

College creates new counseling position

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Allegheny College opened a search for a multicultural counselor, a new position, to work in its Counseling Center, posting the job opening on its website on Oct. 21. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 15.

Director of the Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Justice Center Justin Adkins said colleges like Allegheny have been creating similar positions in recent years.

“There’s a need in counseling services—not just here, but everywhere—of people who have more specialty in dealing with some of those issues,” Adkins said.

Jacquie Kondrot, associate dean of students, said the college opened a search for a general counselor over the summer and offered the position to somebody who declined. Kondrot said she could not say why the counselor declined.

The decision to tailor the job title and description to attract a counselor who specializes in trauma faced by historically marginalized groups sprung out of student desires, Adkins said.

“Students wanted better access, students wanted people with some specific knowledge base, et cetera,” Adkins said. “And so it’s all in reaction to really hearing from students and addressing the needs that students are telling us exist.”

Those interested in the position, according to the job posting, should be able to provide general counseling in addition to their specialty in dealing with students from diverse backgrounds.

“The person provides counseling, crisis intervention and consultation taking into account students (sic) racial and ethnic diversity, sexual orientation, spirituality, ability and any disabilities, class and socioeconomic status,” the posting says.

The goal of hiring such a counselor is to allow people of diverse backgrounds to feel welcome at the Counseling Center, Kondrot said.

“We’re always trying to do more to reach different groups of folks,” Kondrot said.

Kondrot said the college is looking for somebody with experience and expertise in working with a diverse group of people.

“We are deliberately looking for someone with that specialty ... and background and experience and also interest,” Kondrot said.

Darnell Epps, associate director of the IDEAS Center, said he looks forward to a partnership with the new counselor once one is chosen.



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Greek God and Goddess

Above: Harper Zimmer, '18, was nominated by the sorority Delta Delta Delta to be a representative in the Greek God and Goddess contest on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016. For the talent segment of the contest, Zimmer speed-painted.

Below: Brett Trotter, '19, represented Delta Tau Delta at the annual Greek God and Goddess event. He took first place, earning points for his fraternity for the Greek Week competition.

CPP holds forum for sixth district candidates



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Democrat Peter Zimmer, Republican incumbent Brad Roae and write-in Lester Lenhart spoke on the issues of jobs, education and public health at the forum sponsored by the Center for Political Participation on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

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Three candidates vying to represent the 6th Pennsylvania House of Representatives District—encompassing Crawford County and parts of Erie County—met to debate on Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the Tippi Alumni Center.

Brad Roae, the incumbent Republican representative, Democrat Peter Zimmer and write-in candidate Lester Lenhart spoke at the event, hosted by Allegheny College’s Center for Political Participation. The candidates were asked to pre-

pare remarks about jobs, education and public health in the district.

Each candidate had five minutes to give prepared remarks, followed by three minutes to respond to their opponents’ assertions.

At the conclusion of the debate there was a 30 minute period for audience members to pose their own questions to the candidates. Each audience question was passed on index cards to the CPP fellows walking around the room. The fellows collected the cards throughout the forum so that audience questions arising throughout the debate could

be submitted to the moderators.

An underlying theme of each candidate’s answers was what the role of government is within society. Roae said the role of government is to remove itself from the daily lives of people and business operations.

“Government cannot create jobs,” Roae said. “All government can do is stay out of the way so that business owners can create jobs.”

Roae also decried the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as “Obamacare.” He said it demonstrates the fed-

eral government interfering between a buyer and a seller, which he said is not an enumerated power of Congress.

Zimmer said he “fundamentally” rejects Roae’s notion of an uninvolved government.

“The idea that government is there just to stay out of the way is such a simplistic and reductive idea that I think is damaging to our region,” Zimmer said.

After the debate, Zimmer said his platform is governmental action.

“I think my message resonates not with a party, but with people who want action,” Zimmer said.

Lenhart, who ran against Roae in the Republican primary, said an issue with the current Pennsylvania government is the amount of taxation and regulation it places on businesses.

Throughout the debate, Roae, who is running for his sixth two-year term in the Pennsylvania House, also challenged the current business tax rate.

“I think the key to job creation is lowering our taxes,” Roae said.

While specifically targeting business tax rates, Lenhart said he plans to update the state tax code to meet current issues.

“The tax system within the state of Pennsylvania needs to be reformed,” Lenhart said. “Each and every part of it.”

Lenhart said one necessary change for the tax code is the way school districts are funded. Property taxes, according to Lenhart, are a major source of funding for Pennsylvania schools. He said the system of funding schools with property taxes creates inequity, as poorer communities tend to get less funding through property taxes. Zimmer agreed.

“It’s unfair, it’s inequitable and it’s a broken system,” Zimmer said after the debate.

Both Lenhart and Zimmer agreed that altering the tax code is an integral part of promoting education in the state. Roae said Pennsylvania schools outspend the national average and that other steps must be taken to improve education.

Roae said the state spends more money on education per student than the average U.S. state and that no school in Pennsylvania spends less per student than the national average. He suggested merit pay for teachers and banning teacher strikes as ways to improve education.

College limits funding to 2020 sustainability goal

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Allegheny College, in 2007, became a charter signatory to a document committing itself to achieving environmental sustainability by 2020. According to Director of Sustainability Kelly Boulton, the college should be able to meet that goal.

As part of the initiative, Allegheny was required to perform an annual greenhouse gas survey to pinpoint how much of a carbon footprint the college currently has. She said this number has continued to drop.

“We have been making a lot of progress over the years,” Boulton said.

Despite the progress that has been made, Boulton said there are challenges they are

facing. With two years of underenrollment, the college was forced to make cuts to its annual budget. This meant cutting the \$3,000-5,000 that was typically set aside in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to upgrade the efficiency of buildings on campus.

Linda Wetsell, chief financial officer and treasurer, said the college must prioritize what can be done with the available funds when compiling the budget.

“We take all those requests and we see what we can do based on the budget,” Wetsell said.

While the funds in the CMP were specifically set aside for sustainability improvements have been eliminated, Director of the Physical Plant Cliff Willis said the college is still committed to improving the sustainability

of the college and its facilities.

Willis said that when the Physical Plant makes up CMP they must consider the needs of the college in terms of maintenance and renovations.

“There are things that have to be done,” Willis said. “The burden of proof is what is best for the college.”

In the past, the CMP has been approximately \$2.6 million, according to Willis. For the last two years, the budget has been reduced to \$1 million.

