

Bonners to request community partners pay for services

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Allegheny College's Bonner Program, which provides community service to Crawford County nonprofit agencies and other local sites, has begun considering requesting those partners provide financial compensation for its services, according to Director

of Civic Engagement Dave Roncolato.

Roncolato said the move to have community nonprofits subsidize the Bonner Program came from the college's budget problems. Bonner Leaders, who are students who volunteer through the program without receiving the service-based scholarship, are paid via Federal Work-Study.

"This year, we'll be investigating the question of whether agencies have the capabilities to help subsidize the cost of off-campus work study positions," said Roncolato.

Bonner Program Coordinator Ellen Bach declined to comment.

Roncolato said Civic Engagement hopes to know whether or not programs will provide compensation by the

end of the fall 2016 semester, so the college can communicate that decision with community partners by the beginning of spring 2017.

Bonner Program Director Charmaine Wilson said the college hopes to have systems of compensation set up by the start of the 2017-18 academic year.

Robert Hackett, president of the Corella & Bertram F.

Bonner Foundation, said the issue lies in how Work-Study funds are distributed. He said the federal government subsidizes up to 75 percent of the cost of Work-Study, leaving the other 25 percent to be paid for by the school, a community partner or another organization.

According to the Sept. 7, 2016, minutes of the college's Finance and Facilities

Committee, the college paid \$877,000 to students receiving Work-Study in the 2015-16 fiscal year. It is unclear if that number includes funds provided by the federal government.

Allegheny College spent over \$2.2 million in student wages in the same fiscal year, including Work-Study, cam-

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College reflects on recent bombings

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The Office of Spiritual and Religious Life and the college Counseling Center held An Opportunity to Reflect at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, in Ford Chapel following the bombings in New York City and New Jersey, and the stabbings in Minnesota.

Using a knife, Dahir Adan attacked members of the public at Crossroads Mall in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on Sunday, Sept. 18, according to CNN. Nine out of the 10 victims sought medical attention for their injuries and had been released from the hospital by the following day.

According to USA Today, a pipe-bomb style device exploded in Seaside Park, New Jersey on Saturday morning, Sept. 17. At 8:30 p.m., a bomb exploded in the Chelsea neighborhood of New York City injuring 29 people. No one was seriously hurt in either incident. A second device was found in the same neighborhood which was removed in the early hours of Sunday morning.

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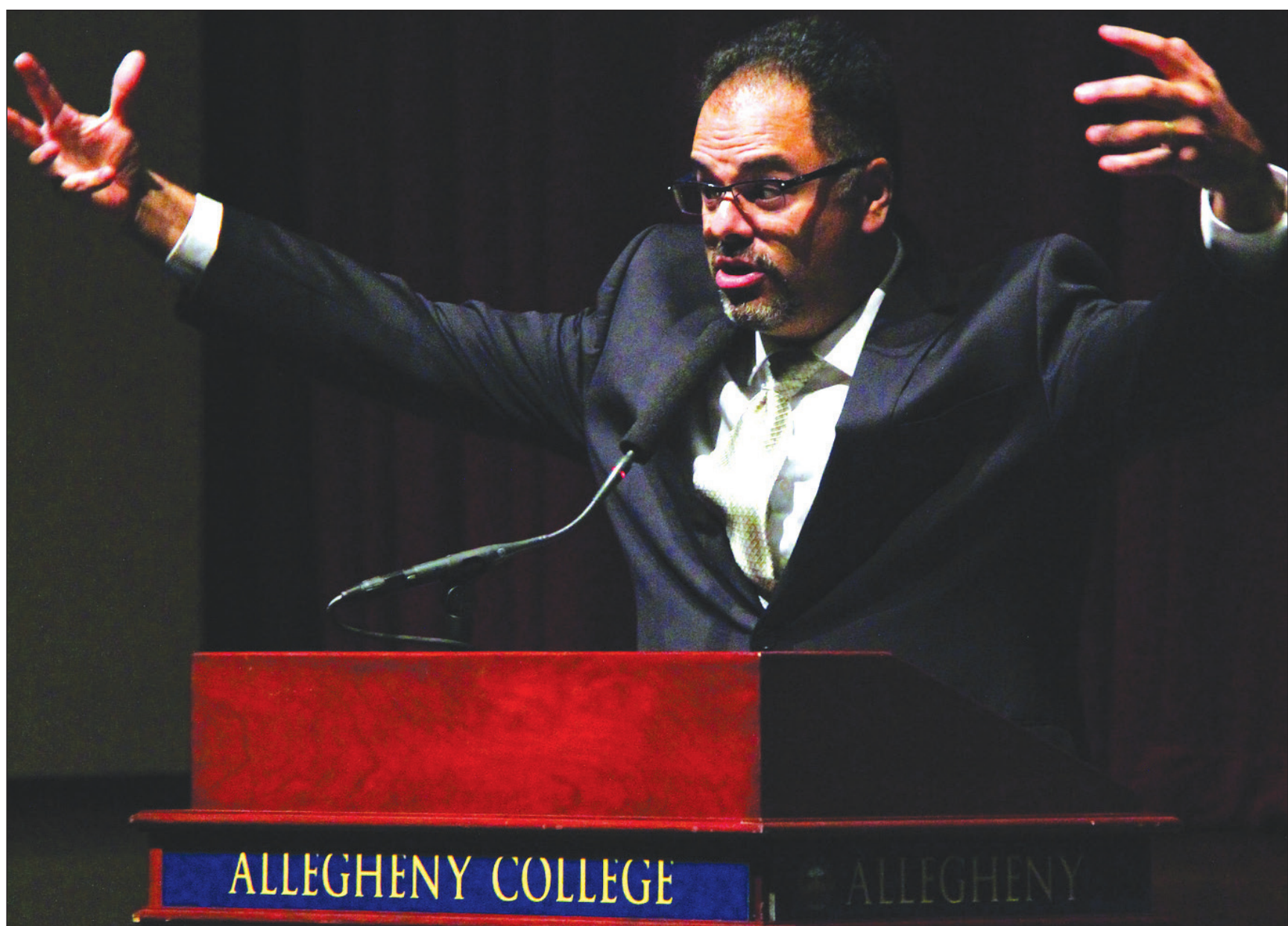
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Jane Ellen Nickell
College Chaplain

The mayor of Elizabeth, New Jersey, announced on Sunday night that two men had found a bag containing five explosive devices outside the Elizabeth train station, according to USA Today. One of these explosives then exploded in the early hours of Monday morning while a FBI bomb squad robot was attempting to disarm it. There were no immediate reports of any injuries.

In response to these events, a mass email was sent out to the Allegheny community at 1:22 p.m. inviting students to

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Edward Curtis IV, professor of religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, delivers a speech on Islamophobia in the U.S. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016. The speech was part of the inaugural Allegheny Listens event, an extension of first-year orientation.

Allegheny Listens program addresses Islamophobia

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The Allegheny and greater Meadville community gathered in Shafer Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 22, for the inaugural Allegheny Listens: A Dialogue on Islamophobia.

The dialogue consisted

of two main components: a moderated discussion panel with two guest speakers, and a following breakout session for all first-year seminar classes that was led by a volunteer faculty or staff facilitator.

President James Mullen opened the dialogue, emphasizing the importance of the moment and thanking every-

one for their commitment to Allegheny's statement of community.

"It's not just another meeting—it is a very important moment about what we represent in this time and in this place at Allegheny College," said Mullen. "The challenge for all of us is, today going forward, to stand for the world as

a place that cares and respects and celebrates ... and builds community together."

