

Allegheny first PA college to achieve carbon neutrality

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After a period of 15 years and with a commitment spanning the terms of three different Allegheny presidents, Allegheny has achieved its goal of being carbon neutral in 2020 — the first college in Pennsylvania and the eighth in the United States to do so.

Allegheny was one of 3,000 colleges to reach this goal and to attend the 2020 Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit, sponsored by the company Second Nature, from Feb. 23 to 25 in Atlanta, Georgia. Allegheny was represented by Board of Trustees member Christine Scott Nelson, '73; Linda Wetsell, Allegheny's 20th President and the original signer of Allegheny's carbon neutrality goal, Richard Cook, President Emeritus James Mullen, and current president Hilary Link. Professor and Chair of the Environmental Science and Sustainability Department Eric Pallant and Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Boulton were also in attendance.

Pallant said Allegheny accepted an award at the conference for being the first college in Pennsylvania to achieve carbon neutrality, along with being the eighth in the US.

"Allegheny was featured for its long-standing commitment to energy efficiency and climate neutrality," Pallant said. "It was featured because as of this year, we are effectively climate neutral. ... It was not just a major feat of reaching climate neutrality but doing it across three different presidencies was worth talking about, and for other places to really learn from and celebrate."

There are thousands of colleges in the U.S., and Pallant said Allegheny becoming one of the first to reach carbon neutrality is a notable accomplishment.

Link described the conference as a wonderful way to showcase Allegheny in terms of commitment to carbon neutrality and sustainability, and an opportunity for three different presidents to show how wonderful Allegheny is when it comes to the commitment.

"What was funny for me about the conference is that everyone I met said, it seems like this whole conference is about Allegheny," Link said. "I was like, that's great. —that's what we want. Because you know, anywhere that we can promote the work that Allegheny is doing not just on campus but globally, for the world, then that's a good moment for us."

Allegheny was also one of the least wealthy colleges in terms of endowment funds at this conference to reach their climate neutrality goal, which made becoming the eighth in the country to do so an even larger accomplishment, according to Pallant.

"Allegheny continues to be, and has been for a couple of decades, a leader in the state and the country on walking the walk," Pallant said. "We don't just preach sustainability, we actually do it. ... It's not like we purchased our way to this, we did it by commitment, and really working hard at it for 15 years. And (Boulton) gets a lot of the credit for figuring out how to do it."

Link said Allegheny got to this point not because of money but because of creativity.

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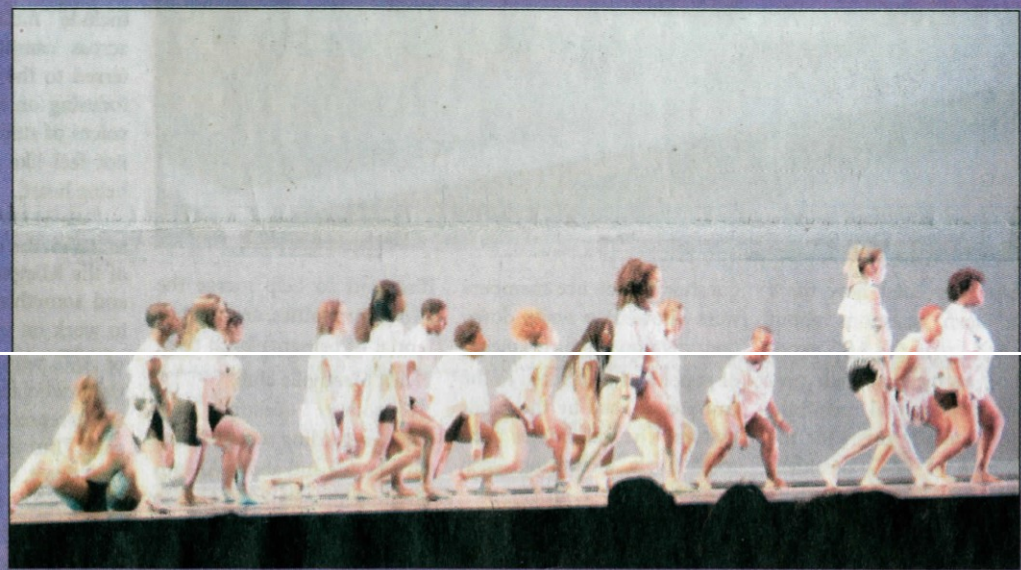
Above: "The Last Four Years" dance is performed during the JaDE benefit concert on Feb. 29, 2020, in the Shafer Auditorium.

Below: "In Their Footprints They Leave..." is performed during the JaDE benefit concert on Feb. 29, 2020, in the Shafer Auditorium.

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Allegheny Student Government hosts candidate debate

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Citizens across the United States watched the presidential primaries of Super Tuesday unfold this week. Election season is in full swing at Allegheny as well, with four students currently running for president and vice president of Allegheny Student Government.

ASG held its annual Presidential/Vice Presidential Debate at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, in the Henderson Campus Center lobby. David Roach, '21, with running mate Melanie Torres, '21, debated against Abdi Lugundi, '21, and his running mate Patricia Gaxiola, '21. Provost and Dean of the College Ron Cole, and Co-Editor-in-Chief of The Campus Lauren Trimmer, '20, moderated the debate.

The debate began with opening statements from each candidate team. Each were given four minutes to present their arguments. Roach and Torres began due to a preceding coin toss.

Roach opened by thanking the audience members for coming to the debate and by talking about his and Torres's experience in ASG, which they have been a part of since their first year in multiple capacities. These include Torres being an ex-officio and a senator, and Roach being president of the class of 2021 and also Director of Communications and Press.

"(Torres) and I have gotten the chance to talk to many people over the past month about the ways that you wish Allegheny and ASG were different," Roach said. "We will take this feedback as our guiding principle, because your voice, your representation and your passion are paramount and why we are running for your ASG president and vice president."

Next, Roach talked about the campus being in "a time of great change," citing the reaching of the college's carbon neutrality goal, along with the welcoming of President Hilary Link to campus. He also discussed the multiple Title IX incidents that have occurred on campus and the desire for change in that area as well.

Roach said another goal of his and Torres is to work on creating a better connection between ASG and members of the campus community. "We want you to know that we are here to fight for you and your interests," Roach said. "Your passion for change and reform on this campus has helped (Torres) and I to form our platform."

Roach continued talking about future plans, including the creation of more positions on ASG cabinet to help combat the most pressing issues on campus.

"Our platform is your platform, because these are issues that affect us all," Roach said.

Following Roach, Lugundi and Gaxiola presented their opening statements, focusing on previous leadership positions and commitment to giving a voice to those who may consider themselves unheard.

Lugundi has previous experience as a co-president of the Islamic Culture Association, along with experience working with a nonprofit organization in Pittsburgh that aims to create a youth program that he then connected with Allegheny.

"As far as why I'm running for ASG president, in terms of representation, I think that is something that is very prominent and important," Lugundi said. "Using this platform, I want to reach out to those voices and show that they have the right resources ... and make sure those needs are met."

Gaxiola continued the team's opening statements by introducing herself as one of the co-founders and current president of Latinas on the Rise, which is in the midst of its first full year as an ASG-recognized club. Gaxiola then moved into the candidates' platform, which focused on community relations and fixing structural barriers in that relationship.

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Snow: 60%
Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.
Sunset: 6:17 p.m.

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H: 39° L: 29°
Snow: 10%
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Sunset: 6:18 p.m.

SUNDAY



H: 55° L: 41°
Snow: 0%
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Sunset: 7:20 p.m.

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Above: David Roach, '21, presents his opening statements during the ASG presidential debate at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the Henderson Campus Center lobby.

Below: Abdi Lugundi, '21, and Patricia Gaxiola, '21, present their opening statement during the ASG presidential debate on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the Henderson Campus Center lobby.



She also cited how there have been questions about her and Lugundi's ASG experience, saying that their previous presidential positions help to qualify them for the positions of ASG president and vice president.

"We want to focus on unity in Allegheny," Gaxiola said. "We feel as if there is a lack of community here, and we feel as if a lot of problems stem from that as well. The goals solicited by Allegheny are something that we have been working on for a while, this is not something new."

Additionally, Gaxiola said she and Lugundi have met with Link and discussed concerns of both students and themselves.

"Overall we want to bring community to Allegheny and have an integration of various roots," Gaxiola said.

Following opening statements, the debate flowed into a question and answer session. While the candidates answered pre-written

questions, audience members were allowed to write down their own questions on pieces of paper and pass them to the front to be read by the moderators. The candidates then took turns answering each question.

The first question focused on improving Allegheny's involvement with the Meadville community and how each side would work on fixing that relationship.

Lugundi and Gaxiola answered first and discussed working with the Martin Luther King Jr. Mentoring Program in Meadville, along with similar programs to help bridge the gap in the relationship and work more with high school students.