Even with the reduced budget, Willis said there are still ways in which they are seeking to improve the efficiency of the campus through ordinary maintenance.

Willis said that as machinery within buildings needs replacing, Physical Plant works to ensure that any replace-

ments are as efficient as possible.

“We have a long ways to go, but we have made a lot of progress in eight and a half years,” Willis said.

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Linda Wetsell
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

In the coming year, Willis said such measures as the replacement of existing lighting

on campus with LED lights will be their focus in improving efficiency. He said the college plans to replace all the lights along North Main Street with LED lights.

“That should be a pretty significant savings,” Boulton said.

Boulton said once 2020 arrives, the college will purchase carbon credits. For each metric ton of carbon purchased, a third party company ensures that each ton is offset through other means. She said the cost of purchasing enough credits to offset the college’s remaining emissions will be approximately \$50,000 a year.

Working to limit the amount of carbon emissions now, Boulton said, will help to offset the cost of purchasing credits later.

“It makes more sense to spend the money before 2020

to reduce our carbon emissions,” Boulton said.

Wetsell said, like any other budget item, the cost of purchasing the credits will have to be weighed at the time. She said this might mean pushing the goal back a few years, depending on the college’s financial situation at that time.

Boulton said that, although the cost of purchasing credits could be reduced, however, she said purchasing credits through lower quality companies often does not guarantee that the emissions are being offset. She said going with a higher quality company means the college can be sure the emissions are being appropriately offset.

“It seems that, that level of commitment fits our institutional commitment better,” Boulton said.

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Sixth District representative candidates Peter Zimmer, the Democratic nominee, Brad Roae, the incumbent Republican nominee, and Lester Lenhart, a write-in candidate, stayed after the forum to speak with audience members on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

When asked to address the issue of public health, Roae attacked the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and suggested repealing the law, over which the state legislature has no purview.

Lenhart suggested state representatives work closely with congressmen to improve

national healthcare policies, and Zimmer suggested that the state take steps to lower the cost of healthcare across the board.

After the debate, Lenhart attacked the number of terms Roae has served. Lenhart said he supports placing a limit of two terms on representatives, and he would place such a

limit on himself were he elected.

“I will be a person who will burn the candle at both ends,” Lenhart said.

Roae disagreed, saying the length of his tenure in the Pennsylvania assembly has benefited the region.

“Not only can I hit the ground running, I’ve already

been running,” Roae said. “You have to have a good network of people in Harrisburg to get things done.”

Both Roae and Zimmer will be on the ballot for the Pennsylvania House, while Lenhart is running a write-in campaign. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

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Housing committee seeks to address unauthorized pets

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Class of 2017 President Amy Currul reported on recent developments in Allegheny Student Government's ad hoc committee on housing at the ASG general assembly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The committee, according to Currul, has been hearing complaints from students regarding the increasing number of unauthorized animals living in campus housing.

"There seems to be an uptick in the number of unauthorized pets this year, especially cats," Currul said.

The presence of pets in any college owned housing, apart from fish and service animals is not allowed, according to the Office of Residence Life website.

Jason Ferrante, president of the Class of 2020, said the college housing committee had also mentioned the issue of unauthorized pets on campus and discussed limiting service animals to dogs. Ferrante said Cliff Willis, director of the Physical Plant, told the committee cat urine is much harder to get rid of than dog urine, and often requires that the floor be torn up to eliminate the problem.

When asked to confirm if any such action was being considered, Dean of Students Kimberly Ferguson stated in an email that the committee is focusing on "clarifying the policies related to service animals." She did not clarify whether the committee is considering limiting service animals to dogs despite being

asked multiple times. Ferguson said the problem is not with service animals, but those who have unauthorized pets on campus.

Director of Student Affairs Sydney Fernandez, '17, said and her Co-Director Matt Hartwell, '18, will be sending an email to Director of Public Safety Ali Awadi following concerns from student regarding the recent elimination of student positions in the office.

"We are going to be sending out an email to Ali Awadi about the student switchboard operators," Fernandez said.

The position of student switchboard operators was eliminated on Oct. 26, 2016. Awadi said the reason was to limit liability, as students could become privy to confidential information.

Fernandez said they hoped to set up a meeting with Awadi to discuss the concerns she and Hartwell have heard from constituents about the layoff. She said on Thursday, Nov. 3 that Awadi had responded saying he would be happy to meet with Fernandez and Hartwell, but felt he had addressed the matter in a recent article in The Campus.

President Tess Bracken, '17, said she received a request from the college's housing committee to put together a list of the top dorms in need of repairs or renovations.

After a short discussion, it was decided the dorms most in need of renovations were Baldwin Hall, Brooks Hall, Caflich Hall and Walker Hall.

For Baldwin Hall, several members of ASG, including

Senator Alexa Porche, '19, brought up concerns regarding the condition and functionality of bathrooms.

One senator also noted chipping paint on her heater in Caflich. She said Physical Plant told her it was led paint.

For Walker, members of ASG, including Director of Finance Luke McBride, '18, noted unresolved mouse and rat infestations.

During her cabinet report, Director of Diversity and Inclusivity Miranda Wilkins, '20, voiced the idea for a project brought up in a recent meeting of the Council on Diversity and Equity.

Wilkins said an idea was proposed in which students with left over Munch Money at the end of the semester could donate the funds to students who had run out without embarrassing them.

"It would be anonymous, so it removes the stigma," Wilkins said.

Hartwell said he believes it is a good idea, but cautioned that Parkhurst Dining Services may rely on those students who do not use all of their available funds.

Vice President Sofia Kaufman, '17, voiced her support for the idea, and encouraged Wilkins to pursue the initiative.

The Class of 2018 appointed a new senator to fill the vacancy that arose after Mollie McDermott, '18, was appointed Director of Organizational Development on Oct. 18, 2016. Alex Reganata, '18, was approved to fill the vacant senate seat by a unanimous vote of the senate.

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He said he hopes the counselor will communicate broad issues students bring to the Counseling Center so that the IDEAS Center can better its programming.

"If there are things they're seeing, certainly we can partner together," Epps said.

The Counseling Center currently has three counselors as opposed to the four it

normally has, adkins said.

"We're down a counselor right now and this is a problem," adkins said.

Adkins said the addition of this position is just one initiative from his office resulting from student suggestions.

"I want to continue to hear things that are services and issues and things students need. I want to hear that from all of

our students," adkins said.

