



INDEPENDENCE FOR THE GREAT GATOR REPUBLIC!

‘I thought it would be really funny,’ says US President Moe Hiden

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For decades, the wealthy have been notorious for taking advantage of financial loopholes. A major loophole that many use is banking in other countries to avoid taxes. Allegheny College’s Board of Trustees, under major stress to support the institution, came up with the idea to become a country where the wealthy could open bank accounts in a different country without international flight.

President Gilary Fink outlined how exactly the new country will be run in a speech in Shafer Auditorium.

“You are all now citizens of Allegheny College,” Fink said. “Under this, every student will use the skills given by the institution; for example, all business majors will be accountants and must designate a portion of their dorm rooms as an office space.”

Following the statements underscoring each duty of students, a major uproar broke out. One student tried to run out of the auditorium only to discover that student athletes had been repurposed as the military and was quickly shoved back in. Fink explained that the new contract they signed over Google Forms is a binding contract revoking previous citizenship and was pleased that no one read the terms and conditions.

Editor-in-Chief of the Compost R-Drizzle Badio, ’22, was outraged at the discovery that the press would be permanently shut down in order to prevent rumors from spreading about the wealthy using the country as a tax haven.

“This is extremely un-American, but I suppose we are not American anymore,” Eeeeeewwww said. “On the bright side, with freedom of press removed, newspapers will become an underground operation and gain more importance to readers. I’m currently trying to determine how I can get involved with The Krampost.”

Cletus Bingham, ’22, a business major, upon hearing he could not leave the college, expressed his disappointment at the direction the college took.

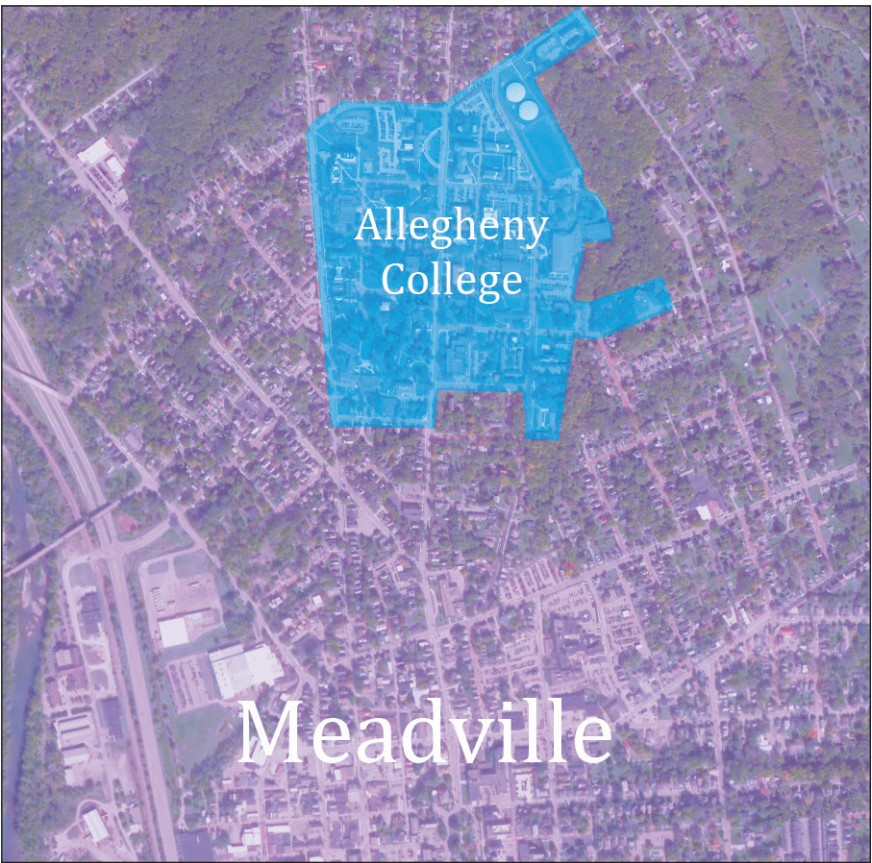
“We have stooped low before as a college, but never to this extent,” Bingham said. “I was so prepared to leave and never turn back. Accounting is not even my strength and I am so bad at math. I will admit that the idea is good, but in practice a lot of students are going to be miserable. Even though we are a different country, no one wants to stay in the same place for the rest of their lives.”

Parents and loved ones of the students started protests at the White House with little to no progress towards revoking the country status of the college. Many parents gave up after a few weeks as their children seemed to accept their fate and make the best of it.

President Moe Hiden commented on why the college was allowed to secede from the country in the first place.

“I thought it would be really funny, you know how it is,” Hiden said. “We will try our best to bring them back home, but it will be very difficult considering some of the students actually want to be part of the new country. We are still unaware of the motive behind their declaration of independence.”

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A map showing the new state and its location in relation to the American city of Meadville.

Fink cuts all faculty

Prez. points to high GPAs

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Following a tumultuous year at Allegheny College with regards to the future direction of the institution and its staffing, President of the College Gilary Fink revealed that she has decided to cut all faculty.

Fink initially declined to comment, but relented quickly.

“Look, the fact is I have no idea what’s going on right now,” Fink said. “We’re cutting programs left and right, getting rid of faculty — just last week I had an English professor taken into the Carden and had them pool-noodled— and yet students are doing phenomenally. It just doesn’t make sense to keep paying all these people when you’re all doing so well anyway, I decided a ‘reset’ of sorts was necessary.”

place where young people can come here and grow and evolve, not unlike a Pokémon,” said Provost and Dean of the College Don Grohl, ’29. “Ideally kids are coming here and discovering new and exciting additions, learning how to balance a nervous breakdown with studying for a Neuro exam, and really considering the question of, ‘Am I actually attracted to them or has it been so long since I’ve felt human connection and affection that I’m willing to let the booze take me where it pleases?’ I know that that’s what college was for me when I went here and that’s what we’re trying to do now. You know, that’s the real Allegheny Advantage.”

Student and alumni reaction to the recent decision were mixed. One student, Antonio Braxton-Buckett II, ’24, was outraged.

“It’s just crazy that they did this, you know? Like actually certifiable. I mean these people have families to look after, mortgages, debt, who knows what else? It’s just you look at this situation, at what admin has done, and you can’t help but think...”

The rest of what Mallard had to say cannot in good conscience be printed by this publication due to its manifesto-like length as well as its outdated views toward birds of prey and most infants.

Another student, Swampy Budnak, ’23, disagreed with Braxton-Buckett II.

Brooks blazes in jalapeno accident

Authorities point to sleepy multitasking fry cook

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Where students of Allegheny College previously found the Brooks Dining Hall, they now find ash and dust.

Brooks caught fire at noon on Monday, March 28. Executive Chef Large Mice reported the cause of the fire.

“The fry cook Llama Skin Lackin fell asleep at the stir fry station,” Mice said. “Lackin sat down to wipe his watery eyes from frying onions and ended up falling asleep.”