Roach and Torres discussed planned cabinet positions that they would add or continue to refine, including the current director of community relations position on cabinet. They also discussed working with local businesses on things similar to student

discounts to help merge the two communities, and the potential of bringing back the I Heart Meadville club.

Another question was posed regarding sustainability on campus and about Allegheny reaching its 2020 carbon neutrality goal.

"(Torres) and I were really excited this week to learn that we have achieved our carbon neutrality goal," Roach said. "It was wonderful to see something as lofty as this goal be fulfilled, and it has been a huge milestone for our campus community with all of the work that has been done here."

Roach added that he and Torres plan on bettering collaboration between the ASG director of environmental affairs and different sustainability clubs across campus, which would include work on the current green box system and projects like installing motion sensor lights in places where safety was also a concern.

Lugundi provided a similar answer in that he and Gaxiola also plan on working with clubs across campus.

"I think the simple answer to this is working with other clubs and organizations that have already been doing this work and bringing more prominence to them and their work, because we feel that that should be acknowledged," Lugundi said. "(We want to) bring more prominence to them and award them for achieving that goal because that's not something that many Allegheny students know about."

Another question posed to the candidates was regarding the recent safety concerns across campus. Lugundi and Gaxiola discussed working on finding out ways to help first-years get over the "culture shock" that many experience when first coming to Allegheny, and working on the overall student and Office of Public Safety relationship.

Roach and Torres discussed being a part of the director of public safety search last semester and working with the new director, James Basinger, to have public safety officers be more visible to students across campus.

The candidates were then asked what they would do to help representation of all students across campus in terms of diversity.

Lugundi talked about making a consistent effort to include multicultural clubs across campus. Gaxiola referred to the team's platform focusing on representing the voices of students who might not feel like their voice was being heard.

"We really want to bring to light the unheard voices of the Allegheny community, and something else we want to work on is the integration of ASG with other organizations who feel as if they are underrepresented," Gaxiola said. "But this is also a two-way street, that means having those who feel underrepresented come to ASG, and as (Lugundi) mentioned before, we need to get to those uncomfortable spaces before we can get comfortable."

Torres then brought up Roach's and her plans for increasing diversity on cabinet.

"The first point that (Roach) and I want to make is diversity representation on cabinet," Torres said. "I think ASG has been really working towards showing that representation through all of our positions, not just director of diversity and inclusion. ... Overall, I know that in part for myself as a Latina from an immigrant family I know some of the difficulties that we face. ... (Roach) and I don't claim to know all of the problems that our groups face, or

the solutions, but we are definitely here, and we don't stand for the status quo. We are here for all of our groups."

Later in the debate a similar question was posed, asking what each candidate would do to reach people who did not think they could normally speak up to ASG.

"Through our platform, referring to those unheard voices. ... I was one of those unheard voices, and I share some of their stories of not feeling able to speak up because I didn't think the school could do anything for me," Lugundi said. "But just being in this position sharing this platform, I'm seeing influence on those unheard and marginalized voices."

Roach voiced that he and Torres recognized that the current way of talking to ASG through constituent comments might seem scary to some people, and discussed working on visibility of ASG cabinet and senate, which included a planned revamp of the weekly event held by ASG, Talk About It Tuesday.

"Another way that we think we can do (Talk About It Tuesday) is to reach people where they are," Roach said. "Going to different residence halls throughout the year and making sure we are getting into contact with people who ... might not have the general knowledge of how they can get in contact with (ASG). Also another way that we could increase this would be to educate people on how ASG can help them and what ASG can do for them, whether it just be everyday things like not having options in the dining hall for you to eat. ... We want to make sure your voices are heard, and not just to the student government, but to administration and even to the Board of Trustees, which we do meet with here on campus."

Another question involved mental health resources for students on campus. Both platforms focused on increasing wellness programs across campus, and increasing mental health resources in any possible capacity.

The final question posed was why each team thought they specifically would be the best for the position of ASG president and vice president.

Roach and Torres discussed their love for Allegheny and how working on ASG has made their time at the college the best three years of their lives. Roach also said that they hope to be able to leave Allegheny a better place than it was when they arrived.

Lugundi and Gaxiola reminded the audience of their previous leadership experience and their want to represent the different unheard voices across campus. They

also emphasized that their leadership would bring something different to the table, and that if audience members continued their support, they would "show (them) real action."

The candidates then gave their closing remarks.

Roach and Torres ended first, discussing their dedication and love for ASG and what they do.

"Experienced, innovated, driven," Torres said. "Those three words have led our campaign and represented the spirit of our years of experience and ambitions for this campus. ... ASG isn't the end all for change on campus, we recognize that. But as a government of the student body, it is a strong resource with close connections to a variety of groups and individuals on campus. As individuals we all can bring amazing changes to Allegheny. ... We have established trust in each other, in our drive and our capabilities, and now we ask that you trust us. Trust us to represent you, trust us to advocate for you and join us in unifying our community together."

Lugundi and Gaxiola finished by returning to the original culture shock that many students feel when arriving on campus, and that there is often a difference between uncomfortable and comfortable spaces for students on campus.

"Graduating from high school, I never thought I would make it to Allegheny college," Lugundi said. "That was just one of my top shot goals. ... No, it's not always a good time, no things aren't always fun but the different experiences and the different people around the world with different backgrounds, people who you may not agree with, who you might actually be able to sit down and have a civilized conversation with, that's a real part of diversity. ... We are very thankful and we couldn't ask for very much more."

ASG general elections will take place from Wednesday, March 4, to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6. Voting is open on WebAdvisor.

Increased risk of COVID-19 threatens study abroad programs

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"(COVID-19) must be a top priority for every country," said current Director General of the World Health Organization Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus during a mission briefing on Wednesday, March 4. "Our message to all countries is: this is not a one-



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The spread of COVID-19 was officially declared a public health emergency on Thursday, Jan. 30. Since the official declaration was made, the disease has continued to spread.

A total of 92,943 cases of COVID-19 have been reported and 3,160 people have

died, according to the WHO.

The WHO is calling for countries to educate their populations, expand surveillance, find, isolate and care for every case, trace every contact and take an all-of-government and all-of-society approach to ending the epidemic.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause illnesses as mild as the common cold to an ailment as severe as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, according to the WHO.

Around 100 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed within the United States and have resulted in 10 deaths, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although there have

been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Crawford County or Pennsylvania, Allegheny has convened its incident response team to address any potential future outbreaks.

Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students April Thompson addressed the risk of COVID-19 in a campus-wide email on Tuesday, March 3. In her email, Thompson specifically addressed the concerns surrounding travel during the upcoming spring break.

"We strongly advise students, faculty and staff who may be traveling during the break to pay careful attention to travel advisories," Thompson said in the email. "(Allegheny) recommends

caution when considering overseas travel."

The Spring Break 2020 Experiential Learning Seminar to Paris, Barcelona and Oslo led by Director of International Education Lucinda Morgan and Professor of Economics Stephen Onyeiwu was cancelled due to the "unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak," according to an email sent to Allegheny students who were planning to attend the EL.

Onyeiwu and Morgan also felt that "the anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus outbreak would be unproductive to student learning and exploration."

Additionally, Thompson revealed that the college will

be monitoring conditions and communication with students planning to go abroad during the fall of 2020.

Thompson also recommended that the campus community protect from any virus by washing their hands, avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth, avoiding close contact with anyone who is sick, staying home when you are sick, coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your elbow and disinfecting frequently touched objects, such as cell phones.

"(COVID-19) is not SARS, it is not MERS and it is not influenza," Ghebreyesus said. "The nature of this virus means we have an opportunity to break the chains of transmission and contain its spread."

ASG talks honor code referendum and food insecurity

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Education Chair of the Honor Committee Eli Smith, '21, and Honor Committee member Skyler Roemele, '22, spoke at the Allegheny Student Government General Assembly on Tuesday, March 3.

ASG welcomed the speakers to Henderson Campus Center room 301/302 to discuss the honor code, which is up for referendum this year.

The referendum is a vote that is made by two-thirds of the student population every three years to either keep the honor code or to remove it from the college.

Smith began the presentation by explaining that the honor code was created by students who wanted to create a system of academic integrity, and was officially enacted in 1962. Every three years since its creation the student body has voted to keep it.

Following that, Smith went on to explain the function and purpose of the honor code.

"We are a fact-finding body, so whenever there is a violation in somebody's class and a professor comes to the Honor (Committee) with a violation, we are not there to make any judgments," Smith said. "We just try to gather as much information as we can, (including the student's and the professor's perspective)."

Smith then went on to discuss common violations they

receive which include using a cellphone frequently during an exam, leaving the building or going to the restroom with an exam or talking to a classmate during an exam.