Kondrot said she wants students to appreciate the work of the Counseling Center.

"I just would hope that students would pay attention at the work that's coming out of the Counseling Center and know that we try to offer the best service we can," Kondrot said.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 28, 2016, issue of The Campus, an article on men's varsity swimming reported that Jack Bailey's time for the 50 free was 21.17. He swam a 21.37.

CRIME BLOTTER

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No crimes were recorded in the Daily Crime Log.

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Critical thinking: A needed skill in political discourse

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“The current view is that liberals have a whole set of statistics which theoretically may be right, but it’s not where human beings are,” said Newt Gingrich in an interview with CNN during the Republican National Convention.

In just one sentence, Gingrich embodied the biggest problem facing American politics today. It is not either party, the two-party system, Social Security, education or federalism. The biggest problem the United States faces in today’s political discourse is the rejection of fact and its substitution with fiction.

The rise of Donald Trump

exemplifies this better than any other case. Trump began his campaign partly on the premise that Mexican-American immigrants cause an inordinate amount of crime.

“When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best. ... They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems with us,” Trump said in his campaign announcement on June 16, 2015. “They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.”

While Trump’s rhetoric is striking, it is far from reality. A 2012 Congressional Research Service report found that 1.6 percent of 18- to 39-year old male immigrants were incar-

cerated. That figure rises to 3.3 percent for native-born males in the same age range. In 2013, sex crimes accounted for just 1.6 percent of crimes committed by immigrants.

Clearly, Trump’s assertion that Mexican-Americans are almost universally criminals is founded in no way on reality.

Yet perhaps more egregiously, Trump’s assertion is based on another fiction that undocumented Mexican immigrants comprise any significant population of the U.S. A Sept. 20, 2016, Pew Research Center study found that while this group comprised over half of the number of undocumented immigrants in 2014, undocumented immigrants account for just 3.5 percent of

the country’s population.

The same study found that the number of undocumented Mexican immigrants has actually been declining since 2009.

Perhaps Trump’s calls for immigration reform would be better served by looking at Canadian immigrants. A Jan. 16, 2016, study by the Department of Homeland Security found that Canadian-Americans are the most likely group of immigrants to illegally overstay their visas.

But that reality, rather than Trump’s fiction, would not be met with the xenophobic zeal of many of his supporters.

This rejection of reality, however, is not a crime that only one side of the political spectrum commits.

Liberals who are in favor of gun control often claim that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was written at a time when muskets were the only weapon that citizens could reasonably own.

Those who share that political ideology, however, generally supported the Supreme Court’s 2014 decision in *Riley v. California*, which found that the Fourth Amendment right against illegal search and seizure applies to cell phones as well.

Cell phones did not exist in 1791.

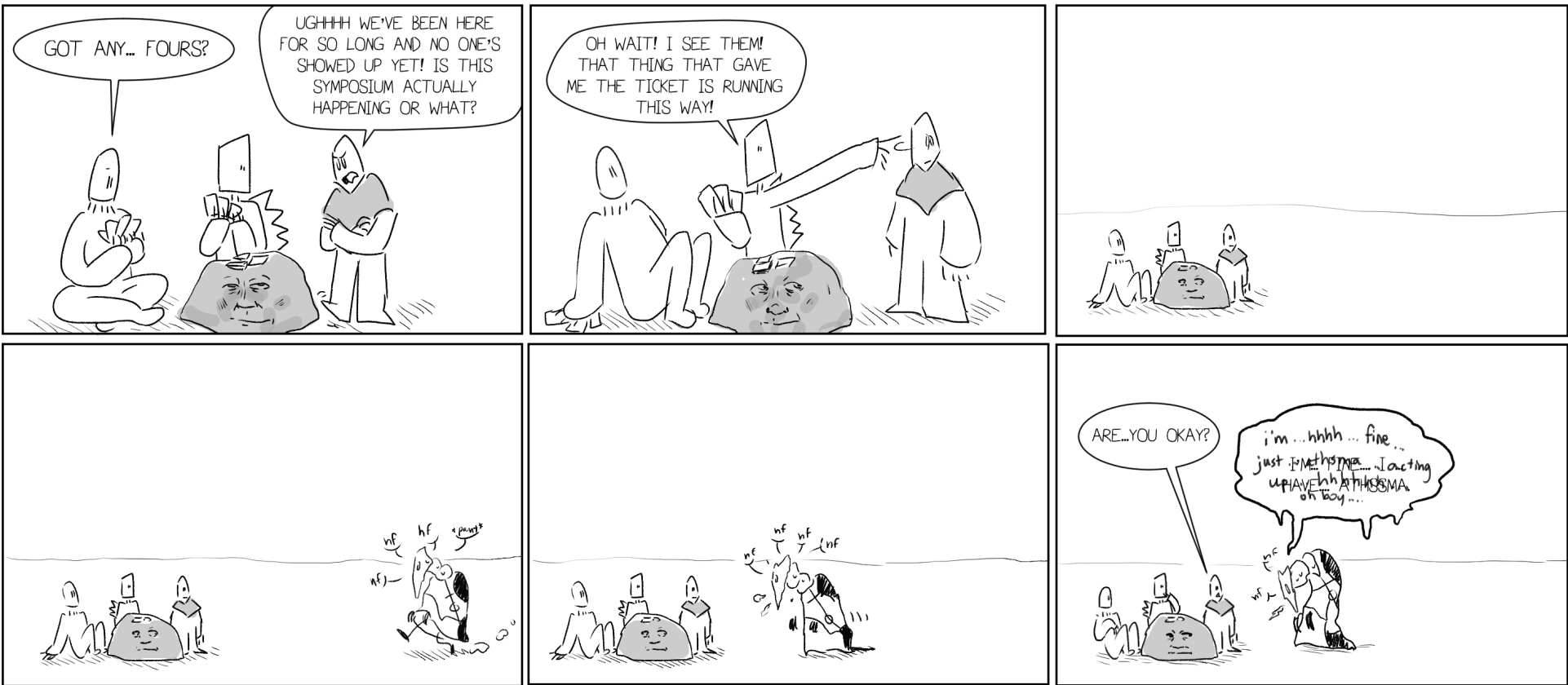
As the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia noted, the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the Constitution is “not unlimited.”

While there may be legitimate arguments to be made in support of gun control, the type of firearms around during the ratification of the Bill of Rights is not one of them.

