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ASG talks WiFi issues

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Allegheny Student Government's seventh meeting of module two brought an update on the textbook initiative and a proposal to install more menstrual machines on campus.

With no guest speakers, ASG's general assembly commenced with cabinet reports at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, via Zoom.

Chief of Staff Emma Godel, '21, started off her report by talking about the upcoming senate elections.

"We are fast approaching the deadline to declare candidacy for the election," Godel said. "Please get your signatures in order and feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions about the election."

Director of Finances Noah Tart, '22, followed by reporting that the club budget applications and hearing times are now open and are due by Thursday, April 29 at 11:59 p.m.

"I encourage you to please sign-up for a hearing time and submit your budget applications in a timely manner," Tart said.

The budget hearings will be held between Friday, April 30 and Monday, May 3 via Zoom.

Tart also mentioned that Vice-President of the Class of 2023 Lucas Biniewski will be publishing a video explaining the process of filling out a budget application.

"This video is being made to make the whole process easier for you, particularly if this is your first time doing something like this., Tart said.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Peter Alegre, '23, provided updates on his textbook exchange program.

"I've met with Aimee Reash (director of public services) and Kirsten Hauser (InfoDesk manager) to create an agenda," Alegre said.

Alegre mentioned that work is still being done to market the program and to determine the procedure through which books will be donated.

"I'm still working closely with the team over at Library and Information Technology Services to figure out exactly how we're going to make this all work."

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'Get the vaccine'

All students now eligible for Pfizer vaccine



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS

Meadville Medical Center's Pfizer vaccination clinic is held at the old Peeble's store at the Park Ave plaza. All students and all Pennsylvanians over the age of 16 are now eligible for a vaccination. Students are encouraged to get vaccinated before leaving campus for the summer.

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Last Tuesday, April 13, the Allegheny College Health Agency announced that all students would be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, earlier than the previous date of April 19.

According to the email, the decision by the Pennsylvania Department of Health was made in part with college students in mind, to allow enough time for students to receive their second doses before returning home for summer break.

The college is partnering with the Meadville Medical Center to provide doses of the Pfizer vaccine to Allegheny students. Students can sign up for doses on the Meadville Medical Center website.

The effort to mass-vaccinate the student population has included more than just making the vaccines available. On Monday, ACHA hosted a Q&A session moderated by Dr. Gabrielle Morrow with already-vaccinated students, faculty, staff and parents about their vaccine experiences and why they chose to get vaccinated. Dr. Morrow began by introducing some of the benefits of getting the vaccine.

"Next year, if you get vaccinated, you do not have a risk of dying of COVID-19," Morrow said. "You can't hurt others by transmitting it to other people. You don't have to get tested as often. Very short campus quarantine, you can travel. The coaches are asking if they can take students on trips. Sure. Go. You don't have to quarantine or get a test when you come back."

This message — "get the vaccine" — was overwhelmingly repeated by the other panelists. While some noted minor side effects, it wasn't universal, and Dr. Morrow emphasized that such side effects were not a cause for concern.

"Those (side effects) aren't unsafe," Dr. Morrow said. "You know those days when you're going along, you're feeling good, and then you get up to go to the gym but you feel like garbage? And you're like, 'I'm not doing this today, this isn't my day.' Those are the days when you're probably fighting something the way you are when you get the vaccine but you're okay, your body knows what to do."

Ishita Sinha Roy, professor of communication, film and theatre, emphasized that what you hear about the vaccine is not necessarily what you'll get.

"Everyone has their own experience, and that's also important to know because you'll hear a lot of rumors and hearsay, like you do about the senior comp," Sinha Roy said. "But there are people who really enjoy the senior comp and then there are people who just don't, for a variety of reasons. It's the same with the vaccine. I have a 78-year-old mother who has a lot of complicated health conditions; she and I prepared for this like a vacation. We had Gatorade in the fridge. We had chilled-gel eye pads. We were prepared to be in bed, and the only thing that happened was each of us had a slightly sore arm."

Rich Nagy, head coach of the football team, noted that his players' personal choices would affect the entire team.

"Everybody has their individual beliefs, I get that, but I just know that it's going to be easier for us to move forward as a team if we're all vaccinated," Nagy said.

Also speaking at the forum was Noah Tart, '22, the Allegheny Student Government president-elect. He contended that the vaccine was the beginning of the end for COVID-19 on campus.

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Link's Lecture series continues

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President Hilary Link hosted "A Conversation on Social and Environmental Justice," the second lecture in her series on social justice Wednesday evening via Zoom.

The panelists included Dan Conant, '07, the founder and CEO of Solar Holler, a West Virginia-based solar panel company committed to making solar panels more affordable. Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability Delia Byrnes and Assistant Professor of ESS Ian Carbone were also panelists.

The panel began discussing whether renewable energy is always better than fossil fuels. Conant argued that renewables are usually better, but the issue is where to put renewable energy products.

"We need to make sure people are benefitting and towns are benefiting," Conant said.

Carbone explained the challenges of setting up renewable plants, including spatial issues, the intermittent production of solar energy due to varying sunlight and the challenges to improving the electrical grid for renewable resources. He also noted that many people are unable to afford solar panels.

Byrnes emphasized the need to look at the renewable energy transformation in terms of political, social and environmental systems.

"If we approach energy transition as an opportunity to reimagine what it means to be in community and in good relations, to borrow a term from Indigenous scholars, then renewable energy can really have the potential to create a more sustainable future for everyone, " Byrnes said.

The discussion turned into exploring ways in which low-income communities can afford solar energy. Carbone explained that communities could co-own solar technology and that the government should subsidize solar to make it more affordable for the majority of Americans.

Conant explained that policies at the federal level do not allow low-income families to receive solar tax credits. The Biden administration's Amer-

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Suspect charged in connection with 2019 rape at Ravine

Montelle Brown, 28, of Meadville headed to trial in September

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Content warning: Sexual assault, rape

The man charged in the Ravine-Narvik sexual assault case is headed to trial.

After a preliminary hearing held on April 9 by Magisterial District Judge Samuel Pendolino, the case of Montelle Brown, 28, of Meadville is being held for court on all 22 charges against him.

As of March 19, Brown is residing in the State Correctional Institute at Camp Hill serving an unrelated prison sentence, according to online court documents.

Brown was previously held in the State Correctional Institution at Smithfield after pleading guilty to carrying a firearm without a license in the Crawford County Court of Common Pleas last September.

Following the March 5 arraignment, Brown was unable to post bail, set at $500,000, and was confined in the Crawford County Prison, according to online court documents. Pendolino ordered that Brown's bail be continued.

Brown was previously not connected to the assault, which occured on Dec. 10, 2019, until his DNA was added to the Combined DNA Index System under state law following his conviction in an unrelated crime, according to Crawford County District Attorney Francis Schultz.

"Once his DNA was in CODIS, the lab determined that the DNA found during the sexual assault medical exam was a match to Mr. Brown's DNA," Schultz announced in a press release on Feb. 24."The alleged victim in this case did the right thing when she reported the crime right away."

The 22 charges include three counts of rape forcible compulsion, two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, two counts of burglary, two counts of criminal tresspassing, three counts of sexual assault, eight counts of indecent assault and two counts of simple assault.

Brown is currently scheduled to go to trial during the September term of county criminal court, according to the Meadville Tribune.

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A candid perspective from a Muslim American student about false inclusivity and performative activism.

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The creator of Allegheny Donuts explains the project that has now given away over 800 Krispy Kreme donuts.

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SWIMMING RECAP

Seniors participate in their first and last swim meet of the year against Penn State Behrend.

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FRIDAY	H: 58° L: 37°	**SATURDAY**	H: 56° L: 41°
	Rain: 6%		Rain: 81%
	Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.		Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.
	Sunset: 8:10 p.m.		Sunset: 8:11 p.m.

SUNDAY	H: 47° L: 32°
	Rain: 38%
	Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.
	Sunset: 8:12 p.m.

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Alegre then stated that any concerns regarding campus WiFi should be voiced to LITS.

"Even if (LITS) can't solve your problem, it's important you complain about it so that we can make this issue a priority for the administration to work on," Alegre said.

Alegre recognized that internet infrastructure is an issue on campus and announced his intention to keep working with LITS to vocalize it.

"Working on the WiFi issue will be my main priority in the remaining weeks of this semester," Alegre said.

Alegre also said that he is going to be meeting with select cabinet members and with workers from the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Justice Center to discuss the Culture, Identity and Leadership Coalition elections.

Alegre also mentioned that he has already been talking with IDEAS Center Senior Intern Aaliyah Coleman, '21, to discuss the CILC elections.

"(Coleman) gave me some thoughts and ideas about what she wanted to see in the (CILC) elections."

Co-Directors of Student Affairs Gena Pena, '22, and Crystal Hernandez, '23, followed by announcing their initiative to conduct the student life survey, which was last conducted in 2017.

"I am currently working with faculty and administrators to come up with and approve the questions for the survey," Hernandez said. "It is my intention to have this survey out for you as soon as possible."

Pena then announced that there is set to be a review and reworking of Title IX as per federal regulations.

Pena also talked about her talk with Dean of Students April Thompson and how she is establishing a COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force.

The task force will actively administer the process of vaccination for the student body on campus.

Pena concluded her report by announcing her intention of installing five additional menstrual machines across various locations on campus.

President of the Class of 2021 Jasmine Ramizer-Soto commenced her class report by announcing that she has sent a senior week survey to all seniors.

Biniewski then followed with the Class of 2023's report by stating that he is working on an event based around the ASG end-of-semester care package initiative.

