fund specific content creators so the efficacy of crowd-sourced content still remains in question.

As television becomes obsolete, where America seeks its entertainment will be significant. While there will unlikely ever be another Walter Cronkite, all should hold new internet content providers to an equally high standard. While these online services have excelled in the realm of entertainment, it is yet to be seen where Americans will settle to get their news.

that its primary focus should be on the improvement of one another and not the other benefits that come with friendship.

“But though many great material advantages did ensue, they were not the source from which our affection proceeded,” he wrote.

In short, friendship is not a means but an end — it is worth pursuing and cultivating for its own sake. One should not feel the necessity of making a friendship public by posting and tagging. Friendships should not be pursued for the perceived popularity of specific associations, but rather for the joy of companionship.

Additionally, deep friendships are not built on simple mutual interests, but rather, friendships are built on mutual curiosities, passions and an attraction to one another. In most instances, it does not require effort but is merely an impulse. Perhaps the best example of friendship comes from St. Augustine, while describing his late friend in his Confessions.

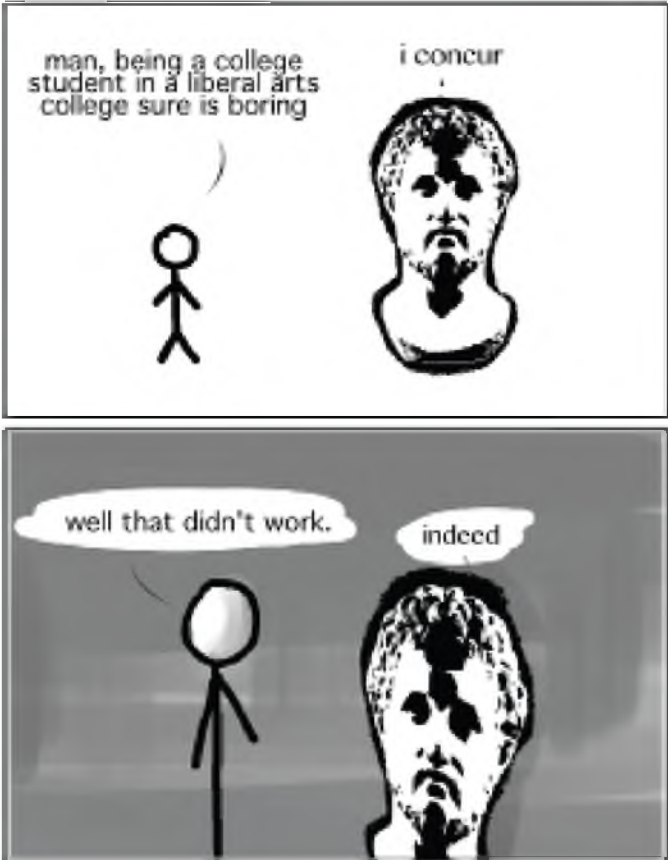
“All kinds of things rejoiced my soul in their company — to talk and laugh, and to do other kindnesses, to read pleasant books together; to pass from lightest jesting to talk of deepest things and back again; to differ without rancor, as a person might differ with himself,” Augustine wrote.

One’s deep friendships do not number in the hundreds. They seldom reach a dozen at one time, and most often number only one or two, but that is most often enough because of how rich the relationship is.

By re-thinking what we mean by friendship, several benefits are to be had. One will lose the anxiety of not having dozens of friends, but instead recognize what relationships are most valuable and worth cultivating. With a fuller understanding of what friendship is, we can all benefit by forming deeper and more fulfilling relationships with those we care about most.

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GATORZ



Allegheny to host first local Women in Physics Conference

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Three days, twelve workshop sessions and over 200 women physicists amazed Francesca Corrado, '18 and Kylee Karczewski, '18, last January at a national Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics at Princeton University. Coming from a physics department with three women planning to graduate as physics majors in 2018, the wealth of support Corrado and Karczewski found at the national conference inspired them to host the first local Women in Physics conference at Allegheny College on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the lower level of Carr Hall, beginning at 9 a.m. The conference invites undergraduate physicists from approximately 60 schools within a five-hour driving radius of Allegheny to come together to support and learn from each other.

"Kylee and I just had such an awesome experience [at the national conference] that we both agreed this is something we want to bring to Meadville," Corrado said. Corrado serves as outreach chair and Karczewski serves as president of the Society of Physics Students on campus.