"Semester to semester we always see at least one of these things," Smith said.

However, Roemele explained that the honor code isn't just used as a preventative measure against cheating or plagiarism. It also gives students benefits, including trusting relationships with their professors and take-home exams.

"You really foster that relationship between you and your professor, you're building trust and you're building your own individual responsibility as well," Roemele said.

Regarding the process, Roemele stated the committee's responsibility is to either vote the case up to the Campus Life and Community Standards Committee (CLCS), or, if the student takes responsibility for the violation, the case will be expedited.

"(For the expedited track, the student) meets with an Honor Committee representative, the (Associate Dean of Students for Community and Belonging) Justin Adkins and the professor (who then) decide the sanctions," Roemele said.

After opening the floor for questions, Vice President of Class of 2020 Ashley Leonard asked Smith and Roemele how the committee makes

sure to be fair and non-judgmental when potential violations are brought to them.

Roemele responded, stating that committee members go through multiple bias training sessions with Adkins, and it is recommended that they don't take the case of a student who they know.

Additionally, Smith explained that, "(The committee looks at) things that are not dealing with personal character but rather the actual physical evidence that we do or don't have."

To close the presentation, Roemele announced that the honor code has been revised, and if any student has any further recommendations for the future, to contact the Honor Committee.

After the presentation, ASG moved to cabinet reports.

Director of Communication and Press David Roach, '21, began his report by announcing that the "How To: Budget Hearing" video will be published at the end of the week and encouraged all ASG members to share it with others.

"(It is) actually imperative that you are sharing it and making sure that your friends in student organizations or clubs are seeing it," Roach said. "We need people to submit their budgets."

Following Roach, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Taylor Marzouca, '20, reported that Reggae Fest will be at



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Allegheny Student Government welcomes members of the Honor Committee to discuss the honor code at general assembly at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the Henderson Campus Center.

8 p.m. on Friday, March 6, in Schultz Banquet Hall.

After Marzouca, Director of Community Relations Owen Jacobsen, '23, announced that the Community Relations Committee will put out a "Meadville Mondays" weekly video series that will highlight events happening in Meadville.

During Attorney General Brandon Zabo's, '22, report, a revision was made to the College Democrats constitution.

Following Zabo, Chief of Staff Jared McHale, '20, reported that the Curriculum Committee passed a special topics class for the following year and the Finance and Facilities Committee are looking at improving the student-to-faculty ratio.

"Their current goal is 11-to-1," McHale said. "That's what they're working towards."

Co-Director of Student Affairs Genesis Pena, '22, announced that she went to a CLCS meeting where Chair of Academic Standards and Awards Jon Wiebel discussed medical expenses and the possibility of creating a form that students can send to professors when they are sick and aren't able to come to class. This form would be based on the honor system.

Co-Director of Student Affairs Kelsey Evans, '20, completed her report by stating that she is working on creating a handbook for first-time senators.

After cabinet reports, ASG moved to class reports. Class of 2021 announced they are planning a service event, and the Class of 2022 announced they are in the process of creating a transfer student forum within the next month.

Vice President Elyse Cinquino, '20, announced in her report that President Jason Ferrante, '20, and McHale are going on a night walk on Monday, March 9, to look at areas of campus that could be better lit.

During his report, Ferrante reported that Dining General Manager Stephanie Lang is working with Financial Services to develop a meal swipe donation plan.

"She assured me that that will be in place no matter (what) way it goes through," Ferrante said. "So we will have a swipe donation plan in place at Allegheny which is a next step to remedying food insecurity."

After a few more announcements, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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"We are able to be a model then for less wealthy colleges and universities in the country to say that you don't have to be ... some of these schools that have close to \$1 billion of endowment, because we basically have \$240 million on a good day," Link said. "And yet we figured out how to make it a priority, ... we're like 'The Little Engine That Could.'"

Pallant said that being eighth in the country in this commitment puts Allegheny in a very rare position of being a national leader on climate issues, and that it is due to commitment on many levels across the college.

According to Link, when she officially began her term at the beginning of the academic year, Boulton was excited for Link to be able to continue the work that has lasted for 15 years, whereas many colleges across the U.S. have not continued their commitment due to the lack of action, resources or priorities of the institutions.

"For me it seems so strange that a college would make that decision," Link said. "It is a special thing about Allegheny that we would not even question continuing that commitment. ... And I think the challenge for me, having come very late into this process and a lot of the hard work had already been done by the time that I arrived. But what (Boulton) and I are really focusing on now is, what's next?"

Both Pallant and Link agreed that most of the credit for the achievement is due to the work of Boulton.

"(Boulton) again gets the credit for consistency from the first day to the present day, and in addition the success of reaching this point turned out to be because there was commitment at every level of the institution," Pallant said.

Link referred to Boulton as "a one-woman operation," adding that "(Allegheny) would not have reached this point if it wasn't for her."

Boulton described a lot of her work over the years as being focused on areas like

reducing energy and sustainable construction, along with transitioning the college away from natural gas energies to renewable energies like solar panels and wind energy. She added that other projects included investing in grassland conservation and working on offsetting carbon dioxide emissions.

Boulton also described how gratifying she thought it was to be able to be a part of this project for so long.

"It's been really gratifying to me to be able to watch the college develop over a span of time that is longer than a decade, and watch the college really embrace sustainability," Boulton said. "With me being also an alum of Allegheny, I have had even more time to be able to see that Allegheny is not just saying but also demonstrating their commitment towards carbon neutrality. They are showing that this is something that can and should be done. I have also been able to work with dozens if not hundreds of students along the way with this project, so they are all a very important part of this story as well."

Additionally, Boulton said that though reaching carbon neutrality and being the first in Pennsylvania to do so is a very big deal, it is also only one step in a larger journey.

"Reaching carbon neutrality is just one point in our

larger journey," Boulton said. "There's still a lot more work to do in order to fully integrate sustainability on campus, and there is more that we want to do. But we will look forward with a lot of motivation and positivity that we were able to make it this far."

According to Pallant, students, faculty, staff, administrators and the Board of Trustees have all worked together to bring the college to this point, and that not many colleges are fortunate enough to have this kind of collaboration campus-wide on projects.

"Of those 3,000 colleges (in the U.S.), I don't think there are many that have that degree of bottom to top collaboration," Pallant said.

Additionally, Pallant explained how important this achievement is for the campus as a whole.

"(This is) about the college understanding the importance of having a campus that not just has an excellent Department of Environmental Science and Sustainability, but the whole campus is a teaching platform to make it clear to any student in any major that we are committed to reversing the causes of climate change," Pallant said. "I couldn't be prouder of anything else than to be part of an institution that has made a commitment and stuck to it, and the commitment is to actually save the world."

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—HILARY LINK
President of Allegheny College

CRIME BLOTTER

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

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Baldwin Hall

Feb. 28, 2020
Harassment
Various Locations

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Various Locations

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Billionaires should not exist

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Billionaires should not exist.

Bernie Sanders says billionaires should not exist. I couldn't agree more. I find the fact of billionaires' existence astounding, especially given how much money \$1,000,000,000 actually is.

Most of the time, we don't think about it. We use words like "billionaire" and "a billion dollars," but rarely do we stop to comprehend the sheer size of these numbers.

Consider this: If you worked every day, making \$5,000 a day, from the time Christopher Columbus sailed to the Americas in 1492 to the time you're reading this, you still would not be a billionaire. (The math is simple: \$5000 x 365 days x 528 years = \$963,600,000.)

Even that might not register, so try this: if you work a full-time job (8 hours/day) at a living wage (\$15/hour), you only make \$120/day.

Or if you make what I do (\$70,000/year), you get about \$191/day.

Or this: if you receive compensation equivalent to the president of Allegheny College, you get (according to 2017 data) \$432,428/year, or \$1,184/day.

That means you'd have to make four times the president of Allegheny College just to get up to \$5,000/day ... and make it every day for 527 years (since Columbus) — and you still would not be a billionaire.

That's a lot of money.

For some, however, it's just chump change.

Consider Jeff Bezos, the CEO of Amazon and the richest person in the world.

If you made \$5,000/day every day since Columbus, you'd still have less money than Bezos accumulates in one week (that's right, one week).

That's because Bezos has a net worth of \$114 billion, which comes to roughly \$2.2 billion a week, or

\$312 million a day. In fact, Bezos probably accumulated somewhere between \$300,000 to \$500,000 just within the timespan it took you to read this far.

And he's not the only one. There are 607 billionaires in the U.S., including the guy currently occupying the White House, and most of them are multi-billionaires, meaning they amass more than \$100 per second.

Bernie's point, of course, is that hoarding that much wealth in a society like ours, where so many people are suffering, is grotesque and immoral.

Today, 38 million Americans live in poverty, 78% of workers live paycheck to paycheck, and half of all American families (61 million households) can't afford basics like food and rent.

