

COVID-19 cases remain steady after one month of reopening campus

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Many universities and colleges across the nation, including Allegheny College, have experienced challenges related to the pandemic and spikes in positive COVID-19 cases upon reopening campuses this year.

According to the New York Times, more than 35 colleges and universities have reported at least 1000 positive cases on their campuses and more than 230 have reported at least 100 positive cases. Nationally, over 160,000 positive cases have been reported on college campuses since July. In Pennsylvania alone, there

are over 4300 confirmed cases throughout 81 of the colleges in the state. Allegheny College is ranked 68/81 in the number of reported positive cases of COVID-19 at Pennsylvania colleges and universities.

“(My biggest concern) was the health and wellbeing of all of our campus community,” President Hilary Link said. “I have personal responsibility for every single person who works on this campus and who attends classes here amidst a global pandemic — that is a really heavy responsibility. Underlying all of my decision-making has been ‘is this the right thing for our students, faculty, staff and the college?’”

Since reopening campus in August, the college has reported a cumulative total of 29 positive COVID-19 cases — less than 1% infection rate. Neighboring institutions, such as Edinboro University and Thiel College, have reported less than five positive cases on their campuses.

“While we have had students test positive, we have had an unprecedented collaboration between the Allegheny College Health Agency, college leadership, faculty, and students resulting in less than 1% of our student population with COVID-19 at any time,” wrote ACHA Medical Director Gabrielle Morrow in an update to the campus community on Sept. 14. “The current

positivity rate is 0.1%.”

The college has 1,700 students enrolled this academic year out of which 1,300 are residential, 70 are commuting and 250 are nonresidential, according to Link.

Allegheny College has tested 3,589 residential students and has begun systematically testing cohorts of students every week.

Prior to systematic testing, the college conducted a second round of COVID-19 testing with PCR tests. The objective of the second round of testing was to identify any positive cases that did not appear in the first round due to the incubation period of COVID-19.

“A lot of (the accuracy of testing) depends on when you test people,” Link said. “That is why for our initial move-in testing, we did a second round of tests because PCR tests in particular are most effective and accurate between 5-14 days after people have been exposed.”

The second round of testing identified a cluster of 18 positive cases linked to off-campus travel, resulting in a spike in positive cases on campus.

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Allegheny finalizes rebranding campaign

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Globally, colleges and universities are constantly looking for ways to attract students to visit and to eventually attend them. One of the main ways that colleges do this is through how they present and brand themselves to the world.

Since the early 2000s, Allegheny’s tagline has been “unusual combinations.” This tagline is changing with Allegheny’s new rebranding campaign.

While the tagline is a part of the overall campaign, it is not the largest or most important piece. There is a lot that goes into the process of rebranding, which takes many years, according to Ron Cole, provost and dean of the college, President Hilary Link and Cornell LeSane, senior vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions.

The current rebranding campaign began in 2017 when administrators began looking at Allegheny’s strengths and how Allegheny should present itself to the world, and collaborating with faculty, staff and students across campus.

“There are still many key facets from what we had at the beginning, in where we’ve ended up,” Cole said. “This was not done without rich input from the surrounding community. A lot of the main themes are still there. And a big part of what we continue to focus on is our focus on interdisciplinary major and minor combinations, along with our required senior project.”

The market research to develop Allegheny’s strengths that specifically resonate with prospective students was done by the marketing company Art & Science Group.

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‘Rest in power’

Candlelight vigil held for Breonna Taylor

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Top: Abdikar Lugundi, ’21, stands to speak in front of the vigil’s attendees with the name, “BREONNA” sketched with chalk behind them.

Bottom: With a candle and protest sign that says, “BLACK LIVES MATTER,” a student sits, holding the hand of another attendee.

Student workers face challenges

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As Allegheny returns to the familiar rhythm of the semester, student workers find themselves back at work in the midst of a pandemic. Though changes and adaptations have been made, some students think that Allegheny College could do more for employed students.

Emily Kauchak, ’21, who works in the Carr Hall garden, thinks that the college could do more for low-income students or those hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Historically, Allegheny has been pretty strict with giving away funds and making exceptions, so I don’t think it’s doing everything it can, especially for our students of color and our students who are minorities,” Kauchak said. “A lot of the help that should be provided now is a lot of mental and social help and with the campus being shut down, it’s been a lot harder to reach out and find that.”

For student workers struggling with the current situation, Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions Cornell LeSane recommends speaking with a supervisor or manager about the problems the student is facing.

“One, (students) should connect with the people they are ultimately reporting to in those jobs,” LeSane said. “Make them aware that there are some additional struggles right now with everything going on, would be my recommendation. Secondly, there are resources on campus available for students as well. While I think Allegheny does a great job of trying to outreach and be proactive in catching those, it’s just not going to be possible all the time.”

Kauchak said that, while the school sets high standards for community living, Allegheny doesn’t always live up to those same standards itself.

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Silence fell through the gater quad as students gathered in a candlelight and pajama vigil in honor of Breonna Taylor last Thursday, Sept. 24.

Students of all races, creeds and ethnicities sat in social-ly-distanced clumps, while a few walked the perimeter, toting cardboard signs with messages like “Black Lives Matter” and “The Time Is Now” inscribed.

On March 13, Taylor, a medical worker, was killed by officers in what has been described

as a “botched raid.” The officers were responding to a no-knock warrant to search the apartment — which belonged to Taylor’s boyfriend, Kenneth Walker III — for allegedly being involved in drug trading, according to The New York Times.

Upon arriving at the apartment at around 1 a.m., officers entered using a battering ram. Walker discharged his weapon and fired at who he assumed to be intruders, striking one officer in the leg. The return fire by police resulted in the death of Taylor, according to CNN.

Although Taylor’s death never completely left the public eye

due to circulating posts on social media, it recently gained a second round of attention following the news that two of the three officers involved in the raid that resulted in her death were acquitted. The third was charged with wanton endangerment for shots that passed through the walls into other apartments, according to The New York Times.

Between 5 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Thurs., the group of approximately 70 — consisting of mostly students with a few faculty members — sat on the Gator Quad in silence out of respect for Taylor.

A student with chalk and other supplies arrived and attendees

began to write and draw on the sidewalks and exterior walls of the Henderson Campus Center, while others created posters to decorate the interior of the building.

As the crowd spread out to decorate the quad, other attendees who felt compelled addressed those in earshot.

“It’s important that people that have the right to vote use it,” Natalie Davidson, ’22, said. “I’m not a citizen. I’m not able to vote in this country, but I’m still able to get shot by a cop.”

ASG President Abdikar Lugundi, ’21, also addressed the crowd, expressing concern for

the future.

“I’ve been to a lot of discussions, but the question is, what are we going to do next?” Lugundi said. “It’s cool to be supportive of Black lives, but if your friends aren’t, what does that say about you?”

After students had spoken, those gathered participated in reciting the Assata chant, calling for love and support within the community.

“It is our duty to fight for our freedom,” the crowd chanted. “It is our duty to win. We must love each other and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

“We’re in Meadville, Pennsylvania,” one student said in between lines of the chant. “We’re surrounded by Trump flags — even right across the street in Baldwin. Let’s make that freshman hear us!”

A majority of the students dispersed around 6 p.m., with some continuing to linger in the area until about 7 p.m., sitting in silence and talking to those who approached them.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Top Left: A student wears a shirt enscribed with green, yellow, and red stitches, saying “STOP CALLING 9-1-1- ON CULTURE.”

Bottom Left: The words “STAY WOKE” are printed on the back of a student’s shirt as they pin up a poster on the Campus Center doors captioned “ABOLITION IS POSSIBLE WHEN WE REMEMBER TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER AGAIN.” To the right, a poster says “DECRIMINALIZE VICTIMLESS CRIMES.”

Bottom Right: Student attendees sit quietly at the vigil. Some students hold one another’s hands, some stand behind, while others sit with their hand-made signs.



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The college then partnered with another company, Allen and Gerritsen, to build on that marketing research and to develop the campaign.