The backbone of any strong democracy is the education of its electorate. While the U.S. fails to rank first in any educational metric, the American education system is capable enough to support a populace that weighs facts over emotions and truth over fiction.

Our unwillingness to separate fact from fabrication despite our ability to do so undermines American democracy and leads us down a dangerous path of despotism. But we can—and should—change that.

THE SIMPLE THINGS



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Breaking the spell cast on professional sports

The Chicago Cubs finally overcome curse lasting 107 seasons

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In a country where professional sports teams and athletes are central to the lives of many fans waiting for their beloved franchises and star players to reach the top of the metaphorical sports totem pole and win the championship in their respective sport, some of those teams and players just cannot fully satisfy those fans every year.

Often brought up in discussion about sports franchises is the unfortunate, mythological and superstitious idea that curses are placed upon certain teams preventing them from reaching the sports pinnacle of a world championship achievement.

Most recently, we saw the Chicago Cubs overcome the Cleveland Indians in the 2016 World Series in a matchup that went all the way to game seven. The game followed a combined 174 season long drought of not winning the World Series for either team.

The news coverage leading up to the defying game seven meeting between the Cubs and Indians often included the idea of a curse that was cast on both teams many years ago.

For the Cubs, the last World Series win was in 1908,

which served as the starting point for their 107 season-long period without winning a World Series. It wasn’t until 1945 when the actual “curse” was put on the team.

Billy Sianis, owner of The Billy Goat Tavern—a local Chicago bar—attempted to enter the World Series with two tickets, one for himself and the other for his pet goat. Needless to say, they made him leave Wrigley Field, but according to NBC News, he cursed the Chicago Cubs on the way out.

“Them Cubs, they ain’t gonna win no more,” said Sianis as he created the curse of the billy goat.

This, however, was not the only curse placed on the Chicago Cubs.

In the 2003 National League Championship Series, Steve Bartman, a Cubs fan, reached over the wall in foul territory attempting to catch a foul ball but interfered with a player attempting to catch the same ball. After this controversial moment in the series, the Cubs never recovered from the heartbreak of losing that series-clinching game to move on to the World Series. This is now forever known as the curse of Steve Bartman.

For the Indians, the last World Series victory was in 1948. They have been said to be cursed since 1960 when they traded outfielder

Rocky Colavito, a prominent power hitter of the time who was beloved by the fans of Cleveland, to the Detroit Tigers. On the day of the trade, the Indians were playing an exhibition game at historic Russwood Park in Memphis, Tennessee when the news broke of Colavito. Ironically enough, after the game the stadium was destroyed in a fire.

In other so called “curses” limiting the professional sports world, the MLB saw another historic losing streak come to an end in 2004.

In 1918, the Boston Red Sox traded their Hall of Fame legend Babe Ruth, who helped them win four World Series Championships in the seven years that he was there. His new team, the New York Yankees, went on to win 27 World Series titles while the Red Sox did not win again until 2004, after an 86 season-long losing streak.

In other sports, the Cleveland Cavaliers brought the first major championship to the city since 1964 when they came back from a 3-1 deficit in the 2016 NBA Finals and defeated the Golden State Warriors. According to ESPN, the City of Cleveland, was at one point ranked as the most tortured sports city in America until the Cavaliers ended the 52-year championship drought.

The Buffalo Bills are also

said to be cursed for their inability to win the Super Bowl after reaching the championship and losing four consecutive seasons from 1990 to 1993. The curse dates back to 1920 when the city of Buffalo’s first NFL team lost in the championship on a highly controversial tiebreaker.

Also in the NFL, the highly anticipated Madden video game is said to be cursed. Ever since 1998, the video game has featured one of the NFL’s biggest stars on the cover. But that is not something you may wish for as a successful professional athlete, even if it is a cover photo opportunity for a game like Madden, which is considered a legend among sports video games.

There have been 19 players who have graced the cover of Madden since 1998, and the Madden Curse has affected the careers of 17 of them. Some of the players have had troubled or shortened seasons following their cover debut while others have even suffered season-ending injuries soon after the video game hit stores.

Yes, I understand that these curses all may seem far-fetched, but it is certainly something you have to look into. It could be a matter of superstition as a fan, constantly blaming your favorite team or player’s shortcomings and struggles on a historic curse that

has been passed down for generations. Or maybe there is this mythological factor behind sports that casts a certain spell or magical curse on a player or team leading them to constant and consistent failures and ultimately disappointments for fans.

As a Pittsburgh Pirates fan, I certainly believe in curses. The year I was born set off the 18 season-long drought as I grew up watching the Pirates lose year after year without making the playoffs. But the turning point was when I came to college in 2013 and the Pirates reached the postseason for the first time in 18 years. You can bet your bottom dollar that I went to that first game and cheered them on to victory. After that first playoff win in 18 seasons, the Pirates went on to make the playoffs for the next two years before coming up short this past season.

Even though these curses are often associated with negative connotations within society, they often bring out the best in us as sports fans. That moment when the Pittsburgh Pirates won the first playoff game, my eyes lit up with joy as I watched the crowd erupt with passion and loyal commitment that had been built up for 18 long and hard years.

That’s what brings out these historic sports moments—

overcoming adversity, whether it is for one season or 107 seasons like the Cubs. It’s about coming together as a city, as fans, and for the franchises, as teammates, coaches and personnel.

That feeling when your team finally hoists up the championship trophy, or clinches a spot in the playoffs, is unlike any other feeling. Even as a fan you feel like you have something major to do with the scenarios leading up to the final play of the game. Even as an outsider who watched the game from a bar, at home on a TV or in the crowd at the stadium, arena or ballpark, you feel like you have accomplished something collectively as both a city and sports franchise.

As a Pittsburgh sports fan I know how that feels. Watching the Steelers win the most Super Bowls, watching the Penguins win multiple Stanley Cups and watching the Pirates make the playoffs in search of winning the World Series is such an amazing feeling.

I can imagine how the City of Chicago and the fans who have been supporting the Cubs through thick and thin over the years actually feel. The Cubs deserved this World Series victory. This championship was overdue. Long overdue. As a matter of fact, about 107 years overdue.

NEW BEE OR NOT NEW BEE: THAT IS THE QUESTION

Student environmental science research uncovers potential new species

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Paige Hickman, '17, and Erica Moretti, '17, will travel to the United States Geological Survey Bee Identification and Monitoring Lab in Beltsville, Maryland this Friday, Nov. 4.