30 million Americans don't have health insurance, and another 80 million are under-insured (meaning they skip the doctor because it costs too much).

Half a million Americans go bankrupt each year from medical bills and 40% don't have \$400 in the bank to cover emergency expenses.

80% of families have an average debt load of \$135,768, and 44 million Americans are burdened with student debt, and over 2 million of them owe more than \$100,000.

Bezos accumulates that much in 30 seconds.

Bernie's point (and mine) is that these conditions are related. The super-rich flourish because the rest of us do not. Class inequality is relational.

Worker productivity is up 70% since 1980, yet wages are up only 11%. Workers' share of income is going down while corporate profits are going up. The rich get richer at your expense.

Of course, the rich say they "deserve" their wealth because they "earned" it. Even if that were true — it's not, by the way; 50% of billionaire wealth is inherited, another 15% is a result of monopoly control — it

doesn't justify a situation where the mega-rich sit on mountains of money while people are dying because they cannot afford insulin, losing teeth because they cannot afford a trip to the dentist, and graduating college with the equivalent of a mortgage.

The median Amazon worker makes \$28,000 a year; Jeff Bezos collects more than that in 10 seconds. His company paid \$0 in federal income tax in 2018, despite \$11 billion in profits. The reason? Another billionaire gave him a tax cut.

As Forbes magazine put it, "Trump's tax cuts helped billionaires pay less taxes than the working class in 2018." Now, for the first time in history, the 400 richest Americans (of which Trump is number 275) pay a lower tax rate than every other income group.

Bernie wants to tax billionaires to help the working class. He thinks we should prioritize peoples' basic needs (healthcare, housing, education) at the expense of billionaire fortunes. His wealth tax would leave Bezos with "only" \$57 billion.

Meanwhile, Joe Biden has Bezos' support, along with 44 other individual billionaire donors — so, naturally, he doesn't want to "demonize" them.

Likewise, Biden says he has "no empathy" for students who face massive debt loads and bleak job prospects. As he told his Wall Street donors back in June, "No one's standard of living will change," if he's elected. "Nothing would fundamentally change."

That includes the system that produced Jeff Bezos, who accrued enough to pay the average American's student debt, mortgage, medical bills and annual food costs — all within the time it took you to read this column.

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Safety improvements needed for N. Main St.

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Every weekday around 12:15 p.m., hundreds of Allegheny students cross North Main Street toward the Henderson Campus Center for the lunchtime rush. This horde of students often causes a few minutes of standstill in traffic traveling in both directions on Route 86, which connects Meadville to Cambridge Springs.

According to an article published by Meadville Tribune, a multi-vehicle accident occurred around 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25, near the intersection of North Main Street and E. College Street in the area of Brooks Walk. The incident damaged a utility pole and a light pole. Thankfully, it doesn't seem as though anybody was seriously

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How does it make sense that, in school zones, the speed limit is strictly enforced at 15 mph, but for Allegheny's busy crossings, it is a barely-enforced 35 mph?

Tractor-trailers barreling down from the north cannot come to a quick stop if a student is negligent. Last spring, a truck swerved into the Odd Fellows lawn to, thank-

fully, avoid hitting a student. Even more thankfully, there were no children from the Meadville Children's Center playing on the lawn, as they often do.

This is a huge safety issue, and the college needs to do more to work with PennDot to find a solution. It is shocking to me that more students have not been hit. Signs that say "State Law: Yield to Pedestrians" are obviously not enough to combat careless speeding through campus.

In the interim, students and drivers must work together to ensure safety. When driving through campus, I always consider using an alternate thruway, such as Park Avenue or Highland Avenue, both of which tend to be less busy with fewer student crossings. Whenever I must drive on North Main, there are often cars tailgating me, even when I am nearing the 35 mph speed limit. Drivers should slow down driving through the six or so crosswalks; no one will get to their destination any quicker if a student is hit.

Also, most students cross near the top of the hour, which is when most classes end. If possible, avoid driving through campus at these times.

As pedestrians, we must be more vigilant when crossing. Look both ways and do not cross if someone is driving too fast, especially if it is a 40,000-pound tractor-trailer. Just like drivers can yield when we negligently cross, we can wait for a car that's speeding through a crosswalk.

Please, look both ways.

Democratic race hard to predict

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The 2020 Presidential Democratic primaries are proving to be identical to the 2016 presidential race: impossible to predict.

After more than a year of fielding over 20 of the most powerful members of the Democratic party, who come from all backgrounds, the likes of which the presidential primaries have never seen before, the left plans to take down an old white man with ... an old white man. After an exciting and interesting Super Tuesday, the question remains: who will be on the blue ticket?

Five candidates remained on the ballot for Super Tuesday, but only two of them won any states. With California and Texas taken by each of the frontrunners, the remaining candidates' chances of winning are very bleak.

Fresh off endorsements by Beto O'Rourke, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar, Joe Biden surged in the polls for the first time since voting began. Popular with moderate voters, his campaign targets rebuilding the middle class and issues surrounding gun violence. Biden went to bed that night with delegates from 10 states, including Texas.

In second place is Bernie Sanders, the self-proclaimed Democratic-Socialist with the boldest agenda, appealing to younger and first-time voters more than any other candidate. His push for universal healthcare, elimination of student loan debt with a push toward an inexpensive college expenditure and increasing taxes on the wealthy is what put him on the map. After a fairly successful start to his campaign, leading to an electric lead before Super Tuesday, Sanders now lags in the polls. Although his supporters did not receive the blowout vote they were expecting, Sanders left the evening with four states, including the prize of the night: California.

Super Tuesday was disappointing for Elizabeth Warren, who only picked up around 40 delegates. The senator from Massachusetts dropped her presidential bid on Thursday.

Before dropping out of the race on Wednesday, Michael Bloomberg spent a whopping \$452 million and only won American Samoa. Realizing there was no realistic path to victory, he suspended his campaign the next day while subsequently endorsing Biden.

Yes, Tulsi Gabbard is still in this race. Will she be here for long? Since she racked up a total of one delegate on Super Tuesday, I would say no.

Being the only two candidates to have more than 100 delegates, it is clear that either Biden or Sanders will go on to challenge incumbent President Donald Trump. The question that has been looming since Nov. 9, 2016, will soon be answered: Who can beat Trump in 2020?

Currently, I would say neither.

Since the start of Trump's presidency, many leftists have been calling for unity in the party. However, cliques have started between Sanders and Biden supporters that mirror the 2016 Democratic primaries. With each side bashing the other over the next couple of months, the Democratic party may continue to be divided, no matter who the candidate is. If you do not believe me, just look at Twitter; it's a complete warzone.

Republican voters, however, are all in line for Trump, just as they were in 2016. The last thing Biden or Sanders supporters should want to do is anger their opponents. Remember, no matter whose name is on the ballot, you need them. Party division will result in the reelection of Trump.

Additionally, both candidates' health is a concern. Sanders will be 79 in November, making him 83 by the end of his first term in 2024

if elected. After Sanders suffered a heart attack during his campaign, Trump will use that as ammo to sway the moderate voting pool. Biden is no better, only 14 months younger than Sanders. In fact, Biden has shown memory problems, which have only increased during his campaign and can worsen as the months go on.

Currently, the oldest president to assume the office was Trump at the age of 70. When Ronald Reagan left office, he was younger than both Biden or Sanders will be in January of 2021. Even back in the late 1980s, Reagan was bashed by his rivals for his health issues. I can promise you that health will be at the forefront of Trump's targeting campaign.

On the flip side, Biden and Sanders have plenty of baggage to throw back at Trump: lack of affordable healthcare, the increase of the student debt deficit, the Iran incident, his hateful comments toward others and the biggest word of all — impeachment.

If the left has any hope of removing Trump from office, then they must get unified and solidified. Don't want to vote for the Democrat on the ticket in November? The great thing about the United States is that you do not have to; just do not be upset about four more years of Trump.

Additionally, not alienating other sides is key to a successful election. Both Biden and Sanders, as well as their supporters, need to remember that they are two sides of the same coin. Moderates and swing voters win elections; division wins elections for the other guy.

I am not telling you how you should vote — that is something you need to decide on your own. Just remember to look at the big picture when you enter the booth on Nov. 3. Party before candidate, or candidate before party? That is the question that will decide the outcome of this election.

Exercise: helping the body, helping the planet

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Allegheny College became Pennsylvania's first college to reach carbon neutrality in 2020. On campus, the largest step being taken is the reduction of energy consumption in the campus facilities, according to the Sustainability Department's website.

In terms of energy consumption, gyms and recreational centers tend to be on the higher end due to their very large window of operating hours.