President Abdikadir Lugundi, '21, began his report by talking about the Swipe for Hunger Program.

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> President,
> Allegheny Student Government

"I will be conducting meetings regarding the program," Lugundi said. "For those who have forgotten, this program is a collaboration between many schools to provide health and security regarding meals for students."

Lugundi then proceeded to comment on the recent conviction of former Minnesota Police Department officer Derek Chauvin in the George Floyd murder case.

"Chauvin's conviction is just the beginning of a journey towards accountability, I think we must still acknowledge the brutality that is placed on the Black diaspora in America and all over the world," Lugundi said.

"Rest in power to Daunte Wright, Rayshard Brooks, Daniel Prude, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor. These murders were just in 2020, we need accountability and for justice to be served."

Sophie Adams, '22, followed with her transition report by announcing the upcoming cabinet.

The GA will vote on the cabinet formally during the next meeting on Tuesday, April 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Editor's Note:

The weekly COVID-19 data is compiled using the COVID-19 Case Dashboard available on sites.allegheny.edu/covid19.

Case counts listed above are collected the Thursday before publication.

ACTIVE STUDENT CASES	AVAILABLE QUARANTINE BEDS
4	92%
ACTIVE EMPLOYEE CASES	**QUARANTINE**
0	20
POSITIVITY RATE	**POSITIVE TESTS SINCE JAN. 13**
0.29%	41

LECTURE *from page 1*



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ican Jobs Plan, however, Conant explained, would make solar tax credits refundable so that all Americans who install solar panels would be eligible.

Following a question by Link about how to create a just transition to renewables, especially an equitable transition for Black, Indigenous and People of Color, Byrnes emphasized

"The just transition is a movement and a set of strategies geared towards transitioning whole communities away from extractive economies and towards sustainable and democratic and regenerative economies," Byrnes said. "It's really centered on the alliance of workers and frontline communities; it originated in low-income communities of color. It's really about bottom-up organizing and committing to find ways to phase out fossil fuels that don't harm people's livelihoods or health or the environment."

Byrnes said that sometimes Indigenous communities are opposed to renewable energy projects because companies enter communities without the consent of the people who live there. She said that these projects may be in violation of treaties and cause resistance from Indigenous communities.

In response a question about whether solar energy has its own environmental problems, Carbone indicated that solar and wind production has far fewer externalities or negative impacts than fossil fuels.

"Solar panels are going to have an environmental impact," Carbone said. "A (2018) study out of Harvard found that eight million people died from inhaling particulate matter, primarily produced from combusting fossil fuels … To put that into perspective … three million people have died from COVID-19. There's a real cost to using some of the alternatives."

Byrnes added that African Americans are three times more likely to die from particulate matter exposure and communities of color usually live in greater proximity to hazardous waste sites.

The panelists also discussed how they defined sustainability. Carbone explained sustainability as the three pillars of economic, social, and environmental sustainability and emphasized the importance of building new energy systems with the opportunity to improve all three pillars.

"To me, sustainability in its most meaningful sense is the ongoing work of ensuring that all human and more than human life can not only survive but also thrive and flourish," Byrnes said. "In order to accomplish that, I think sustainability requires reimagining our political and social and environmental systems to support this collective flourishing in the future."

Tart and Adams discuss 2021-22 ASG cabinet picks

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With the end of the semester approaching, Allegheny Student Government President-elect Noah Tart, '22, and Vice-President-elect Sophie Adams, '22, have finalized their cabinet appointees.

Attorney General Jack Parker, '22, is the only cabinet member to retain his position, though Gena Pena, '22, and Crystal Hernandez, '23 will also remain on cabinet, transitioning from Co-Directors of Student Affairs to Chief of Staff and Director of Organizational Development, respectively.

The rest of the cabinet includes Parliamentarian Rachael Harris, '23; Director of the Treasury Lucas Biniewski, '23; Director of Diversity and Inclusion Jennifer Peralta, '22; Director of Communications and Press Ryder Sullivan, '22; Director of Student Affairs Elizabeth Graham, '22; Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs Andi Reiser, '23; and Director of Community Relations Kyrié Doniz, '23.

"We had an abundance of qualified candidates," Tart said. "Obviously, we can't take everybody, unfortunately. So we went about it choosing who could best work with us to make sure that our vision could become true."

Tart explained that he and Adams collectively put a lot of thought into selecting cabinet members, saying that they both spent a significant amount of time pondering each applicant's interview.

"We spoke with previous presidents of ASG about the way they went about it." Tart said. "We talked with Camila (Gomez), '19, who was the president in 2018. She had this very, nice little way of putting it: it's picking people that we can trust to always work with us, for us and making sure that our cabinet within itself has a lot of charisma between all points. It is in our constitution that our job as ASG is to best crystallize the students and represent the students holistically."

The process was more complex, Adams elaborated, because a number of applicants applied for multiple positions at once.

"It was a bit of a puzzle to figure out where everyone would fit best," Adams said. "There were several positions that we were very much back and forth on."

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> Government

Adams expressed excitement toward the diverse list of individuals they selected for their cabinet.

"I think it's also going to be really fun because there are more women on this cabinet than there usually are," Adams said. "(The only men are) Noah, Lucas and Jack. And then we also have four students of color, which was not a specific goal; we weren't trying to make a quota, but are really making sure that we have representation from the student body and as many different facets as possible was important."

A unique return in the 2021-22 ASG Cabinet is the Parliamentarian position, which was removed several constitutional revisions ago, according to Tart. Tart hopes the reimplementation of the role will return parliamentary procedure to ASG affairs.

"ASG follows Robert's Rules of Order, which a lot of governing bodies follow — I mean, US Congress follows it," Tart said. "Going into next year, we would like to see it back because (meetings) will be in-person. It helps a lot with the efficiency of the way that ASG runs and ensures that our meetings are concrete and we're doing things smoothly."

Harris, the selected Parliamentarian, is excited to start in the position next fall.

" I'm looking forward to being able to resurrect this role, but (also) to working with all of the other cabinet members and bringing together a vision of the constitution that maybe hasn't been seen since 2009," Harris said. "Just really making this constitution a living, breathing document that will reflect the changes that the current student body wants to see."

Tart and Adams expressed that Harris's experience makes her the perfect candidate for this role.

"Recently, I've worked on several campaigns, both local and national, and I've worked with a couple of advocacy groups," Harris said. "I'm also a CPP fellow, a law and policy student and a pre-law student at Allegheny, so I'm really interested in this kind of stuff. And I feel that I have an interesting perspective with my disciplines and with my experience to really hone in on making this constitution awesome."

Tart hopes that the position will also assist in the resolving of a hot topic issue among cabinet applicants — voting reform.

"(Harris will) work closely with (Parker) to ensure that our election guidelines are up-to-date (and) to make sure that our constitution is best reflecting what we should be doing for the students," Tart said. "Moreover, she'll play a very vital role in the elections as well."

With Harris's installment, Tart is seeking to increase the efficiency and efficacy of ASG in all its affairs.

"Parliamentary procedure is very important to the functionality of how a body governs," Tart said. "We can talk about anything for X amount of time and get nowhere with it, but having a parliamentarian to advise us on the procedures that we have in play, as well as what's within our constitution, our guidelines or bylaws — things along those lines play a very vital role in ensuring that we as a cabinet are doing our best to follow the rules that we have created in the past and continue to revise. (Harris will) help with making sure that everyone feels up to date with how Robert's Rules function."

Although some departments are under new leadership, Tart explained that he is seeking to continue old projects and incorporate those put forth by the new cabinet members.

"The water bottle refill station project is in the works currently, and will continue to be," Tart said. "We think sustainability is a vital part of our college. Within academia, we are a pretty highly-ranked school for environmental science, and (Reiser) had some incredible ideas. She ran the June Cup initiative, and now she wants to do worm compost, which is highly sustainable."

Adams remarked on how impressed she was with applicants' ideas and other continuing programs.

"Something that I think came out of the interviews was that every time that we had someone come in, it was just like, 'Wow, I didn't think about that,'" Adams said. "They brought ideas that could really parallel our goals. (Pena is) currently the director of student affairs and she's taken on the menstrual product dispensers across campus. And while she won't be the chief director of student affairs — she'll be our chief of staff — that project isn't going anywhere. Next year's Director of Student Affairs, Liz Graham, will continue working on that."

Tart is looking toward the future with positivity, remarking that a lot of good is to come now that there is more relief from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I really feel that next year is going to be a year of regrowth for the college as a whole," Tart said. "We firmly believe that these individuals will be able to help from the students' side, the administration will have its own rebuilding and restructuring (for) the college past the pandemic. We strongly believe that these students are very qualified to help bring the student experience involved in the aspects that ASG plays in the lives of students to fruition."

The cabinet was pitched at this week's ASG General Assembly. Tart hopes to hold a vote on their confirmation next week.

VACCINES *from page 1*

"This is our hope," Tart said. "It's hope for community, for a reunion of socialization, for activities we once took for granted, and returning back to what was 'Allegheny normal.' Seeing people without masks on, going back to seeing someone smile when they look at you rather than just squinting their eyes through a mask, which doesn't really count in my book."

Sarah Lucas, '21, a captain for the track and field team, didn't speak at the forum, but her reaction was predictably loaded with side effects.

"I have a history of not reacting well to vaccinations, just like general symptoms that they normally give you on a list and you're like, 'ah it's not going to happen,' — that normally happens to me," Lucas said. "After the first dose, I was just fatigued, but not extremely. I was able to go to my track meet two days later and still race."