The American Physical Society hosts Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics annually. These conferences aim to inspire young women to continue in the field of physics by exposing them to career and graduate school information, allowing them to experience a professional conference and con-

necting them to like-minded peers and mentors, according to the APS website. However, these national conferences require time and funding to attend.

"We had to drive four hours, so it was really far out of our way, and we had to pay for the tolls, pay for the gas, pay for the car so it was expensive going into it. So that's why we wanted to try to have something local," Karczewski, president of the Society of Physics Students, said. "We wanted to try to do something smaller and affordable."

Planning began in March, when the Society of Physics Students agreed to sponsor the conference and provided a budget. The planning committee, consisting of Corrado, Karczewski, Adele Poynor, associate professor of physics and adviser of Allegheny's Society of Physics Students, and physics major Sarah Seit-anakis, '19, contacted Allegheny alumni to speak, chose a keynote speaker, produced an initial itinerary and Seitanakis created the poster for the conference.

The credit for creating the conference belongs to the students, according to Poynor.

"They've been doing almost all the work," Poynor said. "It has really been their idea, their vision and their effort that have made this thing a reality."

The final product is a full-day conference packed with specialty talks, a keynote address, student poster session, career panel, meals and networking time.

Five female Allegheny

physics alumni will present specialty talks and answer questions during a career panel.

"They will give little 20 minute talks on how their career paths have evolved," Poynor said. "We will be repeating those three times so everyone can go to whichever ones they want."

“The people who go to different schools around you could eventually be in your professional lab or your graduate lab. So you might see them down the road and it's nice to build those connections now.”

**Kylee Karczewski
Class of 2018**

Sarah Bolton, the current president of The College of Wooster and a physicist, will present the keynote speech which will cover her career and offer strategies for women to be successful in physics.

The Barbara Lotze Endowed Lectureship Fund is funding the keynote speaker, a contribution the planning committee is grateful for.

"That's going to allow us to have an extra 10 people come because, now that we are not paying the keynote speaker expenses, we can shift that money to allowing more peo-

ple to come," Poynor said.

Students will learn from each other as well as from professionals and a poster session will provide students with the opportunity to present their research. Corrado will present her poster on research she did in the field of experimental nuclear astrophysics, specifically the development of a new barrel ray for fast beams.

"I'm very excited to just meet and hear what the different experiences all the other women have had and just kind of learn more about what they do," Corrado said. "I looked at some of the posters on the registration form of the people that are going to present. There are things that I don't know or I used to do as a freshman for research and I'm very excited to just kind of meet them."

Networking, with peers and mentors, is a central focus of the conference.

"The people who go to different schools around you could eventually be in your professional lab or your graduate lab," Karczewski said. "So you might see them down the road and it's nice to build those connections now."

Apart from professional advantages, meeting fellow physicists provides students with a support network.

"One of the big things that helped me stay in the field was the fact that there are so many amazing people I got to meet because of it and they are very encouraging," Corrado said.

Support of women in physics doesn't just come from women though, and everyone is welcome to attend the up-



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Sarah Bolton, physicist and president of The College of Wooster, will deliver the keynote address at the Women in Physics Conference in Carr Hall on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017.

coming conference.

"We are encouraging women to come, but if people who are non-gender binary or a man wants to come, and he is comfortable being around women, he is welcome to come," Poynor said.

Poynor also said she hopes the Allegheny conference will set a precedent for hosting these conferences elsewhere.

"I hope that in the future we can continue this activity maybe not always at Allegheny, maybe some other schools would like to host, but we hope that this becomes a long term thing," Poynor said.

The conference planning committee overwhelmingly agrees the goal of the conference is to connect women in

physics with each other.

"I would like [the students] to see that they are not alone in physics even if they are alone in their home departments. I would like them to form some connections and network," Poynor said.

One student is already convinced of the benefits of the upcoming conference. Karczewski received an email from a student who is the only female physics major at her school, expressing her excitement and thanking the planning committee for hosting the conference.

"That's why we are doing the conference basically, for girls like her," Karczewski said.

2017 Energy Challenge sets new records Campus saves \$16,700 in net reduction

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The eighth annual energy challenge charged Allegheny students up to achieve a 14.2 percent reduction in electricity consumption, saving \$16,700 for use in more eco-friendly projects on campus. Events ranging from a Night Hike to Yoga in the Dark contributed to the energy challenge improving upon 2016's 13.2 percent reduction, and student efforts saved \$5,700 more than last year's \$11,000 total.