Thneedville Fire Department Chief Jumpkick Smiley announced that, after a thorough investigation, a jalapeno caused an entire pan of stir fry to catch a flame. The jalapeno was not cut thinly enough and jumped out of the pan, landing in the flames.

Antonio Braxton-Buckett II, ’24, was the student whose order started the fire.

“Stir fry is the only thing I eat in Brooks because everything else is so mid,” Braxton-Buckett II said. “I don’t care that Brooks burned down because I don’t like it but I am deeply saddened to not have my stir fry.”

Due to Lackin being asleep and the students waiting in the stir fry line being distracted by their phones, no one noticed the burning pan. The pan fire quickly spread throughout the kitchen and eventually the entire dining hall.

Lackin revealed that he fell asleep at the pan due to severe sleep deprivation.



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The blaze kicked up spices for miles, causing tears and scratchy throats across Gnamwörd County.

“They have me working six different jobs here,” Lackin said. “I was up all night yesterday doing my rounds as a public safety officer. The day before that I filled in for the registrar.”Lackin disclosed that he was working at a 7-11 branch in Missouri as a janitor before joining Allegheny.

“I was working one day when I received a blue and gold letter from Allegheny President Gilary Fink,” Lackin said. “The letter said that I had been chosen through a random draw to work at Allegheny.”

Allegheny’s proposal offered Lackin the roles of fry cook, public safety officer, professor of history, librarian, accountant and ventilation engineer for the Wise Center.

“In my role as ventilation engineer I stand at the back entrance of the Wise Center and blow air through the ventilation pipes,” Lackin said. “There have been a lot of complaints from students about the ventilation but there’s only so much one man can do.”

General Manager of Dining Services Bethany Wang reassured students that the college has already started making arrangements for alternatives in the absence of Brooks.

“The college is planning to open the clean-up of the debris from the fire to the public,” Wang said. “Once the area is clean, there will be tents set up and a ‘bring-your-own-seating’ arrangement will be in place.”

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Fink denounced the employment of Lackin completely.

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THEY WALK AMONG US

In a shocking Letter-to-the-Editor, a Professor of Russian Literature (we have that?) who is also a janitor (huh?) says our Editors-in-Chief are robots. Huh.

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FAKE FACIAL HAIR

The most famous ‘stache on campus is actually a world-class hoax, Professor Clerrance reveals in new memoir.

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IT’S WAR!

Tarp declared KIA after savagely attacking baseball team; one player reported injured.

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Allegheny Recreation, Outing Club plan moon mission

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For the first time since Buzz Aldrin, there will be Gators on the moon.

Allegheny Recreation and the Allegheny Outing Club recently announced a joint trip to the moon next week on Friday, April 8. According to the Director of Allegheny Recreation, Gerald Tooterin, the trip was not as difficult to plan as it sounds.

“We did have to agree to get everyone tested for COVID-19 five days prior and then the day prior to the trip,” Tooterin said. “But other than that, it’s not that bad. You just have to fill out a Google Form releasing the college from all liability if the spaceship blows up or something and then bring me a \$5 deposit.”

The cost of the trip was kept low due to the recent financial success of the college seceding from the United States as well as a recent \$50,000 increase to the student activities fee. Allegheny College Treasurer Juke Boxman called the opportunity one like none other.

“We now have just over \$100 million in the surplus fund,” Boxman said. “Who do y’all want for the Major Concert? Lizzo? BTS? The Rolling Stones?”

All citizens of Allegheny College are eligible to join the trip, provided they bring their own pool noodles and pass a mandatory Space Force Fitness Test, a grueling test produced by the United States government that involves running up and down

the stairs of Bentley Hall 15 times, crawling through a window onto the roof of Quigley Hall, and then riding an electric scooter to the Wise Center where participants will need to demonstrate their pool noodle dueling skills.

“We need to be sure that citizens can utilize their pool noodles effectively in case of a dangerous situation up there,” Tooterin said. “You may need to joust someone or, if we find water on the moon, I don’t know, you might need it.”

The trip will utilize a starship created through the joint efforts of Elon Musk and Director for Space Advancement Hatt Winston, which has yet to be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. However, because Allegheny College is now its own autonomous country, the Dean of Students Succeeding at Being Successful Office has the authority to approve such projects. The Compost reached out to Musk for comment, who issued the following statement.

“I am so pleased that the Allegheny College Provisional Government has authorized this amazing opportunity,” Musk wrote. “I might bring my new daughter, 8675309_!@*#.”

Participants will not be required to wear face coverings on the trip, but it is required that all participants wear a Halloween mask of some sort during take-off and landing. This is intended to lessen the risk of participants becoming scared of potential imminent death as they will instead be scared by whatever absurd

masks people decide to wear. Gear Manager for the Outing Club Sue Apple, ’37, said that she is excited for the trip.

“I can’t wait to bring home a moon rock,” Apple said. “But on a serious note, I want to study how low gravity affects TikTok usage in teens for my comp.”

The experience will give Allegheny citizens a unique opportunity in interstellar research and economics as well as philosophy, as participants can analyze whether it is ethical to build a huge spaceship when climate change threatens to destroy everything we know and there are wars going on, etc, etc, etc.

The ship features new technology that allows Sheetz to send MTOs through radio waves directly to the ship. The technology was developed so that participants can feel as though they are going on a road trip through Pennsylvania and because travel stops have not yet been installed in space.

The trip will take a full week, three days out and three days back with one day for exploration.

President of the Sovereign Allegheny College Gilarly Fink touted the upcoming trip on Twitter, and it was retweeted by prominent Americans Jen Psaki and Will Smith.

“Going 2 da moon! #LivingMyBestLife,” Fink Tweeted, along with a photo of herself with polarized sunglasses and a White Claw.

It is unclear if Fink herself will be attending the trip. See [THE MOON](#) | *outer space*



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An artist’s rendition of the BlueSpaceExVirgin “McKinley” spaceplane developed by Elon Musk and Director for Space Advancement Hatt Winston. The spaceplane will take off by driving really fast up North Main Street in the middle of campus, and will land by aiming for the least-populated area of the campus, saying a prayer and holding on really tight with eyes shut and teeth clenched like a cartoon character. All passengers will be required to pay a \$5 fee to cover costs and fill out a Google Form waiving the government of all liability.

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Design contributed by John Eller

A flag for the new country, proposed by John Eller, ’76. Eller’s design includes a blue background, representing Allegheny’s proud history of academic integrity, and 14 gold stars, one for each of the residential halls.



Design contributed by Messy Moss

Another flag proposal, submitted by Messy Moss, ’69. The blue background in their design represents alligator blood, which Moss views as sacred. The proposal also includes the Latin motto, “Alligator Deus Iudices,” which means “The Alligator God Judges.” Moss said the design is unrelated to the ancient alligator cult that sacrifices raccoons near Ravine-Narvik Hall.

Brogan Dug, ’23, expressed his support for the college being a country and his motives for wanting to stay.