Mullen was then followed by Nadiya Wahl, '17, a student ambassador for the Year of Mindfulness, who explained to the crowd that the main goal of the Year of Mindfulness is to pause and reflect on one's everyday life.

She asked the crowd to center in on the present moment and how each of the members of the crowd were related and to speak with intention, thoughtfulness and respect.

"Remember that your words and actions do matter,"

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Residence life expands wellness housing options

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The Office of Residence Life added a new special interest housing option on campus for the 2016-17 academic year in the form of a Wellness Community in Walker Hall.

Wellness Communities, according to Jen Foxman, assistant dean of students and director of residence life, are communities in which the members focus on general healthy living.

This means students within the community work to cook together, participate in

wellness activities such as meditation and keep the space entirely drug and alcohol free.

"Basically, it's students who are looking for programming that would surround areas of wellness," Foxman said.

While the communities do work to be entirely alcohol free, Foxman said it is largely up to the community members themselves to ensure the space remains this way.

"We have not gone to the extent of doing conduct [reports] on people. It's really a community monitoring kind of thing," Foxman said.

Foxman said over the last several years, the college has

offered wellness communities to students in several residence halls on campus. She said in past years they have also offered a wellness house as a special-interest house.

According to Foxman, the wellness house was not an option this year simply because residence life has struggled to fill it in the past.

"Like any special-interest community, interest ebbs and flows," Foxman said.

In addition to the transition of Walker Hall to a Wellness Community for the 2016-17 year, residence life also made Edwards Hall an all first-year wellness living

option to expand wellness options on campus.

Foxman said when first-year students were filling out their housing preference forms it was made clear that Edwards would be a Wellness Community.

"We promoted it as a wellness dorm," Foxman said.

When looking through the choices the incoming class was making in terms of where it wanted to live on campus, Foxman said she saw a lot of interest in the colleges wellness options.

"I noticed a lot of the first-year forms this year, maybe more than usual even, of peo-

ple looking to live in, if not a substance-free environment, at least one that was respectful of people who chose to live a substance-free life," Foxman said.

Jacque Kondrot, associate dean of students, said she used to head a Wellness Committee at Allegheny, which she is working to bring back this year. She said in recent years she has been asked to fill other roles at the college, which have prevented her from doing the work.

Kondrot said the Wellness Communities are designed to

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New executive vice president addresses student government

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Eileen Petula, the new Executive vice president of the college, attended Allegheny Student Government's weekly meeting to introduce herself on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

After a brief synopsis of her professional life, Petula asked for questions from the assembled senate and cabinet. No questions were asked.

President Tess Bracken, '17, encouraged members of ASG to take advantage of administrators coming in to speak. She said it is a good time to voice constituent concerns.

"Students don't usually get that face-time with [administrators]," Bracken said.

Petula said she has enjoyed her time at Allegheny and is excited to become more familiar with the institution.

"I know a lot about higher education, but I don't know everything about this place," Petula said.

In an attempt to get a better feel for the school, Petula said she has been trying to get the perspective of as many students, staff and faculty as she can.

"I am on a listening tour right now," Petula said. "I am trying to meet as many people as possible."

As part of her "listening tour," Petula said she took a tour of many of the residence halls on campus. The tour in-

cluded Caflich Hall, North Village I, North Village II and some of the first-year housing options on campus, she said.

During the tour, Petula said she was pleased with what she saw, but said she felt the high ceilings in North Village I constituted "a lot of wasted space." She explained there seemed to be enough room for another floor.

Petula, who has worked in higher education for 22 years, assumed the position of executive vice president in early August following the departure of Sue Stuebner.

At the meeting, ASG also swore in the recently elected senators for the class of 2020.

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Eileen Petula
Executive Vice President

Miguel Guillen, '19, first-year liaison, said he would be meeting with the new senators following the meeting. He encouraged the group to consider what committees they hope to serve on as senators.

The president for the class of 2020 will be Hamza Ma-

saeed, Jason Ferrante will be vice president and Lauren Riesel, Gabriel McIntire and Elyse Cinquino will be first-year senators.

Matt Hartwell, '18, co-director of student affairs, updated members of ASG on the Housing Committee's meeting with the Office of Residence Life on Sept. 14.

Hartwell said the main takeaway from the meeting was that a better method of communication needs to be established between residence life and students. He said having a system in place by which students would know who to contact depending on the nature of their problem would be helpful.

Walter Stover, '17, who heads the ASG Housing Committee, said during the meeting an idea was voiced that ASG might be able to aid in improving communication between residence life and the student body.

"A lot of what came up was how ASG could act as an intermediary," Stover said.

Hartwell said he felt the major problem facing residence life was a lack of staffing.

"A lot of these problems are because there are no people to address them," Hartwell said.

According to Hartwell, the reason for this is that the college's available budget has been cut by almost seven million dollars over the last two years, largely due to under enrollment.



JOSEPH TINGLEY/THE CAMPUS

Eileen Petula, executive vice president, addresses Allegheny Student Government at its weekly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016.

One of the larger problems which Hartwell said he hears from students is the way room draw continues to be done by hand as opposed to an online system. The problem with implementing such a system, he said, is it can cost upwards of \$38,000.

In order to address the issue, Hartwell said the committee hopes to work with the college's Finances and Facilities Committee in order to try and find the funds to develop a system.

"It will be addressed in due time, but in the meantime they will continue by hand," Hartwell said.

Dean of Students Kimber-

ly Ferguson also spoke at the meeting during constituent comments. Ferguson said various offices are instituting extended hours on certain days of the week in order to better meet the needs of the student body.

Some of the offices hosting extended hours include the counseling center, Winslow Health Center and the Office of Residence Life.

"Hopefully that will give people more access to services," Ferguson said.

Co-Director of Student Affairs Sydney Fernandez, '17, also announced that ASG would be meeting with Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford.

She said any senators with questions or concerns they would like voiced in the meeting should contact her.

During her report, Director of Organizational Development Alexa Maloney, '17, announced she would be stepping down from her position due to family affairs that would require her to be away from campus. She said she would be transitioning out of her position over the next week.

Bracken said the search for a new director of organizational development will begin next week.

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pus employment, summer wages and stipends.

Roncolato said the college will discuss financial compensation with all agencies at which Bonner Leaders work, including Women's Services, Inc., and Active Aging.

Wilson said she, Roncolato and Bach have had one in-person conversation with leaders of multiple community agencies about financial compensation. Wilson said the office has gotten varied feedback from agencies on the request.

"The difficult part is that there's three of us in the office that work with Bonner, and each of us get different information," Wilson said.

According to the "Dear Colleague" letter distributed by the U.S. Department of Education in May 1998,

the federal government can pay the full wages of students employed as tutors in literacy programs.

Armendia Dixon, executive director of the Crawford County Literacy Council, which controls the Crawford County READ Program, said the college requested the council pay 10 percent of the wages of students employed with the program.

"We certainly have no problems with that," Dixon said.

Dixon said the council is open to subsidizing the Bonner Leaders' wages as they are "very qualified," and the quality of work they provide may warrant paying the college for the students' service.

While the Crawford County READ Program is willing to subsidize the cost, Ronco-

lato said a potential complication of asking for such compensation is the budgetary constraints of Bonner sites. However, he said some agencies can afford to compensate the college for work provided through the program.

"Some of the agencies—if they have to make a contribution—they have big budgets, it won't matter," Roncolato said.

Hackett said the Bonner Program does not prevent colleges from requesting financial compensation, and that it is not uncommon.

According to Roncolato, the college may request partners pay between 10 percent and 25 percent of the wages of students.

Wilson said the exact amount of compensation the program will request from

local agencies is not clear yet. "It could be 10, it could be 20, 50," Wilson said. "I don't know."