During the challenge, Allegheny Sustainability Coor-

dinator Kelly Boulton, '02, tracked the energy reduction in specific academic buildings and dormitories. The Vukovich Center for Communication Arts, Carnegie Hall and Quigley Hall had the largest increases among academic buildings while College Court, Allegheny Hall and North Village I led the list of reductions among dorm buildings.

This year's energy challenge schedule was a blend of old favorites and new ideas, as student organizations combined their efforts to create an 11-event agenda for the month of October. Akeem

Adesiji '20, sustainability coordinator for Allegheny Student Government and co-president of Students for Environmental Action, noted the particular success of the Food and Fire Gathering.

"We did a food and fire event with Students for Environmental Action and Edible Allegheny, and that was really well-attended, we had a lot of people come," Adesiji said. "They were all a lot of fun. All of the events that I went to were really cool."

The fun and student enjoyment was a reflection of the goals for this year's challenge. Boulton said the best way to get students involved with the challenge is to make the events interesting.

"It seems like a good way to sustain the talk of it because what I don't think is effective is nagging people, so we try to keep it fun and engaging," Boulton said.

Keeping students engaged was key throughout the challenge. Boulton worked in conjunction with ASG and SEA to ensure that student voices were heard, and Adesiji said ASG collaborated with SEA to generate possible projects the challenge could fund.

"We worked with Students for Environmental Action and we brainstormed a big list of potential ways to spend the money, we distilled that list down to five potential options. We put that list out online and asked students how they wanted to see the money spent," Adesiji said.

Students chose for the second year in a row to use the money for more filtered water refill stations on campus. This year, students expressed a particular desire to have these stations in residence halls.

Boulton and student coordinators are already looking

ahead to next year's energy challenge. Akeem Adesiji said he believes one of the opportunities for improvement is better informing the campus community about the events that go into the challenge.

"I think that there are some things we could do for next year to clear up some misconceptions," Adesiji said. "I think that as far as the events that we have, they're all really great events. I think that as we do a better job getting the word out about the energy challenge, we'll start to see more participation in those events but the way that they're being run is really great right now."

Boulton and her assistant, Autumn Blaisdell, '21, are also looking to make changes in the 2018 energy challenge and beyond. Blaisdell said that she and Boulton are planning to make major changes to the running and publication of the energy challenge for next year.

"The most pivotal reason for doing this reform is to try and get more students to participate in the event and make them more aware of their energy use in the hope that they will want to consume less energy even if it's not during a challenge," Blaisdell said.

Blaisdell went on to say that these reforms are meant to serve the larger goal of this year's challenge, like the ones before it: to integrate awareness of energy use into student's lives. Beth Choate, assistant professor of environmental science, spoke to this larger purpose of the Allegheny energy challenge.

"We do see decreases in energy use from year to year but can we see sustained decreases, can we see behavior changes in people?" Choate said.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Tips for healthy living during holiday season

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With Thanksgiving break fast approaching, the thoughts of food, family and sleep are running through the minds of everyone on Allegheny's campus. The holiday season is great for these three things, but it is also a major gut-buster. Fortunately, there are many ways to prepare your mind and body for Thanksgiving break to stay healthy.

It is easy for someone to say "just work out" or "eat healthier." The problem is, we are all creatures of habit. Making the change to eat healthier and work out will change your body's chemistry and may not be the most enjoyable thing to do, but if you are committed to leading a healthier lifestyle, you have to push through the pain, as you will not only see physical results but you will also feel stronger mentally.

A great way to get yourself to go to the gym is to create short-term goals. In school, students tend to make tough long-term goals. This is good, but the students who do all about focusing on doing your best on the assignment in front of you.

Keep track of how far or how fast you bike. Then, the next time you go, try to beat that record. Telling yourself you want to lose 10 pounds is one thing, but the real battle is the everyday struggle of not wanting to go to the gym. Knowing that possibly skipping a planned gym session might hurt your chances of beating your record the next time your workout is a great motivator. Short-term, immediate goals will help you get through each

individual workout.