“I was going to be an accountant anyway, at least this way I am guaranteed food and board my entire life,” Dug said. “Plus, we are all going to be able to meet wealthy people which includes athletes, celebrities and even individuals from household names. My first client was a Kardashian.”

For many majors in the arts, the decision to be its own country was a blessing, as many have begun to produce high-quality work in an effort to gain a good reputation and hopefully see their work published. Some major works include the commission of a flag, national anthem and the first patriotic movie.

Many alumni have returned to open their bank accounts and were impressed with the ease and discretion the students provided. They were also excited to see that the college had finally reached 100% sustain-

ability because the Department of Environmental Science was tasked with making the country self-sufficient.

Charthen Dingus, ’22, explained how becoming a more important member has given her the push to becoming more successful.

“Allegheny has always been a small coral reef in a vast ocean,” Dingus said. “Now I feel like I am actually necessary and have been pushed to fulfilling my potential. When we became a country, every student mattered. The tax haven system is just how we get paid by the wealthy and can afford our comfortable lifestyle.”

Since the college has become wealthier, each building has an abundance of amenities and the food quality has drastically improved. The dining company, Barkhurts, was removed and



I disagree strongly with whatever work this quote is attached to.”

many students stepped up to become chefs at the college as to limit contact and to use ingredients from the garden.

Lizzie Kambucha, ’24, approved of the changes made in dining and was surprised by all the improvement.

“Our little scam is definitely worth it,” Kambucha said. “For the first time since I stepped foot on this campus, I do not throw up after my meals. All the meals are cooked fresh by students and it has been an improvement. Now, I can spend all my time doing what I want and it is all funded by the wealthy tax evaders of America and Canada.”

The new country promises each citizen full liberties as long as they keep their work under discretion. Any indiscretion will result in a mystery disappearance from college grounds.

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“This is why I thought the random draw was a bad hiring practice,” Fink said. “I thought we should make potential employees face off in a battle of wits a la Trivial Pursuit, but the administration said that the draw would be ‘more fair.’”

Fink also claimed that multitasking is a proven tactic to ensure efficiency in the workplace.

The student body reacted to the incident and statements thereafter by protesting where Brooks Hall formerly stood.

Students made snow angels in the ash and dust of Brooks Hall and inscribed messages critiquing the food served at the establishment.

Steve Stevenson, ’22, expressed his outrage at the dining situation at Allegheny.

“I’m not at all hurt by the burning of Brooks,” Stevenson said. “I think it’s time for

a change. The only thing that worries me is that they’ll take five years to build a new dining hall with solar panels to heat the food or something ridiculous.”

Fink thought such ideas to be laughable.

“Solar panels to heat food are so unrealistic and quite frankly inefficient,” Fink said. “We have already spoken to some of the top architects in Meadville and are looking to install fire-breathing baby dragons to cook the food.”

Chief Financial Officer Hilda Jailcell announced that the rebuild of Brooks Hall will cost between \$69 billion and \$420 billion. Jailcell added, though, that this would be of little financial burden to the college, as they have seen an immense increase in revenue after seceding from the United States.

Several students suffered from the fire more than others as the residential dorms in the Brooks Hall complex were also destroyed in the fire.

Members of sorority life have expressed feeling attacked by

the fire. President of Allegheny’s chapter of the Beta Beta Beta sorority Rebecca White, ’23, denounced the incident.

“First they don’t let us have sorority houses and now they take away our special rooms,” White said. “Fink told us to set up sleeping bags on the Brooks walk while they plan a rebuild. Honestly I would consider it, but it just started snowing again. It’s too cold for just a sleeping bag.”

According to Jailcell, there was an office behind the kitchen in Brooks hall where student dining was administered.

“The office hidden behind the kitchen was sort of a bank or server room for everyone’s Munch Money and meal swipes,” Jailcell said. “The fire destroyed the system and all records, so we’re going to have to charge everyone for dining services again.”

Moreover, Wang announced that due to the fire, the dining services team has suffered several shortages, and thus meal plans will be altered accordingly.

“There will now only be meal plans A and B,” Wang said. “Plan A will have six meal swipes and \$60 munch money a week whereas plan B will have three meal swipes and \$25 munch money a week.”

Mice also confirmed that the quality of food served will be dropping due to the severity of the incident and the effect it has had on the dining staff.

“Most of our chefs are working multiple other jobs due to the college’s multitasking mantra,” Mice said. “And now working in even worse conditions will naturally bring a downfall of motivation and quality.”

However, one individual motivated the Allegheny community to focus on the silver lining.

“This whole episode will build character and instill within each of us an ability to endure,” Chompers said. “I am sure the students who find their rooms destroyed will learn valuable lessons in their upcoming experiences.”

Compost to launch ‘Gaming’ section

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Gaming editor for The Compost John Cena, ’34, plays “Battlefield 4” during our interview at the new Gaming desk.

being floated as the worst game of the year,” Badio said. “I think we need to be more aggressive in trying to enter the market of video game journalism and not pull our punches. While Allegheny may need Battlefield 4 coverage, we also need to appeal to the national audience and not just our own local readers.”

Some of those local readers turned up on Wednesday to protest the move, which they saw as “damaging to the college’s public discourse.”

“We rely on The Compost to show us in neutral and factual language how bad the administration of the college really is, and to see this shift is really disappointing,” said Jason Derulo, ’25, who organized the protest. “It actually wouldn’t surprise me if we find out later this whole move has been orchestrated by the administration to silence our voices and perpetuate their oppressive agenda.”

In an email to The Compost, college president Gilary Fink declined to comment but wrote, “I’m gravely disappointed that they are beginning with ‘Battlefield 4’; both ‘Battlefield 1’ and ‘Battlefield V’ have stronger gameplay and better graphics than ‘Battlefield 4’, and going back to 2013 is almost as bad as

covering ‘Battlefield 2042’ and pretending it’s a playable game.”

As a response, Cena opened the game and joined a match. He laid explosives underneath an armored truck and launched the vehicle 250 in-game meters to the top of the map’s highest building before sitting back with a satisfied grin and asking, “What was the question again?”

The new Gaming section is not without support, however. Associate Professor of Journalism in the Private Interest Bike Growley, the paper’s advisor, has moonlighted as a professional gamer for more than a decade in almost every single genre.

“In my 15 years of competitive gaming, I’ve never seen such a young publication dive right into the heart of this ferocious space,” Growley said, lit only by the glow of his RGB keyboard. “Their dedication to the art of video games should make every major gaming publisher quake in their boots.”

Growley also said that the video game genre is not limited to Battlefield-style military shooters.

“Games that do a good job of complex storytelling, like, ‘That Dragon, Cancer,’ ‘What Remains of Edith Finch’ and ‘The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt,’ explore emotional

and ethical questions about what it means to be human in truly raw ways,” Growley said, turning on his PC and five adjacent 4K displays. “On the other end of the maturity spectrum, you have games like ‘Super Mario,’ ‘Animal Crossing’ and ‘My Friend Peppa Pig’ that welcome a more relaxed and innocent take on life’s questions.”