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Director of Civic Engagement

Regardless of the amount of compensation, Roncolato said he believes financial compensation is justified by

the contributions of Bonners. "We think our students' contributions are worth a small [financial] contribution from the agencies," Roncolato said. "But we don't want to do it in a way that would offer a hardship for the agency."

Roncolato said there are many differences between volunteers and those involved in the Bonner Program. While volunteers are generally unpaid, Bonners receive either a scholarship or Work-Study, and Roncolato said the students in the program fill a role volunteers at agencies would not.

"Usually, they meet a need that would not otherwise be met," Roncolato said.

Hackett said the program should not be construed as a volunteer program.

"We never use the term

'volunteerism,'" Hackett said. "It is a job."

Bonner Leader Sydney Fernandez, '17, said she and other Bonners are invested in community service, and the program requesting financial compensation will detract from the spirit of service. She said the Bonners voiced their concerns.

"It wasn't a positive response," Fernandez said.

While receiving subsidies from community partners may alleviate budgetary problems, Roncolato said this process is in its preliminary stages.

"These conversations have begun, but nothing's been decided," Roncolato said. "We think it's really important to listen and respond to what [our partners'] needs are."

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promote general well-being, and she hopes students will take that goal to heart.

"I hope they will take the experience seriously," she said. "Part of our goal is to get people to think about how to take care of themselves and other people."

Kondrot said the communities have brought different programs to the college in the past. She said this has included bringing in speakers on topics such as meditation and alcohol's effects on the body.

"I think the list is inexhaustible of all the fun things we can do," Kondrot said.

While these are the types of programs the communities have chosen to do in the past, Kondrot said she hopes the students will take the project and make it their own.

"I also appreciate student input on what catches people's eye," she said.

Melissa Mattwig, '17, the

community advisor for Edwards Hall, said she and her staff have seen residents take to the wellness living environment and make it their own.

"We put on some events, but they have started to put on their own stuff," Mattwig said.

While the building, like all Wellness Communities, is meant to be substance-free, Mattwig said the building tries to handle any incidents of students using substances as a community.

"It's kind of an inevitable fact of being a first-year, but it is about how we can help when it does happen," Mattwig said.

While the Wellness Committee will work closely with the Wellness Communities after its reinstatement, Kondrot said it will also work to promote wellness in all aspects of campus life.

"The whole 'Be That Ga-

tor' campaign came out of the Wellness Committee a few years ago," Kondrot said.

This year, Kondrot said she hopes the committee can work to renew the college's pedestrian safety campaign.

Kondrot said she feels what form the Wellness Communities take will depend greatly on the success of this year. Foxman said it will depend a lot on next year's sophomores.

Foxman said she hopes interest will remain high and they may be able to bring back the Wellness House at some point.

"We would really like to see that come back," Foxman said.

Mattwig said several of her residents have already expressed a desire to continue in wellness housing next year, but she said it is still early in the semester to be sure how many actually will chose to do so.

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join the reflection at 4 p.m. that day.

Jane Ellen Nickell, college chaplain, and Dale Humes, counselor, led the An Opportunity to Reflect, which was attended by President James Mullen, Dean of Students Kimberly Ferguson and two students. Despite the small turnout, Ferguson remarked during the event that it was powerful that people even showed up.

Nickell said there was no real plan for the reflection time. They just wanted to provide a space where students could gather and have a conversation.

"If one student shows up, but that student needed some place to go and someone to talk to, then I think that was a success," said Nickell. "If nothing else, they hear that your college cares about you, and we want to provide you think time and space."

The group reflected on individual responses to the tragedies over the weekend, as well as ways in which the college could and should be responding to these kinds of events.

"We have the opportunity to choose our own response" said Humes.

Maura McCampbell, '20, attended the reflection because she noticed herself becoming numb to acts of tragedy and violence in the world around her.

"I had noticed a general sense of apathy in myself regarding the events—all of the mass shootings, all of the recent tragedies and I just wanted to make myself more conscious of them," said McCampbell.

During the reflection, Ferguson echoed McCampbell's sentiments, stating that she noticed it often is not until she discovers a personal connection to the tragedies that she really starts to reflect on what has happened.

"Yesterday I was so caught up in my own life, my own things, I didn't hear about [the bombings] until late," said Ferguson. "Sometimes we get so busy ... we don't recognize the impact on people ... even just [a few] hours away from us."

A key point that the group discussed was the media's reaction to the bombers' identities. They discussed how perpetrators are often categorized as terrorists and their acts as acts of terrorism when they are Muslim; however, when people of another ethnicity commit acts of terror in the U.S., it becomes about gun laws or mental health.

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Kimberly Ferguson
Dean of Students

"Is it any less terrifying if someone comes in your theatre and starts shooting ... is it any less scary if they're white or Muslim?" said Humes.

Ferguson said her initial response is to worry about retaliation and how the college can ensure student safety. She said the weekend's events made her think twice about opening up the Islamophobia dialogue on Thursday to the community.

Nickell echoed these sentiments, saying one of her biggest priorities is how Allegheny can make sure its Muslim community members feel safe.

Nickell said that she and someone from the counseling center try to provide spaces like this reflection any time

there is an event that they think students might be negatively affected by.

"[We provide these spaces] almost always if we have a death on campus, especially if it is a student or something that is unexpected. In the past, we've done events like [this for] the shooting in Chardon Ohio and one near Pittsburgh, where we had students who had actually gone to those schools and still had siblings and friends [there]," said Nickell. "Even though this wasn't close to Meadville, because we have students from that area, just to offer them a place to come and to process and debrief and just to not be trying to handle it on their own."

McCampbell said that the reflection wasn't quite what she expected.

"It was a good discussion and we talked about some things that I think needed to be addressed, but I don't think we came to any conclusions."

McCampbell planned to attend the Allegheny Listens: A Dialogue on Islamophobia on Thursday, Sept. 22.

"I think addressing Islamophobia in general is something that is pretty essential," said McCampbell. "I think a lot of the times, problems occur when we don't talk about issues and just let them go under the radar and progressively worsen."

Nickell emphasized the importance of offering events like the Allegheny Listens dialogue to help educate the community.

"Offering events like this, so people can learn about Islam besides what they see in the news, which is not always too positive unfortunately," said Nickell. "The one extremists who leaves a bomb in a trash can is going to get a lot more coverage than the millions of Muslims who are very faithful and committed to a religion that is not violent."

ASG UPDATES

ASG is working to fill seats on the Finance and Facilities Committee, which deals with the college's budget, The Public Events Committee, and the Council on Diversity and Equity. Anyone interested in applying for a position should contact Hayden Moyer at moyerh@allegheny.edu.

The Office of Student Affairs will begin to conduct weekly meetings with a different college department head each week, including those of Residence Life and Public Safety.

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UPMC Internship and Employment Session
Monday, Sept. 26, 12-1 p.m.
CC 301/302

FBI Career Session
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Pelletier Collaboratory

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Sept. 17, 2016
North Main Street near Ford Chapel
Criminal mischief.

Sept. 18, 2016
Wise Center front desk
Theft.

Sept. 19, 2016
Wise Center locker room
Theft.

Sept. 21, 2016
Allegheny Commons Lot 32
Marijuana (police assist).

Just The Tips:

On a biweekly basis, the student organization Reproductive Health Coalition of Allegheny College writes a column to advise fellow students on practices for safe and responsible sex lives.

Light choking anyone? An introduction to BDSM

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BDSM stands for bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism. In a situation where BDSM is at play, the most important thing is consent. Consent is the only thing that differentiates BDSM from abuse; plain and simple. Communication and consent are bound together, so before any play begins make sure to have a direct, honest conversation with your partner(s) about what you want, what roles you want to explore, and what you're both comfortable with.