For example, the Meadville YMCA is open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. every weekday, and the David V. Wise Center on campus is open from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. every weekday. Both buildings are open for about 16 hours daily with large sections of lights on the entire time and heating systems used to warm the entirety of the buildings, in addition to pools.

Taking all this energy use into account, gyms tend to have a fairly large carbon footprint, according to an article published by LiveScience. Many steps are being taken to ensure that the Wise Center breaks this mold.

"I don't remember specifically how long, but a few years ago we started reducing everything in Wise," said Director of Recreation and Facilities Jared Luteran. "We started with our hours; after doing counts and checking numbers, we determined when people were coming to the gym and when they weren't, and decided to close a little earlier on the weekends. That's the big one, but we reduced our energy usage overall by changing little things like lighting to be more efficient."

The Wise Center has seen a decrease in energy consumption through these methods, but gyms and other fitness centers have means to reduce consumption with a renewable resource that is often forgotten about: human movement.

Many newer cardio machines are being equipped with technology capable of turning human movement into electricity that is able to be put back into the electrical grid.

"It can be really easy if you are on a stationary bike to pedal and cause the shaft of an electric generator to rotate, creating that exact situation," said Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability Ian Carbone.

Carbone, who holds a Ph.D in applied physics, explained that this process is almost exactly the same as that of an electric generator.

"If you have a coil of copper wire and its moving across a magnetic field, those materials will interact in a way to create a current in the magnetic coil, and this is the basic idea behind an electric generator," Carbone said. "You either have a bunch of coils of wire moving across magnetic fields created by one or more magnets, or you've got a bunch of magnets moving and changing the magnetic field that's being experienced by a bunch of coils of wire."

Chris Van Alstyne, director of peak performance and fitness, commented on how fantastic these machines are, but how at Allegheny's current state, they are out of the Wise Center's reach.

"All our cardio machines are on a lease for three, four or five years, so we aren't able to update them ourselves," Van Alstyne said. "Our treadmills were just replaced but the rest have been here since before (Luteran and I) got here. That being said, as these newer machines become more common, the odds of us getting them increase, since our lease provides us with the newest machines at the time."

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He said that while their current treadmills do generate electricity, it is usually only enough to power some of the machines functions, resulting in 30% less energy usage for the treadmill.

Carbone said that although any machine that involves the creation of a rotational force can be used to generate electricity, bikes are the most efficient.

"Bikes are very efficient machines," Carbone said. "While you can use a treadmill or elliptical, bikes turn the vast majority of the energy you put into the pedals either into motion or rotational energy, and those generators are quite efficient and turn the vast majority of rotational energy into electricity."

Carbone added that bikes using an electric generator type of system could be between 80 to 90% efficient — meaning they only lose 10% of the energy generated in the process — which would provide enough electricity to not only power the machine itself, but also parts of the Wise Center.

"That said, a lot of the machines I've seen on the market also need to be plugged in and I'm not sure how exactly they're designed to use that energy, but often times they do still need to be plugged in," Carbone said.

As the development of these technologies continue, gyms and the world only stand to benefit from them. Those who are seeking a way to save the Earth can at the same time save their bodies.

The dark, twisted truth about Apple iPhones

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Branded with the iconic slogan "think different," Apple Inc. certainly does not want its customers to think about where their products come from.

Over the last decade, iPhones have exploded in popularity, causing a massive demand for the rare earth metals used to build the phone. Although this boost has given millions of people the vision to see the world through a different lens, most are blind to the origin story of the devices.

Various metals are contained in a 129 gram iPhone, with a majority of its mass being aluminum and iron, accounting for 38.5% of its mass according to an article published by Motherboard from Vice. Other significant masses include 17.1% copper, cobalt, chromium and nickel, 15.4% of carbon, 6.3% of silicon, 0.67% of lithium and trace amounts of arsenic.

Additionally, rare earth elements such as yttrium and europium are also contained in phones. These elements are typically used to help power the devices, such as operating the screen display or allowing the battery to function.

Due to a spike in demand, the rare earth element mining industry has exploded at the same numbers as iPhones. However, where there is an increase in profit, there is little to no

regard for the quality of life for workers who mine these minerals.

An investigation by The Washington Post revealed the harsh conditions of the "copper belt," a location in the southeastern province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo where 60% of the world's cobalt is mined. Here, children as young as 6 assist their parents in an attempt to earn \$0.65 after a laborious day, according to an article by The Guardian.

These mines are not like the coal mines of Western Pennsylvania. The cobalt mines consist of several different holes, barely wide enough to fit the individual miner. The miners will rappel down, typically without the protection of safety equipment and attempt to extract as much cobalt as

possible, all in an effort to feed their families.

"Every minute is suffused with dread, because many tunnels have collapsed in Kasulo, burying alive everyone inside," an article by The Guardian said, describing the bleak conditions of the mine.

Afterwards, the mined minerals will be cleaned in the local water supply in order to separate the cobalt

from the waste ore. Cleaned by women and young children, the cleaning contaminates the local water supply for the people that rely on it for drinking water.

"Yet while major consumer electronic and automobile brands state they do not tolerate child labour in their supply chains, none have invested enough resources or time into ensuring that they can adequately address the human rights abuses that could be lurking in the products they sell to millions across the world," The Guardian article read. "They have consistently shifted responsibility for human rights abuses in the Congo onto their Chinese suppliers."

The suffering caused by iPhone development does not stop there. Across the Atlantic, indigenous people in the salt flats of Argentina are at the mercy of these companies, but in a different way: here, their way of life is in danger.

The Washington Post investigated the salt flats and discovered that water supplies are drastically decreasing to pave the way for lithium mining. In some cases, these plants require portable water to be trucked in, further damaging the local area.

"In visits to all six of the indigenous communities, which lie on a mountain-ringed desert about 25 miles from Argentina's northwest border with Chile, The Post found a striking contrast — faraway companies profiting from mineral riches while the communities that own the land struggle to pay for sewage systems, drinking water and heat for schools," an article by The Washington Post read.

The path of suffering does not end in the Congo and Argentina. The Washington Post continued their chain of investigations to China, where minerals are processed in factories. Here, entire towns get covered

by lead particles in the air created from factories, contaminating everything in their path.

"By daylight, the particles are visible as a lustrous gray dust that settles on everything," the article by The Washington Post read. "It stunts the crops it blankets, begrimes laundry hung outside to dry and leaves grit on food. The village's well water has become undrinkable, too."

Despite efforts by locals to clean their living spaces, areas contaminated remained that way, with government officials to blame for being complicit with the companies causing this damage.

"Complaints about the pollution are often met with intimidation," The Washington Post article read. "People living near graphite plants frequently appeared fearful of pressing their grievances."

Many countries and people have suffered immensely in an effort to provide materials for a commonality in the Western world. As some companies make a push to improve the quality of life for workers, others will bury their heads in the sand and hide behind their bland statements of denial.



Comic by Faythe Schulte and Willy Walker

ABC awards advancement by Alleghenians

First ever ABC Awards honors Black excellence on campus, beyond

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A month-long campus celebration of Black excellence reached its finale with the Association for the Advancement of Black Culture's first-ever awards show on Friday, Feb. 28, in Shafer Auditorium in the Henderson Campus Center. The two-hour event honored students, faculty and alumni who have contributed to Black life on campus and after leaving Allegheny.

"The goal was to thank our founders and every person that has come through this school and made it possible for each of us to be here today and every day," said Kamryn Randall, '20, president of ABC, referencing the alumni who founded ABC 50 years ago.

Randall, like five other students, both presented awards and received them during the event. A total of 14 Black Excellence student awards were presented throughout the show. Students had the opportunity to nominate their peers in advance for these awards, which were often presented by students who spoke of close personal friendships with the recipient in their introductory speech.

Students received awards for a wide variety of accomplishments, according to Randall.

"Our goal with the student awards was to highlight the diversity of black students on this campus, and to show how one could get an award for a clothing line, and another could get an award for grad school," Randall said, referencing her own acceptance into law schools as well as Abraham Duncan, '20, and his clothing line, Never Go Hungry. The line was inspired by raising awareness for food insecurity.

Dai'Quan Day, '20, was also among the honorees in recognition of his broad involvement on campus in areas including Allegheny College Dance Team. Day's abilities as a choreographer were displayed in "In Their Footprints They Leave..." one of the student performances included during the event.

Other performances included "This is New Africa," a dance piece inspired by traditional African styles of dance and performed by the African Students Association, and a rendition of Nina Simone's "Feeling Good" by Selena Williams, '23.

The second half of the show also featured a spoken word piece by Randall, Rosslin Watson, '22, and Grace Ayole, '21. The piece centered on themes like the use of women's bodies, the perception of "mixed" race and being a Black woman. Each performer's segment ended with the refrain "I found god in myself, and I loved her, and I loved her fiercely."