However, Growley thinks that The Compost should stick to its guns — literally.

“If they write about the first-person shooter genre, they’ll corner the market,” Growley said. “Other games that attempt actual interrogation of the human condition or our societal norms have no place in a commercially viable newspaper.

Indeed, all media organizations should stick to producing fluff to pacify the masses. Why do you think ‘Call of Duty’ always sells so well? Nobody wants to ask the tough questions these days.”

In addition to articles published in the printed newspaper and flip-book kineographs of gameplay, the new Gaming section is also planning on releasing online videos going more in-depth on the games covered. A preview of these videos can be seen by scanning the barcode below.

“We really think this coverage will be a game changer for the Allegheny community,” Cena said. “I mean, what could be more important than video games?”



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“I think it’s genius!” Budnak said. “If it were me I would have honestly just put them all in a wood chipper in front of Bentley, really make a spectacle of it. Can you imagine the desolation they felt? The pure human anguish? The hellish hilarity of finding out that after you’ve done your job to the best of your ability you’re still getting fired, that all that time and energy and attention wouldn’t be honored but instead completely ignored? It’s incredible! Kudos to Fink and the administration for this one.”

Budnak is currently being studied by the Psychology department — run exclusively by students — as part of a unique academic opportunity due to her “egregious lack of humanity and total absence of morality and empathy,” according to a random student found sitting in an office in Carnegie Hall.

Alumna Satan Spitt, ’21, acknowledged the situation as “really messed up,” but found a silver lining.

“I already graduated so I’m free,” Spitt said. “Actually why are you even talking to me? I don’t go there anymore, I just owe them money. Did you miss me or something, geek?”

The effects of this monumental decision have yet to be felt, but the beginnings of

its consequences are already starting to be seen. Students can be found spending the free time they now have occupying Brooks Dining Hall armed with pool noodles, racing mules down North Main Street and burning every available effigy of 25th President of the United States, William McKinley.

They have also begun chalking the sidewalks with ridicule for the school’s infatuation with McKinley, citing that he attended Allegheny College for just one year before he became ill with depression and returned home.

Many students have made a similar choice, returning home for the remainder of the year, while around 19 have been seen in the library, attempting to continue their education more or less on their own, propelled by their own love of learning and supported by their like minded friends and classmates. Bunch of nerds.

“Yeah my parents really want me to transfer or something but I’ve really grown to love how much of a lawless wasteland campus has become,” said R-Drizzle Badio, ’29. “I never feel like more of a gator than when I’m gnawing on some poor unsuspecting freshman’s leg.”

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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.

April 1, 2022
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Brooks Dining Hall

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Letter to the Editor: WAKE UP ALLEGHENY

Senile professor and possible college employee can no longer remain silent

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Timofey Pavlovich Pnin, and I am a professor of Russian literature moonlighting as a janitor at this institution.

While doing some routine cleaning, I discovered a hidden remote control panel concealed in the bottom of Provost Don Grohl’s desk. After previously reporting this information to the newspaper, I was surprisingly met with no interest or intent to further investigate this occurrence.

Nevertheless, I persisted in my brave investigation into this unnerving discovery, and came into possession of secret Board of Trustees meeting briefs

which revealed the true and alarming nature of the remote control panel and the secrecy surrounding it. Because the administration has been experiencing waning success in keeping the student press in line in recent years, they had decided it was time for a complete and definitive takeover of The Compost, as to refashion it into the board’s own propagandistic mouthpiece for the college’s student population.

As a result, the board of trustees approved the covert purchase of two life-sized animatronics from a local, now-defunct chain of animatronic-themed pizza restaurants that would infiltrate the Compost hierarchy at the lowest level and eventually replace the previous Editor-in-Chief. They were given names, identities, whole lives that would play out like clockwork

from matriculation to commencement, all the while embedding themselves in the student population.

I know this may be hard to hear for some of you, but Eeeeeewwww and R-Drizzle Badio are not real. That devilish grin of Eeeeee’s when he’s about to bust a junior reporter on an AP style error? The way Ro-ro’s eyes light up when you walk past him in Brooks? Nothing but calculated concoctions of ones and zeroes set into motion by our

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—TIMOFEY PAVLOVICH PNIN
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tired old Provost who has been forced to roleplay and relive the horrors of young adulthood two-fold. And yet the ballet of our own lives remains unwittingly haunted by these two hollow shells we once considered our friends and colleagues. But don’t let yourself be fooled by those phantom afflictions cast forward by your emotions. You wanted to believe in R-Drizzle and Eeeeeewwww, and so you did, like mindless pawns swallowed up in a devilish hypnosis.

My paranoia runs rampant. I can no longer discern flesh from metal, mind from machinery. There’s no telling how many others there are, hidden among us, fulfilling the shadowy agendas of an administration that has realized its powerlessness and resorted to sinister puppetry on a scale of sophistication

that makes it virtually undetectable. I am both the fortunate and the condemned, branded a senile old grouse due to my relatively infrequent lapses in memory and my occasional tirade, yet armed with the knowledge that will liberate all of you from the lies you have been force-fed by this perverse scheme.

We must hunt them down now, before they can be turned against us. We must capture and destroy the puppets that have ripped from us our voices and irreparably broken our hearts. I did not expect it to end like this. I thought all Don Grohl did was teach Geology. I thought Eeeeeewwww and R-Drizzle just reaaaalllly liked President Giliary Fink. How wrong I was. How wrong we all were.

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The Definitive
Allegheny College Faculty
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(according to The Compost staff and their friends)

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*If you disagree with our selections, join staff and do 'better' next year.

Video conferencing company allegedly creates plandemic

Students suspect Dash developed COVID-19

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While theories have been tossed around ever since the beginning of the pandemic, a new and shocking revelation has been made by students at Allegheny.

Dash, a video conferencing platform, has allowed for individuals internationally to meet digitally for classes, work, and even for recreational meetings with friends and family.

Before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dash was not profiting as much from their product as they would have liked, but that has changed drastically since March of 2020 when it became heavily depended on by people from all over the world.

Now, students at Allegheny have launched an investigation of their own to get to the bottom of this sudden spark in Dash usage and the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dune Buggy, '25, founder of the rumor, spoke about how the sudden spark in Dash usage has resulted from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Before this whole pandemic, I didn’t know much about the video conferencing platform, but now it seems that you can’t go a day without hearing about the app,” Buggy said. “This really makes you wonder if Dash started the whole entire pandemic as a way of increasing their profit,”

This sentiment has gained a lot of support from other students at Allegheny.

“Last year, I couldn’t even go a single day without logging into my Dash account,” Raleigh N. Carolina, ’22, said. “At first I thought that this virus was zoonotic, but now considering everything that has happened in the past 24 months and the excessive mention of (COVID-19) in the news nationwide and even internationally, I am under the impression that (COVID-19) was only designed by the company Dash, as a way to bring in more money.”