Overall, this process has taken a little over a year, and the official rebrand has launched this past week.

Additionally, LeSane said that this campaign is set to help tell Allegheny’s true story to the world that has not been told before.

“That is another thing we are trying to get out there with this campaign, that Allegheny makes you a someone, not just a something.”

—HILARY LINK
President, Allegheny College

“This is not anything new,” LeSane said. “This is really to help tell the story that we have been too humble to tell before. That story is that we really are a gem of a school, but that has been hidden from the world for a while now. We want to make sure that is no longer hidden.”

LeSane cited many areas where Allegheny has been one of the leading colleges, including being the eighth college overall in the United States to reach carbon neutrality.

Link reinforced the idea that the rebranding process was more than just a tagline, and that it was the true authentic core of who and what Allegheny was as an institution.

“This is us really being able to put the shared belief system and understanding of who we are into words,” Link said. “Again, we have had a very low visibility in the past, which is something we are trying to change with this process.”

Link explained that the whole process spanned over “hundreds” of people, and included new projects such as microsites and brochures, along with up-

dating the current website.

The project also includes being able to spread stories from alumni, both recent and less recent, and the “tremendous” things that they have been able to do after graduation with their unique major and minor combinations.

“We’ve had alums that have said their career was only possible because of their Allegheny experience,” Link said. “That is another thing we are trying to get out there with this campaign, that Allegheny makes you a someone, not just a something.”

Much of the new brand includes a focus on Allegheny students being able to be more just than one thing, and with an included message of students being able to be anything.

Four characteristics of this new brand for students are: inquisitive, persuasive, confident and intellectual.

“These are all qualities that we seek to push in our students,” Link said. “Our faculty push our students all the time, but our students come back and push and challenge our faculty right back.”

Link emphasized that most

colleges train their students for the job market, specifically one job, where in today’s generation, people do not necessarily remain in only one job. She added that students are looking for individuality, and Allegheny gives them a chance to have that individuality.

According to Link, the rebranding project was focused on gearing Allegheny towards Gen Z students, and providing those students with a unique, engaged experience.

“We really think that at the heart of Allegheny is that if you change how you learn you change who you can be,” Link said. “And everyone learns differently. There is a question of why would a college only provide students one way to learn? And here at Allegheny, we give more than that, and we try to provide students more than just answers.”

Link re-emphasized that Allegheny students have the option of being more than just one thing, and of learning what and who they are through these options that they are given.

“Sometimes as a student, you

have to try everything, and you also have to fail sometimes,” Link said. “But you also sometimes have to succeed out of the lines.”

The college’s new viewbook for prospective students was revealed last week along with the new tagline, “Learn outside the lines.”

The new viewbook includes graphics focused on being visually appealing to younger generations of students, such as those in their sophomore or junior years of high school. It also includes stories from alumni, including one story of an alum who helped to create the Environmental Writing class and minor. There are also highlights of the college included in the viewbook, such as the focus on sustainability.

“It is really supposed to be just cute and catchy,” Link said. “We really want to get younger students excited about coming to Allegheny.”

Also included with the microsites, is short 30-second videos, focusing on some of the more unique aspects of Allegheny, including the major and mi-

nor combination.

“We hope people will see all of this and say ‘that’s Allegheny,’ and feel a sense of pride,” Link said. “We know this is an extraordinary institution, but we want to let others know, too.”

Cole added that the brand of the college is meant to be truly authentic as to what the college is as an institution.

“It really is an internal sense of who we are,” Cole said. “If it was not authentic, it wouldn’t work. I really think there is a bold pride about who we are, in this. But this was not an overnight process, it really took a long time, to help with that authenticity.”

LeSane emphasized his hope that the new brand would help to reenergize the community and to have a positive impact on the college.

“I think this is something that we should all be excited about,” LeSane said. “It really is a reminder on why Allegheny is such a special place.”

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“Allegheny has always had a great sense of community on campus, and especially when I was an underclassman it really felt like people were reaching out and wanted to get to know you and welcome you into their circles,” Kauchak said. “I think that just because it’s been an expectation for Allegheny, it doesn’t mean that we’re always upholding it. Especially now, with a lot of racial tensions and a lot of fear going on with the pandemic, you can’t just fall back on that and assume it to be there, I think the administration really needs to make an effort to reach out and reclaim the students and re-foster this bond of trust, because just because it’s been their in the past and we have words for it, doesn’t mean that it’s been taken care of.”

Kayleigh Young, ‘21, is a teaching assistant in the visual production department, and thinks that Allegheny has already done what it can to mitigate the spread of the virus.

“I think they’re doing the best they can,” Young said. “There’s only so much that can

be done, and I think they are taking those precautions with the cleaning, the contact tracing, and the social distancing.”

Provost and Dean of the College, Ron Cole noted that it is still early-on in the semester, and that more improvements may become clearer as the term goes on.

“We’re still early enough in the process that we need to let this play out a little more before we can really figure out what we might do differently,” Cole said.

But Kauchak sees a bigger problem with student employment, one not tied with the current pandemic.

“Allegheny has maintained for a lot of its students a really minimum-wage-for-Pennsylvania, especially for a college campus where students could use a lot of extra help,” Kauchak said. “The only way we really increase in pay is if you keep working somewhere from your (first year) to your senior year, you might increase somewhat 50 cents. This has been an issue with Allegheny in the past, especially over the

summer, as a student gardener, we got paid the same sort of minimum wage as all student workers, while research assistants get paid \$10 an hour, and that was tough because over the summer there’s very limited dining options. A lot of pay for people just isn’t sufficient.”

LeSane acknowledges that the system may have problems. However, he mentioned that Allegheny is not working with unlimited resources.

“It’s not a perfect system right now, and if we had an unlimited budget, we’d certainly want to do more,” LeSane said. “We have to be prudent and judicious with the limited resources we have, but I’ll be the first to acknowledge that there are things we can do differently or to make this process better. I’m sure as we make our way through this semester, and get to next semester, we’ll try to be a little bit more diligent in making some of those changes if there are changes we can make within our budget.”

While the Federal Work-Study program receives some federal funding, according to

Cole, the vast majority of Allegheny’s student employment is paid for through the college’s own budget.

“Roughly 10% of student employment funding is from federal dollars,” Cole said. “90% of that funding is truly from our operating budget. And so when we talk about increasing the number of jobs, or the rate of pay for jobs, that means an increase in our operating budget. Then we have to find either (other) things to spend less money on or other revenue to bring in to offset.”

And these problems have not gone unnoticed by senior officials in the administration. Cole noted that work was already underway to reform the employment system — particularly the application process and student wages — when COVID-19 shut down Allegheny last spring.

“This was going to be happening before the pandemic struck,” Cole said. “We were beginning to look at the whole student employment process: the application process and how jobs are posted to try to

help to make that a more accessible program for all of our students.”

One common misconception that only students enrolled in the Federal Work-Study program are able to be employed by Allegheny this semester.

“I think there’s misinformation out there with regards to the college putting a priority on trying to make sure we, first and foremost, offer positions to those who qualify for federal work-study, putting a priority on those students,” LeSane said. “But that’s actually something we’ve always done. I think we’ve over-emphasized it this cycle, just making sure we are trying to do our best to help those who are possibly the most vulnerable on campus with employment opportunities first and foremost. Now, that does not mean students who don’t qualify for federal work-study can’t still get jobs on campus ... We only have limited jobs on campus, (so) those are given to those who may need them the most.”

LeSane also said around three dozen jobs were still post-

ed on the student employment page, and encouraged students to apply if they needed the extra income.

“I think it’s important for students to know that if they are looking for jobs they should go to the student employment page and look at what those jobs are and see which ones may be of interest to them,” LeSane said.

Despite the issues in the current student employment system, Kauchak is hopeful for the future.

“Just because you criticize an institution, does not mean you don’t have faith in it,” Kauchak said. “I’m very proud to be a Gator, and I think Allegheny has a fantastic reputation as an institution. But, there’s improvements that need to be made, especially for incoming (first-year students) and incoming classes. We’ve done a good job, and I think it’s us that needs to make sure we do better.”