The second dose, however, left Lucas bedridden for a day.

"The night after, so like 12 hours after, I had a fever of 103, I had horrible chills and my friends were all like, 'Haha, Sarah feels bad,'" Lucas said. "But it was fine. Like 12 hours after that I was just fatigued and tired and achy. Then again I ran a track meet on the Saturday after, (and) it went fine. So yeah, brief symptoms."

As an athlete, Lucas didn't feel pressured to get the vaccine and does not see it as unreasonable for students to be expected to have it.

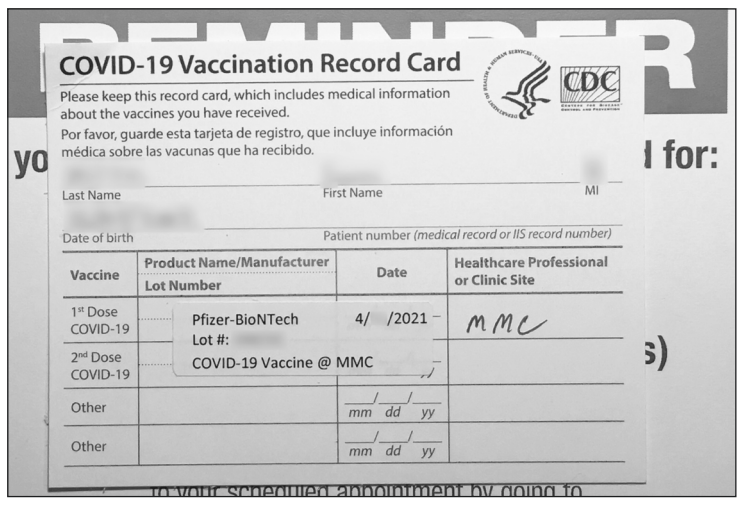
"There are so many vaccines we have to get prior to entering kindergarten and prior to entering college and this is just another one of those vaccines," Lucas said.

Lucas encouraged everyone who was able to get the shot for the good of the whole community.

"I think protecting the people around you is really important," Lucas said. "Unless you do have certain religious beliefs where you don't feel like you can get this, I think it should be highly supported and maybe even required."

Vaccinations are held at the old Peebles building at 18910 Park Avenue Plaza in Meadville. For students who are unable to drive themselves, a shuttle is available on Wednesdays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shuttle will depart from the Samuel Lord Gate at the end of the Brooks Walk every half hour.

For any questions about the vaccine or information about exemptions, contact ACHA by emailing healthagency@allegheny.edu.



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Vaccination cards from the CDC list all COVID-19 vaccinations. The Pfizer vaccine, which is given at the Meadville Medical Center clinic, requires two doses.

@ACCAMPUS POLLS

Have you received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?	
Yes	**78.6%(114)**
No	21.4%(31)
Have you received your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?	
Yes	50%(70)
No	50%(70)
If you have not received a dose, are you planning on being vaccinated?	
Yes	**85.7%(36)**
No	14.3%(6)
If you HAVE received one or more doses, where did you get it?	
Meadville Medical Center (MMC)	**68.1%(64)**
Another clinic	31.9%(30)

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.

April 10, 2021
Alcohol Violation
Schultz Hall

April 10, 2021
Theft
Schultz Hall

April 13, 2021
Theft
Schultz Hall

April 19, 2021
Criminal Mischief
North Village II

April 20, 2021
Act 64
Caflisch Hall

April 21, 2021
Act 64
Ravine Hall

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False inclusivity and cultural insensitivity in campus spaces

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I grew up in a post 9/11 America.

If you don't know me, or only recognize my name from my work here at The Campus, this statement may serve as a little more than a factually accurate but pointless sentence. Everyone in their mid-20s and younger grew up in a post 9/11 America — it was the defining moment of 2001 and has become a catch-all phrase for massive social and cultural shifts made at the beginning of the millennium. If you do know me, then you know that my identity as a Muslim-American complicates that. You might then assume, perhaps not without reason, that my childhood was one full of blantant discrimination and pain.

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> —SAMI MIRZA
> Class of 2024

But I've never woken up and felt like I didn't know where I stood. I knew who would appreciate and respect my identity, and I knew when to keep my mouth shut. I knew who would actively listen to my unique experience as a Muslim American and accomodate my faith, and those who wouldn't. The list wasn't always that long, but I always knew that there were people I could count on to listen to what I had to say about my faith.

Like a lot in my life, that changed when I came to Allegheny. It wasn't some sudden "aha!" moment where I realized the intolerance and cultural homogeneity of this institution. Nobody walked up to me and beat me up for being brown. But over the last few months, I've noticed a great cultural insensitivity at Allegheny, and it must be called out and challenged.

This insensitivity isn't born of malice or hate, but of ignorance. Loudly proclaiming your love for equality and justice on all possible fronts and posting endlessly on social media about social issues is not a bad thing. But when the act of being inclusive starts to push people out, it is a bad thing. When an ASG presidential candidate campaigns on enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination, that's a good thing. That's using their privilege and their position to protect those with a quieter voice. However, when that same candidate uses an "inclusive" term that they are informed is not inclusive and then turns around and completely ignores that feedback to keep being "inclusive," they are actively shutting down marginalized individuals in favor of their own concept of inclusivity.

This ignorance is also present in the brilliance of social media. In two taps, I can see what my wealthy white friends think about any number of social issues and injustices. I can read countless posts on George Floyd, socialized healthcare, LGBTQ+ issues and so much more. But rarely do I see posts on those issues from the people who are affected by them. White voices clamoring to raise up their BIPOC and LGBTQ+ neighbors are drowning them out. Part of being inclusive is just shutting up and sitting down, listening instead of talking over everyone.

Being inclusive also means acknowledging and representing the different paths that college students take while on campus. The IDEAS Center recently launched a new "Intercultural Advocates" program to respond to incidents of bias on campus. Yet, five of the seven advocates are members of Greek Life, despite only about 28% of students participating in a fraternity or sorority. This disparity in representation persists — both the current and incoming ASG Presidents are members of a fraternity. How can I, someone that is never going to join a fraternity, feel represented by brothers and sisters of fraternities and sororities? I can't and I don't.

As a Muslim, I fast during the month of Ramadan, where food and drink is prohibited from sunrise to sunset. After sunset, we eat iftar, essentially just dinner after some prayers. The first communal iftar of the month was open to all members of the Allegheny community, and normally it's nice when non-Muslims join us in breaking our fast. But this year, I felt swamped, overwhelmed. There were far more non-Muslims there for the free food than there were Muslims. When we began praying the sunset prayer, they did not quiet down or acknowledge that we were praying — they had to be told to quiet down.

I'm sure that the people who came that night had the best of intentions. They came to show their support for the Muslim community and to share in that moment with us. But in their eagerness to act inclusive, they failed to actually include us in our own space. I felt like an outsider at one of the only events that is truly culturally and religiously mine.

Beyond the religious space, the college itself performs inclusion without actually being inclusive. Though international students are trumpeted by the administration as a sign of the college being a mover and shaker within the higher education community, they are not respected or accommodated in any way. International students had to pay for their own on-campus housing this past winter break — something that previously had been offered for free. If the college truly wanted to include international students, they would make the space available at no additional cost.

This false inclusivity extends across campus. Every so often on Sunday evenings, Brooks will offer students vegetable biryani at the Spoon & Fork station. As a Pakistani-American, I noticed this and leaped at the opportunity to try something that would remind me of where I came from, even if it wasn't my mother's homemade recipe. But when I arrived at the station, I realized that the veggie biryani was being kept right next to the breaded pork chops — something that's haram, or forbidden, to all Muslims. Sure, the two were not intermixed and it wasn't like they fed me something I didn't feel comfortable eating. It just struck me as an incredibly ignorant and poorly-conceived idea. An Allegheny that includes me would have been aware of that cultural and religious distinction, and would have made sure that such a jarring misstep wouldn't have taken place. But the Allegheny that is does not concern itself with the little details like that, the little details that make a world of difference.

So what, then? What should cisgender heterosexual white people do to include BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and marginalized religious groups? Simply put, shut up. Support us, and make sure we have the same voice as others. Help us make space for ourselves. But if we have a say, however quiet, do not speak over us with your interpretation of inclusivity. Do not fail to include us in your rush to be inclusive. Actually listen. Pay attention when someone underprivileged speaks to you. And who knows — maybe the best thing to do is nothing at all.

Exploring the best ice cream places in Crawford County

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I have lived in Crawford County my entire life. Having been here for over 21 years, I believe it is safe to say that I know my way around most of the restaurants and eateries the area has to offer. As such, I feel obligated to share my hot takes on the best places in the area to get ice cream.

I will not be highlighting restaurants that serve ice cream desserts in addition to an entire menu; I will only be covering my favorite locations that largely focus on ice cream. Additionally, I will not be discussing restaurants that are known for their frozen dairy confections, so while E-Street Eatery is known for its milkshakes, they will not be discussed in detail here.

The first business I would like to highlight is Hank's Frozen Custard in Conneaut Lake, about 15 minutes from campus. I would like to state that I am fully aware of the differences between ice cream and frozen custard; I am something of an aficionado, and I did consider not including Hank's because of this difference. However, it is such a Crawford County summer tourism staple that I could not in good conscience exclude it from this piece.

Hank's Frozen Custard was founded in the early 1950s, and has remained family-owned and operated since its inception. Not only is their frozen custard made in-house, but it is made with the original "Electro-Freeze" machines that the business started with. These machines are not used today because they are a pain to maintain and operate. I have had friends who worked at Hank's who would tell me about their grievances with the finicky machines, and each of them insisted that it was worth the hassle for the nostalgic dessert it creates.