The final performance of the night, doubling as the show's finale, was "It's a Bop

and It's Lit," a dance performed by the Dance Team.

Awards were presented between performances throughout the night, and the sole faculty award went to Assistant Professor of Community and Justice Studies Heather Moore Roberson. She received the Advocate Award, which Jabriya Hester, '21, described in her presentation as being given to "a faculty member who continuously chooses to be a supporter and advocate for students of color and marginalized populations on this campus, as well as being a listening ear to all the issues they face on a daily basis." Both she and co-presenter Ta'Tyana Whitehead, '21, thanked Roberson for her impact on their lives and pointed to her involvement in bringing Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. to Allegheny.

"The reason why I am the professor that I am is because I want to be the professor that I didn't have in college," Roberson said. "Any and everything that I do here at Allegheny is for the good of the students, the good of the legacy of this institution, but most importantly, I wouldn't still be at Allegheny if it wasn't for students like (Hester), (Whitehead), and many others who aren't in the room today."

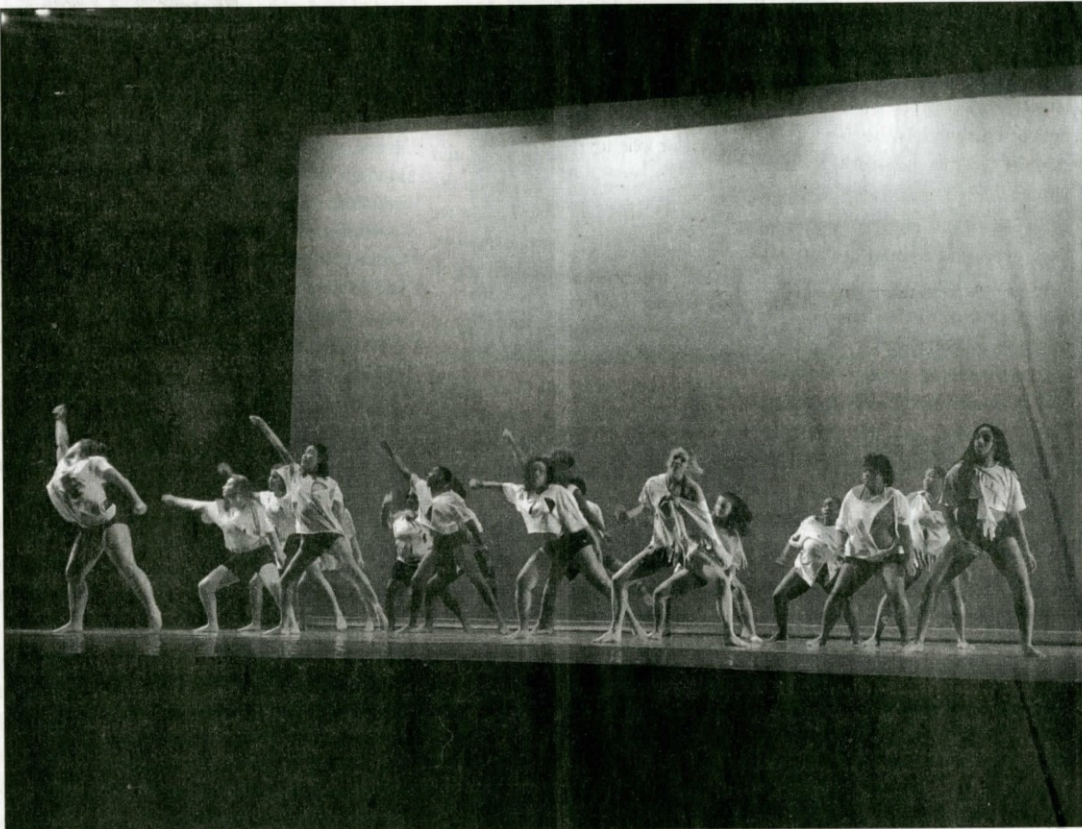
The rest of the evening was dedicated to 11 alumni awards honoring '13 Allegheny graduates.

The first of these was the Conservation of Black History Award presented by Islamic Cultural Association President Abdi Lugundi, '21, to Carmen Ramsey Ellington, '86, for making it her "mission to sustain and uplift Black History" in her work. Ellington is now the manager of the Hill House Association, which works to revitalize the Hill District in Pittsburgh, a predominantly Black neighborhood, and credited ABC with giving her tools she continues to use.

The next award went to the Rev. Yvonne Seon, Ph.D., '59, who received the Black Studies Award for her work in bringing Black Studies programs to multiple college and university campuses. Seon was also the first African American woman to join the Unitarian Universalist Parish Ministry.

John Herbert Niles, Ph.D., '59, received the Pillar Award for being a leader in his field. After attending Howard University School of Medicine, Niles began practicing medicine in 1971, becoming a board-certified OB-GYN. He also serves as an Allegheny trustee and provides aid to the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students.

The Allegheny Herald Award, given in recognition of giving "time and resources to the Allegheny community for the advancement of minority populations," was awarded to Robert A. Marchman, '80. Marchman serves as "one of the more hands-on trustee members," according to presenter and Men of Color Ad-



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Dancers perform "In Their Footprints They Leave..." a piece choreographed by Dai'Quan Day, '20, on Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, at the ABC Awards in Shafer Auditorium.

vancement Association Vice President Tonye Hamilton, '20. Marchman is also special advisor to the head of the Department of Enforcement at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. In remarks read by MOCOA President Charles Ross, '20, Marchman expressed his admiration of the students who organized the event and pointed to their common predecessors.

"We must never forget the shoulders of the many who have toiled and sacrificed, sometimes with their lives, to enable us to have the opportunities for success that we are able to grasp today," Ross read.

Fields Lee Jackson, Jr., '80, was also unable to attend, but received the Black Proprietor Award, "bestowed to an alumnus who either founded or is the CEO of a company that is doing well and can inspire other Black entrepreneurs to pursue their dreams," according to presenter and President of International Club Lidia Gebrekirstos, '21. Jackson is the founder of "Racing, Towards Diversity" magazine, a business and education-oriented publication highlighting efforts and initiatives in diversity.

The next alumni award presented was the Big Brother Award, presented to Jermaine Mitchell, '11, student life coordinator in the Allegheny Residence Life Office. The Macrocosm Award, given to Darius Kenyatta Ellis, The Young Black and Talented Award, given to Jordan Brooks, and the College Bound Award, given to Vincena Allen, were also part of ABC's effort to recognize alumni, but were not part of the evening's presentation due to the program running late.

The final award of the evening was the Founder's Award. While presenting this award, Randall paid tribute to the three founding members of ABC.

"The Founders' Award goes to those that did the work for us to be here, tonight and every day at this college,"

Randall said. "It's about remembering where we were but also paving a way forward together."

Calvin Massie, '71, Yvonne Hobbs Allen, Ph.D., '72, and Stephonia Keys Owolabi, '73, recalled their time at Allegheny as some of the only Black students enrolled at the school.

Massie said that when he arrived at Allegheny in the fall of 1967, he was one of three Black students in his class and one of four Black students on campus.

"It was a tough break," Massie said.

By 1969, there were 11 Black students on campus, according to Massie. He and other students, including Allen and Owolabi, began to advocate for change and representation on campus. With the help of the community, they put on the school's first Black History Week, and received what he said was a positive response.

"We were making students aware of Black culture, and that was our point," Massie said.

By the time he graduated in 1971, he said there was a "whole influx" of 16 or 17 Black students in a single incoming class.

Randall said listening to Massie and the other founders' stories was one of her favorite parts of the evening.

"I had the opportunity to talk with them before, but it was humbling to be able to stand up there next to them while they talked," Randall said. "It's like, I literally would not be here if it weren't for (them)."

The gratitude she feels for their influence, and for the continuing efforts of multiple members of the Allegheny community, was the driving force behind a months-long planning effort for the awards show, she said.

"I think it was just to be able to let not only the founders know, but let everyone know that we appreciate (them), and I think we accomplished that," Randall said.

Award Recipients

Student Awards

Black Excellence Awards

Lauren Akran

Amya Ruiz

Abraham Duncan

Rosslin Watson

Manuel Soares

Abdi Lugundi

Sydney Francis

Aaliyah Coleman

Kamryn Randall

Dai'Quan Day

Celeste Carl

Elisia Wright

Anthony Baldeosingh

Lidia Gebrekirstos

Faculty Awards

Advocate Award

Prof. Heather Moore Roberson

Alumni Awards

Conservation of Black History Award

Carmen Ramsey Ellington

Black Studies Award

Rev. Yvonne Seon, Ph.D.

Pillar Award

John Herbert Niles, Ph.D.

Allegheny Herald Award

Robert A. Marchman

Black Proprietor Award

Fields Lee Jackson, Jr.