There, Sam Droege, wildlife biologist and head of the lab, will help them sort through and identify bee specimens that were sampled around the Meadville area over the summer of 2016. Droege, according to Hickman and Kaye Moyer, '19, is the leading expert of identifying native bees. But the last time Hickman visited this lab—during the summer of 2016, with Moyer—he came across a sample that he could not identify.

“He said, ‘I can’t pinpoint this one. It might belong to several different genera [the organizational level above species], but it does not fit the mold of any of them,’” Moyer said.

The sample—a single specimen of the genus *Lasioglossum*, of which Moyer and Hickman had collected several hundred—was sent to Jason Gibbs, research associate at Michigan State University. Gibbs confirmed that the specimen did not belong to any known species of bee, according to Hickman.



Two bees, one from the genus *Bombus* and the other from the family *Halictidae*, crawl about a teasel thistle. Both of these groups are native to North America, according to Kaye Moyer, '19.

The anomaly specimen suggests that the two Allegheny students may have come across an entirely new species.

“This is not uncommon, because there are not a lot of people out collecting bees, especially in northwestern Pennsylvania,” Moyer said. “There was only one bee that was undescribed, and you can’t really describe a species until you have multiple [samples].”

Currently, the two use a key of morphological—biologist lingo for shape-based—characteristics to identify each species. The new specimen could not be matched to any one species based on shape alone. Hickman said that if the two recover more samples of the same kind, they might send them to other labs for genetic tests.

The sample was recovered as a part of a survey Hickman and Moyer conducted over the summer of 2016 that was designed to gauge the diversity of native bees across a gradient of different areas based on land use. The pair set traps, which mimicked wild flowering plants, near the Robertson Athletic Complex, around the Allegheny College campus and in downtown Meadville.

Moyer said that the students are comparing nesting sites in areas with concrete over ground surfaces with areas without concrete.

“The native bees we are looking at make nests in the ground,” Moyer said. “We are also looking at the different types of flowering plants, to see if plant diversity has a relationship with bees.”

Native bees, unlike the social honey bee, are mostly solitary insects, according to Moyer. While only one honey bee species lives in North America, native bees—often referred to as “wild” bees, since the honey bee is domesticated for agricultural purposes—tend to be more diverse. Hickman and Moyer found 24 genera of wild bees over the course of their research.

Wild bees are not always necessarily native to the Americas, according to Beth Choate, associate professor of environmental science at Allegheny. Many species of bees are foreign, but have since co-evolved with local plants.

The survey was part of a line of studies that date back to 2014, when Hillary Krill, '15, conducted a baseline study of native bee diversity on campus at different sites. Krill, originally an environmental studies major, was inspired by an article she read where Whole Foods displayed a hypothetical produce aisle



Paige Hickman, '17, and Kaye Moyer, '19, check out bee samples in the United States Geological Survey Bee Identification and Monitoring Lab in Beltsville, Maryland, while Sam Droege, wildlife biologist and lab head, examines their samples during the summer of 2016.

Meadville, including in assistant professor Ian Carbone’s backyard.

Moretti’s senior comprehensive project examines whether bee diversity might be correlated with the level of human use of land. Urbanized areas include more concrete, asphalt, buildings and other surfaces that bees cannot dig into, according to Moretti.

Hickman’s comprehensive

“You can infer from the genus what kind of nester it is,” Moyer said. “*Lasioglossum* live in the ground. They’re solitary. [The sample] was found out where they store the compost by Robertson.”

Most of the bees collected in the survey came from this site, according to Hickman. It also contains the highest diversity of flowering plants.

Prior to conducting the survey, Hickman and Moyer determined, through background research, that native plant diversity plays an important role in native bee diversity, at least on the genus level.

“[We are] recreating things that others have done and seeing if the same pattern follows in Meadville,” Moyer said. “And what’s interesting is that we do sort of see a trend—there is slightly more diversity in bees at Robertson than other types of sites. But we don’t see as big of a decline down that land-use gradient as we expected.”

Hickman said that another factor in bee diversity in urbanized areas could be the use of ornamental plants. Ornamental plants tend to be hybrids between local and foreign plants, if they are not outright foreign, which means that they have not co-evolved with native pollinators. As a result, native pollinators cannot access the pollen produced by ornamentals.

Hickman and Moyer’s research comes at a time when pollinator populations are declining globally due to climate change, the use of pesticides and habitat fragmentation, usually from agricultural development and urbanization, according to Hickman and Choate.



Erica Moretti, '17, and Paige Hickman, '17, set up a plot for collecting samples near the Robertson Athletic Complex in early summer of 2015.

“If we were to lose these pollination services, we’d be screwed,” Hickman said. “They are called ‘services’ because there is an economic value placed on pollinators—about 80 percent of all flowering plants rely on pollinator services.”

The research is important on a local level because it surveys pollinators in areas away from local farms, according to Moyer. Different plants are affected by different pollinators, so biodiversity might differ between farming and non-farming habitats. Losing pollinator services for non-agricultural plants could still impact local insect and animal populations, according to both Hickman and Moyer.

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Kaye Moyer
Class of 2019

“If you take out one part of that food web, the whole thing could collapse,” Moyer said.

The study set a couple of state records by uncovering certain species of bees in the state of Pennsylvania for the first time. A few specimens

showed up in unexpected places, such as a couple of species from *Lasioglossum* in Carbone’s backyard, which involved more concrete, traffic and ornamental flowers than are typically associated with *Lasioglossum*, according to Hickman.

The specimen, if confirmed to be a new species, could lead Hickman and Moyer to publish their findings.

For guidance moving forward, Choate contacted Gibbs—who still has the original sample—and asked what the team’s next steps should be. The answer? Keep collecting.

“In order to name a species, you have to have several individuals, and then you publish a paper that describes [the species],” Choate said. “And we have a lot more to find.”

Hickman and Moretti’s upcoming trip to the Beltsville lab will be to help the team sort through the remainder of the 2016 samples. The hope is that Droege—who composed and published the online key that the Allegheny researchers use for identification—will be able to quickly sort through their samples, and might turn up more of the unknown samples.

Moving forward, Choate hopes that future students will continue to research pollinators in the Meadville area and that future studies will continue to sample at the same sites.

“[Hickman and Moyer have] done such a good job of curating everything that we have this reference collection,” Choate said. “It doesn’t make sense not to keep going—we have such a good reference for these areas, it would be wonderful to keep going.”