The difference between ice cream and frozen custard, if you were not previously privy to this knowledge, is a single ingredient: egg yolks. Ice cream is made from milk and cream, and the addition of egg yolks is what gives frozen custard its defining traits.

My favorite thing about frozen custard is the texture. While the taste is virtually synonymous with that of ice cream, the smooth and creamy texture is delectable in every way one can imagine. It is smoother than your typical soft-serve ice cream, but not drinkable as a milkshake would be. The best words to describe it are smooth and creamy; it is simply something you have to try for yourself to understand.

The only major fault I can find with Hank's is their flavor options. Every day they are open, they have chocolate and vanilla custard, and a random variety of sherbert ranging from orange to black cherry. Usually once per week, they will offer peanut butter frozen custard, but other than that, the two flavors are all that they offer.

While some may see this as a major downfall, I think it makes it better in a certain sense. At other ice cream stands, I feel bombarded with a plethora of options, and become overwhelmed at the possibilities. This is why I often order the same thing every time I go to the ice cream stand in my hometown. Hank's is a nice change of pace in that I simply have to decide between chocolate or vanilla, and one scoop or two.

They also offer a number of sundaes, ranging from the classic hot fudge sundae to more adventurous ones with nuts, brownies and other exciting additives. I personally have only tried the hot fudge sundae, as I'm not a huge fan of hot fudge in the first place. I usually have to be in the mood to enjoy it, or else its presence just irks me. My grandmother, on the other hand, adores hot fudge sundaes from Hank's, and would absolutely recommend trying them.

The second place I want to highlight just so happens to be in my hometown of Linesville, which is approximately 25 minutes from campus. (As my brothers would say, the time depends on how fast you drive. My brother has gotten here in just under 20 minutes before, and I am still baffled as to how he did it. But, I digress.)

The ice cream stand in town has undergone multiple changes since it first opened. When I was in elementary school, it was called Rauscher's Dairy Aisle, commonly referred to as "the dairy aisle." Sometime in my early teens, they were sold and rebranded as "Barney's Dairy Supreme." A couple of years ago, it was bought by one Jaime Koontz, and thus, this stand as we know it today was born.

The biggest bone I have to pick with this stand is the name: "The Next Right Thing: Sweet Treats and Cool Eats." Not many people know or would ever guess it about me, but I sometimes struggle with speech and stuttering. Namely, I mix up words and letters a lot. It can largely be attributed to dyslexia, but no matter the reason, I often find myself struggling to get all of the words in this stand's name out correctly. One way or another, I often get it wrong, so I generally refer to it as "Next Right Thing," and will do so from here.

While this stand's name may have excessive verbiage, make no mistake: this charming little stand holds a very special place in my heart, and is worth every minute of the drive.

The first thing I love is the menu. I am not usually a fan of large menus, mostly because I hate feeling indecisive, but this stand really does have something for everyone. There is hard ice cream in more flavors than I could ever hope to name, soft-serve ice cream in the standard chocolate, vanilla, twist and so much more. There are flurries, milkshakes, sundaes, slushies — this article would be far too long if I were to list everything on this stand's menu.

As someone who lives with four siblings, all very close in age, it can be challenging to find anywhere that will accommodate everyone's tastes and preferences. I am very thankful for Next Right Thing's menu, as it has enabled the five of us to have many summer days together walking down the street to get ice cream and cause trouble together.

While it is not the focus of this piece, it is worth mentioning that their menu includes more than just ice cream. They have a wide variety of entrees, and are constantly having specials of different foods available for the weekend. While I myself will never be adventurous enough to try a guacamole burger, I do appreciate when they offer more tame selections, such as popcorn shrimp and fish.

The owner of this stand is truly a wonderful woman. She is one of the nicest people I've had the pleasure of meeting in my hometown, and I certainly hope she and her stand are here to stay. The stand is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays so that she can spend time with her children, and they are truly sometimes the hardest days of the week. I cannot possibly give Next Right Thing a better recommendation.

The most popular ice cream stand among Alleghenians is Casey's Ice Cream, in the plaza next to Walmart. This stand has an advantage over the aforementioned stands in that it is closer to campus, but it is certainly a great option nonetheless.

Casey's is unique in that they make all of their ice cream in house, with homemade, locally-sourced ingredients. If you have never had homemade ice cream, you are certainly missing out.

Much like Hank's homemade custard, it's somehow creamier than store-bought ice cream, albeit not as creamy as frozen custard. Something about homemade ice cream just hits different, and it is certainly delicious.

Casey's has a relatively large selection of flavors offered daily. There are some classics, including chocolate almond and chocolate peanut butter, but there are also a lot of special flavors, such as Cookie Monster, Meadville Mud, Conneaut Lake Crunch and Squirrel Treats. I have been to Casey's many times, and still have not tried every flavor. While this can largely be attributed to my affinity for chocolate almond, it still speaks for the wide line of flavors offered.

There are also a lot of special, fun flavors featured at Casey's. These are offered in a rotating selection, and they announce on their Facebook page when certain specials are available.

Some of the weirdest ones, in my opinion, are Sweet Potato Casserole (sweet potato ice cream with pecans, coconut and marshmallows), Fire and Ice (made with habanero pepper puree), and Go Bacon (maple ice cream with candied bacon). Once announced on Facebook, they tend to go very quickly, and for this reason, I have never been able to try Go Bacon. Someday, I hope to get there before they sell out of it and I can finally learn why it goes so fast.

In addition to ice cream, Casey's also makes candies. They offer individual candies as well as variety boxes, and are very reasonably priced given that they are homemade and delicious. They also make all of their waffle cones fresh daily, and they are the best waffle cones I have ever had.

Casey's is certainly a wonderful place to get ice cream if you are looking to pay a little bit more for fresh, homemade ice cream close to campus.

The last local ice cream stop I would like to mention is Pizza Villa. You may remember their pizza being featured in my article on local pizza places. While I said I would not mention restaurants that feature ice cream desserts, Pizza Villa is a worthy exception as it is the best place to get Marcie's Homemade Ice Cream.

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Marcie's ice cream is made in Meadville, with locally-sourced ingredients, similar to the way Casey's is. The difference, however, is that Marcie's does not have their own brick-and-mortar building; they produce their ice cream wholesale, and it is sold at local grocery stores and restaurants.

Marcie's Homemade Ice Cream is locally owned and operated, with all of their dairy sourced from Titusville Dairy. Titusville is the only other city in Crawford County, located south of Meadville.

While it can be found at some grocery stores, Pizza Villa is the place closest to campus that features Marcie's ice cream. In pre-pandemic times, they had an ice cream case similar to the ones at Casey's, filled with a vast array of ice cream flavors. My favorite of theirs was First Date, a chocolate ice cream with a variety of chocolate incorporations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pizza Villa is no longer serving ice cream in the same way, but it is still available at $5.99/quart, which is still a very good price. Pizza Villa is a solid choice for grab-and-go ice cream, as opposed to any of the other places mentioned in which you would order something to be eaten immediately.

All of these places have their pros and cons, and different aspects of each fit different preferences. No matter which of these places you choose as your next ice cream stop, two things are certain: you will be supporting local business, and you will be completely satisfied with the quality of both product and service found locally in Crawford County.

How COVID-19 vaccines work: mRNA and vectors

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Over 131 million American adults have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and this number is expected to grow as eligibility is expanded to the general population of many states.

In Pennsylvania all people over the age of 16 are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Because of this, all students at Allegheny College are now eligible to receive the vaccine through the Meadville Medical Center, which offers the Pfizer vaccine.

This vaccine, as well as the one produced by Moderna, comes in two doses. Both are what are known as mRNA vaccines. According to the CDC, these vaccines develop antibodies through teaching cells to make a specific protein which triggers the immune response and induces the production of antibodies.

For the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, the protein produced is known as the spike protein. This spike protein plays a key role in how the virus that causes COVID-19 infiltrates the cells of the body, according to a study published in Nature which looked at the structure and function of the spike protein.

This protein is what is found on the surface of the COVID-19 virus, and is what provokes the immune response as the cells receive instructions to make it through the injection of mRNA. This immune response is what makes the vaccines effective in resisting the contraction of COVID-19.

The mRNA vaccines are also the first of their kind to be administered to the general population, according to the CDC.

Researchers have studied mRNA vaccines for decades for diseases like Zika and rabies, but they have never been used outside of research and clinical trials.

The reason this type of vaccine was developed was because of the speed at which an mRNA vaccine can be developed in comparison to the traditional vaccine process, according to the CDC.

Despite the rapid speed of development, the FDA and the CDC say that the vaccine is safe due to clinical testing and close monitoring by these organizations.

According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, recent news of the suspension of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is an example of this close monitoring.

As of April 13, the CDC and FDA recommended a pause in the use of the J&J vaccine due to six reported cases of serious blood clots. In response to this, use of the J&J vaccine has been halted in the United States, according to the New York Times.

The CDC emphasizes that the risks of adverse effects of the J&J vaccine are very low, especially for those who received this vaccine more than three weeks ago.

Despite millions of people reporting no complications from the J&J vaccine, safety is a top priority for the federal government. Due to this, the pause was recommended so that the instances of severe blood clots and their possible relationship to the vaccine can be better understood, according to the CDC.

Additionally, the CDC and FDA say that they will update the public as more is known and understood about these complications.