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“What went through our minds (after the spike in cases) was a sense of real fear that, despite all of our efforts to keep the campus community safe, that something seeming so small had the potential to spread in such a way that could have closed the entire campus,” Link said. “We knew that it could have gone either way. If students had not stepped up that weekend and really understood the depth of the situation and if the test results that we got back at the end of the weekend that were done earlier that week would have come back positive, we would be in a very different position.”

Before move-in, the college requested that every student self-isolate for at least four days to limit any last minute exposure to COVID-19.

“(The college) recognizes that in a student’s last days before returning to campus the last thing they are going to want to do is completely isolate themselves and not see their friends,” Link said. “So we did the first round and we knew that we would pick up more positives in the second round, if there were any, and that is precisely what happened ... (The college’s) biggest goal was to protect the safety of our campus community and also the local community. We knew that we needed to do a second round to ensure to the absolute extent possible that there were no undetected cases incubating that we were not catching.”

“The idea was not to (conduct testing) in a randomized way, but to create groupings that had representation from all of the dormitories, athletic teams and then any other cohorts that we know entails students spending time together ... a fraternity, for example,” Link added. “We cannot capture one representative of every single grouping on campus, but over the course of like three to four days, the idea is to capture representation from every possible group.”

The cohorts are not randomized because cohort grouping enables the college to identify potential clusters of positive COVID-19 cases.

“If the tests come back negative, we just continue to cycle through the whole population,” Link clarified. “If, however, we see a positive that gives us the information so we know that we probably need to shift around (cohort selection) for the next couple of days and actually put in people from (the positive) person’s residence hall or people who play on a sports team with that person.”

During the fourth week of operations, the college has reported zero new cases and has no students actively in isolation. One student is currently in quarantine; this means that the students tested negative for COVID-19, but contact tracing indicated they were exposed to a community member who tested positive.

ation Bill Ross sent an email to the campus community, on Friday, Sept. 25, acknowledging the college being open for a month and expressing gratitude to the student body and to faculty and staff.

“We are already in week four of the semester,” they wrote. “We continue to feel so fortunate that we have been able to reopen campus while also providing the opportunity for some students to continue their studies remotely. While we know that this semester is challenging in many ways, we are grateful and proud of the work by staff and faculty to make this a reality, and we are equally proud of your dedication for continuing your education and following the health and safety guidelines. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been doing their part so that we can keep the campus open as planned.”

The email also requested students continue to follow health and safety guidelines both on and off campus.

“We encourage no travel outside of the local area, but if traveling outside of Crawford County is necessary, then please complete the Off-Campus Travel Form and remember that students who leave campus overnight are required to quarantine upon return to campus,” Thompson wrote. “Travel into the local community is OK (grocery shopping, appointments), but anyone leaving campus must follow the same mitigation efforts as on campus (wear a mask, keep physical distancing, avoid crowds, wash hands).”

Residential students signed the Gator Pledge upon arrival to campus in August. The pledge outlines a set of safety protocols that all members must comply with such as masking, social distancing and frequent hand washing during this semester. These guidelines apply both on and off campus and any student found violating these guidelines are subject to administrative action.

“The biggest fear has always been that a (positive) case goes undetected and spreads as we

have seen happen at a large number of schools,” Link added. “What we have seen is that (COVID-19) can get out of hand very quickly if you are not very on top of it and very strict with how you handle it.”

According to Link, the college has received approximately 200 violation reports out of which 60 were determined to be actual violations. Every determined violation is reviewed by the administration and handled accordingly to the severity of the offense. Less than 10 students have been sent home to complete the semester entirely remote.

“Students have taken this so seriously, and they have been amazing,” Link added. “They really care deeply and recognize that it is a tremendous advantage to be on campus. Students have really worked with (the college) to help make (remaining open) happen.”

Link also expressed gratitude and praise for the ACHA medical staff and counseling and development staff.

“Trae Yeckly who runs the counseling center has done a spectacular job making sure that students are not feeling alienated and isolated,” Link said. “We know that this is so hard and so stressful, but our counseling center is working so hard.”

Students concerned for their mental well-being are encouraged to schedule an appointment with one of the counseling and development staff.

going on and students are here enjoying being with each other and in the classroom if they chose to be,” Link said. “To be honest, the college has actually done a lot right. We have managed to contain a cluster, which many schools have not done. We have had cases and have shown that we know how to test strategically, contact trace strategically, isolate and quarantine correctly and care for the students in isolation and quarantine effectively so that they can go back to the student population.”

The college is optimistic about remaining open for the rest of the semester, Link indicated. She also mentioned that the college will remain vigilant in its approach to handling the evolving situation with COVID-19.

“If I had to judge based on what has gone on in the last five weeks since students started coming back to campus, that gives me a tremendous sense of optimism — not just for the remainder of the fall semester, but for how we might take what we have learned and do it even better in the spring semester,” Link said.

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UPDATE

Former Allegheny Professor Kirk Nessel was released from federal prison on Sept. 25. He was originally scheduled for release on Sept. 24.

CRIME BLOTTER

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

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Censorship is not always harmful

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The word “censorship” is laden with negative connotations, bringing to mind dystopian threats to the right to freedom of speech and expression. Allowing censorship in a society can absolutely open up a can of worms that may lead to injustice or even be a form of injustice in itself. Still, I would resist the idea that censorship is inherently unacceptable. In fact, I would argue that more censorship in American society could be beneficial to our social and political world.

Although the word “censorship” sounds — and often is — scary, there are a variety of different forms of censorship that already exist in our society, permeating our lives without impinging upon our personal freedoms. A prime example would be the precedent set by the *Schenck v. United States* Supreme Court decision, which ruled that the First Amendment is not applicable to incendiary language which could lead to actual danger, panic or harm. The classic example of such a statement is yelling “fire” in a crowded theatre.

Another sense in which we already accept censorship is the restriction of the use of slurs over time. Of course, this restriction exists largely on a personal basis, and there are many people who still weaponize problematic terms as a means of oppression. Still, recent years have brought about a greater social stigma for using slurs, which does act as a deterrent to many. Because it is now possible to face consequences ranging from losing your employment or scholarships to being relentlessly harassed on social media, using offensive language is not a protected freedom; thus, it is censorship.

Just because telling people to not use slurs is a form of censorship does not mean that we should all be free to use offensive language — in fact, my point is the antithesis of that sentiment. I mean to articulate that this limitation is a restriction of freedom of speech, but not a restriction of freedom of people. Rather, by restricting use of slurs, the people to whom the words refer can enjoy greater freedom. Thus, in this instance, censorship is beneficial.

A parallel argument could be made for the censoring of the expression of the rhetoric which underlies slurs. Any

writing or speech that is definitively racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic or otherwise intolerant to particular identities must be handled very carefully. Although understanding hateful discourse is a necessary part of overcoming or combatting it, the act of interpreting written or spoken information is inherently subjective, and there is no way to ensure that people can be trusted to understand a given text fully. Think about it: there are people who read J. D. Salinger’s “The Catcher in the Rye” and thought Holden Caulfield was a cool guy, someone to admire rather than someone to try to avoid becoming, effectively missing the point of the entire novel.

Exposure to information can help harmful ideas take root in a person’s mind, even if the piece itself aims to be critical of the harms presented. Socrates made a similar argument in his critique of writing as a whole: because writing is open to interpretation, it cannot refuse to be read, or answer to questions or concerns of the reader. For this reason, he argued that some people should not read certain things, as it runs the risk of dilution or bastardization of ideas.

As crazy as it might sound, I am with Socrates on this one. For example, I think it is dangerous for a high school teacher to disperse racist texts to a classroom of students for the purpose of acknowledging the role of racism in literary history. The students, whether they desire to be hateful or may simply subconsciously adopt detrimental ideals, now have in their minds a model for expressing hateful rhetoric. Of course, some level of critical analysis can mitigate this potential harm; still, this is risky business, considering that literary interpretation is difficult and cannot be a baseline expectation in a classroom setting.