Allegheny College President Gilary Fink has recently been under recent criticism for allowing her staff members to encourage Dash usage for classes and club meetings.

In an email to the campus community, Fink wrote, “I am aware of a new rumor being spread about the origin of COVID-19 that has been cir-

culating around the campus over the past week. I can say that I do not believe that Dash can be blamed for the sudden spark in the use of their product.”

Yet students did not seem convinced at all by her statement, and thought that the president was bribed by the company to deny any rumors that might be spread by the students.

Carolina released a statement on her Instagram account soon after the release of Fink’s email.

“How do we know that (Fink) wasn’t bribed by Dash?” Carolina said. “There is just far too much evidence that could be used to support the theory that Dash engineered the virus to make more money from their product.”

Cleric Moo-An, founder of the Dash platform, tweeted out in response to the criticism of his company.

“I know that the rumor that we started the COVID-19 pandemic has been tossed around, but starting a pandemic such as this one has resulted in the deaths of 6 million people worldwide,” Moo-An tweeted. “If we wanted to promote the use of our product, do you really think that we would’ve made a virus capable of killing this many people?”

Dash CEO Belly Cuckelberg also released a statement to redirect the attention towards one of the other well-known video conferencing platforms, Google Meet.

“If you are sparking rumors that the video platform company Dash is behind the COVID-19 pandemic,

shouldn’t you also be directing some of these suspicions towards Google Meet as well?” Cuckelberg asked. “They’ve also been used for virtual class meetings as well and I’m pretty sure they’ve been around longer.”

Google has yet to make a statement regarding the speculation by Cuckelberg, but it is only time until the speculations of their involvement are included in daily conversations from schools worldwide.



I really want to see Google’s Meat.”

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Faculty, administration vote to replace comps

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Senior comps are to be phased out, announced Allegheny administration after a “grueling” twelve-hour-long faculty meeting on Monday. This decision comes after months of program review committee meetings and presentations.

“Honestly, the decision to eliminate the comp was pretty easy for us,” Oswald Thatendswold, professor of English and committee leader, said. “We voted unanimously to discontinue the senior comprehensive project within the first five minutes. It would’ve been sooner, but there was a particularly enticing cheese plate present at the meeting

that demanded our full attention.”

As for the committee’s reasoning behind the decision, several members cited students’ inability to write anything deeper than a “highly rudimentary Twitter thread” or longer than “your standard YikYak.”

Some took a more empathetic approach, citing instead the long-lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the student population.

“I think that students are burnt out,” Arthur Anymoredonuts, professor of environmental science and committee member, said. “Frankly, we are too. So, why not give everyone a break and do something fun for once?”

This change marks the first time in 200 years that seniors

at Allegheny will not have to complete any sort of traditional senior capstone project, an academic standard which has been in place since the first commencement in 1821. Instead, the faculty committee has recommended an unorthodox approach to the seniors’ final test: a five-level gauntlet testing agility, logic and speed.

“We were having a meeting around Christmastime and I had just watched the Festivus episode of Seinfeld when it hit me,” Thatendswold said. “Feats of strength. It was the perfect plan. It took months for me to get my proposal together and there was quite a bit of debate in the meeting, but we all agreed in the end: this is the only way forward.”

The new system, developed by Thatendswold in cooperation with history professor Lars Lars Pantsonfars, would begin with students gathering at the Robertson Athletic Complex for a gladiator-style arena competition.

“My area of study is Ancient Rome, and I wanted to pay homage to that,” Pantsonfars said. “Plus, we can sell concessions and get the cheerleaders in, so technically, this boosts school spirit.”

Other elements of the gauntlet include a faculty-student dodgeball competition, alligator-led chariot races and an escape room in the basement of Arter.

The final test is perhaps the most surprising.

“We found room in the budget to hire a genuine

bridge troll for the Rustic Bridge,” Anymoredonuts said. “We had to go through several rounds of vetting to ensure that the troll was pedigreed and asked adequately tricky questions, plus the Board of Trustees was hesitant to fund a troll-in-residence, but we got there. His name is Steve, and he’s a great guy. Real salt-of-the-earth type.”

Pantsonfars had a more academic approach to the bridge-troll question.

“It’s an homage,” he said. “As you may recall, students used to deliver their oral defense from the Rustic Bridge as faculty listened below. So, really, this is a playful spin on that tradition.”

The process is “simple,” according to Thatendswold: “Students approach the bridge

on the Newton Observatory side, where they encounter the troll. He asks them his ‘questions three’ — we’re working on modernizing his grammar — and if they answer correctly, they may pass toward Bentley and participate in commencement. If they answer incorrectly, well, it’s pretty cool, actually. Their souls get trapped in the Ravine forever. I say it’s a win-win.”

This new plan is set to go into effect immediately, canceling all senior projects currently in progress.

“We didn’t see any reason to wait,” Anymoredonuts said. “We certainly haven’t read them, anyway.”

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

My roommate. They left dirty dishes in the sink over break again. Free to a good home.

WANTED:

A hug.

IN SEARCH OF:

All Nazis. I need to test my new woodchipper.

GENERAL LABOR:

Looking to hire a new dishwasher. Must be willing to sit in that weird space between my stove and my sink and miss hard spots so I end up hand washing them anyway. \$.50/hr.

GENERAL LABOR:

I need someone to follow my professor around with a pair of crash cymbals. \$100/hr. Serious inquiries only.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

Have you ever wanted to work from home and be your own boss? Are you ready to gaslight gatekeep girlboss the masses? Honey, I have JUST the thing for you, let me tell you all about my MLM that definitely isn’t like any other MLM-

IN SEARCH OF:

Munch Money. Why can’t they give us our entire balance at once? I am an adult. I can manage my own Munch Money, stop giving me my weekly allowance.

HELLO:

We’ve been trying to reach you about your car’s extended warranty.

IN SEARCH OF:

A ruler. I’m trying to prove a point. Will wash before returning.

FREE BONGOS:

I have come into possession of some really nice bongos. They’re not my vibe. Free to anyone who can play me a nice little diddy on them.

GENERAL LABOR:

I need someone to ... take care of my friend. Interpret that as you will. Pay is \$50 and guaranteed personal satisfaction.

PSA:

Bestie I’m at my limit. I’ve just about McF—ing Had It™.

PSA:

I’m rude now.

FOR SALE:

I’ve stolen all of my friend’s socks. I was planning a prank but I ran out of mayonnaise and now I’m left with like six random socks and a big mess. I’m too embarrassed to give them back, but I feel bad throwing them away. Asking \$2 but willing to negotiate.

FOR SALE:

Baby shoes. Never worn.

PSA:

You just lost The Game.

IN SEARCH OF:

The source of the weird noises upstairs. Every weekend we hear what sounds like they’re throwing marbles on the floor. We think it might be ping pong balls. I think it’s beer pong, and I hate that for them.