It also seems that these side effects have only happened when the J&J vaccines were used. There have been no reports of this side effect in those who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, according to the CDC.

The J&J is not a mRNA vaccine. Instead it uses a more traditional method known as viral vector.

This method uses a disabled adenovirus which teaches the cells to produce the spike protein associated with COVID-19. Similar to the mRNA vaccines, this triggers an immune response and the production of antibodies, according to the CDC.

The adenovirus acts like a shell with some of the genetic material of the virus that causes COVID-19 on the inside. This material is what teaches the cells to produce the spike proteins, which triggers the immune response and production of antibodies.

In the past, viral vector vaccines have been used for Ebola, and many studies have been done on using them to treat HIV, influenza and Zika.

According to the CDC, the vaccines in use have no presence of the virus that causes COVID-19, and none of them can give you COVID-19.

Another difference between viral vector vaccines and mRNA vaccines is the number of shots. Moderna and Pfizer require two doses, while J&J require only one dose.

The reason for having two doses is that it produces longer lasting immunity according to Dr. Paul Offit, a voting member of the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee which reviewed the vaccines before approval, in an interview with CNBC.

The J&J vaccine is fully administered in one dose because in trials it showed a strong immune response. In trials, the one dose of the J&J vaccine was much more effective relative to one dose of the two mRNA vaccines. This is what led to the decision to only use one dose, according to Nina Bai of University of California San Francisco.

The CDC also emphasized that all approved vaccines are safe and effective.

According to the CDC, people should take the first vaccine they are eligible to receive.

Chimeric embryo may have medical implications

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In today's scientific world, it is often uncommon to find experiments that have been done on nonhuman primates, as there are strict research ethic rules that protect them from being used.

A recent article published in the scientific journal Cell, though, highlighted the successful growth of monkey embryos containing human stem cells, and the possible applications that these results might have in regenerative medicine.

At the beginning of the study, a group of scientists led by Juan Carlos Izpisua Belmonte fertilized eggs that had been extracted from cynomolgus monkeys, or Macaca fascicularis.

Six days after the process of fertilization, scientists injected 132 monkey embryos with human stem cells, or induced pluripotent stem cells. Scientists selected to use these specific stem cells because they can vary in cell types inside and outside of an embryo.

11 days after fertilization, scientists noted that 91 of the monkey-human embryos were still alive, which dropped to 12 embryos on day 17, and only three on day 19.

In order to study the communication between human and animal cells, the scientists grew the mixed embryos in test tubes for approximately 20 days through a process called in vitro fertilization.

Through this research, scientists hope that these chimaeras — or a single organism that is composed of cells with no distinct phenotype — could provide better insight into the effects of new drugs and aid in growing human organs that can be used for transplant, as well as to learn more about human development and disease progression.

"The overall message is that every embryo contains human cells that proliferate and differentiate to a different extent," said Juan Carlos Izpisua Belmonte, a developmental biologist at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

The scientists selected to use the macaque monkey because their embryonic development is nearly identical to the embryonic development of humans.

"These chimeric approaches could be really very useful for advancing biomedical research not just at the very earliest stage of life, but also the latest stage of life," Belmonte said.

According to researchers, thousands of people die each year waiting for such transplants, as the demand for organ donors is much higher than the supply of viable organs.

"These embryos were destroyed at 20 days of development, but it is only a matter of time before human-non-human chimeras are successfully developed, perhaps as a source of organs for humans," stated the director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics Julian Savulescu, in response to the success of the experiment.

If these experiments continue to result in successful results, then scientists look to use these chimeric organs on those who are in desperate need of them.

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Although, these experiments were not actually the first experiments to create chimeric models.

In fact, back in 2017 Dr. Izpisua and the Salk Institute had successfully created human-pig chimeras, and Portugese researchers were able to create a chimera virus, more specifically, a mouse virus with a human viral gene.

Not only have they injected human stem cells into other types of animals, they have also introduced the idea that some chimeras occur naturally.

Twins who absorb some of their sibling's DNA in embryonic development have also been seen as chimeras.

While having been successful in these trials, there are still others who are of the opinion that these experiments are not entirely ethical.

"These scientists behind this research state that these chimeric embryos offer new opportunities," said Dr. Anna Smajdor, an ethics specialist at the Norwich Medical school at the University of East Anglia. "But whether these embryos are human or not is open to question."

Members of the Society of Stem Cell Research see the use of monkeys for experiments like these as unethical because of the genetic similarities that are shared between monkeys and humans.

"Meanwhile, international guidelines are catching up to the field's advances — next month, the International Society for Stem Cell Research is expected to publish revised guidelines for stem cell research. These will address non-human primate and human chimaeras," said Hyun, the leader of an ISSCR committee that has recently been discussing the use of chimaeras.

Despite the negative feedback about these experiments, scientists have high hopes that in future medical practices, these chimeric organs will be able to be used in organ transplantation, drug practice, and even other medical disorders.

COVID-19 likely zoonotic, more investigation needed

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Since the start of the SARS-CoV-2, or COVID-19, pandemic over a year ago, there have been several different theories as to where the virus originated. Some speculated that it was transmitted from someone eating bat soup in Wuhan, some suggested that it originated from the illegal trade of Malayan pangolins or that it had originated from some animal at a wet market in Wuhan.

Former President Donald Trump even said at a press conference in April 2020 that he had evidence the virus was leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology despite reports from U.S. intelligence agencies concluding that there was no evidence the virus was genetically modified or artificially made, according to the Guardian.

The general consensus, though, is that the COVID-19 virus is zoonotic, meaning it came from an animal, according to Nature.

Though at first the Huanan seafood market was thought to be the epicenter of the breakout, a study by Huang et .al. showed that only 27 of the 41 original cases were directly exposed to the market. This means that the virus did not necessarily originate from animals at the wet market.

There is also speculation that the virus was already circulating before the first known patient contracted it. Peter Ben Embarek, leader of the World Health Organization investigation into the origin of COVID-19, said that because the virus was so well established in Wuhan so quickly, it is likely that the virus had already spread.

The WHO has been working since May 2020 to figure out where the virus came from and how it was transmitted to humans. The study, published March 30, 2021, was inconclusive.

Since several different animals are known to carry different types of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, animals were looked at first. Bats and pangolins most notably were looked into for a possible link.

"Genome analysis reveals that bats may be the source of SARS-CoV-2. However, the specific route of transmission from natural reservoirs to humans remains unclear," according to the WHO report. "The whole-genome sequence identity of the novel virus has 96.2% similarity to a bat SARS-related coronavirus."

This means that although a bat-related coronavirus's composition is close to COVID-19, it is not the same thing.

The same happened when WHO tested pangolins, revealing that the pangolin virus shared a 90.1% similarity with COVID-19.

Researchers from WHO were sent to the Huanan market in Wuhan to take samples from both the environment — meaning swabs from walls and stalls — and the animals for sale. Though COVID-19 was found in the sewage and drains, it was not found on live or dead animals at the market.

The reason so much focus was placed on the Huanan market was because there were a lot of people who contracted COVID-19 near the beginning of the pandemic whose only exposure to that amount of meat and animals was at the market, according to a study by Huang et. al.

Hung Nguyen-Viet, a WHO team member and food safety and environment researcher said that there were many different species available for sale at the market that could have transmitted the virus to humans.



Photo Courtesy of Aly Song/REUTERS

The Hunan market in Wuhan, China which has been part of the search for the origin of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

To be sure that there is a connection between SARS-CoV-2 in humans and animals, a direct link needs to be found. So far, 30,000 livestock, wild and domestic animals in China have been tested for previous or current SARS-CoV-2, but only a few cats have tested positive, according to a study by Zhang et al.

Ben Embarek noted that the number of animals tested, though, is not representative of the animal population in China, and many more animals need to be tested to truly have an idea if the virus was transmitted through them.

Researchers have provided many suggestions about what to do next. Many more tests need to be conducted, including extensive tests of livestock animals. Bats and pangolins also need to be tested further, and it was recommended that surveys be conducted to find other viruses in animals related to SARS-CoV-2.

Peter Daszak, a WHO team member, recommended that the wildlife farms that supplied meat to the Huanan market need to be traced back even more to try and find potential transmission routes. This means interviewing and testing workers, vendors, delivery staff and other people involved in the raising, transporting and sale of animals that were sold at markets linked to the virus.

Finding potential transmission routes also includes mapping out species that have been known to carry viruses like SARS. This is difficult because there are limits to detecting animals in larger geographical ranges. Bats and pangolins in Southeast Asia, specifically, need to be researched more.

Though there is not one certain cause of COVID-19, the most likely cause was the wildlife trade, Daszak said, especially with how quickly it

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In other ~current~ news, a light emitting tattoo-like device was recently revealed and demonstrated by a team of British and Italian researchers, shocking audiences. The device sits atop the skin like a transfer tattoo. "It has a lot of potential, but to be honest, it kind of Hertz," said one not very ex-static recipient. Those interested are currently able to get it installed free of charge at the Ohm Depot in the outlet mall.

In honor of 420 day, Drake has launched a new cannabis company, officially owning 60% of the canadian company More Life Growth. This asset acquisition is estimated to be over a blazing $150 million, according to Forbes. 90% of Republicans confirmed that this isn't God's Plan. Roll Now, Roll Later bby

The Australian government recently scrapped two sex education videos using legen-dairy milkshakes to inform teens about consent and sexual assault. Public outcry against the videos described them as udderly bizarre, concerning and an over-churned effort. I for one have never found smearing milkshake on myself more sexy in my entire life.