Because the circulation of oppressive ideologies through language has and will continue to contribute to the perpetuation of hatred, we need to prioritize and provide a platform for historically marginalized voices. This cannot happen without first deplatforming the voices of those who have historically have done the marginalizing. I would personally support the idea of banning old white men, for example, from publishing novels until racial and sexual discrimination are not so prevalent in our society.

This proposal is controversial, and I imagine you might object that surely there are some old white men who have written important novels that either weren’t racist and sexist or could be taught responsibly. I reply simply that they have had all of history to speak freely; censoring them could allow for other voices to be present in the public collective consciousness. Of course, there are individuals who don’t fit all dimensions of that identity who produce harmful content. J.K. Rowling, a white female transphobe, is a perfect example of this. Still, by restricting the right to publish writing of old white men, we could at least prevent the perpetuation of rhetoric which is oppressive along all those identity axes — J. K. Rowling can still produce hateful writing, but at the very least, it won’t be as sexist as that which a man might create.

Censorship is always a slippery slope, but that does not mean that it is always bad. The question of who or what should be censored is nuanced and never going to be universally agreed upon. It still stands that we already do accept certain forms of censorship, yet paradoxically believe that we have a right to freedom of speech. I, for one, don’t see an issue with restricting the freedom of speech of people who have had literal centuries to express themselves, especially in the name of making our society an environment that can be conducive to positive social change. Let marginalized identities speak and write freely, and perhaps our world will come to let this formative influence shape society into something better for all.

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Checking in: one month of ZoomU

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In a time when everyone is tired of staring at their computer screens, as they have been the most practical use of communication for the last six months, many students are forced to attend their classes through Zoom — a video communication software — instead of joining them in person.

While it seems as though many colleges have transferred to all online courses, luckily or unluckily enough, Allegheny has provided us with the opportunity to join in person, with a few stipulations.

After months of being cut off from the social world, I, for one, was excited to get back to campus and attempt to enjoy the “new normal” of face masks and social distancing.

Quickly after returning to school, my expectations for classes and the hope for my healing social life were rapidly shut down. My classes took over a hybrid approach to meeting, meaning that the majority of on-campus students would join in person while the off-campus students would attend through Zoom, along with a few on-campus students here and there in order to allow for proper distancing within the classroom.

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their cameras turned off and microphones muted, doing the bare minimum to be marked present for the day, I do not find it so appealing.

Sitting in on a Zoom lecture from the desk in my dorm is not something I find conducive to good learning. As it turns out, neither do the professors. Lecturing to a laptop screen composed of majorly black boxes with only a few friendly faces is not the ideal way to teach students who have already ruled off the class as a “blow-off” since it is remote. There is relatively little to no interaction between the students and professors during Zoom classes, making it difficult to be entertained by the subject and easy to be distracted.

Although Zoom meetings may not be the optimal environment for learning, I have found that these lectures do supply at least one good aspect, recorded meetings. The ability to go back and listen to a full lesson again and capture every word a second time is definitely a plus. Oftentimes, I find myself missing key aspects of an explanation because I was scribbling down notes before my professor changed the slide, so having an entire lesson at your fingertips is one benefit we cannot overlook.

Zoom meetings may have presented some trouble in the classrooms, but for students of other universities that did not have to abide by strict quarantine rules, “Zoom University” has allowed for some unexpected fun amidst the pandemic. Since joining class remotely

was the encouraged option, many students have taken it upon themselves to make the most of it. Being able to access class from anywhere in the world means students did not have to wait for breaks to take a little vacation.

Zoom University has gone from being stuck in your dorm to following your lectures beachside, or taking that promising trip to the mountains to blow off the quarantine steam. For many, remote classes have allowed students to travel during a time when they otherwise could not, but as for those of us in the hybrid situation, travel is not an option.

But let me tell you, having taken full advantage of the hybrid situation, I can confidently say that I learn significantly better being present in the classroom than I do from the “comfort” of my own room, or even the beach, for that matter.

Zoom University has had its pros and cons in the classroom environment, but I bet the majority of Allegheny seniors find it agreeable that it has turned the senior comprehensive assignment into a whole different beast. With the inability to use the campus’s resources at your convenience, it has flipped the entire project upside down.

The dreaded comprehensive assignment is one that every senior has heard about for the last three years, and now it has been adapted to accommodate the hybrid setting. For many students, this means no experiments or real-life experiences, period. No hard data to work with or reference. For everyone, it means extensive research on a topic that many of us will not be able to fully test out. For me, this means experiments on the computer, completely neglecting the laboratory skills I spent years preparing to utilize in my final project.

For the majority of us, Zoom University has turned our worlds upside down from college life as we know it, but for the lucky few of us, it has presented the unexpected opportunity for a much needed break from reality.



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Browns bounce back, earn first win of 2020 season

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The Browns’ endless woes finally held off during week two as they took down their divisional rivals 35-30.

The battle for Ohio was an entertaining one as the showdown between Baker Mayfield and Joe Burrow combined for 535 passing yards. The two No. 1 picks looked sharp after both losing in week one.

Although the two quarterbacks performed well, the real stars of the game were arguably the best running back duo in football, Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt of the Cleveland Browns. Rushing for a combined 210 yards, the two were unstoppable, shredding through the Bengals’ run defense.

It is almost no surprise. Browns Head Coach Kevin Stefanski emphasized a heavy run and play action offense coming into the season. After an abysmal week one against the Ravens and completely abandoning the scheme, coming in against the worst run defense ranked last season, the plan seemed obvious: run the ball.

It worked to perfection as the two running backs accounted for three of the five touchdowns scored and rushed for an average of 7.1 yards per carry. And the play action coming off the run was just as sublime, as Mayfield had nearly a 70% passer completion rating. He also threw for two touchdowns and 219 yards on 23 attempts.

Though the offense was stellar, the appalling secondary for the Browns gave up 316 passing yards to a rookie Joe Burrow. With the Browns ranking 13th from ProFootballFocus, it has not shown in week one or week two, as the only decent play seen from the group of backs is Pro-Bowl cornerback Denzel Ward.

It does not help that the mediocre defense is missing two key prodigies, Cornerback Greedy Williams and Linebacker Mack Wilson, which has shown to be costly here in the early going. The Browns’ secondary will need to find a source of leadership in order to keep the pressure off the offense and give them a better chance of winning. After all, as the old saying goes, “defense wins championships.”

On the other side of the ball, Joe Burrow had a more than respectable game considering he has only had two starts in his early NFL career. The young quarterback was able to maneuver out of the pocket and throw some nice balls to his receivers.

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Class of 2024

Unfortunately, his line gave him no protection as Burrow took nine total quarterback hits in which three of them were sacks. Still, his resilience and young athleticism persevered as he was able to get back up each time and move on to the next play.

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Playing down in the game is also not favorable for Burrow. Attempting 61 passes in his second career NFL start is absurd. Having barely any experience in the league being a rookie and being asked to start, some of his reads and passing accuracy was not on par as he was missing receivers a noticeable amount.

With only an average of 5.2 yards per passing attempt, and having a young career long pass of only 23 yards, this quarterback will have to start being more aggressive in order to move the ball down field and score touchdowns.

It will be interesting to see how Burrow develops, as there is a lot of pressure on his back with fans expecting him to turn this franchise around and be the star quarterback they need.

He was able to keep the game close, scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter and bringing it to a one-score game. But the Browns offensive firepower was too much for the rookie, as Mayfield and the rest of the backfield was able to demolish the scoreboard.

The Browns were able to seal the game with an onside recovery kick from the fullback, Andy Janovich. From there, the Browns were able to take a knee with a little under a minute to play and successfully claimed their first win of the 2020 season.

With both the Browns and Bengals not having easy schedules, it will be interesting to see how the rest of the year plays out. With the Browns having high expectations due to the amount of talent they have, hopes are high for a good year, and for the 18-year playoff drought to come to an end.