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Let’s watch “Rocky Horror” again

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The cult classic “Rocky Horror Picture Show” filled Grounds For Change with students eager to participate in the annual event on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Attendees were given goodie bags filled with toast, confetti, rice, copies of The Campus, and party hats for them to throw and wear at various times during the movie with instructions on when to do so.

The festivities began before the movie. Students showed up in costume and red “V’s” were drawn on the foreheads of those who had not seen the movie before. The “V” stands for virgin.

“I mark virgins with red lipstick,” said Becca Duch, ’17, a board member at GFC.

For those who had never seen the film before, they may not know what they are getting themselves into.

Balijah Grant, ’20, had never seen the movie before this event, and was marked with red lipstick accordingly.

“I don’t know what I was expecting, but that wasn’t it,” Grant said. “[However,] I’ll probably be back next year.”

Micah Hayes, ’19, was one of the virgins but said she was drawn to the interactive aspects of the movie.

“I mean you get to throw stuff. Who doesn’t want to to go to a movie where you get to throw stuff,” Hayes said.

The movie started with the song “Science Fiction Double Feature” sung by a pair of disembodied red lips.

Students filled the air with disquietude and handfuls of



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Students get in the spirit of the “Rocky Horror Picture Show” during Grounds for Change’s annual screening of the movie on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016.

white rice when the opening wedding scene began, but their excitement was quelled when the projector broke. The event coordinator for GFC, Lucie Shiffman, ’18, had to run to the library to get a new one.

“I mark virgins with red lipstick.”

Becca Duch
Class of 2017

The movie started back up, and the commotion continued as people shouted at the characters and sang along to the music, even donning their provided newspaper when it began to rain in the film.

Students sang along to “Time Warp” and got out of their seats and started dancing along with the instructed movements.

This collective two-sided interchange continued throughout the movie, with attendees often jeering and yelling at the characters as the movie progressed along its predetermined destiny.

Everest Rain, ’20, a “Rocky Horror” virgin, enjoyed the communal give and take of the picture show.

“I liked that there was props and stuff,” Rain said. “[But] it was kinda hard to follow the plot.”

When the movie was over, people exited the venue quickly, leaving a ground covered in rice and confetti. A few volunteers willing to clean it all up lingered as well.

Shiffman was one of those volunteers. She also put together the goodie bags, purchased the movie rights. She said the work she put into the event was worth it because of the tradition.

“Rocky Horror has a cult following. If you know about it you know about it,” Shiffman said.

EL Seminar helps alumna find herself aboard the USS Niagara

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Hope Collins, ’15, is an Allegheny graduate who went on an experiential learning trip aboard the USS Brig Niagara from June 12 until July 3, 2013. Collins worked her way up from a trainee to an apprentice and then to an ordinary seafarer. She continued working on the Niagara after graduation. Although her contract ended this past October, she plans to continue writing about her experience aboard the Niagara.

The Campus: What were you involved in while at Allegheny?

Collins: I did Orchesis for all four years that I was there, so I was pretty involved with dance in the fall. I did dance team my senior year [of college]. I majored in English non-fiction writing, so I was also the Single Voice Reading Series assistant to Professor [Christopher] Bakken. I would help get stuff ready when the writers would come. I was also the English department student representative, so I would go to meetings with faculty. It’s a small school, so you’re kind of involved with everything all the time.

Campus: How did you start working on the USS Brig Niagara?

Collins: When I was a freshman, I saw a flyer for it, and I ran home to my roommate. I’m kind of outdoorsy, and I like doing stuff with my hands and being outside. She’s a little bit more indoorsy, so I ran home and was like, “Look what you can do.” She was like, “You have to sleep in a hammock.” I was super excited, and I went to all of the informational meetings. I didn’t actually apply until my sophomore year, and I went on a day sail and was so terrified because it was raining and rolling a little bit. By the end I was like, “I have to do this.” At that time, I was still a fiction major and I wanted to write about ships, so this was perfect. It was the cheapest EL [seminar]. I didn’t even have to go out of the country. I just had to drive to Erie. So I applied, and Professor [Ian] Binnington emailed me first and was like, “Please stop emailing me. You got into this program.” I did it for three weeks and it was so incredible. It felt like my life got shook up and then turned upside down and then put back down again.

Campus: Do you have a favorite memory from working on the Niagara?

Collins: There’s so many. I saw the Milky Way for the first time on the ship. That was pretty neat. This summer we were all at karaoke. There was a bunch of sailors there, and Bob Marley’s “Redemption Song” was playing which I had never heard before. I was like, “This is a great song.” The captain came over and was like, “You’re going to have such a withdrawal from this in six months. You’re going to be so sad.” I was looking around, and everybody was singing. Just looking around at the faces of everybody I had gotten to know. Everybody was singing and having a good time, and I was having a moment.

Campus: What is one of the hardest things about working on the Niagara?

Collins: Sleep deprivation be-

Campus: So you are not working aboard the boat anymore?

Collins: No, I’m not technically working on the boat,



Hope Collins
Class of 2015

but I am hoping to go to grad school to continue writing about it. Hopefully, I can actually publish a book about it. I’m not working there, but I’m not done with it.

Campus: What about working there made you want to stay?

Collins: There’s really nothing else like it. You’re literally living with forty other people. As a trainee, you show up, and you’re really soft and scared. Everybody’s yelling a lot. You don’t really understand how the sails work, and it’s interesting to work up from a trainee to someone who’s doing the yelling at people. You’re super fit, super tan and super blonde. Everybody’s really attractive, and you get to work with these people who are really motivated and have a different set of thinking. Everybody’s done really interesting things. Really what made it for me is the people because everybody there is really cool and really motivated and so smart. They know exactly what they’re doing, and you just want to keep being around these people. It’s like you’re finally sitting at the cool kids’ table. You conquer one thing and you get to move up. You just keep getting to be better. It’s really affirming. You tell people about this and you’re suddenly the coolest person in the room.

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Hope Collins, ’15, and crew members aboard the Niagara at the Tall Ships Erie Parade of Sail in September of 2016.

cause you sleep for four hours and work for four hours. You might get to sleep for six, but you get woken up in the middle of it to eat. It’s really hard labor. It’s not for the faint of heart. You’ve got to be working all of the time. After a whole summer of that, you’re like, “I’m exhausted.” It’s worth it, but everybody’s really tired, and that’s when people start making mistakes. It’s just stuff you’ve got to look out for, but the hardest part is definitely how worn out you get and being away. But both of those you get used to after a while, so it’s not a problem, just something that you’ve got to deal with.