In recent news, NASA has selected SpaceX in a $2.9 billion contract as its partner in launching a mega-spaceship to land humans back onto the moon. SpaceX is beta testing mini-versions of this mega-spaceship in Boca Chica, Texas, and has managed to explode each of its previous four spaceships before leaving the launchpad. Talk about a top-down effect: Elon Musk is a blast to watch and so are his spaceships!!!

In Cocoa Beach, Florida, a World War Two-era aircraft was participating in an airshow and was forced to make an emergency landing in the ocean, which seems about par for the course in Florida. Belonging to the Navy, the aircraft — a TBM Avenger — landed amidst a pod of surfers. Captain America, is that you? Did that reference go over your head? Aw, don't have such a bad altitude about it.

In a recent announcement, Facebook revealed it will be creating its own version of Clubhouse, an upcoming social media platform solely revolved around audio and chat rooms (no videos or pictures). In the statement, Facebook explained it will be creating separate live audio rooms. To be honest, this is a disaster waiting to happen. Imagine how many facebook moms are going to argue ... There's going to be so many conversations unknowingly recorded live lol. Make sure you listen to the comment section without earbuds — the distorted rath of Boomers has yet to be heard.

Demi Lovato recently apologized to a froyo shop after slamming them in a cream of passion for promoting sugar-free and other diet-conscious desserts. She initially claimed the shop's promotion — and yogurt — was uncultured. At this point, her credibility and her hits aren't exactly the cream of the crop??????? :)

Colorado District Judge Natalie Chase was 'chased' right out of her office after using racial slurs in court. Chase — who handles divorce, post-divorce enforcement and modification and child support cases — informed multiple court employees that she believes "all lives matter" several times during the 2020 year. I know one thing: if Chase is on the case, she'll bring up race out of place.

Engineers at Purdue have recently created the whitest paint to ever exist, after considering 100 white materials and testing them in formulas of ten. By reflecting light, the paint is able to cool buildings as well as an air conditioner and is composed of highly concentrated Barium and Sulfate. So you can lick the walls and go blind. And give the cleaning crew a heart attack. How about we purdon't?

Sports fans, the atmosphere return

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With spring heralding the return of athletic competitions, fans are now following suit in their return to the bleachers.

Although many sports teams practiced throughout the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year, none were cleared to face outside competition until after students had returned to campus in the spring.

Allegheny College recently eased up on their attendance policy. After kicking off the sports season without fans in attendance, they are now allowed in at a limited capacity, and according to athletes, smaller crowds have not stopped fans from having an impact on the game.

"The atmosphere at games hasn't dropped off a crazy amount," Anthony Steinpreis, '21, said. "There were still people there being loud and making it enjoyable. I think our presence affected the way the games were played, so overall it's been a good experience."

While the fans are enjoying their freedom to watch games in person, there is a mutual appreciation between the athletes and those who cheer them on.

"Not that you're worried about fans while you're playing but it's nice to hear them," women's basketball player Rylee Donovan, '22, said. "It was nice that (Allegheny College) let fans in."

Donovan discussed a time when the men's basketball team was in attendance along with a good crowd of other students for one of their games. Even in the good times, however, it was tough not to reminisce on what games were like pre-COVID.

"I never got used to having no one in the stands," Donovan said. "It's nice to hear people yelling, especially my parents. It was definitely weird not having my parents there this year at all."

Athletes are not the only ones missing out on some of the lost aspects of competition. Fans are required to sit apart from each other and to remain masked during the games which is a far cry from what games of the past looked like.

"I definitely miss the social aspect of games last year and the student sections," Alex Heinle, '22, said. "I really miss the old overall environment of sports. It's just hard to socialize at games because we have to sit far apart and I also think there are a lot of people who don't know they can go to games now."

Steinpreis recalled attending a lot more games pre-COVID while he was sidelined from sports with a shoulder injury. From the sidelines he found his way to the stands and made some memories he will not forget.

"What I miss the most from last year was when we would be able to do theme nights like Hawaiian night," Steinpreis said. "We were also able to get away with more in the stands so we could do dances and chants but now it's pretty hard to do those things because of the masks and separation."

While the atmosphere at games has certainly changed and there are many aspects that fans are missing, the limited capacity has allowed for some unique positives as well.

"It's weird because we can hear a little bit more of what's being said during the game," Steinpreis said. "We can hear the back-and-forth between the players because there is less noise to drown it out."

While there are bound to be schedule conflicts for many students due to virtually all of the college's sports happening at once, regular attendees of games have expressed the urge to get more people out to games and build back up the college's sense of community.

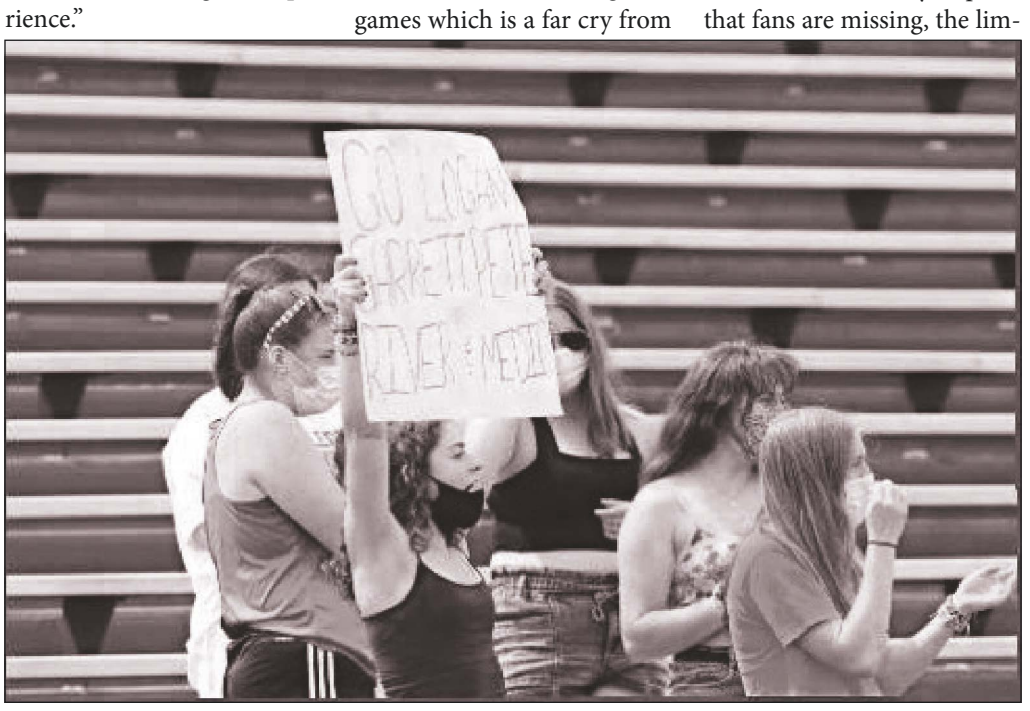
"We should get more people to rally and go to games," Heinle said. "Even if it's not a lot of people and we can't sit together, just having all those people there cheering on the teams would make the environment similar to last year."

With athletes never having a higher appreciation for fans than right now, there is an opportunity and reason to believe that lots of student-athletes will be supporting each other in a big way this year.

"It's a little different with men's basketball because I have some boys on the team, but the reason why I really go to games is to show face," Steinpreis said. "I want to tighten together the sports community around here. I know if I'm playing a game of football or competing in track, I want people to be there."

Steinpreis noted that in spite of the circumstances of the world right now, getting fans back into sporting events has been an effective way to get people out of their living spaces. Donovan echoed those remarks and emphasized that an increasing fan presence should be a priority of students.

"Being able to watch games again gives us students something to do and an opportunity to watch their friends play which is special," Donovan said.



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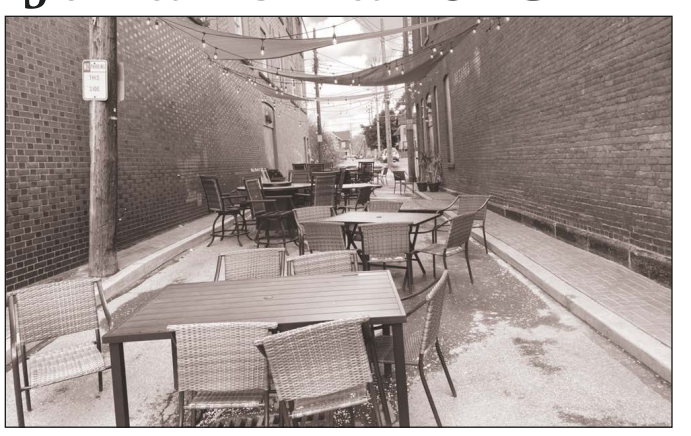
Students cheer on athletes with a sign. After the fall competitive season was completely canceled, a modified spring schedule was introduced, including student attendance in the stands

Hangout Review: Julian's Bar & Grill



KRISTEN CADHAM/THE CAMPUS
Outdoor seating at Julian's Bar & Grill, located at 299 Chestnut St. in Meadville.

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Julian's is by far one of the best hidden gems Meadville has to offer, yet some students do not know about it. It is only a fifteen-minute walk, five-minute drive, or, if one prefers, Julian's also boasts bike parking. The restaurant is located on a corner which allows it to have space for these accommodations.

Julian's Bar and Grill on Chestnut Street has been through a lot to be where it is today. In 2014, according to the Meadville Tribune, it was bought by D.J. York who put it under his Pale Horse Corporation. However, the trouble was that the former owner, Cindy DeMarco, had the rights to the restaurant's name due to her Julian's Inc. business title. The problem was resolved when DeMarco dissolved her corporation in favor of a new one. The restaurant has been booming ever since.