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Russian COVID-19 vaccine validity questioned by experts

How the announcement could gain Russia global political standing

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On Aug. 11, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that the Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology started their phase 3 trials of the Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine. “I know (the vaccine) works quite effectively, helps to develop strong immunity and has gone through all the necessary tests,” Putin said in a cabinet meeting, according to the Lancet Respiratory Medical Journal.

At 1.13 million total cases, Russia sits fourth on the list detailing infection numbers worldwide, according to The Moscow Times.

Alexander Gintsburg, head scientist at Gamaleya that helped develop the Sputnik V vaccine, said immunity from COVID-19 would depend on how the indi-

viduals would respond to both the vaccine and the infection, in an interview with The Moscow Times.

“For some, the protective level of antibodies is produced after the first vaccination and they need the second one to extend that protection,” Gintsburg stated in an interview with The Moscow Times. “They will likely be protected two weeks after the first vaccination.”

The vaccine would be administered in two stages with hopes to eliminate COVID-19 in its entirety, but there is no guarantee that it will be a permanent fix.

“If there is (an infection between the first and the second shots), (COVID-19) will occur in a weaker form,” Gintsburg said.

Many countries remain concerned about the authenticity of the data being recorded. The Lancet Respiratory Medicine Journal published a letter at the

beginning of last month warning potential users of the legitimacy of the data collected amid mounting concerns.

According to the letter, volunteers who received one version of the vaccine had no change in antibody counts between 21 and 28 days after the original injection. Although Russia stated it will not release the vaccine to the public until phase 3 trials show favorable results, The Lancet claims the vaccine announcement was made with political intent rather than to help the global populace combat COVID-19.

If Sputnik V’s results are considered favorable by the Russian government, they plan to strike deals with other countries — such as Brazil, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and India — in distribution of the vaccine, according to The Wall Street Journal.

With so many countries struggling with COVID-19, po-

litical scientists worry that any country — in this case, Russia — could gain economic and political leverage to use on struggling nations.

“The view here is that the vaccine could win Russia some hearts and minds in the non-West and boost its geopolitical leverage,” said Vladimir Frolov, former senior Russian diplomat and Moscow-based political analyst, in an interview with The Wall Street Journal.

Concern is especially great when considering developing nations, according to the WSJ. Their lack of manufacturing abilities makes the promise of a vaccine appealing, but Russian partnerships create concerning notions for Western nations.

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Political analyst and former senior Russian diplomat

about politics to stifle Russia and to constrain Russia, but they want to protect their citizens,” said Kirill Dmitriev, head of the Russian Direct Investment Fund, which is funding the development of the vaccine, in an interview with the WSJ.

China has also begun the experimental process of creating their own vaccine by inoculating hundreds of thousands of individuals, according to the WSJ. Experts expressed wide concern that the current race for a COVID-19 vaccine could lead to a new strain if the initial vaccine proves less than 100% effective.

Because of the questionable testing procedures, American experts — such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases — have indicated that it would be unlikely for the United States to use a Chinese or Russian vaccine, according to the WSJ.

“I think that would instill in the public a degree of confidence,” said Fauci in an interview with the WSJ. “We’re not cutting corners and we’re not even going to try to get a vaccine distributed unless it was clear that there was enough evidence to indicate that it’s safe and effective.”

Recession in Asian contries has potential global impacts

Developing Asia faces first regional recession in over 60 years

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In Asia, the first signs of an economic slump are starting to show. According to a report by the Asia Development Bank, the economies of developing Asia, which consists of 45 nations from China to Georgia, will experience a recession for the first time in over 60 years.

Priyanka Chakraborty, visiting assistant professor of economics, explained that economic upswings and downswings are normal and to be expected, but prolonged abnormal activity can be worrying.

“When the downswing is extended beyond say, a couple of months, maybe three months . . . and we are not recovering as quickly as we would like under normal circumstances, that’s when we start to get worried and that’s when we fear we may be entering a recession,” Chakraborty said.

For many, the word “recession” brings to mind the 2008 global financial crisis or even the dot-com bubble of the early 2000s, when economic hardship was brought about through fail-

ures in the financial sector. However, Chakraborty sees the current situation as a far more novel and complex problem rooted in part outside of banks and fiscal policy.

“The global economy has never seen a recession due to a pandemic before,” Chakraborty said. “It’s a medical crisis, so it is a completely different game. We’re still trying to learn the rules of the game as well as play the game and win the game.”

Chakraborty also pointed out that the economies in question are still developing, making their performance far more impactful on the lives of their populations.

“These growth numbers translate into very real living outcomes for the people,” Chakraborty said. “That’s why it’s definitely even more worrying for emerging economies.”

China stands as a notable exception to the regional recession,

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which the ADB’s summary of its report attributes to the country’s swift response to the COVID-19 crisis. Since the virus’s first peak in February, the country of almost 1.5 billion has not seen more than 500 new cases a day, according to Johns Hopkins University, and the ADB noted in a summary of the report that, “After containing its domestic outbreak relatively rapidly, the People’s Republic of China saw growth recover from 6.8% contraction in the first quarter to 3.2% growth in the second.”

Unlike China, India — another regional powerhouse — is facing much bigger economic shortfalls.

“The principal issue is (India has) a huge population, and (India has) not dealt with a crisis like this before,” Chakraborty said. “Because of (India’s) lockdown measures, we’ve had huge amounts of job loss. Millions of

people, both in the formal sector and in the agricultural (and) informal sector, have really suffered in India. It’s particularly worrisome because compounding these problems is (the fact that) right now, after the United States, India is on top of the rising number of cases.”

Japan, the world’s third-largest economy behind China and the United States, was facing economic uncertainty even before the pandemic hit, according to Chakraborty.

“The problem with Japan has been a very unusual case of deflation,” Chakraborty said. “Usually we worry about inflation because prices are rising too much. But Japan, for a long time, has been struggling with the opposite problem which is deflation, which means prices are not rising at all.”

Three weeks ago, Japan’s Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, resigned due to health concerns. Though his successor, Yoshihide Suga, has promised to continue Abe’s policies and complete his goals, Chakraborty sees the development as further cause for concern.

“For Japan that’s a big worry — what’s going to happen?”

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she said. “Is there going to be a policy paralysis with the change in leadership? What is the new leadership going to look like, especially under this (COVID-19) condition?”

South Korea is being examined as an example for how to thread the needle between virus control and economic health. Despite an August spike in cases, the country has averaged just under eight deaths per million, according to data from Johns Hopkins and the World Population Review. By comparison, the United States is currently at around 620 deaths per million. According to an article on foreignpolicy.com, this success against the virus has translated to economic success. Where Morgan Stanley predicts the U.S. economy will contract by just over 3.5%, the ADB forecasts that South Korea’s GDP will shrink by one percent.

Because South Korea responded so well to initial outbreaks of the virus, day-to-day activities were minimally impacted. According to Google mobility data, people continued to travel to work, shop and play. Additionally, South Korea announced its fourth economic stimulus package last month,

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adding around \$6.5 billion to its economy.

Despite its individual success, South Korea is still heavily influenced by the global economy.

“Korea depends a lot on international trade,” Lee Doowon, an economist at Yonsei University in Seoul, said in an interview with foreignpolicy.com. “And because of this pandemic, global trade has shrunk and that has a negative impact on the Korean export industry. Unless we make a serious breakthrough in the near future, this situation will be even worse in the coming several months.”

The ADB’s report projects that in 2021, developing Asia will grow by almost 7%. That level of growth would still leave GDPs behind pre-COVID-19 levels, but is a hopeful sign amidst the current economic uncertainty.

Music ensembles experience changes due to pandemic

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Across campus, departments and clubs have been forced to adapt to physical distancing and



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other health protocols. Allegheny’s Music Department and other musical clubs are working to find new ways to perform at a distance.

While smaller chamber ensembles have already been can-

celed for the Fall 2020 semester, other larger ensembles are still taking place with proper social distancing and safety measures in place, according to Associate Professor of Music and String Coordinator Jennifer Dearden.

“All our large ensembles are still happening, but those will all have some significant changes built in to allow for physical distancing and other health safety issues, and we will not put on any public concerts this coming semester,” Dearden said in an email to The Campus. “The chamber ensembles ... are canceled for the fall.”