Now, a few basic terms: bondage (ropes/restraints), discipline (roleplay, doms and subs, punishment and

"finitishment"), and sadism/masochism (pleasure gained from causing or receiving pain, respectively) are what make up BDSM. We'll have in-depth write ups of each of these four areas as the weeks progress, but the point of this column is more to give you an idea of how to safely start exploring these areas on your own, or with partners. Some people are into a mix of the above, others into only one, and some aren't into a single thing on the above list. Any of that is absolutely fine; there's no compulsion or shame in being who you are and liking what you do.

When you realize you want to start exploring what kinks you may or may not have, a little research goes a long way; Simply google what you're

thinking of exploring and view a couple of webpages and articles. Get an idea of what specifically it is you're getting into, and then when you and your partner sit down to discuss it, really make sure you're both on board and discuss your limits. These usually take one of two forms; hard and soft limits.

Hard limits are the untouchables, the things kink-play will never touch on. For some, this may include striking the face, choking with anything but hands, not performing bondage, etc. Soft limits are a little less defined, and are trickier to deal with. For example, a soft limit for one of these writers is choking. It makes them incredibly nervous, so a little is fine, but both participants must be

in constant communication with one another. Define your hard and soft limits with your partner, and most importantly, always have a safe word.

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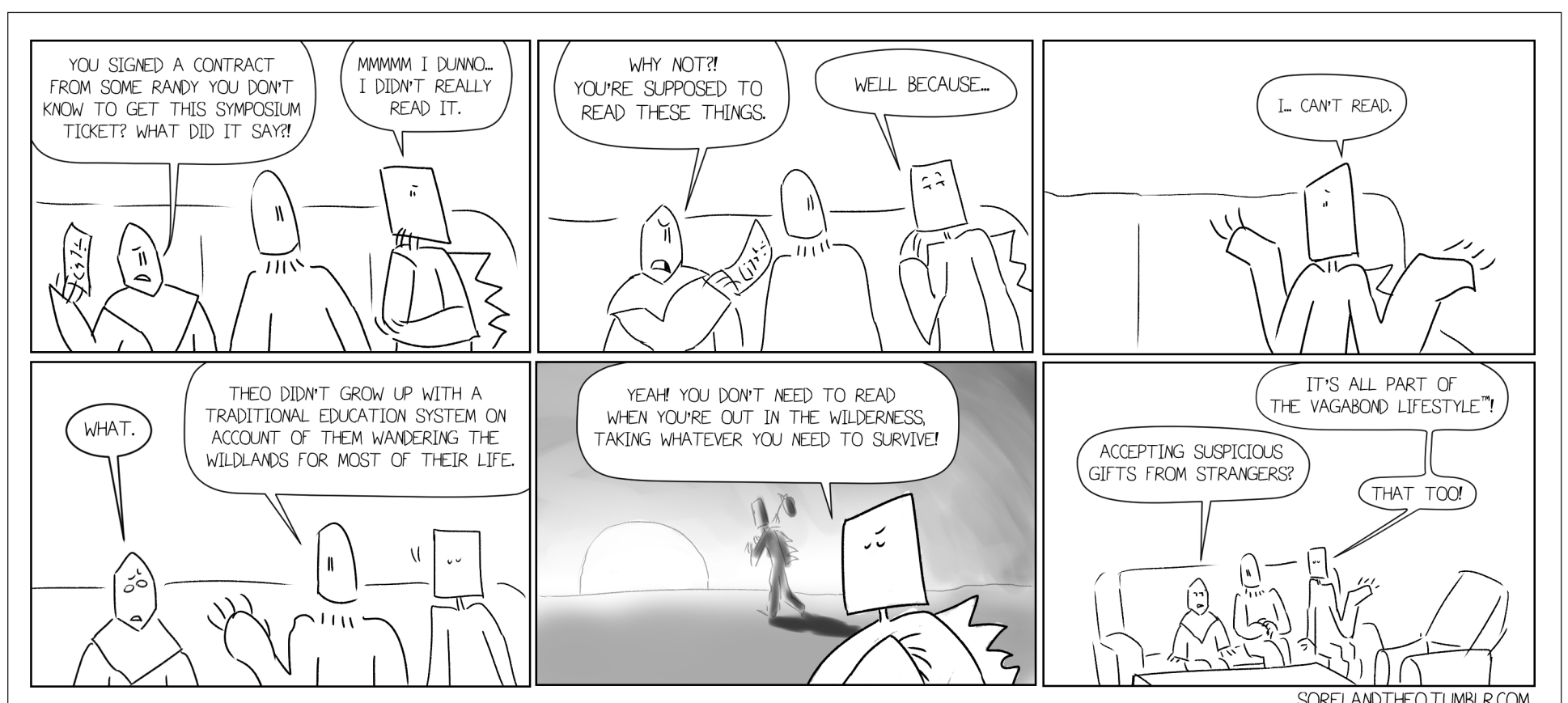
The safe word goes all the way back to that fundamental aspect of BDSM—consent. The safe word is the call out that, when used, all play stops immediately and both participants check in with each other. This is an incredibly important aspect of BDSM, and it cannot be neglected in the slightest. The safe word should be something you wouldn't ever say during sex, (fruits and vegetables are personal favorites) that cannot be mistaken for something else, and something you won't forget mid-act.

Another important aspect when considering venturing to the kinky side of things is aftercare. Often, being either the dominant or submissive partner, while enjoyable, can

be taxing to either or both of you. Sometimes, aftercare includes cuddling, massages or a lot of deep conversation. We're not saying you have to let your partner stay the night, but make sure to communicate beforehand as to what your partner will need after the act. Most times, a cold glass of water, a light snack and some witty banter is enough for many.

That's about the basics, and we promise to cover more in the coming weeks. Just remember: consent is key, communicate with your partner, research your pleasure, ask about aftercare and do not neglect that safe word.

THE SIMPLE THINGS



Comic by Jonathon Yee

Police forces continue to mirror military tactics

Minorities continue to be the victims of police brutality

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Over the last year several years or so, we have seen multiple cases of civil rights protests due to the debated mistreatment of African Americans by police forces around the country. But the police forces are beginning to take it too far by converting to what seems almost like a branch of the military.

The issue of police brutality and police militarization has been at the forefront of numerous news stories in recent years with the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Alton Sterling and Philando Castile. Minorities are now outraged, concerned for the safety of their children and family members and are feeling a broken bond between themselves and law enforcement.

Since these situations occurred, protests have been taking place, both violent and nonviolent, but it seems as though the police can never

tell the difference between the two. They bring out the riot gear whenever they feel as though a protest is imminent. It doesn't matter if the protest is five people or 500 people, to police, it seems as though to settle down a protest, you need to bring out the riot shields and tear gas. The question to ask is when is it actually necessary for the police to be militarized? When is a situation the right one for a police force to use tanks?

The militarization of the police should be used in extreme situations, such as big drug busts and large-scale riots. These are the situations where the police are in a great amount of danger because the people they are going to arrest could possibly have the same firepower as them or could potentially harm them with chemicals. This means houses where they make and sell drugs, crime families and underground organizations.

In the past four years, the police have only brought the riot gear out when it came to

people protesting the police for the killing of unarmed black people, instead of allowing them to exercise their rights as Americans without feeling threatened. These are nonviolent protests—who are the police really protecting themselves from? It seems as though police have definitely seemed to confuse a riot and a peaceful protest. They treat them all the same.