FOR SALE:

Selling my feet. I don’t walk much anymore and they’re just taking up space in my closet. Make an offer, willing to negotiate.

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Creative writers, ghosts close Oddfellows for writing party

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Visiting Professor of English Saham Cabinlung made the trek to Oddfellows from his home on Loomis Street the morning of Wednesday, March 30, like any other morning. Nothing in the air foretold that anything was amiss. But when the building loomed larger and larger in his sight, he could discern signs in front of each of the entrances, different from the ones proclaiming that masks were required for all who entered.

The signs read “Closed for Today — Birthday Party.”

“We had no warning about this whatsoever,” Cabinlung said, staring off into the distance with a marked frown. “One would think that we would be notified if our building were to be converted into a glorified birthday house.”

Cabinlung was just one of the many members of the Allegheny community thrown for the proverbial loop as they headed to Oddfellows that day. Evidently, no one had been informed about this closing beforehand.

“I guess I’ll have another day to work on my religious studies paper,” one student said as they turned away from the building.

“Canvas,” a student nearby reminded him. “Canvas knows no off days.”

It was not discovered whose birthday party it was until Thursday, March 31, when Associate Professor of Philosophy Rita Reiner sent a campus-wide email informing the college community of her intentions.

Reiner had wanted to surprise her daughter, Anne, a sophomore creative writing major at Chatham University who was interested in the supposed haunting of Oddfellows and who also happened to be celebrating her twentieth birthday on March 30.

She teaches Tuesday-Thursday classes and so, in her words, “the chance for Anne to have the best birthday ever had never been more perfect.” Reiner approached President Gilary Fink and other members of the college administration on Monday, March 28, about renting out the building for the entire day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Fink and company agreed unanimously.

“To make it as spontaneous as possible, I didn’t want to tell anyone at Oddfellows,” Reiner wrote in her email, “The ghosts would have undoubtedly picked up on something,

which would have interfered with their energy.”

The party, held in the Oddfellows lobby, was dressed up to the nines in wraith-related adornments. Surrounded by paper ghosts hanging by strings from the ceiling, Anne and several of her fellow creative writing majors enjoyed “specter strawberry skewers” and “phantom pumpkin pancakes” on plates decorated with the translucent beings.

Then came the main event, Reiner wrote. Those in attendance were invited to find any spot in the building that piqued their fancy and write there for the rest of the time,

with a break for lunch at noon. The goal, according to Reiner, was to tap into the supernatural energy in the building to produce work of the spookiest quality. She was happy to report that the partygoers all spoke of having “unreal” motivation to write — Anne especially: “they wrote some spine-chilling-stories, and if it were not for your cooperation, they would not have gotten this opportunity.”

Students and faculty alike, however, were not satisfied with this explanation. Indeed, “pulling a Reiner” is slated to become the next addition to Allegheny lingo, to be used in reference to someone making plans without consulting those who would be most affected by these plans.

Cabinlung had been planning on showing his students the beginning of a film in class on Wednesday, but with access to his classroom denied, he had to resort to sending out a link to a pirated movie website where students could watch the film in its entirety by the following Monday’s class.

“I like ghosts as much as the next person,” Cabinlung said. “I love exploring haunted houses, watching ghost movies, all that jazz. But this is taking it too far ... and quite frankly, to have (the sharing

of the pirated movie website link) on my conscience does not feel very good.”

Cabinlung was not the only professor who had to adjust his schedule as a result of this phantasmal party. Assistant Professor of English Hapi Hannukah said that she had been planning on her students’ next exam being the following Friday, but now she has pushed the due date back a week because she needed time to explain the nature of the exam and allow for in-class review.

“I caught COVID-19 last semester, and so I am already behind schedule because of that,” Hannukah explained. “I did not need another event to put me even further behind. My mother’s birthday is next month, and I’m thinking of pulling a Reiner. Let’s see how she likes being blindsided.”

Ed Woodster, ’25, a prospective English Creative Writing major himself who is taking Cabinlung’s “Novels and Their Adaptations” course, wondered why Reiner could not have held this writing session at night.

“A whole day to write among ghosts is bordering on overkill,” Woodster said. “Pun intended.”

Reiner declined several requests for interviews, as have the ghosts themselves.



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Days after members of The Compost staff and Professor of English and Chair of the Department Patt Clerrence went ghost hunting in Oddfellows Hall, Emerson caught a picture of ghoulish entities floating freely in front of their home. This was the first captured image of the paranormal in all of the college’s history.

TOP 10: Most *haunted* bathrooms on campus

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I now proudly present my scientific study of ten Allegheny College bathrooms, ranked in order of hauntedness based on the criteria of how little I want to be in them alone at night.

10. Pelletier Library basement

The library basement bathrooms: haunted enough to make this list, not haunted enough to make it any higher. This bathroom has the aura of a mid-century middle school, with tile everywhere and metal stalls that absolutely refuse to lock. When I am in there, I am always half-expecting a girl in a poodle skirt to show up and start talking to me about James Dean while she powders her nose. Would I want to be left alone in this bathroom at night? Probably not, but I bet the ghosts will invite me to their sock hop.

9. Carr Hall basement

Another basement; that is a theme with this list. Much like the Pelletier basement, this bathroom has an echoey, abandoned feel to it. The isolation and the lack of natural light make this bathroom prime haunting territory. Plus, it is located in the physics department, so the specters we are likely dealing with are socially awkward and vaguely misogynistic.

8. VUKOVICH CENTER WOMEN'S BACK STALLS

The Vukovich Center for Communication Arts may be one of the newest buildings on campus, but that does not exempt it from potential hauntings. When you first enter this bathroom, you are confronted with a variety of blindingly white, shiny surfaces that make you feel like you are in a spaceship. Already, you are thrown off your rhythm. At first glance, it seems as though there are only three stalls in this bathroom. But no — more terrors await, for this bathroom is inexplicably designed in a bizarre U shape, and the back stalls of this bathroom are a place of unspeakable horror. It is as if you have been transported into an alternate dimension that looks almost like this one, but the creator of the simulation had to reconstruct some details from memory. As for the ghosts you would find in this bathroom, they would likely be an army of your own bizarro doppelgangers urging you to take Intro to Acting.

7. Campus Center third floor bathrooms

A perfect place to cry on a Tuesday afternoon before a lecture, and also a perfect place to spot a ghost. These bathrooms are exclusively populated by The Campus editors and people regretting their decision to sit in on an ASG meeting slipping away for a quick scroll through TikTok. I think that these bathrooms are populated by the spirits of former news-

paper staffers condemned to roam these halls having quiet, scheduled mental breakdowns before returning to their work.

6. Oddfellows upstairs bathrooms

Listen, my children, and you shall learn the legend of the English major, that lonesome, lamenting figure that uses too many adverbs and will definitely tell you that it is “Frankenstein’s monster,” not “Frankenstein.” Some say that if you sit in this bathroom and wait very silently, you will soon encounter the most common ghost in any English department: the people murdered by English majors after asking them “What, exactly, are you going to do with that degree?” Now, they are cursed to roam the halls for millennia, cornering lone first-years and asking them in a ghostly whisper, “Are you planning on becoming a teacher or a journalist?”