Another way to get yourself to work out is by making plans to work out with a friend. As silly as it may sound, simply sending a text message and setting a concrete time will force you to show up because you cannot blow off your workout buddy. It can also be as simple as telling your friends that you cannot do something later in the day because you have to work out. Essentially, make a verbal plan to work out with someone so you hold yourself accountable later.

You will also need to form new eating habits. A good way to get yourself to eat less is by staying hydrated. It is exceptionally important not to mistake dehydration with hunger. Drinking a large bottle of water is not only healthy, but it will also take the urge away to have an unhealthy snack.

When going on a diet, you may feel famished. This is because your stomach is used to being more expanded, and when it retracts it sends your brain a signal that tells you, "I'm hungry, your diet is stupid," when you know all too well you have already had three meals. With this knowledge, you can tell yourself you are really not as hungry as you think and refrain from snacking.

Having a plan to work out more and go on a diet are noble goals, but in order to make these things happen, one must have little tips to help them get through each day. If you can use all these tips effectively, you will not have to worry about how many calories you are consuming at Thanksgiving dinner, and just enjoy the time with your friends and family.



Dorm Results:

- 1-College Courts – 22.3% reduction
- 2-Allegheny Hall – 21.5% reduction
- 3-NVI – 10.1% reduction
- 4-Walker – 10.6% reduction
- 5-Crawford – 6.3% reduction
- 6-Schultz – 6.8% reduction
- 7-Caflisch – 4.8% reduction
- 8-Brooks – 4.1% reduction
- 9-Baldwin – 0.6% increase
- 10-DTD – 1.5% increase
- 11-Ravine – 3.1% increase
- 12-NVII – 5.2% increase
- 13-Edwards – 8.6% increase

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Final results show percentages for residence halls on campus. The energy challenge resulted in an overall 14.2 percent reduction in electricity consumption between Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, 2017.

‘Jesus Moment’ gets its moment

SET presents a political comedy on election day

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With a packed house, the performance of “Jesus Moment,” presented by the Student Experimental Theatre, offered a comedic-relief in regards to the country’s politics after the 2016 election.

“Jesus Moment” was written by Christina Nieves and was presented by the S.E.T. group on Nov. 7. The performance was directed by Itzel Ayala, ’18, and featured Aleäa Rae, ’18, Kelsey Terhune-Cotter, ’18, and Bolan G Marshall-Hallmark, ’19.

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“Arianna O’Connell Class of 2018

The script featured a conversation between God, played by Marshall-Hallmark, Jesus, played by Rae and the Holy Spirit, played by Terhune-Cotter. The conversation was on the election of November 2016 between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The hilarious and thought-provoking performance focused on the comedic-relief that the skit gave to the political atmosphere of the country.

The performance follows the election night as the votes quickly turn towards Trump’s victory and Jesus’ emotional reaction to how the people of the U.S. voted. Jesus’ following conversation with God is him asking why God let this happen and if this was part of his plan while the Holy Spirit sasses them both from the background with its bowl

of ‘Holy O’s’. The skit brings to the conversation all the problems of the 2016 election, while being extremely entertaining with pop culture references like Beyoncé and Kendrick Lamar.

Throughout the skit, Jesus argues for a hopeful future even after Trump’s victory, while the Holy Spirit contrasts his’ argument with the pessimistic side of things. In the end, as God switches TV channels, he talks on how he really has no clue on what happens next.

The idea of God not knowing what happens next spoke to an underlying theme in the script: It conveyed a sense of doubt surrounding authority figures, mainly an authority figure not knowing what they are doing and not knowing what happens next. The parallels between God in the script and Trump in the present spoke volumes to the audience and was one of the key points of the conversation which followed the show.

After the performance, Ayala and Arianna O’Connell, ’18, opened a short conversation on the politics and the personal experiences on the election of last year, where the cast and audience discussed their reactions.

Ayala was the one to bring the script to Allegheny after seeing it herself over the summer. She shared her own personal experience with the election along with the others. Ayala talked about the effects Trump’s election had on her and her hometown ,which bordered Mexico in California, and the feelings of hopelessness and doubt she felt afterwards.

“The piece gave me hope,” Ayala said.

Marshall-Hallmark spoke on his own experience with the 2016 election and how he used a part of it in his performance of God in the satire. Marshall-Hallmark said that while waiting for the results, he fell asleep and ended up

finding out the winner of the election in the morning.

“I literally woke up to a new president,” Marshall-Hallmark said.

Besides the performers, audience members also chimed in with their own experiences and reactions to last year’s election.