Big Brother Award

Jermaine Mitchell

Macrocosm Award

Darius Kenyatta Ellis

Young Black and Talented Award

Jordan Brooks

College Bound Award

Vincena Allen

'Invisible Man' a scary success

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The hot topic in movies this week has been the remake of the 1933 thriller "The Invisible Man," originally directed by James Whale. The 2020 adaptation directed by Leigh Whannell stars Elisabeth Moss as Cecilia Kass, and Oliver Jackson-Cohen as the invisible man himself, Adrian Griffin.

With a 91% fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, the film has been praised among The New York Times, The Guardian, and Rolling Stone, most notably for its ability to build suspense and keep audiences on their toes.

I went to see the film in broad daylight, like every other person who hates being scared and has a strained relationship with the horror genre, and I still haven't been able to look at an empty chair the same since. I also may or may not have screamed out loud in the theatre on two separate occasions.

It wasn't the invisible man that scared me the most, it was the thunderous and inescapable sounds that came at times of extreme tension and anxiety that made me leap 12 feet out of my seat.

More diegetic sounds were heavily emphasized to create this drama with the audience that I haven't experienced before in a scary movie.

I refer to it as a "scary movie" because Google calls it a "Mystery/Sci-fi" film, and that is just not correct. It was a full blown thriller.

The film was compelling and kept me feeling tense throughout its entirety. The small creaks that could be attributed to everyday sounds of a house became anything but, keeping you skeptical at all times. Not to mention the

sounds that came from the invisible man erupted with such volume and power that it reminded me of "Transformers." At the peak of my anxiety the explosion of sound did nothing to ease my fears.

The build up to get to this state of perpetual anxiety was largely due to the phenomenal shooting style. Much of the time the audience got really quirky shots that peered around corners, through doors or were positioned as though the viewer was the invisible man peering in and surveilling Cecilia.

The shots added to the suspense, because not only do they make viewers wonder if the invisible man is actually there, but they also get these still and straight shots of an empty kitchen, walls, corners, bedrooms, etc. The camera actually pans to empty spaces on purpose and just stays there for a minute, which then gets one's mind racing.

Do I actually see something? Is that a shadow against the wall? Is someone sitting in that chair? Did I just hear a creak? Where did that knife go? I am second guessing and squinting at the screen because these shots make it feel like I should be seeing something, when most of the time I actually can't.

The movie makes me feel like Cecilia—living in a world where I know he's there and nobody believes me. I just want to scream at her sometimes and let her know that I see it too, which is a staple for scary movies, but this somehow feels different.

I think the invisibility frustrates me because it could absolutely happen in real life. As we learn, the invisible suit is made up of thousands of little camera lenses that do something nifty with the optics so that Adrian can't be seen.

My friend and I left the movie absolutely convinced that this was the 2020 version of Harry Potter's invisibility cloak, and that it is actually out there somewhere. For sure, someone has this or has the technology to make something like this.

The film also touches on domestic abuse and gaslighting. It was actually so realistic to see a female character experiencing and dealing with this trauma without painting her as some poor damaged princess that needed rescuing. She was smart, calculated and a fighter the whole way through.

Something I really respect in film is an effective plot twist that makes one gasp and rethink everything they just saw, and "The Invisible Man" hit the mark on that, too.

I counted three times where something happened in the film and I was just absolutely floored. The movie was creative and clever with its plotline. Sometimes with films like this, there are plotlines where a twist can be seen coming, one that is so predictable that an eye roll just isn't enough.

With this film, the twists were twisted and that is what kept me on my toes. It answered every question and none of them at the same time. Viewers could not guess what came next and that is why audiences are so pleased with the outcome.

The way that the filmmakers make me question myself throughout the film and the constant twists and turns that made the film unpredictable were enough to make the two hours of anxiety and stress, worth it.

The way this film ended, I suspect there might be room for a sequel in the future. This time perhaps with "The Invisible Woman" as the title?

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Top: Dancers perform in "Serendipity" at the JaDE Benefit Concert in Shafer Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020.

Above: Dancers perform "In Their Footprints They Leave..." at the JaDE Benefit Concert in Shafer Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020.

KARNEVAL

German House event brings celebration of acceptance, humanity to campus

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From 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, the lobby of the Max Kade International Wing of North Village I was filled with pretzels, potato salad and Allegheny students in costume. The event was an effort by students in the German House and by German Teaching Assistant Cornelius Stutz to bring Karneval, a lively celebration of spring in the months leading up to the Christian season of Lent and fasting, to the Allegheny community.

"It's a festival of love, caring for other people, of sharing joy, and accepting everything," Stutz said.

During the two-hour celebration, students ate recreations of German street food and drank non-alcoholic beer while listening to Karneval music and playing quiz games. Stutz said he hoped the event would be beneficial both for German language students and for all members of the community.

"Language is about more than grammar and vocabulary," Stutz said. "It's also about the culture behind it."

Stutz is one of the five residents of the German House, one language-based special interest "house" — an apartment, technically — available to language students in the Max Kade International Wing. He worked in conjunction with the other four residents, who are Allegheny stu-

dents, to plan every detail of the event, from what decorations would be put up to what questions would be included in the quiz.

According to Stutz, the celebrations in Germany provided no shortage of inspiration for the event, which lasts for months in his home country until coming to its end on Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian season of Lent. He described the opening of the celebration, which takes place at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11 every year, as being similar to a New Year's Eve countdown. A Karneval 'court,' made up of a prince, princess and peasant, is chosen to preside over the festivities. According to Assistant Professor of German Julia Ludewig, this is also a popular time to kick off celebrations with a pastry similar to a jelly donut or a fried dumpling.

Such refreshments are just one small part of what Ludewig described as a time when "excess is acceptable," which she said was just one small part of the appeal of the holiday that also incorporates costumes.

"There's something to be said about the allure of tradition in general," Ludewig said. "But I really think there is something to be said about this upheaval, this upturning of social norms that is still very powerful, plus the changing of identities. You have the freedom to be whoever you want during Karneval. Put up a mask and be someone else.

That is just a very anthropologically powerful offer."

These freedoms are expressed not just in costumes, she said, but in other traditions that make up the festivities, like "Weiberfastnacht" or Women's Night, when women walk the streets with scissors in hand to cut off men's ties, "literally cutting off their power."

"It was very much about underlings, or people that didn't have social power traditionally, taking over," Ludewig said.

Such social statements are combined with political ones in German Carnival celebrations and particularly in Cologne, which Stutz described as the "Karneval capital" of his country. He said political parody, including critical messages for German and foreign leaders posted to parade floats, is a key part of the modern celebrations of Karneval.

The parade floats are part of "Rosenmontagszug," or Rose Monday, which the Cologne tourist board calls the "climax of Karneval."

This and many other celebrations are at their biggest and best in Cologne, according to Stutz and Julia Plechatsch, a German exchange student, who are both from the University of Cologne, which is partnered with Allegheny. Plechatsch fondly recalled the Karnevals she has celebrated there.

"In Cologne, it gets you," Plechatsch said. "You cannot not celebrate it if you are there



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German students and members of the Allegheny community gather in the lobby area of North Village I to celebrate Karneval.

because everybody is out there doing something. Everybody is happy. Everybody is totally fine with who you are on that day."

When Plechatsch says everyone, she is not entirely exaggerating, according to Ludewig.

"Public life really stands still in Cologne during these final days of Karneval," Ludewig said, adding that streets, offices and the university are all closed while many of the city's inhabitants take days off work to join the festivities. "You won't get any answers from the University of Cologne during that week."

The modern festivities are the inheritance of what Ludewig calls an "ancient tradition" that "in its most important symbolic forms" is a celebration in anticipation of the Christian Lent season of fasting.

"It's very important to see these events in conjunction with each other, because

while fasting of course is a time of restraint and reflection, Karneval is the exact opposite," Ludewig said. "It's a time when you feast in anticipation of the fast later on."

She also emphasized the temporary reversal of social roles in historical celebrations, saying such reversals were even more striking in times of the strict Medieval social hierarchy.

"There was very little social mobility, save for Karneval," Ludewig said. "That was really a time when all hell literally broke loose."

This time "like no other in the year," as Ludewig puts it, has roots in the celebration of spring that stretch back even further than Medieval times to the Roman Empire and beyond. The festivities now known as Karneval largely came to resemble the form we know today in the 18th century, according to Stutz.

While many of the celebrations, like Weiberfastnacht and Rosenmontagszug, stretch back centuries, Stutz also emphasized the festival's openness to "every person, every gender" and "different cultural and ethnic backgrounds."

He said his favorite part of his own Karneval memories, the "show of music," testifies to that openness, with a "melting pot" of languages and cultures represented.

"People come together and just embrace each other and humanity," Stutz said. "It's mostly just so impressive to see it, how we sing songs, hug each other and dance together, and it's just wonderful."