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The more black people that are killed, the more protests there will be. The police have been trained to shoot first and ask questions later. People fail to realize that this is not a new concept.

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William Evans
Class of 2019

My problem with the police becoming so militarized is that they often do not get geared up to deal with protests that have a majority of white protesters. Instead they let them protest and carry on with their day. For example, when the Bernie Sanders supporters began protesting at the Democratic National Convention, police allowed them to have their sit down without conflict, even though protesters were being very vulgar towards them.

The military gear is used for peaceful protest in civil rights movements such as Black Lives Matter and the 2015 Selma march, or it's for majority black neighborhoods that have people who make and sell drugs. I'm not saying not to take them down, but it seems like the targets are always minority groups. It seems like when the black people come out of the house, policemen and women suit up to silence them.

A great example of this is the Philando Castile protests, at which a woman was

arrested while approaching the police completely unarmed. According to St. Paul police, around 46 people were arrested for unlawful assembly near the Summit Avenue in Minnesota.

Why is it that when people of color try to exercise their first amendment rights, it always seems like it is time to hit us with the tear gas and taze us? Especially when the majority gets to speak their minds with no conflict?

Why are our neighborhoods raided when it is proven that white Americans sell and use drugs at the same rate as us? According to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People website, "[five] times as many whites are using drugs as African Americans, yet African Americans are sent to prison for drug offenses at 10 times the rate of whites."

Police seem to be more about themselves than the citizens they are sworn to protect. If they weren't, they wouldn't feel the need to gear

up like that. There is no trust between the citizens and the police anymore. The police are treating the relationship like it is war. It's an "us" versus "them" situation, and it does not seem to be resolving itself anytime soon. The more black people that are killed, the more protests there will be.

The police have been trained to shoot first and ask questions later. People fail to realize that this is not a new concept. It has been happening for decades. Since the war on drugs, it is just easier to see. You get a visual of what we go through when we protest. The police will continue to become more militarized until they transform into a full blown army. The oppressed people that are protesters will end up feeling like they need to take steps to protect themselves. They will feel like it is necessary to prepare for battle just to protest. If we do not ease tension on both sides, there will be war.

Lessons from the past affect the present

Brian Miller explores Turkish policy in faculty lecture series

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The Karl W. Weiss '87 Faculty Lecture Series for 2016-17 commenced with a presentation by Brian Miller, visiting assistant professor of history this Wednesday, Sept. 14. The series is intended to showcase research from professors in various departments to the Allegheny community and are open to students, faculty and staff. Miller spoke about the Turkish guest worker program in the 1960s.

"[The Lecture series] is also an opportunity for students who are interested in going into academia to get a taste of the type of work that the faculty do when they are not teaching classes," Miller said.

The presentation, "Envisioning a Turkish Miracle: The 1960s Turkish Guest Worker

Initiative and the Making of a 'New' Europe," gave insight into Turkish guest workers in Germany. Much of Miller's research focuses on Turkey and the Middle East.



Brian Miller
Visiting Assistant
Professor of History

Miller will present a version of the presentation at a conference for the Association for the Study of Middle East and North Africa on Oct. 28. He is competing with others in his field for a space in the "Journal of the Middle

East and North Africa."

According to Miller, Turkish state planners were motivated by Kemalism and modernization theory. They saw the guest worker program as a way to develop the country. Kemalism, Turkey's founding ideology, is rooted in the principles of secular democracy. Turkish founding ideology was influenced by Europe.

"Investigating the differences of international migration from the political and social context of both the sending and receiving nations ... offers important historical context to intended changes within and between both societies," Miller said.

Miller showed how past development projects also influence modern society.

"I am interested in trying to understand the historical context of this because I am interested in contemporary issues in Turkey and through-

out the Middle East," Miller said.

Turkey has recently been faced with a series of terrorist attacks and an attempted coup. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has been purging Turkish journalists, intellectuals, judges and political opponents.

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Tyler Puorro
Class of 2017

"I think anything on Turkey right now is relevant con-

sidering the political climate," said Chris Brindle, '18, a history major who attended the lecture. "I am here specifically because I do not know much about Turkish history, but I think I need to be considering all the stuff that is going on with the war on terror, the civil war in Syria and the coup."

Professors often conduct their research during weekends and over the summer. Many professors incorporate their work into the class.

"Research—always pushing knowledge forward—is very important," Miller said. "This idea that I try to develop through my outside research directly informs nuanced changes to further develop what I am teaching in the classroom. Research and teaching, while they seem to be two independent things, are actually connected."

Many of the attendees ar-

rived with little-to-no prior knowledge of Turkish history. Tyler Puorro, '17, a chemistry major, said that students at Allegheny College are eager to learn.

"This is a picture of Allegheny students in general. We come to learn things we would not have the opportunity to learn about. There is a reason we have had these events for so many years. We are not slowing down on the different events we are having," said Puorro.

The lecture series gives professors a venue outside of the classroom to share their intellectual interests.

"The engagement that I found in the Q & A afterwards was heartwarming. My research was of interest, and I was able to contribute to the community and their understanding of this issue that is important to me," Miller said.

International students visit Niagara Falls



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Left: Representatives from Allegheny's international community and the International Club pose in front of Niagara Falls. The trip took place on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016.

Right: The Maiden of the Mist, a tour boat of the Falls, floats below the Falls. According to Maggie Dugan, '18, rain was pouring during the trip. Across the Falls sprawls the city of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Class explores the 'wild side' of language

Thomas Lang selected as new German creative writing professor

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Every fall semester, Allegheny College hosts a resident from Germany, using a grant provided by the Max Kade Foundation, Inc. The foundation has been bringing German teachers to Allegheny since the early 1990s. The college is currently hosting Thomas Lang, a creative writing teacher.

"We are proud to have him," said Peter Ensberg, professor of modern and classical languages. "Allegheny is one of only a handful of institutions in the [United States] that has this kind of residency for a writer."

The German creative writing course offers students a chance to approach their studies from a different angle.

"They discover within themselves the ability to work creatively in a foreign language," said Ensberg.

Ensberg is charged with inviting writers to campus. With a residence in Berlin,

Ensberg is able to conduct research on literary theory. During his visits to Germany, he scouts for potential teachers.

"Berlin is probably the most vibrant city in the German-speaking world," Ensberg said.

Ensberg looks for talented writers with an interest in teaching. The prospective teacher has to enjoy working with students. Ensberg monitors the writing circles in Germany by attending readings.

"The writer has to have certain pedagogical qualities," Ensberg said.

According to Ensberg, Lang is a well-known author in Germany. Ensberg was impressed with Lang as a writer and his prior experience teaching.

"He is forthcoming with explanations ... [and] he is patient," said Ensberg. "Those qualities are very important to teach students how to write creatively in a foreign language."

Lang encourages students to be expressive with lan-



MILTON GUEVARA/THE CAMPUS

Ben Devlin, '19, and Eric Pingel, '18, compare notes in Thomas Lang's creative writing class.

guage. According to Ensberg, many students taking the course have studied in Germany. While many language courses focus on grammar, Lang said he wants students to learn about other aspects of the language, and he believes the course offers a unique way

to engage with the German language.

"Mr. Lang shows the other side of language, the wild side of language," Ensberg said. "It is a great opportunity to work with the language in a liberal environment"

According to Lang, he

wants to encourage the ambition of his students. Lang said he tries to generate creativity by bringing in German texts. The structure of the course is flexible to the needs of his students.

"The most important thing is to be open-minded, playful and creative. It is not so much about being all correct," said Lang. "There is more freedom in it."

Lang said he does not want his students to be busy worrying about conventions.

"You lose your spirit for the language," he said.