One of the audience members, Nia Burnette, ’18, shared her personal experience at Allegheny and her hometown in regards to the election, speaking to the feelings of how she and others felt ‘disposable’ afterwards. She talked about the differences of before and after that affected her and her friends, mentioning how she had to hold herself differently because of the fear brought on by the election. Burnette also mentioned the reaction of her religious community and how they excused Trump’s actions and behaviors because he was a God-fearing man.

“It was ugly. I was really disappointed in my community,” Burnette said.

The skit brought out questions, concerns and personal experiences of the past election that Ayala and O’Connell were hoping to shed light on and discuss exactly a year after the election.

“This wouldn’t have worked any other time than now,” Ayala said.

The script explored and developed themes that produced an important conversation between the performers and audience on the issues surrounding the election.

“A year later we’re still having conversations about it and that’s powerful,” O’Connell said.

“Jesus Moment” inspires a deep political conversation while maintaining a humorous tone, making the performance highly amusing and important at this time of year. Jesus and the otherstruly get their political moment in this performance.



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Charlie, a therapy dog, gazes at students passing by on the main floor of Allegheny’s Pelletier library on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017.

Pawsitively therapeutic

Therapy dogs come to campus



MATTHEW STEINBERG/THE CAMPUS

Murphy enjoys a lazy Monday afternoon after a long day at Allegheny College on Nov. 6, 2017.

Orchesis showcases student dancers and choreographers



Photo submitted by LAURA ALLSTON

Orchesis performers dance to “Wish You Were Here,” a piece choreographed by Danielle Higbee, ’18, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. The Orchesis Dance Company will hold their annual fall recital this upcoming weekend from Nov. 9-11 at 8 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. Orchesis is a student run performance that showcases multiple dance pieces and a variety of dance styles, such as jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop and many others.

UP ‘TIL DAWN *from page 2*



Photos by CHRIS BRINDLE

Students gather at Up ‘til Dawn on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017. Participants raised over \$31,000 throughout the semester for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.



Center: Students show off their singing voices in a lip syncing contest in the David V. Wise Center on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017.
Below left: Students gather for a game of musical chairs as part of an evening activity at the fundraising event.
Below right: Chompers races against Erica Rodriguez, ‘19, who is dressed as a bear during Up ‘til Dawn.



SUSTAINABLE *from page 2*

Boulton said she works with Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Wetsell to consider Allegheny’s options in terms of budgeting and sustainability.

“When you invest in carbon offsets, you don’t get anything except neutrality,” Boulton said. “Since our goal is carbon neutrality in 2020, we’re not looking to purchase those carbon offsets until we get to that point because it’s an annual cost based on your greenhouse gas inventory.”

Boulton and the administration are thinking about carbon offsets, making sure they have all of the information they need but do not plan on purchasing them unless they are required to.

“We’re constantly re-thinking what we are going to focus on,” Boulton said. “It’s boiler retrofits right now. We’re doing a fume hood analysis for Doane and Steffee because that could drastically reduce our energy consumption. We’re talking with an alum who has a new technology that might be able to reduce our energy consumption on all of our air conditioning. There’s a lot of different things that we are constantly looking into.”

The final decision to purchase carbon offsets will be made by Executive Vice President Eileen Petula, the president and the board of trustees, according to Pallant. In his experience, Pallant said

student opinion will matter a great deal, but he would like students to be as informed as possible about meeting the pros and cons that come with meeting the commitment.

“You have to have that commitment,” Petula said. “We’re actually doing very well. The commitment is there. No decision has been made to slow down or stop.”

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Eileen Petula
Executive Vice President

Petula said donations are helpful when deciding how to pay for new projects on campus while working towards making Allegheny more sustainable. She said buying carbon offsets is the last thing she wants to do in order to become carbon neutral by 2020.

Pallant said we all have a price and explained that raising tuition is not a solution everyone can afford. He also said Allegheny has come far in its sustainable efforts be-

cause of student involvement.

Kristen Locy, ‘18, is working with professors, staff and administrators to look into Allegheny’s options and carbon offsets. Although there is no formal consequence to not meeting the goal of neutrality by 2020, buying carbon offsets is not the method administrators would like to take, according to Petula.

Boulton said one of Allegheny’s strengths when it comes to sustainability is engaging with students. Students helped figure out how Allegheny could get its first LEED-certified building on campus during a junior seminar.