Campus: What is the best thing about working on the Niagara?

Collins: The best thing is the people. I think it’s because they’re people like me. I found people who understand the way I think about stuff. You want to be like these people, and you want them to like you. You get to see really cool stuff. You get to go out in the middle of a lake and look at the stars, and it’s more stars than you ever knew existed.

“Just do what you want, do what you love and it will be okay.”

Hope Collins
Class of 2015

Campus: What lessons have you learned through this experience?

Collins: I learned how to be nicer to myself. It took me a long time to have patience with how I learn things. I learned a whole lot about myself—what it’s like to work with other people, what it means to be a good co-worker and a good person to work with. I learned that it’s okay to fail, it’s okay to make mistakes and you can’t stop trying. I would be so afraid of messing up that I wouldn’t even try. It’s not one big lesson you learn, but you get to meet yourself. You get to encounter what kind of person you want to be and what kind of person you are.

Campus: Do you have any advice for college students who do not know what they want to do after graduation?

Collins: Don’t worry about it. It’ll come to you. Don’t worry about money. Just keep doing what makes you happy, what fills you up at the end of the day and what makes you feel like a contributing member. The rest will come after that. Just do what you want, do what you love and it will be



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The Park Avenue Rehabilitation and Nursing Center featured two people dressed as Alice and the Mad Hatter from “Alice in Wonderland” in Meadville’s Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016. The theme was “Nightmare on Chestnut Street.” The parade is the biggest annual Halloween parade in Pennsylvania and always draws a large crowd of spectators. The parade was hosted by Crawford Area Young Chamber of Commerce and was sponsored by local businesses and organizations. All costs exceeding the operational cost of the parade were donated to a chosen charity, which this year was St. James Haven, an overnight temporary homeless shelter for men in Meadville.

MEADVILLE HOSTS 50TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES WITH A 'NIGHTMARE ON CHESTNUT STREET'

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Meadville’s 50th annual Halloween Parade took place on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m. This year the theme was “Nightmare on Chestnut Street.”

The Meadville Halloween Parade is the largest annual nighttime parade in Pennsylvania, according to the parade’s website. It was hosted by Crawford Area Young Chamber of Commerce and was sponsored by many local businesses, organizations and individuals.

The parade began in Diamond Park before migrating down Chestnut Street and making a right onto Market

Street to finish in front of the Grandstand by the Market House.

The Crawford Area Young Chamber of Commerce selected the non-profit organization where the proceeds—exceeding the operational cost of the parade—were donated. Last year, the parade’s proceeds went to the Crawford County Humane Society. This year, all proceeds were donated to St. James Haven, an overnight temporary homeless shelter for men located in Meadville.

“I am excited to see how people in Meadville get together to celebrate Halloween,” said Mihar Koh, ’20, as she waited for the parade to begin.

Koh was one of the thou-

sands of people who gathered to watch the parade, which included firetrucks, marching bands and even Little Miss Cochran Libby Boulton.

“She loves the firetrucks,” said Meadville resident, Casey Briggs, as she pointed to the little girl sitting on her shoulders.

Only moments after the parade began, the Crawford County Democratic Society drove a car covered in Hillary Clinton advertisements down Park Avenue. Shortly after, Crawford County Young Republicans followed sporting a man clothed in a navy suit and Donald Trump mask on top of a vehicle.

Following the Crawford County Young Republicans’ float was yet another vehicle

campaigning Trump for president. The second float read, “Trumped for Trump Pennsylvania,” and dragged behind it an elephant statue.

“I didn’t like that they showed the political parties, and I felt like there was an unequal representation of the parties.”

Savannah Grey
Class of 2020

The senate election was not forgotten with floats ad-

vertising for Michele Brooks, Brad Roae, a state representative and Katie McGinty all included in the parade.

Many more Trump supporters followed.

“I didn’t like that they showed the political parties, and I felt like there was an unequal representation of the parties,” Savannah Grey, ’20, said.

Many of the floats refrained from advertising for the upcoming election, and instead stuck to using the theme of “Nightmare on Chestnut” to celebrate and advertise organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, Mobile Learning Labs and more.

The Meadville Halloween Parade was full of different

floats and people handing out candy.

“I really liked seeing all the cute little kids running around and getting the candy,” Grey said.

Meadville is now in full preparation for the upcoming holiday season.

Halloween was not the only holiday celebrated in the three-hour parade. A dancing pack of Christmas elves, a float sponsored by the Meadville Garden Club carrying a giant Christmas tree topped with a Santa hat and a woman dressed as a decorated tree passing out buckets of candy, all participated in the parade.



Community members participated in and watched Meadville’s Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016. Many different vehicles were used as floats in the parade, including firetrucks, vintage cars, trucks and wagons. Participants walked amongst the floats in the parade and threw out candy to spectators. Children of all ages lined the parade route and held Halloween bags to store the candy they collected. Many of the spectators dressed up in costumes as they participated in the Halloween festivities.



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Captain Bailey Kudla-Williams, '17, competes in Intermediate Fences at Bethany College on Oct. 16, 2016.

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Team prepares for last competition of 2016

This year, the Allegheny equestrian club has 11 members on the team. The women practice at Brenic Stables in Edinboro, Pennsylvannia with other teams in the area from Edinboro University, Mercyhurst University and Pennsylvannia State University at Behrend. The team will compete at Horse on Course in Valencia, Pennsylvania, a two-day competition on Nov. 12 to 13, 2016. The competition will be the team’s last of the semester.



Griffin Sullivan, '19, competes in the Intermediate Flat at Seton Hill University on Oct. 9, 2016. Sullivan took fifth place and moved onto the next level of Open Flat, qualifying her for the regional championship.

Maloney chosen for Branch Rickey mentor program

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Alexa Maloney, '17, was chosen for the NCAC Branch Rickey Mentoring Program for her passion and interest in coaching lacrosse. The program pairs NCAC athletic administrators and coaches with female and minority students who aspire to have a career in coaching college athletics. “That’s why I applied—because I wanted the opportunity to see if coaching was right for me because I am really passionate about it and I think it’s a great way to put a finger down on something before applying for jobs,” Maloney said. Maloney will be mentored by Allegheny’s women’s basketball head coach, Kate Costanzo. Throughout the program, Maloney will be working with Costanzo to learn how she runs her program and get a different perspective on coaching.