Lang said one of the challenges facing him is figuring out what material will connect with students. The cultural differences between Germany and the U.S. can create some differences in tastes.

"The things we are laughing at are a bit different," Lang said. "You just have to figure out what works and what does not work. It is very much about getting to know each other and figuring out what you can do with each other."

By not getting caught up

with grammatical errors, Lang hopes students will feel at ease with the language.

"You have to relax to be able to talk in a foreign language," said Lang. "Having the experience of learning a foreign language helps."

Students take the course to expand their ability to use the German language. Eric Pingel, '18, is an international studies major. A student of Lang's, he said the course helps him explore the language.

"I think it is good to experience all of the different avenues of a language," Pingel said.

Ben Devlin, '19, another class member, agrees with Pingel's sentiment.

"I think it's important because it helps you expand your mind beyond just the mechanics of the language, and more into the feeling and the expression that the language holds," Devlin said.

Lang will be giving a public reading of his fiction on Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the international wing of North Village I.

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words and actions do matter," said Wahl.

Edward Curtis IV, professor of religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, spoke first and gave an overview of the historical roots of Islamophobia.

"Islamophobia—that is, the irrational fear of Muslims—is deeply rooted in our historical DNA as Americans," said Curtis. "It has been with us since we have existed as a distinct political entity. Because it is so deeply rooted, it is going to be very, very hard to change. It will take work. Otherwise it will get worse. It certainly has gotten worse since ... 2000," Curtis said.

Curtis gave a historical overview of the causes and development of Islamophobia and how it has become so deeply embedded in American culture. He traced these roots back to early trading between America and North African countries in the 17th century, explaining that more than 100 years of saying that Muslims are not good people developed into Muslim becoming an epithet.

Curtis linked this use of "Muslim" as a derogatory and offensive term to rhetoric used against Obama in 2008 and still in 2016.

"These themes are not new," said Curtis. "They are old and that is why they are awfully hard to get rid of. They are the storehouse of American culture."

In tracing the history of

Islamophobia, Curtis also discussed the rise of Islamophilia—an irrational love of Muslims—that arose in the 1800s.

Curtis said Islamophilia portrayed Muslims as sensual and erotic people, and the orient was seen as playful and fun. This was used ultimately as a way to market materials, like Camel cigarettes. Islamophilia also introduced ideas of sexual violence and the corruption of the "pure white women" by charming, Arabian men.

Following World War II, a new period of Islamophobia developed where the government actively spread information about the Nation of Islam which it saw to be a threat to national and foreign interests.

"In the 1960s, the face of Islamophobia was no longer brown; it was black," said Curtis.

This led to Islam becoming more associated with Islamophobic ideas than Islamophilic ones, according to Curtis.

"There is seldom a religious prejudice that is not somehow stoked and encouraged by political conflicts. And you and I and all of us together can solve political conflicts," said Curtis. "All of our Islamophobia may take the form of—and may be an expression of—what sounds to be religious, but its root is often political."

Curtis emphasized throughout his talk the portrayal of Muslims as everything that Americans are not.

He explained how attribut-

ing the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to the entire Muslim population, rather than solely blaming al-Qaida, targeted Muslims as enemies of America.

Prior to his speech, Curtis said he hopes to reach people who are unfamiliar with anti-Muslim prejudice and ultimately motivate them to help himself and everyone else trying to challenge this prejudice.

"Islamophobia is a critical issue to American life, and we all need to be talking about it," said Curtis. "If we can challenge it, we can make our country a better place for everybody. It helps if we all challenge anti-Muslim views in our daily life. That's something we can all do. But we also need to challenge the government and the media."

Maha Hilal, executive director of the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms, followed Curtis, and spoke about the institutional nature of Islamophobia in America and how society is simply mirroring the Islamophobia that is embedded in U.S. national politics.

She began with examples of policies that directly target Muslims, such as the The National Security Entry-Exit Registration System, which requires individuals from 23 countries, a majority of them Muslim, to register with the government.

"Initially, many of the public policies ... targeted non-citizens," said Hilal. "Subsequently, and years later, the policies increasingly be-

gan to target citizens."

Hilal then discussed the use of torture in the war on terror, not only at Guantanamo Bay, but in domestic prisons as well.

"The government has essentially institutionalized and legalized Islamophobia," said Hilal.

She listed 12 of the the worst findings from the CIA torture report. These included rectal feeding as a way to control prisoners, as well as a prisoner who froze to death while being chained to the floor, one who had his eye removed and how detainees who were put in diapers and withheld access to proper bathroom facilities.

Hilal also discussed the rise in hate crimes since Sept. 11, stating that prior to the attacks, the number of yearly incidents of hate crimes was around 20-30. In 2001, that number rose to 481 incidents, and has not dropped below 100 incidents since. According to Hilal, hate crimes are at an all time high since Sept. 11.

"[Islamophobia] is not only affecting Muslims at an institutional level, [but] it is also affecting Muslims at a societal level. [These are] not discrete acts, they are interconnected. What the state does is connected to how society is responding," said Hilal.

"When the state, or the U.S. government sets the precedent for a particular type of treatment of a group, whether it is Muslims ... or blacks ... the state is sending a message to society that this type of treatment of

this group is acceptable."

She explained how the precedent set by the government implies to members of society that they will not be held accountable for committing hate crimes.

"[It is] important to think about how this is impacting Muslims in your communities on the ground," said Hilal. "This is not just about rhetoric, this is about the practical and concrete consequences of when Muslims are being targeted on many different levels.

"It is not enough to simply work within your communities and societies," said Hilal. "It requires us to look at and challenge the systems of oppression that help keep Islamophobia in place.

"It's not going to be solved by the muslim community. It's going to be solved when everyone in this society ... works together to dismantle these systems of oppression."

The dialogue then opened up to questions from the crowd before the first-years broke up and gathered into their first-year seminar classes and discussed the dialogue further.

Darnell Epps, associate director of the Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Justice Center, was a volunteer group facilitator for the break out session.

"The goal [is] to get students to talk and to learn how to dialogue about these issues," said Epps. "Often times we are taught how to debate. How ... we have a two-way

dialogue about things that we don't always agree with—that's the goal of the facilitators, to help students engaged in those conversations."

Epps believes that dialogue can be a useful teaching method.

"When we dialogue, we can clarify misunderstandings," said Epps. "We can challenge our own bias, and sometimes we are able to challenge things that we didn't really consciously know we had, especially if the education isn't there. If the only thing you know about a certain religion is what is portrayed in the media, or how some people have radicalized it, I feel like you would really miss out on what it is, or the good aspects."

The dialogue was funded through the Mellon Internationalization Grant, a \$675,000 grant that was awarded to the college in 2012 and helped bring the two guest speakers to campus.

"It's been a joint effort, very large in scale, bringing together both the Mellon Internationalization Grant, the Dean of Students Office, Ande Diaz's office, the Middle East and North Africa faculty and also the Year of Mindfulness," said Laura Reeck, associate professor of modern and classical languages and co-principal investigator on the Mellon Internationalization grant.

The dialogue is part of a pilot program for first-year students.

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OPEN MIC WITH "OVERKILL"



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Kyle Ross, '17, performs at Overkill's open mic night at Grounds for Change on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016. Overkill is Allegheny's student-run literary magazine.

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Allegheny College's literary magazine, "Overkill," hosted an open mic night in Grounds for Change on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

"Overkill" publishes issues each semester and serves as a creative outlet for Allegheny students. The theme for this year's issue is "Over the Top." "Overkill" accepts various forms of writing and are considering accepting films for next semester's publication. The 2016 fall semester issue will be printed after Thanksgiving.