The restaurant was remodeled by York and is better than ever. The layout expresses the excitement and edginess that the owner may have been going for compared to the old version. Just inside the door, there is a dark wood, brick design and rock'n'roll decorations. The huge remodelled bar blends into the rest of the restaurant. It feels like an easy transition between "bar" and "grill." Even during the pandemic, they kept the original aesthetic elements in place so that it would not lose what customers are familiar with.

Skaina Pierre, '23, discovered Julian's during her first-year — before the COVID-19 pandemic — after moving into her dorm. Her roommate, who was from the area, had suggested it as a place to eat. Pierre said she frequently returns to Julian's.

"I've been there a lot with friends, definitely a lot more last semester, but everytime I go it's always really chill, always [has] good food and we always have to-go plates so it's always been a good experience," Pierre said. "I feel like it's a restaurant that people might know about it, but once you know about it, it's definitely one of your go-to's for good food all of the time."

Similar to Pierre, the first time I visited the restaurant was when I was headed to Allegheny for the fall semester. My family and I went on TripAdvisor and found Julian's. After spending about two days driving to college, we were more than ready to eat their burgers that they were known for. When we got to Julian's, they served us outside in a well-furnished area located on the side of the building. The cool energy of the interior flowed freely to the temporary seating area. It was decorated with hanging lights and even had a stage for musicians to perform on. We felt very safe due to the outside atmosphere, tables being distanced and employees wearing masks.

This semester, my friends and I went there as well. A group of us were excited to try the fried pickles and mozzarella sticks as appetizers, before doing anything else. The latter was my favorite due to the warm texture of the bread and cheese combined. To make it better, the saltiness of the seasoning added flavor to the neutral bread. A lot of care was put into making them. Moreover, the fried pickles were also interesting to try since I had never had them before. They were a mixture of tanginess and chewiness which offset the pickles on the inside. It was a pleasant experience to have been introduced to something new. Overall, it was delicious to try the appetizers and it was a good warm-up for the actual meal.

Feeling adventurous, I decided to order a side of fries and "Pa-Joe" Burger which had American cheese, red onion, lettuce and tomato. Furthermore, I was delighted to try their lemonade. It was homemade which made it special instead of being the bottled kind one could get at Brooks. The servers worked swiftly in making sure our food and drinks were on its way. When the steaming hot meal arrived, the portion size was more than enough. Putting the side of ketchup and mayo on the burger and then dipping the fries into it as well made the taste even better.

Julian's quality and service is amazing. Every time I went, I had never seen servers move as fast as they did. They were on top of everything no matter how busy it would become. Julian's offers pick-up orders as well, but going in-person would is well worth the short venture off campus. Afterall, the homemade lemonade students could get is far superior.

Watch this episode of Out loud on Instagram @accampus

Reducing stress and bringing smiles, one donut at a time

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College life is tough as is, but with the added stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and political tension throughout the United States, it can be a bit tougher.

Kyle Stallard, '22, decided that he wanted to do something about that. During his second year at Allegheny, he saw how stressed his peers were during finals season and figured it would be a good idea to cheer everyone up by handing out free donuts. This year he decided to make the project official, naming the effort "Allegheny Donuts." He expanded the project — now, at least once a week, Stallard walks around the Allegheny campus handing donuts out to whoever wants one.

"Clearly something's not working and I thought to myself, 'People really, really like a free doughnut,'" Stallard said.

Stallard transferred from Gannon University after his first year to Allegheny.

"I had decided for whatever reason at the time that I was going to give away free donuts during finals, because I knew how stressful finals were to people, so I drove up to Krispy Kreme, bought four dozen donuts and just gave them out to people who were studying, and I did that a couple times," Stallard said. "Even during my year off I came back and I gave away donuts."

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> Class of 2022

Stallard explained that he heard stories about how tough things were for students at Allegheny during the pandemic and it inspired him to give out donuts on a regular basis.

Stallard gives out free donuts out at least once a week, depending on the weather. He explained that there is a better chance of him spontaneously giving away donuts if the weather is nice, since the entire endeavor is done on foot.

"The reactions I get are just great," Stallard said.

Allegheny Donuts has received notoriety on campus. Stallard was interviewed on two separate WARC radio shows, including the Aldi Fresh show, hosted by Madi Sherman, '22. Sherman stated that she had run into Stallard, who is an employee at Aldi, and invited him to appear on the show. Sherman said that the interview itself was very wholesome.

"(The free donuts were) serendipitous, it would always make my day," Sherman said.

There are plans for continuation and even expansion according to Stallard. While he does not want the project to become an Allegheny Student Government-recognized club or organization, Stallard does want to expand slightly especially with personnel. In fact he has already added on a permanent member to the Allegheny Donuts endevour in the form of Amelia Rockwell, '21.

"I'm asking for help every week, if I can get it, because I usually give out like ten dozen donuts, and that's a lot to carry," Stallard said.

With the core objective of spreading joy around campus Stallard also wants to record and share some of the reactions he receives when he delivers donuts.

Stallard's hope is that the project will continue well into the future even after he graduates next year.

The best part of the entire project according to Stallard is that the donuts are completely free to members of the Allegheny community.

"There is no catch," Stallard said.

Stallard also said that he wants to use the foundation of Allegheny Donuts to be able to help people in the Allegheny community. This philanthropic portion of Allegheny Donuts came about accidentally; there was a giveaway of $100 on the Allegheny Donuts Instagram account and Stallard found out that the winner of the giveaway, Ella O'Connor, '24, had her bike stolen and was raising money for a new one. Stallard set up a fundraiser for people in the community to help O'Connor get a new bike. Stallard hopes to be able to continue to use Allegheny Donuts to help people in the college community in various ways.

"My understanding is that (Stallard) feels that maybe the school isn't doing much for our mental health," O'Connor said. "In the middle of the semester, everybody's really stressed and he's trying to help everybody out, make things a little nicer, brighter … He's genuinely just trying to do something nice for everybody on campus."



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Stallard's presence on Instagram includes updates on donut deliveries and images of happy patrons.

Stallard emphasized that the acquisition and distribution of the donuts was as safe as possible, saying that he always uses the drive through when picking the donuts up and that he always wears some sort of protective equipment to make sure that nothing is being transferred except the donuts. He also said that while he doesn't want Allegheny Donuts to become directly affiliated with the college,he would appreciate help from the college in making sure that Allegheny Donuts remains safe and healthy for the public, especially as it grows.

Stallard pays for every doughnut. While he does accept donations, he does not require them and donation provides no benefit besides offsetting the impact on Stallard's wallet. He has also said that the latest stimulus check, as well as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund money has helped offset the cost. Stallard also noted that he likes to pay attention to and capitalize on the specials that Krispy Kreme offers, that he's able to get a better deal on weekends.

Stallard also noted that, while his primary goal is to just give out free donuts, being able to interact with people he normally would not interact with and being able to get out of his comfort zone is a "wonderful side effect."

SRL hosts event for healing, grieving after hard year



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From left: Stephanie Bramwell, '21, Gretchen Wood, and Jane Ellen Nickell meditate at the southeast corner of Murray Lawn

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On Tuesday evening in the southeast corner of Murray Lawn, the Spiritual and Religious Life Office hosted an event for healing and acknowledging losses over the last year.

The event, titled "Healing Service: For the Earth and Ourselves," was non-denominational, but incorporated elements Native American, Celtic and other indigenous spiritual traditions. The service itself was conducted by Jane Ellen Nickell, the campus chaplain, and Gretchen Wood, Meadville-based trauma-informed yoga instructor who also offers weekly yoga sessions for Allegheny students.

Nickell noted that the service was not designed to follow one specific tradition, but was intended to be as open and inclusive as possible.

"It (was not) specifically religious," Nickell said. "We're not praying, we're not invoking God. People who are religious are welcome, and add their own prayers within their own experience, but for people who are not religious, we're hoping we designed something welcoming and healing for them."

The service opened with a sage blessing, to cleanse the auras of those involved and clear any pre-existing energy that was already attached to participants. Black sage was also burned at the corners of the space as an added cleanser. According to Wood, the use of sage in this manner was primarily used by Native Americans, though it has a myriad of uses in other indigenous traditions.

Nickell acknowledged the gingko trees that stand in that corner of Murray Lawn, noting that they have long been used for ingredients in traditional medicines, calling them a "link to the ancient past." She also named the original peoples indigenous to the Meadville area, including the Erie and Lenni Lenape peoples.

The first ritual proper was the Ritual of Four Directions, where participants turn to each of the cardinal directions and acknowledge the energies and associations made with each direction. Nickell noted that many traditional spiritualities incorporate a type of the ritual, and so named the most common associations. For example, the East, she said, is associated with the morning sun, the element of air and new beginnings. The West is associated with night, the element of earth, and winter. In addition to the four standard compass directions, Nickell added that Celtic traditions include three more directions: above, below and within.

Once the directions were named, Wood led the group in a meditation. She spoke of grounding oneself in the earth and connecting the earth and sky through oneself with "a golden thread of energy." This meditation was, like the sage blessing, intended to set participants in a mindset to acknowledge and heal from losses.