5. My friend Sarah’s apartment bathroom in College Court

When I polled my friends about haunted bathrooms that they have encountered on campus, the most resounding (and highly specific) answer was my friend Sarah’s bathroom. So, here we are. According to legend — also known as a group chat — a shadowy figure inhabits this bathroom and captures the attention of the apartment’s feline residents. Be warned, ye who cross the threshold of College Court: there’s ghosts

in them there bathrooms.

4. Bentley Hall bathrooms

Okay, so I have never actually used any bathrooms in Bentley. In fact, I am only about 70% sure that there are bathrooms in Bentley to begin with. However, this is the first building in which I can definitively declare the potential for a haunting. That is right, President John Barker expired in Bentley’s west wing in 1860. Therefore, it follows that Bentley has more haunted potential than the other buildings on campus. And, as we know from 80s horror movies, no amount of renovations will ever get rid of spirits. In fact, they are more likely to be disturbed when the floor plan is changed by meddling contractors. So, it follows that not only is President Barker still wandering the halls of Bentley, but he is now seeking revenge for the extensive renovations via bathroom hauntings. Right?

3. Ruter Hall’s first-floor bathrooms

Speaking of grievous offenses to the original floor plans of nineteenth-century buildings, let us talk about the first-floor bathrooms of Ruter Hall. Over the years, Ruter has served a variety of purposes: chapel, library, classrooms, computer labs, etc. Somewhere along the way, however, indoor plumbing became necessary. To that end, the great minds of architecture got together and made the weirdest bathroom known to mankind. Shoehorned be-

tween a staircase and some offices, the Ruter Hall first-floor bathroom offers a truly upsetting experience to any would-be urinator in the Department of World Languages & Cultures. As a 170-ish-year-old building, it is bound to be haunted, and I certainly would not want to be left alone in Ruter after dark, even with the lights on. This bathroom is most likely haunted by students who could not get the hang of the dative case in German 110 and were forced to spend eternity moping around Ruter waiting for the next live lab.

2. Arter Hall’s basement bathrooms

Arter houses the platonic ideal of a basement com- mode; half opera house lobby, half slaughterhouse boiler room, these bathrooms are just as likely to be haunted by a grande dame of the theater in her jewels as they are by a rogue custodian doomed to spend his afterlife fixing a burst pipe. Unparalleled is the trickery of the full-body mirror in the women’s room, which automatically makes you look taller and prettier than you ever have in your entire life. Beware of this mirror, for it lies. Whatever it shows you in your selfies or mid-history lecture rumsp- ringa is false. You do not look that good and you have never looked that good, it is just the poltergeist in the mirror trying to entice you to stay in this bathroom forever. As for

the nighttime scariness factor, you would not catch me anywhere near these bathrooms past sundown. When night falls, it belongs to the ghosts, and I respect their boundaries.

1. Oddfellows gender-neutral bathrooms

For number one on this list, we return to that old favorite, Oddfellows Hall. I have been in Oddfellows in the dark at night before (thanks, ghost hunting) and these bathrooms have terrible nighttime energy. One of them has no mirror over the sink and a waiting room with a couch and table. Why? Who cares, it is Oddfellows. On the other side of the lobby, there is a broom closet with a toilet generously called a gender-neutral bathroom. The toilet feels as though it is not attached to the floor or wall. Or even tethered to anything corporeal in this dimension, really. Instead, when you go through those wooden doors and wage war with the lock for five minutes while doing a “gotta-go” dance, you are transported to another dimension. You are just as likely to encounter a creepy Great Depression orphan ghost as you are a colony of mice organizing and performing a musical number to welcome you to hell. Are you dead? Or are you just broken from your philosophy class? Take a guess, champ.

Professor’s new memoir shocks students, faculty

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Professor of English and Chair of the Department Patt Clerrence recently published his newest memoir about his life growing up in a cave in the Appalachian Mountains, titled, “Mayor of the Endless Mountains: Meditations on a Mustache.”

According to Clerrence, this memoir serves as a spiritual successor to his previous memoir, “Adirondack South.”

“Adirondack South’ really was my greatest work of fiction,” Clerrence said. “It was such an impressive memoir because I made it all up. ‘Mayor of the Endless Mountains’ is a lot more of a tell-all than a memoir, and it really shows.”

Besides revealing the fictitious origins of his last “memoir,” Clerrence’s new book also revealed that his mustache — a symbol which he himself integrated into his past political campaign — is fake. Clerrence explained that he originally found the famed mustache in a Spirit Halloween in West Virginia near the end of his masters program, and has been special ordering them ever since.

“I explain this in the book, but this mustache so perfectly encapsulates the mannerisms and behaviors I want to portray that I just knew I couldn’t live without it,” Clerrence said. “It’s done so much for me. My partner started dating me for it and I’m pretty sure it’s the only reason I got my Ph.D as well as my job. Oh, also my agent says odd facial hair is a real seller to publishers.”

Reactions to the book were mixed. While many were upset at the mustache revelation, the book’s length was also critiqued. Hapi Hanukkah, assistant professor of English, remarked that over 1,000 pages of nonfiction work was “a bit overkill.”

“I’m in full support of (Clerrence’s) writing career, but no reader should be subject to that much non-fiction in their life ever,” Hanukkah said. “And that’s also ignoring the fact that this book looks like it was edited by students who haven’t taken English 110 yet.”

Clerrence explained that the poor editing was a stylistic choice to mimic his own continuous challenges with grammar and sentence structure. He originally hoped that the work would call attention to the inequities and shortcomings of English language education, but he quickly threw out this notion when Allegheny College seceded from the United States.

With this newfound form of government, Clerrence is once more driven to run for public office.

“Now that I don’t have to worry about the Gnawmord County and Thneadville candidates like Rad Broe and Fartsy Pantz, I really think I can pull something off here,” Cler-

rence said. “I’m really hoping my ‘fake-mustache-real-politics’ platform will help my run for Allegheny College Prime Minister.”

Still, many are wondering why Clerrence chose to reveal all this information now. One of Clerrence’s advisees, Wistina Klondike, ’69, thought it was a great long-term writing move.

“In reality, no one really, you know, likes memoirs, and no one even reads a memoir until it’s been out for a few years anyway,” Klondike said. “So by writing this piece of fiction disguised as a memoir and releasing it years ago, (Clerrence) is really boosting his readerbase. The memoir people probably just got their hands on it like last year, and now everyone’s going to want to read it because it’s so controversial.”

Hanukkah, on the other hand, was a lot less impressed.

“I don’t see why you can’t just call something fiction when you write fiction,” Hanukkah said. “It’s almost like he has some aversion to anyone who calls themselves a fiction writer. Hell, they only hired me because the department told (Clerrence) he wasn’t allowed to teach all three creative writing workshops.”