“I think for me, it’s an opportunity to give back and to help a student athlete who’s interested in getting into athletics. I think it’s a unique opportunity to get to know a student from another team here which will be fun,” Costanzo said. “What I’d really like to see is the student I’m working with realize the passion even more and enter into a career in athletics, whether that’s in coaching or athletic administration. I think that’d be a pretty cool thing to witness when she graduates.” Maloney said she was proud of herself for being chosen for the program and getting the opportunity to learn more about coaching from someone with as much experience as Costanzo.

“I’m super pumped to be a part of the program, and the fact that I’m partnered with Coach Costanzo was really great,” Maloney said. “She’s been here for nine years and has a wealth of knowledge that she is so willing to help me with and pass on. This is her first time with the program, so it gives us a good opportunity to learn together which is something that I think is a great opportunity.” Women’s Lacrosse Head Coach Ashley Hughes said, as an Allegheny alumna and a coach, she wishes the program had been here

when she was a student. “I think it’s a great program for liberal arts institutions across the NCAC to offer opportunities for those that want to get into any sort of sports setting to have that internship opportunity,” Hughes said. “You also get a different perspective on how different coaches approach things, so despite the fact that Coach Costanzo and I are in the same department, she’ll handle things differently. It also creates a great opportunity for networking. [Alexa] will be able to go to some different conferences and meet with the conference office.” Maloney has been coaching for a club lacrosse team in her hometown for three years and has spent time as a referee for games as well. “I’d like to work before I go to grad school, and hopefully coaching will be a good option,” Maloney said. “I’m really passionate about coaching, and being able to share the sport with other people is what I love.”

This semester Maloney will be working with Costanzo and Gabby Holko, women’s basketball assistant coach, to plan practices and go to games to see the behind-the-scenes of getting ready for games.

“We’re also going to do some stuff with her coaching philosophy and how it is instilled in the team over time, which I think is cool to see something manifest,” Maloney said.

In addition to participating in the mentoring program, Maloney will be a captain for the women’s lacrosse team this spring.

“[Maloney] was chosen as one of our captains this year, and I think that that was because she is what we call a servant leader,” said Hughes. “She’s leading for the betterment of others and wants to let the others be happy and work hard. So her purpose is to make sure that people are engaged and there’s an environment of inclusivity, that people feel comfortable making mistakes so we can continue challenging each other and making each other better. I think she’s done a good job fostering that environment in her career thus far and really making sure that others feel accepted and comfortable in all situations.”

Cross country teams take first at NCAC Championships

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The men’s and women’s cross country teams competed in the NCAC Championship meet on Sunday, Oct. 30. The women placed first out of eight teams with 47 points and the men finished first out of nine teams with 44 points. “I think we were pretty well prepared. We had plans for all scenarios and we knew what we wanted to accomplish as far as executing throughout the race,” said Dan Cheung, '17. “We responded well to how the race went out and each runner knew what they needed to do to run their best race.” Cheung finished first on the men’s side with a time of 25:17 and was named 2016 NCAC Runner of the Year. “It feels good. It’s validating. There’s a lot of work that goes into it starting back in June,” Cheung said. “Even back as a freshman, watching

Bobby Over [class of 2013] win conference champion and Logan Steiner [class of 2016] before me, to fill shoes like that, it feels really good.” On the women’s team, seniors SJ Guillaume and Monica Patrick finished third at 22:20 and fourth at 22:27, respectively, leading the Gators. “Coach always gives us a race plan of the different training groups and what we should aim for, and I think everyone executed the plan pretty well,” said Patrick. “We knew that we would have a lot of girls in the top end. We ended up with four in the top 10, which is how we want it because that’s huge for points. Personally, I’m really happy about running a lot of the race with SJ [Guillaume] and Sarah [Hevener]. We went three, four and six, and ran a lot of it together.” Patrick said a championship meet is different than other season meets because it is smaller and the team is train-

ing for regionals at this time. “At this point, it is post-season, so it’s weird for us because it is conference and we want to win, but we also have our eyes on regionals which is how we make it to the national meet, so it’s a weird focus on the task at hand but knowing we have a lot more to do in the next couple weeks,” Patrick said. Head Coach Ben Mourer said the best part of championships was getting the women’s score. “The men had already won—we’d known that for about an hour—and the ladies race we had added up and thought it was going to be really close, so we sweat it out for a bit, but once we got the final score and knew both sides had won—the coaching staff was pretty excited,” Mourer said. Following both races, Mourer was named NCAC Coach of the Year, the second year in a row for Al-

legheny’s coaching staff, as Jordan Hill won it last year. “A really great moment was finding out the team took the victory,” Patrick said. “We were walking back from the start line to our camp with some of the alum that came back to watch us when results came up online. We stopped in the middle of our walk back to add up the scores. It’s fun when both teams win.” Cheung said the team did better and knew what to expect this year because of the experience many members of the team have gotten at higher level meets in the past year. “Last year, I hadn’t had a good race going into conferences and it was a breakthrough race for me, and I think our team was the same way,” Cheung said. “We struggled at the national meet [last year] because most of us hadn’t run at the national meet or at conference championships. So we had a lot more experience this year, and

I think we’re a lot more poised when it comes to stepping on the lane and running a race.” The team’s training is set for success at regionals, with a long season starting in June according to Mourer. “Our training is set up for our best to be another two weeks from now—it’s focused on the regional championship,” Mourer said. “So for us to be ready for the conference championship takes quite a bit of focus because physically we’re not quite ready yet, so mentally we need to make up for that.” Following regionals, the top two men’s and women’s teams get an automatic bid to nationals. “Last year we placed third, so that put us in a good position for an at large bid to nationals. ... We’re a little more experienced with dealing with high stakes meets this year and repeating as conference champs shows that,” Patrick said.

Mourer said he is looking forward to working with the teams to get into the top two and make it to Nationals. “The men had an average regular season, so we feel that they kind of need a top two or three finish. The women had a better regular season, so we’d love to be top two, but really top three or four would get it done for them, and that should get us onto the national championship,” Mourer said. Cheung added that he is looking to reach the potential that he knows the team has and to see the team compete at nationals this year. “Cross country means a lot to me, so it’s two more races, and that’s kind of weird and setting in,” Cheung said. “I’m looking forward to enjoying the process and seeing the benefits of the hard work we’ve put in.” The cross country teams will compete next at the College of Wooster’s Twilight Run on Friday, Nov. 4.