After the meditation, Nickell opened the space for "a time of naming losses;" participants were invited to name any losses that they had experienced over the past year, be they personal or communal. The group would then reply with, "May they be healed." The list was wide and varied: Stephanie Bramwell, '21, noted the loss of the first-year experience for many students, while Nickell recalled Bill Watts, a former general manager at Parkhurst Dining until he died of complications from COVID-19 over the summer. Wood named a personal loss of security and feeling safe. Racial and social trauma from police killings, the death toll from COVID-19 and ecological losses from climate change were also named.

After naming the losses, the group moved into healing from the losses. Wood led participants in a "reiki" or universal energy healing session. Also known as palm healing, the technique revolves around using one's palms to direct the energy of the world around them to heal others and themselves. This session was similar to the opening meditation, but rather than focusing on grounding themselves, Wood instructed participants to reach into the core of the Earth as the place where Gaia, or Mother Earth, energy primarily resides and connect it to the air and sky energy.

To close, Nickell read the "Prayer of Healing" from the United Nations Environmental Sabbath Service, a non-denominational prayer service that celebrates the environment as a part of the service. The prayer, which includes an audience response of, "We join with the Earth, and with each other," spoke of communing with the Earth in a similar way to the reiki healing. It also spoke to the named losses associated with climate change, a focus that Nickell said was a driver to hold the service in the first place.

"(The event) comes out of a couple different impulses," Nickell said. "One is this college's devotion to environmental issues; we've done Earth Day services in the past that were religious in nature."

After the event was over, Bramwell thanked Nickell and Wood for the event, calling the service, "a really lovely way of preparing for Earth Day."

Bramwell was the only students who attended.. Nickell said that a large part of the low turnout was due to the chilly, windy weather.

"When we envisioned this, we saw a bright sunny day, and everyone was able to take their shoes off and connect to the ground," Nickell said.

Before beginning the service and rituals themselves, Wood acknowledged the intent of the event: to bless the campus space and to help heal anyone who may have been affected by personal or communal loss, regardless of the attendance.

"It's very honorable to come to a place with the intention to heal," Wood said.

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Swim and Dive team competes in only meet of season

Team recognizes 2021 graduating seniors in final send-off

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The Allegheny men's and women's swimming and diving teams returned to action last weekend against Penn State Behrend in what was their first and only meet of the season. The meet also served as senior night for the 11 seniors.

The men's team was defeated by the Lions 473-283, however they picked up 13 wins. Pierre Jaeggi, '23 capped off the meet with three first-place finishes, whereas Hunter Pietrzycki, '21, won both diving events in his final meet at Mellon Pool. The women's team won 16 events en route to a 487-245 win over Penn State Behrend. Anna and Aimee Verardi, '21, each placed first in their own events as well as placing first together in the 200 medley relay, while Chelsea Pietrzycki, '21, won both of the diving events of the meet.

"On meet day, it was unbelievable to see just how positive and energetic everyone was," Megan Corletti, '21, said. "I really think that came from a place of honesty, with just being excited to be on deck with another team, competing, and kind of seeing what we can do."

Upon returning to campus for the spring semester, members of the swimming and diving teams were hopeful to return to competition, however no plans were set in stone. Nevertheless, the teams maneuvered through COVID-19 policies, as well as a broken pool heater that needed repairs, in order to host the meet against Penn State Behrend.

"Everyone was just excited to get back in, and there were a lot of seniors that hadn't swam and only a week before they came back so they could swim in the final meet," Daniel Logue, '23, said. "Everybody was just happy to get back to racing."

The Gators are hoping to build upon this meet next year. There will be a heavy reliance on underclassmen, as the program has 20 first-years and sophomores among both teams.

Although the season only lasted one meet, the teams are poised for next year and excited for their incoming recruits to get a full season under their belts. They are hopeful that policies and regulations around COVID-19 will loosen, both teams are planning for a full season next year.

"We're going to be a very good and competitive team next year," Logue said. "We need to be ready because we're going to have some really fast recruits coming in and we are going to be doing a lot of fast swimming next year."

The seniors also indicated their excitement for the first and second-year members of the program, however they were more concerned with enjoying their final meet as a Gator.

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Senior swim and dive team members are recognized after their last meet at Mellon Pool last weekend.

"I know that a lot of the seniors in my class came into this year with not the highest of expectations, thinking that conferences last year would be the end of our swimming career," Benjamin Blackburn, '21, said. "So it was really nice to have one more time back in the pool, competing."

This year, because of the scheduling restrictions, the Gators were able to hold a senior day at Mellon Pool which gave the swimmers and divers a more recognizable setting for their final send off.

"This one became a little more intimate because it was at home," Corletti said. "It was just a bit bittersweet that I got to compete for the last time at the pool I've been training at six days a week for four years."

Competing at home in their final match seemed to fuel the senior swimmers and divers as they gathered seven first place finishes among both teams as well as 12 top three finishes. Nevertheless the seniors were excited to be with their teammates and enjoy the experience of the meet.

"The meet was mostly for me about being with the members of my team, and being with my class one more time," Blackburn said. "Just competing for the fun of it."

MLB moves All-Star game out of GA amidst voting restrictions

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Major League Baseball announced on April 7 that the Colorado Rockies will be hosting the 2021 All-Star game. The All-Star game was originally scheduled to be played at Triust Park, home of the Atlanta Braves. Because of Georgia's controversial new voting laws, MLB took unprecedented action and changed the location of the Midsummer Classic.

A New York Times article broke down the 98-page voting law and highlighted the significant changes of the document. Some of these changes include fewer ballot drop boxes, getting rid of mobile voting centers and handing out misdemeanor charges to those offering food and water in voting lines. Additionally, there are new ID requirements for absentee ballots, and a hotline with the attorney general to look out for any instance of voter fraud.

Soph Sunseri, '23, suspects that these laws will restrict the voting process.

"It's already difficult to vote in general," Sunseri said. "Now they are making it more inconvenient in areas where there are less places to vote in-person."

Sean Pickett, '23, is also against the majority of these voting laws, but agrees with some of these changes.

"Having an ID (for absentee ballots) and monitoring the election sounds reasonable because we always want to protect our voting process," Pickett said. "Yet, not providing food or water seems like a deterrent because voting laws, especially during election years, are very long."

MLB has become more involved in social justice issues during the past year. There were more conversations with Black baseball players about their experiences with racism. Even on MLB's home page, there is a social justice section filled with tips and resources on how to be anti-racist.

Some baseball fans believe that moving the All-Star game has crossed a line. One former MLB player in particular presented his thoughts on Twitter. David Wells, who is famously remembered for throwing a perfect game and winning a World Series with the New York Yankees in 1998, refuses to watch baseball and wants to keep the politics away from the game.

Despite his shocking statements, Wells is speaking on behalf of baseball fans who are unhappy with MLB's decision as the city of Atlanta will be directly impacted. According to Business Insider, the state will lose $100 million added to their economy because of the relocation.

Pickett noted how the removal of the All-Star game is a devastating blow to the Georgia economy.

"A $100 million shot into the economy is very, very helpful," Pickett said. "The introduction of a large amount of money into an economy is really good for it, and that benefit would have helped Atlanta a lot."

Furthermore, leading up to the 2020 Presidential Election, more political activists came forward about how BIPOC communities have fewer opportunities to cast their votes. Ironically, the relocation to Denver may allow less BIPOC to watch the Midsummer Classic in-person. According to the United States Census Bureau, BIPOC individuals make up 19.1% of Denver's population, whereas the same community makes up 37.6% of Cobb County's population in Atlanta.

"Even though MLB is saying this move is taking a stand on the communities that are impacted, it will actually have economic impacts on these same communities," Truong-Son Nguyen, '23, said. "However, this move will have an impactful change over policy making in the long term. So it's kind of like sacrificing the short-term benefits in order to reap the long-term rewards,"

Additionally, the Braves had planned to honor Hank Aaron, a Hall of Famer and one of baseball's best Black baseball players, at the All-Star Game this year. Aaron began his professional career in the Negro Leagues, appeared in 25 Midsummer Classics, and slugged the second most home runs of all time. Aaron passed away this year on Jan. 22.

The Rockies have received a great opportunity to host the All-Star game, especially after going from contenders to finishing last in the National League West. After making it to the postseason in consecutive seasons for the first time in franchise history (from 2017-2018), the Rockies gave then-franchise cornerstone Nolan Arenado, the largest deal in team history, valued at nine years, $260 million. The Rockies appeared to have one of their best groups of players in team history.

Inconsistent pitching and the lack of elite players surrounding Arenado forced the Rockies to trade their All-Star third baseman to the St. Louis Cardinals this offseason. The Rockies are poised for another last place finish, as shortstop Trevor Story will test free agency. Only time will tell how the Rockies will perform, but fans can watch Story and the Rockies host the Midsummer Classic on July 13 at Coors Field.

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THIS WEEKEND IN SPORTS

Men's and Women's Track
Friday, April 23 home invitational

Men's and Women's Tennis
Friday, April 23 at Kenyon
Saturday, April 24 vs. Kenyon
at 11 a.m.

Men's and Women's Golf
Saturday, April 24
NCAC Championships Round 1

Men's Baseball
Saturday, April 24 doubleheader at
1 p.m. vs. Ohio Wesleyan
Sunday, April 25 doubleheader at 1
p.m. at Ohio Wesleyan

Women's Softball
Saturday, April 24 doubleheader at
3:30 p.m. at Kenyon
Sunday, April 25 doubleheader at 1
p.m. vs. Kenyon

Men's Lacrosse
Sunday, April 25 vs. Kenyon
at 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
Saturday, April 24 at Kenyon
at 1 p.m.

Most games are available online. Go to alleghenygators.com, search the team, click on schedule, and click watch for the game of your choosing.

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