Clerrence declined to say whether or not he thinks less of fiction writers, but did produce a guttural groan. As his mustache was such a pivotal part of his life, Clerrence expressed some regret in informing the public this early.

“I really wanted to have a cool deathbed confession moment where all my kids and my favorite students from across my lifetime gathered around as I pulled my mustache off before expiring,” Clerrence said. “I realized, though, that telling them about my ‘My Little Pony’ fanfiction would probably be a lot funnier. Wait, wait, uh ... this is off the record, right?”

According to Clerrence, the backlash his latest work has sparked is turning into prime material for his next book, which he privately refers to as “The One Where I Move to a Mystical Forest,” named after his discovery of a mystical forest background on Google Meet. Clerrence said he has no clear release window because administrators “stopped bugging him to do anything productive years ago.”

“In reality, it doesn’t really matter what I do because I have tenure,” Clerrence said.

As for his future appearance, Clerrence has adopted the new “amish-beard” style entirely. In fact, he denies ever having the mustache, though he spoke about it moments prior.

“I have no idea what you’re talking about, I’ve always looked like this,” Clarence said. “Mustaches that are separate from the beard are stupid anyway.”



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Clerrence revealed that his renowned moustache is fake in his new memoir, “Mayor of the Endless Mountains: Meditations on a Moustache

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BIKE GROWLEY

Baseball team enters engages in combat with tarp

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This past weekend, the Allegheny College Crocodile's baseball team and the field tarp went to battle resulting in one casualty and one case of serious injuries. It will go down as one of the most infamous days in school history, as college president Gilary Fink bolstered war against the tarp.

"We, at Allegheny, will not tolerate the terrible and aggressive acts from this tarp any longer, and hereby declare war on the sovereign nation of the tarp," Fink said.

It was an attack that caught all players off guard, as early Saturday afternoon the tarp flew into the air, released from the weights that were holding it down and soaring high throughout the gusts of winds. This was no ordinary beast. Previous battle scars from former players' cleats

shredding through the fabric had angered the tarp, and it was seeking revenge.

The 150-by-150 foot monster roared by flapping itself around in the sky, whipping toward the fence that was separating home plate and the press box. The fence came under heavy fire, and suffered serious injuries. Doctors have evaluated the fence and could only reinstate it with a slight 15 degree bend off its original post, most of the damage appearing at the visitors dugout.

"You never like to see the equipment get damaged," Head Coach Bradley Whole said. "That fence was hand picked by me, and to see it struggle like it did today was nerve racking."

Many of the players found out this was happening through a security camera and rushed up to the field. Once they arrived, they grabbed their bats and started beating the tarp, attempting to tame the wild aggressor.

This proved difficult, as hours of combat went on before the tarp started to give in. Slowly, the towering beast shrunk in size, falling back to the ground. In total, players were battling the tarp for more than ten hours. Heroic action was taken by the Crocodiles, including one move in particular from catcher Joe Schmo, '23, who was able to revive fellow teammate Raleigh Fingers, '22, when Fingers went down after an attack from the tarp.

"I couldn't let my brother go down," Schmo said. "I did everything I could to help the team and thankfully it was enough."

As for the tarp, it eventually fell casualty to the damages it incurred. A statement from the tarps family came out earlier this morning, expressing their grievances and understanding of the people for the situation.

"I do not know where things went South," Tarp's

mother wrote. "This is incredibly difficult for my family and me. Today I lost my son, and although the actions provided by him caused a great deal of chaos throughout the community, his loss will forever stay in my heart."

Tarp was a 4-year grad student from the University of Rochester, earning a bachelors in political science in 2009. After an impressive internship with the New York Times, Tarp was offered a full job, and worked there for over a decade. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced Tarp to be released from his job, where his new duty became to protect Bobby-Ray Field at all costs. The family denied knowing of any plans to attack the field, and said they raised the tarp differently, and could not believe the news when it broke out.

Since there is not another tarp in the facility large enough to keep the field dry, the team has decided to pre-



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Brave members of the baseball team confront the tarp which Allegheny declared war upon. The tarp previously was the protector of Bobby-Ray Field.

serve the body and continue to use it. Since it has been declared Killed in Action, it should not pose a threat in the future. For the holes and damages the tarp did endure, Whole is using black adhesive tape to maintain dryness on the field.

Although the battle was won by Allegheny, the trauma endured cannot be overlooked. The community and team is devastated this event happened, and will work to reform and heal citizens of Allegheny. Plans for compensation have already begun, as the team is working toward building a new turf field. This will eliminate the need for a tarp, and will also allow the baseball team to play in all kinds of weather, an upgrade for the field and players.

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GATOR STATUE COMES ALIVE!

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Students and administrators band together to defeat threat

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Early in the morning of March 31, a deafening cry was heard from the Gator Quad. Johan Brokeback, '24, was surprised to discover that the infamous gator statue had come to life.

"I was horrified," Brokeback said. "Mostly I was afraid of the germs that thing carries for, you know, obvious reasons. But I genuinely had no idea what to do. A liberal arts education doesn't include how to fight a fake alligator."

Luckily for Brokeback and all nearby students, Provost and Dean of the College Don Grohl, '89, was nearby. Grohl said ever since the fall of 2020, he has kept a couple of spare pool noodles in his bag for his own personal safety.

"You never know what you'll find out here," Grohl said. "It's my mission to do what I think is best for the college and its students, and I just knew that some day my years spent in (President Gilary Link's) pool noodle secret service would pay off."

Grohl and Brokeback quickly began engaging the



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Provost Don Grohl readies a decisive first strike against the gator statue, which came alive and began attacking students on the morning of March 31.

gator in mortal combat, ensuring that all nearby students were safe.

"There goes my hero!" one student shouted in passing. "Watch my provost go!"

Most students, though, seemed unphased by the occurrence.

"You know people have peed on that thing, right?" shouted Bophie Nadams to her defenders. "I wouldn't even get within 10 feet of it, let alone a pool noodle's length."

As combat continued, two representatives from The Compost — Spaghetti Meatsauce and R-Drizzle Badio —



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Johan Brokeback, having recieved a noodle from Grohl, lays a stabbing strike into the gator's back.



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ABOVE: Spaghetti Meatsauce contemplates his own journey as a gator as he is dragged into combat against his own school's mascot.
BELOW: Grohl delivers a debilitating blow to the gator's head.



arrived on the scene to cover the events, but were quickly drafted to assist Grohl and Brokeback.

Meatsauce struck a decisive final blow and left the gator statue to rest where it always has.

"All in all, we're just really glad the student body is safe," Grohl said. "That being said, the lack of student action surprised me a little, so I plan on partnering with the Fencing Club to create some mandatory pool noodle training for the entire student body."

Cole said this training would come into effect for the fall 2022 semester.



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ABOVE: R-Drizzle Badio poses atop the defeated gator statue, though he did none of the hard work.
BELOW: Meatsauce delivers a final blow to the gator through its mouth, a known weak spot for gators found this far north.