It was that "joy," particularly "the fun of being together, of wearing a costume and dressing up," that Stutz said he wanted to bring to Allegheny's campus — something larger than pretzels and potato salad.

Women's lacrosse embraces underdog mentality

Gators incorporate strong first-year class into early season success

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The Allegheny College Women's Lacrosse team opened their season 1-1 with an 18-5 victory over Thiel College and an 18-9 defeat at the hands of University of Mount Union. The Gators will look to stay competitive through a three-game home stretch at Frank B. Fuhrer Field against non-North Coast Athletic Conference opponents.

The Gators enter the 2020 lacrosse season as the No. 6 ranked team within the NCAC, a mark that Head Coach Ashley Hughes, '08, said will fuel the team throughout the season.

"The preseason poll is basically everyone votes on how it finished off last year, so I wouldn't say that it is by any means a true representation," Hughes said. "In a good way, it's motivation for us. I'm eager for us to have the opportunities to test the waters and prove that we're not a No. 6 team."

Team captain Rhiannon King, '20, echoed Hughes's sentiment about the team's preseason ranking, and said that the team will look to prove their talent throughout the season.

"In the (NCAC) preseason poll, we were ranked (sixth), a little lower than we wanted to be," King said. "Sixth was a little bit of a shock. Coach (Hughes), keeps saying, 'It's the season of underdogs,' so we're just looking to show up, show out and prove that we are a really good team."

When describing her team and team captains King and Steph Shakespeare, '20, Hughes said that the doubt the team faces after a disappointing 2019 season defines the team's mentality early in the season.

"Underdogs," Hughes said. "That's kind of the theme of the season for us. We're going to go into every game with a little chip on our shoulders knowing that we're going to be underdogs in most of them, but that doesn't mean we won't come out on top in a lot of them."

Despite the loss to Mount Union, Evi Malagise, '21, tallied her second hat trick of the season in the loss and has six goals and three assists in the team's first two games. Grace Baginski, '23, has scored five goals on the season and Senna Perelman, '23, has contributed four. Baginski and Perelman are part of the first-year class that has impressed the captains and coaches through the first games of the season.

"We have some really great (first-years) that are just determined to score goals," King said. "It's really great to have our younger players be confident in their abilities to be able to show up."

Shakespeare said the class of 2023 has already contributed to the success and teamwork of the Gators.

"We're looking really strong as a cohesive unit," Shakespeare said. "We play really well together and we mesh really well together. A lot of the team, including the (first-years) that came in, have a high lacrosse IQ and picked it up really fast."

For King, the atmosphere of the team has been especially positive so far, and she said that the team will only progress and achieve more as the season advances.

"We're just a big group of best friends," King said. "In my three seasons prior, I feel like we connect better on the field than any of the years past, and that comes down to our off-field chemistry. We all work well together and anticipate each other's moves. We're a young team, so especially as the (first-years) get their legs under them and adjust to the competitive level of college play, it's only going to grow and we'll get better."

Hughes, who returned to coach at her alma mater in 2013, was a prolific lacrosse and soccer player for the Gators from 2005-08. She received First Team All-NCAC nominations from 2005-07 and a Second Team nomination in 2008. She left the Gators as the team's all-time leader in goals (125), assists (54) and points (179), but has since been passed by four players that she has coached.

As a former Gator student-athlete, Hughes is uniquely suited to understand her players' perspectives on and off the field.

"We put a lot of pressure on our student-athletes to strive in the classroom," Hughes said. "Allegheny is a very rigorous institution, and that places a lot of additional pressure on student-athletes along with the amount of travel."

Allegheny Women's Lacrosse has produced multiple All-NCAC players, and Hughes credits the team's long-term success to the college's recruiting process.

"I've been fortunate to coach some talented athletes that have come

through," Hughes said. "Allegheny does a really good job of selling the overall experience, and they know they're going to walk away with a good academic opportunity moving forward, and that allows us to recruit some talented players."

As a Division III liberal arts school, an Allegheny College education is one of the significant appeals to the women's lacrosse program, but it also leads to certain expectations and demands during the recruiting process, according to Hughes.

"As a coach, I'm pretty diligent in what we do and organized in making sure that from the recruiting process until they actually step foot on campus here, they know what the expectation and standard is," Hughes said. "We take our time in the recruiting process to make sure that we're getting the right student here from an athletic, academic and cultural fit."

As a fourth-year student-athlete, King was recruited by Hughes and understands the challenges and opportunities facing the team from an academic standpoint. She said that she relies on the team and the structure it provides to help her navigate the complexities of being a Gator.



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Gator baseball optimistic for NCAC tournament run

Early losses, weather delays hinder start of regular season matchups

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The Allegheny Baseball team's season has gotten off to a sluggish start after four of the team's first eight games were postponed due to winter weather conditions. Matchups against Alfred State University on Monday, March 2, and State University of New York College at Cortland on Saturday, March 7, have been rescheduled.

The team travelled to Beckley, West Virginia, on Saturday, Feb. 22, and Sunday, Feb. 23, to face John Carroll University. The Gators fell to the Lobos in their first two games 9-16 and 5-18, but rallied to win the third game 9-5.

Allegheny baseball then travelled to Washington and Jefferson College on Thursday, March 5, and defeated the Presidents 10-3. Sean Kealey, '20, struck out 13 batters over seven

scoreless innings, bringing his season total to 22 strikeouts.

The Gators finished the 2019 season 22-17 and qualified for the North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament, where they finished their season 1-2 with a pair of losses to No. 16 Denison University. Despite the late season disappointment, Kealey said the experience will help the team moving into the 2020 season.

We want an opportunity to get into the NCAC tournament," Kealey said. "Now that we have that experience and have a lot of guys who have been there and know what it takes to get there, with our big (first-year) class, I think we can show them the way. If we get into the tournament, I think we can really make some noise, so it will be fun to watch."



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The team features 13 first-year players, which Kealey said was the largest group since his 2016 class. He described the team's atmosphere as close-knit despite the new additions to the roster.

"(Having such a large first-year class) has been really cool," Kealey said. "It makes me feel old for sure. They keep us young, and they're a fun group of guys to be around. It is a big responsibility for us, especially my senior class, to get them prepared to have a good first season and an even better rest of their career."

Brett Heckert, '22, said the adjustment to Allegheny baseball can be a difficult transition for first-year players, but the success of the sophomores to start this season shows new players what they can accomplish.

"We have a lot of young guys playing, which is good and bad," Heckert said. "All the (first-years) have the talent to succeed. (They) just have to get familiar with the pace of play. As the season goes on, we'll get more experience. A lot of the sophomores that played last year are really stepping up."

Through the team's trip to John Carroll, Heckert's batting average stood at .545, aided by a 4-for-4 start in the first game. Not to be outdone, Luke Chutko, '21, batted .667 with three RBIs against John Carroll.

Chutko and Heckert stole two and four bases respectively in the game, and Heckert's four surpassed his entire 2019 total. Chutko said

that it has not been a direct coaching strategy to steal more bases, but the team has the freedom to do so when they have the opportunity.

"Most people have the greenlight (to steal bases)," Chutko said. "If you have the timing and you get a jump, go for it. I think we get on base at a pretty good clip, so if we can continue to steal these bags and put pressure on the other team, that's going to give us a good chance to be successful."

Despite a 2-2 record and 10.5 runs allowed per game through the first four games of the season, Chutko said that the team's goal is fixed on an NCAC championship after making the tournament and falling short in 2019.

"We made the conference playoffs last year, so we're looking to build off that," Chutko said. "We're projected fourth in the (conference) preseason ranking, so that will get us in the playoffs, but that's not the goal anymore. Now we're trying to win a conference championship."

No players from the 2019 team had played in an NCAC tournament game prior to last season because the Gators had not qualified for the tournament since 2015. With more experience and a winning culture throughout the team, Kealey said the team's atmosphere heading into the remainder of the season will help lead to their success.

"(Being a student-athlete) definitely means hard work, learning how to manage your time and priorities," King said. "My team is my family, so they're my biggest support system here."

The Gators will face Buffalo State University at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Frank B. Fuhrer Field. The team will look to improve its non-conference record with five more matchups before its first NCAC game on Saturday, March 28, against Kenyon College at Frank B. Fuhrer Field.

Coming off a 6-11 2019 season, Hughes said the Gators enter 2020 optimistic that they can utilize their underdog mentality to rebound back into the NCAC tournament.

"Last year was a really disappointing season for us," Hughes said. "There were a lot of things not clicking on and off the field. Our seniors did a good job coming back, wanting to conquer some of those deficits we had last year. I think overall, knowing that we wanted to have a big reset this year, I'm hopeful that we'll get back to where we traditionally are and find ourselves in the playoffs with a winning record. I'm really excited."