"I was up here all summer, and I had a lot of time on my hands," said "Overkill" President Maggie Dugan, '18. "I started to plan how I wanted 'Overkill' to look for this year. We want to make it more of a space where people can express more of their creativity and have a safe space to do so."

Dugan said she hopes that more first-years will get involved with the magazine.

Louis McUmbert, '19, performed on piano and guitar. He has been taking lessons since he was a kid.

"I really [dreaded] it," said McUmbert. "Getting the basics down is really difficult."

McUmbert can play the piano, guitar, bass, the ukulele and just started learning how to play the drums.

"It's a discipline. It's like learning a language," McUmbert said. "If you keep playing and keep focusing on it, it really starts to click."

Michael Ross, '18, played two musical pieces, "Little Wing" by Jimi Hendrix, and "Old Man" by Neil Young. He admires each musician and said the song lyrics are really important to him.

"My aunt and uncle are both musicians in Nashville, which is where I am from," Ross said. "[Music] has been around me my whole life.

My mom's husband is a really awesome guitar player and that motivated me."

Ross was wearing a Jimi Hendrix T-shirt, and said he often wonders what Jimi Hendrix would have been like today if he would not have passed away at 27 years old.

Ross does not have a lot of experience performing in front of crowds and said he gets nervous when doing so.

"Thank you to GFC and 'Overkill,'" Ross said. "They should do this more often."

"Overkill" gave each performer a shirt to thank them for their time.

Be in the moment, live in the now and wake up

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As part of Allegheny College's Year of Mindfulness, Zen Buddhist Monk and Meadville native Claude AnShin Thomas lead a public talk entitled "Seeds of War, Seeds of Peace" in the Tiltonson Room of the Tippie Alumni Center on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Thomas is a Vietnam War veteran and a recipient of a Purple Heart. Today, he is an ordained monk, an advocate for peace and author of "At Hell's Gate: A Soldier's Journey from War to Peace."

After high school, Thomas enlisted in the Vietnam War where he was shot down five times in combat. Thomas's father fought in World War II, and he spoke about how his father and his father's friends would talk about the war after they came home.

"They don't talk about the individual and personal costs of war," Thomas said. "I didn't hear how frightened my father was. Violence is not a solution. War is not a solution. Even when it appears to

work, it doesn't."

Thomas encouraged the audience to reflect, to be present in the moment and to stop looking for differences in other people.

"You and I, we are not separate," Thomas said. "It's easy to create separation. We're creating separation endlessly, but that's not the point. It is important for people to see where we connect."

Thomas discouraged listeners from thanking veterans for their service. He described the horrors of war and the realities that people do not talk about after coming home.

"You never know who's the enemy and who's not. You just kill people," Thomas said. "You're thanking me for blowing stuff up and burning down houses. When I hear people say 'Thank you for your service,' I hear nails on a chalkboard."

Growing up, Thomas said he was taught to be racist and insensitive to religion. He encouraged everyone to confront their different prejudices.

"It is possible," Thomas said. "We can do this. We can end the war in our lifetime.

The problem is our xenophobia and our racism."

Thomas carried a gun with him even after coming back after the war. He shared a story in which he pulled a gun on a man who hit him while he was out with his son, and how he exposed his son to violence.

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Claude AnShin Thomas
Zen Buddhist Monk

"If you believe that guns keep you safe, I cry for you," Thomas said. "Guns don't keep you safe. That's an illusion that we cling to. Violence breeds more violence. Anger breeds more anger. If we want

the world to be different, we need to live differently."

After coming home from Vietnam, Thomas moved from a place of violence to a place of non-violence. He said he realized the effects that the war had on him. Thomas was ordained in Auschwitz, where he then began an 8-month-long pilgrimage to Vietnam.

"It doesn't matter what I think, say or believe," said Thomas. "It matters what I do."

Thomas said he tries to focus on the moment that he is in whenever he finds himself struggling with living a life of nonviolence.

"Without great doubt, there is no practice," Thomas said. "The seeds of war are in me. The seeds of peace are in me. Both exist here."

He said that the intention of practicing Buddhism is to wake up to the horrors in the world and the suffering that occurs.

"It is not about the other. It is about us," said Thomas.

Allegheny College students, faculty and Meadville community members were welcome to attend the talk.

Thomas has been leading

meditation sessions throughout the week to practice being mindful and being present in the current moment.

"What stood out to me the most was obviously the title, when he connected the visual of seeds and roots and that visual of embodying that with in the practice," said Merryn Spence, '19. "I've meditated with Claude AnShin. Every time I sit down, it's like I can feel the roots growing into the ground."

College Chaplain Jane Ellen Nickell, Associate Professor of English, Jennifer Hellwarth, and Professor of Political Science Sharon Wesley are the coordinators of the Year of Mindfulness.

Hellwarth said she tries to be mindful in every aspect of her life. It helps her maintain her attention in the classroom and refrain from thinking about personal engagements that are not related to the current moment.

"Being mindful is showing up in the present moment," Hellwarth said. "It's trying to stay present in the moment."

Hellwarth believes that taking five-to-10 minutes every day to be mindful makes a

positive impact on everyone's lives.

"I think for everybody, being really mindful and present ultimately reduces suffering," Hellwarth said. "A lot of us have cell phones and Facebook, and it's easy to get distracted."

Hellwarth said that people will improve at making connections, increase concentration and help increase openness to others if they are more mindful.

"It will help cultivate more open hearts which we really need right now," Hellwarth said.

Thomas ended by bowing to the audience.

"I am who I am. I'm from where I'm from," said Thomas. "I am here."

A workshop titled, "Making Peace with Our Unpeacefulness" with Claude AnShin Thomas will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Montgomery Gymnasium. To register for this workshop, visit the Year of Mindfulness website.



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Meadville residents, Britani Ditch, Hilario Segarra and Sambrita Mally arrange flowers at the market on Brooks lawn before the DeHart Local Foods Dinner hosted in Schultz Banquet Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Local farms provided fruits, vegetables and other foods that were served at the dinner.

DeHart dishes out at local foods dinner

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The 14th annual DeHart Local Food Market and Dinner took place on Wednesday, Sept. 21. This local foods market was held in Brooks circle and moved to Schultz Banquet Hall for the dinner portion of the event.

Jackie Verrecchia, '17, a volunteer and attendee of the market, said this year seemed to be one of the most successful for both the market and dinner. She said the tickets for the event sold out in just four hours, a testament to the popularity of the annual event.

"The dinner is not simply a dinner but rather a way to create dialogue around issues of food in the [United States], but more specifically Allegheny," Verrecchia said. "How can the college work with lo-

cal agriculture and how can we, as students, also engage and participate more actively in local business?"

While the main goal of the event is to educate Allegheny's campus and the Meadville community about local food and ways to support the local economy, the dinner has a lesser known legacy, according to Erica Moretti, '17, president of Edible Allegheny Campus, the food and gardening club on campus?

"The DeHart Local Foods Dinner was originally [a dinner] planned by Jennifer DeHart, a professor at Allegheny Campus. She passed away a number of years ago after battling cancer so the dinner was renamed the DeHart Local Foods Dinner," Moretti said.

DeHart worked in the environmental science department and passed away in 2010. She acted as a gate-

keeper between the Meadville community and the Allegheny community. She was the main facilitator in organizing the local, weekly farmers market held in downtown Meadville and began the dinner to bring awareness about food sustainability to campus.

Kelly Boulton, the campus' sustainability coordinator, does a majority of the event planning along with several members and professors from the environmental science department and organizations on campus and in the community.

Boulton has organized the event for the past 8 years.