“They went through every single step which is a huge protracted thing,” Boulton said. “They worked with the architects and contractors, figured out how we could do that and we got certified ... We try to think about who is interested in what, and we use that to give you a better education.”

When Boulton was a student at Allegheny she worked, in a class, with Pallant to put together a report to give to the college president, explaining the state of sustainability at Allegheny in comparison to other schools across the country. The class offered suggestions and possible paths for the school to take in order for it to remain on the forefront of sustainability.

“One of the things we suggested was to create a sus-

tainability coordinator position,” Boulton said.

Encouraging students to stay in the local area is important, according to Boulton and Petula.

“I think this community resilience commitment that we’re pursuing now is going to open up a lot of doors,” Boulton said.

Petula said the college plans to continue on its journey of becoming more sustainable and finding new, innovative ways to work with students in order to make those goals a reality.

“I want to find ways that we help in our own community,” Petula said. “I think you are always just responsible and try to make the most responsible choice, but it is definitely a team effort.”

Pallant said student behavior is a big factor when it comes to achieving carbon neutrality, but he thinks the energy challenge helps change behavior because it makes the process more enjoyable.

“Being more environmental should be about better quality of life,” Pallant said. “I don’t want anybody to be freezing in the dark. I want them to come to this party because the music is acoustic, the dancing is great and the food is local, organic and homemade. Who doesn’t want to join that revolution?”

MARVEL STUDIOS
THOR
RAGNAROK

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‘Thor: Ragnarok’ is filled with action and humor

The galaxy’s favorite Norse God returns

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but it is really Planet Hulk, which was teased from the announcement of the movie.

Planet Hulk is where the bulk of the movie takes place and introduces us to the rest of the cast, the Grandmaster played by Jeff Goldblum, Valkyrie played by Tessa Thompson, Hulk/Bruce Banner played by Mark Ruffalo, and Korg, voiced by the director Taika Waititi. Honestly, none of these characters were boring in any way, shape or form. Each character has their own little quirks and voice, and they are all hilarious. I found myself laughing a lot more than I thought just because the characters were so funny. All and all, it is a 10/10 for Goldblum.

After the amazing gladiator fight between Thor and Hulk, Thor plots to get off the planet to save Asgard from Hela’s tyrannical rule. And the only way to get to Asgard the quickest is through the biggest wormhole named the Devil’s Anus. Yes, this is not a typo. This is the correct name for the swirling red Einstein Rosen bridge wormhole.

Thor and his new team, nicknamed the ‘Revengers,’ return to Asgard through the Devil’s Anus to fight Hela and her army of the dead and oversized puppy. I won’t spoil too much of the fight, because a lot of it is super important and definitely different from what the trailers depicted. In the end, Thor and his team, who all decided to retire the name ‘Revengers,’ defeat Hela and her dead army. There’s a lot more that happens, but I really do not want to spoil it, it is better to just go watch it. It is definitely worth it.

Now, if you are an avid Marvel fan like myself, then you know Marvel always has after credit scenes to foreshadow the next movie or movies. Thor had two, though technically only one truly mattered to the bigger picture of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, but you get the jist. Some spoilers are coming so I would recommend skipping the rest of this.

The first extra credit scene, and the one that truly matters, has Thor and Loki talking about Earth before a huge spaceship that looks a lot like Thanos’ face appears from the middle of nowhere, and we are left with the ‘oh’ faces of Thor and Loki before the scene is cut off. Man, the amount of people I heard say ‘what the hell’ in the theaters was great, especially since one of them was me. It is not explicitly said the ship is Thanos’, but we all know it is.

Overall, the movie deserved all the hype it got. The film was action-packed, entertaining and deeply moving all in one without being a complete disaster. The characters are gut-bustingly hilarious, and you will honestly have a hard time picking which one is the funniest. My vote is going to Korg, cause man, that guy was hilarious.

A mix of humor and hero action, “Thor: Ragnarok” is starting November off with a bang. Directed by Taika Waititi, “Thor: Ragnarok” is the third excitingly funny and action-packed movie in the Thor franchise. The film was released on Nov. 3, made \$121 million in its opening weekend, and it is not stopping anytime soon, not until “Justice League” at least.