Other music and dance organizations and clubs on campus,

such as Orchesis Dance Company also are forced to practice and perform differently this year due to COVID-19.

Orchesis was unavailable for comment.

Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities James Niblock said that while performances are not happening in the upcoming semester, vocal lessons will still be held virtually, along with some choir practices.

“There is some uncertainty about the possibility of aerosol transmission through singing,” Niblock said.

Niblock explained that doctors and scientists believe singing can help to transmit COVID-19.

He added that they have warned against singing in large groups, and that aerosol stays in the air for long periods of time and that singing creates a large amount of aerosol.

“When someone sings, they have a larger inhale and exhale, and therefore a larger chance of transmitting aerosol that exists in people’s lungs into the air,” Niblock said. “This leads to a greater chance of being able to spread the virus.”

Additionally, according to Niblock, there is still potential for virtual performances in the upcoming semester, just not in the auditorium to a live audience.

“We are hoping to perform in one way or another,” Niblock said. “We will continue to have certain ensembles and lessons virtually, and we hope to be able to figure out a way to have some sort of virtual or recorded performance during the semester.”

Niblock added that there is a group “ironing out the details” of events for the music department.

“There are new health concerns every week during this pandemic,” Niblock said. “But the point of this group is to find new pathways and rethink events to find a way that we can still have music events in some way this year.”

Comedy Column

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Jeremy Scott, the creative director of Moschino, decided to create this Fall 2020 season’s fashion show to be made entirely out of puppets. A new ‘hands-on’ approach in a COVID-19 era, puppets allowed Scott to conduct a smaller scaled version of the show— no strings attached (that is, to anyone not puppeteering). Audience members surrounding the runway were even created, emulating fashion’s top

leaders like Anna Wintor (Editor-in-Chief of Vogue) or Edward Enninfu (Editor-in-Chief of British Vogue). While Scott had to ‘pull a few strings’ to accomplish everything, a ‘show of hands’ expressed that the staff was ‘too high strung’ to pull this off again. Read that last line again :)

Under New York City’s Grand Central terminal, several MTA workers were suspended without pay from the discovery of a ‘man cave’ entrenched in one of the building’s storage rooms.

The ‘man cave’ consisted of using MTA’s resources to build and maintain a mini fridge, a futon, beds, a TV, a microwave and an internet-ready streaming device. I have a message to the MTA investigation team: leave the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles alone!!

In the Chilean Dessert, after an 80-year disappearance, the ‘Ghost’ frog has been rediscovered. Originally believed to be extinct, the Ghost frog is strictly aquatic, where if it’s located out of the water for more than five minutes, it will die. As it is

currently competing with Chile’s expanding cities, tourism and infrastructure builds for water, the Ghost frog can be heard chirping in the distance ‘R.I.P.-it’.

NASA has just outlined a \$28 billion programme known as Artemis, a plan to land the first woman on the moon by 2024. Artemis, which consists of launching a man and a woman into space, will be the second time humans have set foot on the lunar surface since 1972. While the House of Representatives recently approved \$600 million to

be sent to NASA for their 2021 timeline, NASA administrator Jim Brinstine is urging a \$3.6 billion budget to be approved so plans can confidently move forward. Legend has it, after receiving the \$600 million, Brimstone pleaded to the house, “Seriously? What’s this saturn stop of funds? Lunar, rather than later is ideal. Otherwise our plan[-et] will be d’asteriod!!”

In Lake Jackson, Texas, it’s been recently discovered that the city’s public drinking water contained a brain-eating amoeba, known

as Naegleria fowleri. While Lake Jackson contained 27,000 residents, eight communities surrounding Lake Jackson were advised last Friday to not use the water, except to flush toilets. Symptoms include fever, nausea and vomiting, with death greeting victims within the week. Before making a statement to advise residents on what to do, the CDC could be heard muttering: Wait, Texans still have brains?

Womxn in Accounting club to support women to in business and economics

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The economics and business department now has a new addition to its clubs.

According to the American Economic Association, women only make up around 35% of undergraduate economics majors despite comprising 55% of all undergrad students. This is why the new club Womxn in Accounting was formed.

President Maya Ginter-Frankovitch, ’22, reached out during the summer to the members of the club and spoke about how women are more likely to feel discouraged in business and economics classes. Once they are past their academic study and into a career, women in

the workforce must overcome a multitude of systemic barriers to successfully advance. This is why the club was formed, to shed light on these issues to support women in the field of economics.

“The Womxn in Economics and Business Club was created to provide support to womxn in the economics and business majors,” Anna Poach, ’23, said.

The club wants to provide information on the issues affecting women in the field of economics and to organize and fund events pertaining to the topic. They want to include speakers to come and educate women in ways they can succeed and grow in the field. They want to strive to keep women engaged and excited about business and economics in order to both recruit and retain them as majors in the department.

The club is not exclusively for women, either.

“We hope to provide an inclusive environment for all and thus chose to use the term ‘womxn’ as our organization name as this term is used to highlight the specific inclusion of transgender, nonbinary and women of color,” Poach said.

Poach feels this club is a perfect opportunity to make everyone feel confident, welcome and excited about entering into the field of business and economics.

Womxn in Accounting also recognize that men are essential to creating an equal environment.

“We invite anyone who is interested in joining our organization,” Poach said.

Membership will not be limited to persons based on their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, ability, gender expression, gender identity or sexual orientation.

“We want to give courage to those who are debating whether or not the field is right for them through events, speakers and mentorships,” Poach said.

The mentorship program will run in two phases. In one, an upperclassman who has experienced the challenges going through school mentors an underclassman experiencing these struggles for the first time. The other form is a mentorship for graduate school. Overall, the club is an environment that supports growth for its members and everyone is welcome.

A member is eligible to join the club if they are in good academic standing with the college. Members are required to attend eight meetings and four absences are allowed per semester. A member may vote if he/she has been actively attending meetings and is involved in the club.

The club has the executive branch set up and will be vested. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer roles have all been filled. A GPA of 3.25 is required to fill an elected official role. Ginter-Frankovitch has been elected as the President and Social Chair member, Poach has been elected as the Vice President and Mentorship Chair member, Sarah Schmidt, ’22, has been elected as the Secretary and Treasurer and Kyrie Doniz, ’23, has been elected as the Public