"For the past three years, Beth Choate and Kerstin Martin have helped as well. I also partner with Alice Sjolander, at the downtown Meadville Market House, to do the sourcing ... We help handle the facility and cam-

pus logistics and Alice helps because of her connection with all the farmers and the ease with which she can source through the Market House channels. I then work closely with Parkhurst to design the menu," Boulton said.

Moretti said the market prior to the dinner is a huge draw for students and community members alike. A local band played as several farmers and businesses set up stands and sold their produce and handmade cuisine. There were also several activities including bobbing for apples and a taste test where participants could try store-bought items and their local counterparts.

"The local foods dinner is there to showcase the local foods movement in Meadville," Moretti said. "I hope that students will use the energy and excitement from the

market and dinner to branch out off of campus to explore what the area has to offer. Every Saturday there is a farmer's market down at The Market House; it would be great to see more students there interacting with the food and the growers, learning about where their food can come from and who is cultivating it."

Boulton said she loves to see how excited and appreciative students get about the event.

"I watched one student literally skip out of Schultz after the dinner," Boulton said. "Another was cradling a jar of extra butternut squash soup she was taking back to her dorm. Others were lingering at the tables, stuffing in seconds and just enjoying it. Another told me she started sweating halfway through the meal because she was too ex-

cited and eating too fast."

Boulton said there are not many events on campus that elicit reactions like the ones she saw. She said that the event brings students face-to-face with local farmers and lets them experience their produce, make flower bouquets, taste cider and buy maple syrup all while teaching them about the importance of local business and agriculture.

"We want to get students to think about where their food comes from and instill an appreciation of the benefits of locally grown and produced food. The typical college student isn't going to eat like this everyday, but perhaps the dinner helps inspire more trips down to the Market House for their Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoon farmers' markets or anytime to buy local products inside the Market House," Boulton said.

Allegheny gets a glimpse of Greek life at fall run out



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Left: The Epsilon Iota chapter of Delta Delta Delta runs into Brooks Circle as part of Greek life's 2016 fall run out, an Allegheny tradition, on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016.

Top: Penn Beta chapter members of Phi Kappa Psi celebrate and welcome their new members at fall run out.

Bottom: Members of Greek life hold letters and flags and pose for a biannual group picture at run out.

Women's soccer celebrates 30 years at Allegheny

Program anniversary brings celebrations and alumnae visits



PHOTOS BY BRITTANY ADAMS/THE CAMPUS

Above: Jessie Theissen, '17, moves the ball down the field during a game against State University of New York at Fredonia on Sept. 20, 2016. Theissen scored both goals for the Gators, winning the game 2-1. **Left:** Isabella Martinez, '19, looks for a teammate to pass to against Fredonia. **Right:** Sarah Sherwood, '18, fights for the ball in an attempt to score against Fredonia.

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The women's soccer team is celebrating 30 years as an athletic program at Allegheny College this year, and is planning a celebratory weekend during Homecoming.

"We've always held ourselves to really high standards," said midfielder and forward Liana Leja, '17. "At the beginning of every pre-season we set expectations, and we do individual goals and team goals. And everyone has their game day traditions; at the end of our warmup we get into a Chelsea's circle and

link arms and pass the ball around."

In addition to pre-game warmup traditions, the team honors a player after each game.

"We do a Gator of the Game after each game, so we choose someone who did the most or worked the hardest or scored well," said midfielder Colleen Fleming, '17.

Head Coach Pam Monnier said the team cares about the traditions of the program, but wants to put their own spin on it each year.

"I think one thing that's stayed is being within the competitive conference that we're in and staying compet-

itive, and knowing that we have a chance to win the conference. But it's not an easy road," Monnier said. "I think competing at a high level in addition to having high-level academics is something they take a lot of pride in."

Though Allegheny's traditions have held through the years, the game of soccer has developed and grown in popularity.

"The game of soccer in general has developed a lot. Especially women's soccer has come a long way," Leja said.

Fleming added that the popularity on Allegheny's campus and nationally has grown.

"The game itself has gotten more popular in the U.S. and women's sports have gotten more competitive, and with the success of the national team there are better and better athletes going into soccer," Fleming said.

The team will have a lunch with the alumni coming back to campus for the weekend in addition to having two alumnae inducted in the Hall of Fame during the football game on Oct. 1.

Monnier said she is looking forward to the current team having the opportunity to talk to all of the alumni returning.

"I think it demonstrates that not only do we have 30

years of soccer here, we have 30 years of really competitive soccer with important players that have come out of here," Monnier said. "I think having those alums come back and speak to our players directly is really going to be beneficial for them, not only to learn the history and legacy of the program, but to understand that this is a jumping off point for their careers and that Allegheny can get them where they want to be, and soccer can be a good influence in that."

Fleming and Leja agreed that time with alumni and the chance to play soccer with them is what they are looking forward to most.

"It's so exciting to see alumni coming back. We are close to our alumni and talk to them often. It's exciting to have two alumni inducted in the Hall of Fame. Even when we have alumni games, it's exciting to see alums from way back, and this will be a bigger opportunity," Leja said.

The Gators will face Wittenberg University at home on Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. They will be honoring returning alumnae at halftime and two women's soccer alumnae will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Gator cross country teams find success at St. Vincent invitational

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Allegheny College's men's and women's cross country team found success on Saturday, Sept. 17, competing against a host of other teams from the NCAC as well as against non-conference teams in the region. The men's 8K run kicked off the meet at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and was followed by the women's 6K race.

The men's team ran their second meet of the preseason at St. Vincent, which hosted several collegiate teams of all three divisions. Some of these included the University of Pittsburgh's club team, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Carnegie Mellon University, who compete in DI, DII and DIII respectively.

Even with IUP's win, Allegheny positioned itself better than the team was expecting, capitalizing with a second place finish. Men's captain

Randy Violette, '17, ran the 8K with a time of 26:35.37. Women's team captain SJ Guillaume, '17, finished first overall in the 6K with a time of 23:18.00, a personal best for Guillaume. Several other Allegheny runners achieved personal bests as well, and now looks at the St. Vincent meet as an impressive precursor to the season ahead.

Emmett Barr, '17, a distance runner, said the team's disciplined work in the pre-season led to the successful outcome of the men's team.

"Tempo runs started as a team several weeks before everyone even got here. The guys have been overly conscious about not getting injured and training hard but safe. And with this year's group, I feel as if we have a decent mix of runners from all classes," Barr said.

The women followed the men in competing on Saturday and did not disappoint, outperforming their competition and placing in

the top eight. Emily Forner, '19, also achieved a personal best, with a time of 24:04.00 in the 6K.

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"Most were not expecting such a great overall performance ... but it isn't surprising with the hardworking line up we have this year," said Emily Forner, '19.

Forner has high hopes for the team as the season progresses, especially in regards to the first-years new to collegiate competition.

"The freshmen look all

around promising, and bring talent ... and since the beginning of training back in August, have gotten acquainted with how things are done here very well," Forner said.

Monica Patrick, '17, said the team is working on overcoming injuries and staying focused on improving.

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Patrick finished the 6K in 23:28.00, placing second.

"The reason we did so well like that was because we were prepared for the hills, with the hills here, back home on campus," Patrick said.

Forner agreed, adding that the St. Vincent course felt familiar.

"We haven't even started to see the best of what we can do this season yet," Forner said.

The Gators will run next on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Lehigh University Paul Short Invite in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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Saturday, September 24, 2016

Men's Tennis
@ ITA DIII Central Regional

Football
@ Kenyon College
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer
vs. Wabash College
1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
@ DePauw University
3 p.m.

Men's Golf
@ University of Mount
Union Invitational