While “Iron Man” is the reigning champ for the Marvel cinema with a 94 percent review, “Thor: Ragnarok” comes out with a 92 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, the same rating as “Spiderman: Homecoming,” making it one of the top tier Marvel Cinematic Universe movies so far.

“Exciting, funny and above all fun, Thor: Ragnarok is a colorful cosmic adventure that sets a new standard for its franchise — and the rest of the Marvel Cinematic Universe,” according to Rotten Tomatoes.

The movie follows Thor as he travels back to Asgard after the events of “Avengers: Age of Ultron” and his search for information on the infinity stones. After a brief stint on some planet with a villain that really reminds me of Sauron, Thor returns to Asgard. Revealing Loki’s facade as Odin, Thor and Loki return to Earth to retrieve Odin but, and this is the funny part, the elderly home that Odin was imprisoned in by Loki was in the process of being demolished. This is when Doctor Strange appears.

Doctor Strange’s cameo is well placed, though surprisingly not at the end of the movie as many viewers thought it would be. The scenes with Strange and Thor are a replay of the extra credit scene in “Doctor Strange” from last November so it is really not any new information. Though it gives us a hint at how dramatic Strange can be, again the man was the literal embodiment of extra in his own movie, it is not surprising how powerful he has grown since his own movie.

Following the scene when Thor and Loki find Odin through Doctor Strange, we are introduced to the villain of the story, Hela. Hela is one hell of a villain. She is hella snarky, hella mean and hella powerful, especially with those antlers of hers, and let us not forget her oversized puppy and army of the dead. I will not spoil her back story, you definitely will not see it coming, but it makes sense.

After Hela gives a short but typical villain speech, in a scramble to return to Asgard, Thor and Loki are thrown to the same planet. And yeah, we have all seen the trailers; all I have to say is, poor Mjolner. We will not be seeing it anytime soon. The planet they crash land on is called Sakaar,

Lacrosse and field hockey coming to campus

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Currently, over 400 student-athletes represent Allegheny College on varsity athletic teams in the North Coast Athletic Conference, and the number of varsity athletes is expected to expand with the addition of women's field hockey and men's lacrosse to the athletic program.

The Allegheny College Board of Trustees, in an effort to increase student enrollment has authorized the addition of women's field hockey and men's lacrosse programs to the college's varsity athletics department.

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Class of 2018

“I am very excited by the news that Allegheny will be getting a varsity lacrosse team,” said Brian Rogers, '18. “While I'm disappointed that I won't have the opportunity to try out for the team, I know that it means well for the club team.”

Rogers is the current president of the Allegheny Men's Lacrosse Club. The club competes against other collegiate club teams in Eastern Ohio, Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, such as the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Men's Lacrosse Club. Men's lacrosse, before the board of trustees' authorization, has been a student-run organization while the Allegheny Women's Lacrosse Team has been a varsity athletic program.

“As Allegheny develops a reputation for lacrosse, men who come to Allegheny for the sport and don't find that varsity level fits into their timetables, will likely join the club side,” Rogers said. “I would be willing to bet that the club team will increase in size and also increase in talent.”

Women's field hockey will debut as a varsity program in the fall of 2019, while the inaugural season of varsity men's lacrosse will be in the spring of 2020.

Allegheny will now support 23 varsity athletic teams



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and the college will also begin to compete in every sport sponsored by the NCAC. With the introduction of the lacrosse program, all 10 NCAC member schools will now offer men's lacrosse.

“I was not consulted as to how the acquisition of the team would work, but I did have conversations with Bill Ross [director of athletics] and a few members of the board while they were considering a varsity men's lacrosse program,” Rogers said. “I heavily encouraged Allegheny getting the team because I felt that it would be a valuable addition to the school and is something the club team has always wanted.”

Along with the addition of two new varsity programs, the Allegheny Board of Trustees also authorized construction of a new artificial turf field at the Robertson Athletic Complex. The men's and women's locker rooms and the athletic training facilities at the complex will also be renovated and enhanced.



Top: The men's lacrosse club team poses for a photo after its game on Oct. 29, 2017 at Edinboro University. **Center:** Jack Dudo, '18, and Brian Rogers, '18, play during the lacrosse game against Edinboro. **Above:** Jack Dudo, '18, makes a save during the lacrosse game against Edinboro.

These new and renovated athletic facilities will be enjoyed by varsity athletic teams beyond the college's two most recent additions, including women's soccer, women's lacrosse, men's baseball and men's football.

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