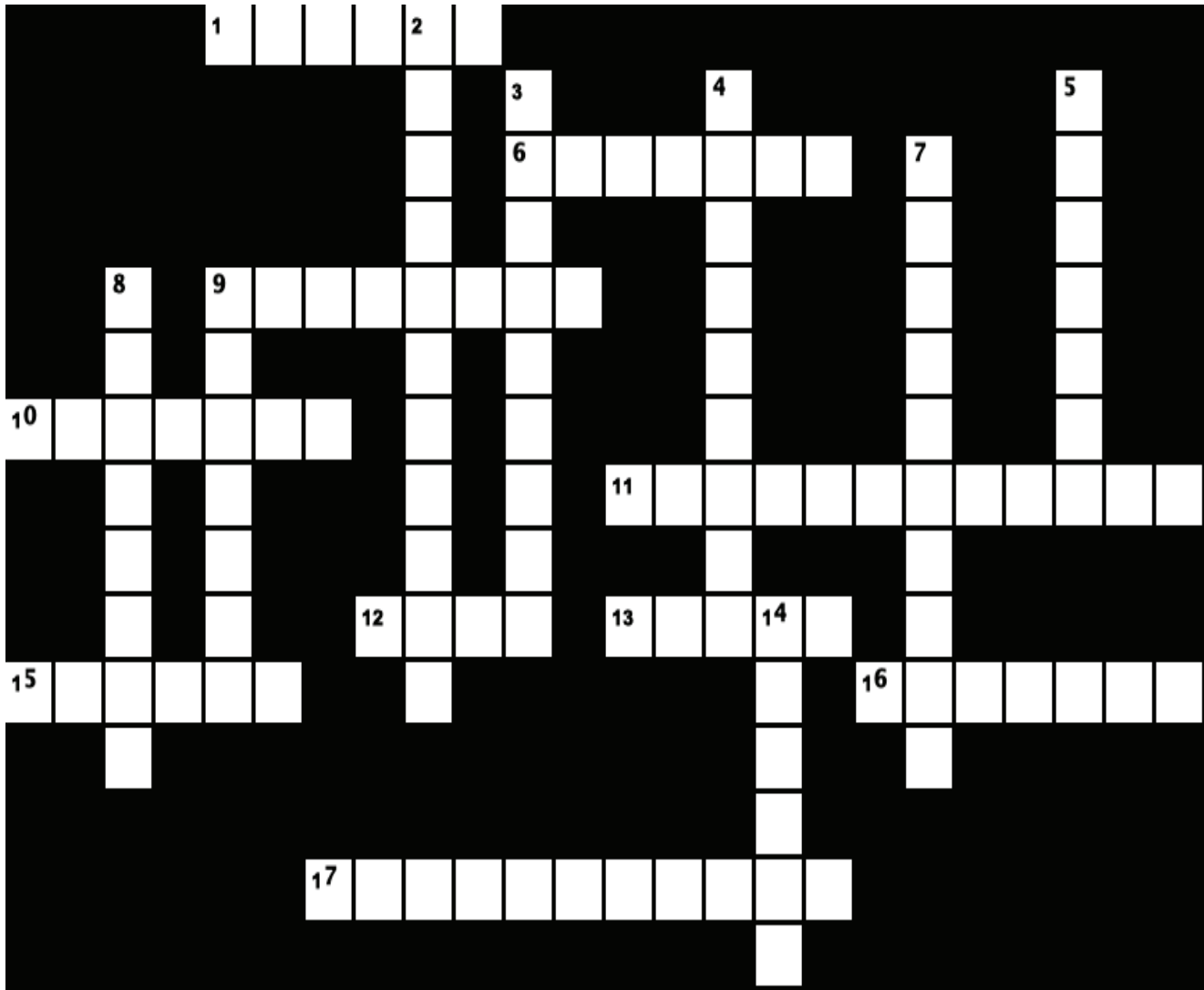
Relations Chair member. Election procedures will be executed through a written ballot or an online ballot given the current circumstances. Nominations for the executive board will be sent directly to the president who will count the ballots at election time and email the results. Quorum will consist of the majority of membership and is needed for this organization to conduct any official business.

The club is not yet an active club. The club needs the petition of 50 or more names of people agreeing with the views and purposes of the club to become active. After the petition is approved by Allegheny Student Government, the club will be active and a more inclusive place for people in the economics and business departments on campus.

Campus Crossword: RBGedition

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For anyone who did not get the chance to pick up last week’s issue, here is a repeat of last week’s crossword, RBG edition.



This week’s theme is in remembrance of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The answers to this week’s crossword are online at alleghenycampus.com.

Suggestions for puzzle themes can be submitted to Kaleigh White, features editor, at whitek2@allegheny.edu.

Across

- Where RBG went to research international procedure for a book, and became inspired by the changes she saw there, which greatly influenced her views on gender equality
- RBG transferred here from Harvard Law, and graduated top of her class
- The country her Jewish father immigrated from
- Nickname she picked up that originated as a reference to a rapper known as B.I.G.
- RBG’s born first name; her mother insisted she go by Ruth in school do to the large number of girls that shared her first name
- RBG’s birth month
- The country her mother’s parents were from
- Where RBG got her bachelor’s degree
- Supreme Court Justice who denied RBG a clerkship because of her gender

Down

- The conservative synagogue RBG belonged to as a child
- The planned place for her burial
- An employment discrimination case; one of the first cases which RBG strongly dissented and showed how powerful she could be; ___ vs. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
- Columbia professor who pushed for RBG to be hired as a law clerk; went so far as to threaten to never recommend another Columbia grad if they didn’t hire her
- Where RBG first taught as a law professor
- First woman to serve in the US Supreme Court, preceded RBG, who was the second
- The President who nominated RBG for the Supreme Court
- RBG moved to this Oklahoma town where her husband was stationed; here she worked for the Social Security Administration before having her first child
- The President that appointed her to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

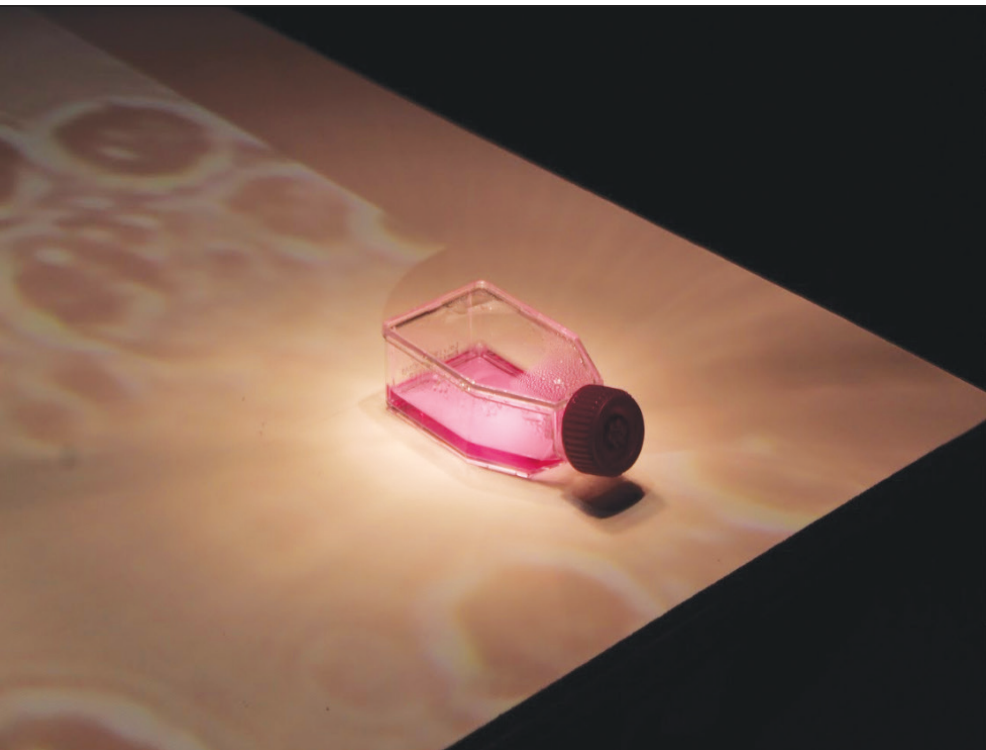
‘Bioscientific Imaginaries’



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Allegheny art galleries opens new exhibition titled, “Bioscientific Imaginaries” on Tuesday, Sept. 15.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Created by artist Kathy High, a glass rendition of a human intestinal tract, depicting the artist’s own Crohn’s disease.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Piece entitled, “Immortality for Two,” created by Marta De Menzes for the exhibition on Sept. 15.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
“Puppet Play House” by Jennifer Willet, as seen from the other side.



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One side of the piece, “Puppet Play House,” created by Jennifer Willet for the exhibition on Sept. 15.

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On Sept. 15, the Allegheny art galleries opened its newest exhibit titled, “Bioscientific Imaginaries.” Displaying art in the genre of, “Bio Art,” which, as the name suggests, are biological-themed art pieces. These range from utilizing lab equipment, human blood to in an exhibitionary piece.

The piece entitled, “Immortality for Two,” by artist De Menzez does just that, by infecting red blood cells with cancerous cells making the plasma reproduce continuously - effectively making it “immortal.”

The next piece, by artist Kathy High, depicts a glass rendition of the human intestinal tract. The artist also had Crohn’s disease and sent a letter to David Bowie, asking him for a sample of his stool which could correct her intestinal distress by replenishing the good bacteria from a healthy patient’s stool. In the letter, Kathy had acknowledged the inefficacy of receiving a stool sample under these conditions - but claimed that her connection to David Bowie would override any prohibition of such an operation.

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Allegheny athletes adjust practices in order to combat COVID-19

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After many months of trouble-shooting and devising strategies to minimize the threats presented by COVID-19, coaches across the nation are hopeful that close-contact collegiate sports can become a reality once again.

Abiding by the daily reminders of the Allegheny College Health Agency, Allegheny’s student athletes are adapting to a “new normal” in regard to practice settings.

Isaiah Lucas, ’22, a pitcher and outfielder for the Gators’ baseball team explains that Allegheny’s athletes are currently doing their best to keep their heads



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The Allegheny men’s baseball team practice for the fall 2020 season during the COVID-19 pandemic.

above water, balancing the new preventative measures instilled by their coaches, the ACHA and the NCAA. Further, he admitted to his personal struggles of certain protocol adherences.

“Just when you need a breath of fresh air, you get a mouthful of mask,” Lucas said, referring to his experience during a recent run-in with repetitive sprints.

Even though wearing a face covering at all times may be troublesome in certain situations, Lucas realizes the alternative: no baseball season.

He shared the disappointment that his team and many others faced when their seasons came to an abrupt end last spring and hopes that the preventative measures that the team is currently taking will save their spring 2021

season.

“(The baseball team is) just doing the best we can right now — trying to stay positive, focused and hopeful for a chance to play,” Lucas said. “When the time comes, we’ll be ready.”

The baseball team is not the only group who has made accommodations; many student athletes are accustomed to catching rides to practice with their teammates, sharing sporting equipment and splitting their turf with other teams. Yet in order to begin the resocialization of society and sport, athletes are asked to forgo these once normal activities.

Madelyn Hill, ’22, a member of the women’s soccer team, shared that some players are walking to practice.

“Luckily, my roommates and I are able to ride together,” Hill said. “But I know that some girls have had to make the hike to Robertson (Athletic Complex) because the cars reach capacity quickly.”

Hill explained that roommates are welcome to ride together with little concern, whereas non-roommates are forced to take extra precautions. In the case of the latter, the car is limited to three people: one driver and two passengers in the back seat — of course, sporting their masks.

Women’s soccer devised a plan to limit the number of players in the Wise Center; three pods (eight people per pod) divvy up their allotted gym slots.

Hill explained that one pod completes their lift using the equipment in Wise while the two remaining pods carry out their lift outdoors, in the grassy area beside Crawford Hall.

“Our coach reminds us to bring our heaviest textbooks,” Hill said.

With the intentions of very little to no overlap time, teams are encouraged to stick to their assigned field time, often making it a race against the clock to finish practice before another team takes the field. Gabby Eberle, ’22, a member of the women’s lacrosse team, explained that while the time limits are worthwhile in terms of safety, they can create quite a backup.

“(The lacrosse team) seemed to have pulled the short end of the stick in terms of field slots; Friday practices are late ones,” Eberle said. “Sometimes, we don’t make it back to campus until after ten.”

Besides playing under the Friday night lights, Eberle feels that the lacrosse team has a “good thing going,” considering the circumstances.

“Players are to be six feet apart at all times,” Eberle said. “The rule is that if I extend my arm with my lacrosse stick in hand, I should not come into contact with anyone. It’s like a very large personal bubble.”

Staying six feet apart is a common denominator amongst teams. Chelsea Pietrzycki, ’21, diver and captain for the women’s swim and dive team, shares



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The women’s soccer team practice with COVID-19 modifications for the fall 2020 season.

that practicing at a distance is basically their “only option” for the time being. At this time, the reopening of Mellon Pool is tentative. Pietrzycki has resorted to engaging her team in “dryland,” consisting of cardio and body-weight training, while awaiting their return to the water.

On Friday, Sept. 25, Provost and Dean of the College Ron Cole released an update via email announcing a successful completion of Phase 1 which required coaches to have close supervision of athletes upon the conduction of a training session to ensure the presence of physical distancing.

Varsity and club sports will now move on to Phase 2 of the resocialization plan. Many of the same enforcements will still be

in place, in addition to the completion of extra, daily COVID-19 screenings for weightlifting sessions and practices.

The achievement of Phase 1 allows the Gators to progress in their training as some limitations have been lifted, but the future of collegiate sports within the 2020-2021 school year is still uncertain. However, according to Pietrzycki, the Gators are overlooking the precariousness, keeping their hopes high and their minds open to new, innovative ideas to implement into their training.

“It is a learning process,” Pietrzycki said. “While the uncertainty is frustrating, we know this situation will not last forever. We have the future Gators to consider.”

NBA players adapt to life in the bubble as finals near

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As the NBA playoffs continue, there are currently only two teams left in the hunt: Jimmy Butler’s Miami Heat and LeBron James’ Los Angeles Lakers.

It has been an unusually long season as the COVID-19 pandemic pushed the league into a decision to create an NBA bubble so that the virus could be contained and limited. This has not stopped the 2019-20 season from continuing and soon crowning a



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According to Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James, the bubble arrangement was not ideal in terms of players being able to see their families and loved ones. Los Angeles Clippers star Paul George discussed the mental health struggles he has faced while living in the bubble.

Zach Ioli, ’23, a big fan of the NBA, expressed his thoughts on the bubble and the benefits as well as difficulties with it.

“In my opinion, the bubble was a great idea and saved the NBA from basically being forced

to lose a season,” Ioli said. “On the other hand, I think it kind of messed up some competition aspects of the league since players were so close to one another. It almost seemed like a vacation and not something serious.”

Although Ioli was mixed in his feelings toward the NBA situation, he acknowledged that he will be watching the finals and will be rooting for one of the two teams to take home the glory.

“I want the Miami Heat to win,” Ioli said. “I want the Heat to win because Jimmy Butler is the definition of hard work over talent.”

Keegan Cassidy, ’22, shared his thoughts on the bubble, as well.

“I think the bubble is the most logical situation and it’s clear that as far as containing COVID, it is very effective,” Cassidy said. “On the negative side, these players essentially forfeit their freedom of mobility and more importantly are separated from their fam-

ilies.”

Cassidy, a lifelong Boston Celtics supporter, would have loved to see the Celtics’ young core finally win a championship under former Butler University Head Coach Brad Stevens, but he will have to wait until at least next year to realize that hope.

“If the Celtics had won, I would think it’s completely fair,” Cassidy said. “On a more serious note, I think it’s fair to believe that things could have turned out quite differently without the extenuating circumstances.”

As the NBA playoffs continue, thoughts have begun to shift toward the future, and whether or not the next NBA season will need to be set up in a similar type of situation.

“If the NBA must continue to operate this way, in my opinion, the bubble should not be the long-term solution,” Cassidy said.

Nick Taliani, ’22, a Miami Heat fan, expressed positive feel-

ings on the bubble situation.

“I think the NBA bubble is awesome,” Taliani said. “The way that it was designed and the way each component of the game was implemented so that it is as realistic as possible is so cool to me.”

Although Taliani said he is enjoying the continuation of the NBA season in the bubble, he has thoughts on the NBA Finals this year.

“I do believe that the winner of the NBA Finals will have an asterisk next to their name,” Taliani said. “Although games were played and a winner will ultimately be found, I think they will make it known that the season was shortened and it was not a true NBA season.”

With one more series to go between the Miami Heat and the Los Angeles Lakers, Taliani made it clear who he wishes to take home the crown.

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As the NBA finals kick-off this week, Ioli, Cassidy, Taliani and many others will be watching the games with excitement. Players like LeBron James — on his tenth trip to the finals of the Los Angeles Lakers — and Jimmy Butler of the Miami Heat will square off against each other for the trophy. The 2019-20 NBA champion will be determined within the next couple of weeks.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

-  PROPERLY WEAR A FACE COVERING
-  KEEP SIX FEET FROM OTHERS
-  STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK
-  DO YOUR DAILY HEALTH CHECK

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0 ACTIVE POSITIVE CASES
29 POSITIVE CASES TO-DATE
0 PENDING RESULTS
3893 COMPLETED TESTS
3827 NEGATIVE TESTS

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