

City of Meadville supplied ballistic vests to public safety

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After discussing the issue of arming public safety officers in a June 21, 2016, meeting with Meadville officials and reportedly several times afterwards with students, Allegheny College acquired ballistic vests for its officers in April 2017, according to documents obtained by The Campus via a Pennsylvania Right to Know Law request.

Associate Dean of Students

Jacque Kondrot sent an email on June 21, 2016, to administrators and Meadville officials recapping a meeting that day in which the Cooperative Agreement between the city and the college was discussed. Among other topics, Kondrot said there was a discussion regarding arming the college's public safety officers.

"Finally, the merits of having armed vs. unarmed police on campus were discussed," an attachment to the email reads in part. "The College will continue to evaluate this

issue and research required training for armed officers. In the meantime, the College might consider purchasing a Ballistic shield, blanket or vests."

Dean of Students Kimberly Ferguson said topics brought up at the meeting were suggestions made by members of the Meadville government and that the college is not interested in providing public safety officers with firearms.

Present at the meeting from Allegheny were Kondrot, then-Interim Director of

Safety and Security Sean Kennedy, Public Safety Sergeant Bob Wright, Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford, Director of Student Conduct and Development Joe Hall and Interim Associate Dean of Students Gretchen Beck. While Ferguson was not present at this meeting, she was included in Kondrot's email.

Ali Awadi, the college's director of public safety, was not present at the meeting or copied on the original email, as he had not yet begun his duties at Allegheny. He was,

however, forwarded a copy of it on August 11, with attachments included, by Meadville City Manager Andy Walker, '00.

Since that meeting, the college has not equipped its public safety officers with firearms, and many administrators have denied that conversations about arming officers have occurred. In an April 13 response to an interview request by The Campus, Ferguson denied there being a current effort to arm officers.

"I think we laid the issue

to rest," Ferguson wrote in an email. "There is no effort to arm Public Safety [officers]."

In a 2015 report, the U.S. Department of Justice found that of 900 private schools with an enrollment larger than 2,500 the agency interviewed, 36 percent provided their campus law enforcement officers with firearms. Ferguson conducted a survey of schools in the Great Lakes Colleges Association,

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YUTONG WANG/THE CAMPUS

Paula Di Gregory, tobacco programs coordinator, introduces tobacco control methods to Anne Di Gregory, '19, in the campus center lobby on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

ASG sponsors 'It's On Us' Campaign with Title IX Office

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Allegheny Student Government will host the It's On Us Campaign in the lobby of the campus center on April 25 through 27, as part of Allegheny's observance of Sexual Assault Awareness month.

The primary goal of the event, according to ASG President Tess Bracken, '17, is to raise awareness regarding sexual assault and encourage students to sign a pledge com-

mitting them to do their part to end sexual violence.

Bracken said the event is also meant to be a way of supporting those who have been affected by sexual assault.

"I'm just hoping that people will realize there is a lot of support for people going through these situations. They are not alone," Bracken said.

The pledge, which will be available for people to sign, commits those who sign to "recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault," to "identify situations in which

sexual assault may occur," "intervene in situations where consent had not or cannot be given" and to create "an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported."

ASG Sen. Amy Currul, '17, who helped to organize the event, said the pledge is meant to be a call to action for the Allegheny Community, which she believes wants to do something.

"I'd like to see the Allegh-

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Crime logs misidentified some sexual assaults

Records show assaults were at times classified as 'harassment'

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Allegheny College's daily crime log has misidentified some sexual assaults and omitted others entirely. The college is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to report all crimes committed on campus.

The Campus reported on a sexual assault that occurred in April 2014, which the survivor reported to the college's Title IX Office. On the 2014 crime log, which was provided to The Campus by Dean of Students Kimberly Ferguson, that crime is listed as "Police assist: Harassment." Gary Alizzeo, who serves as the Meadville City attorney, confirmed that the instance was an "alleged sexual assault" after a Right to Know request by The Campus.

The crime logs provided to The Campus were not copies of the original documents. Ferguson said the logs had to be recreated based on prior incident reports.

"Please be advised that the Office of Public Safety, under the leadership of a previous director, did not maintain

complete crime logs for a period of time. As such, a portion of the data requested is now being recreated from incident reports that were properly collected and maintained during that time period," Ferguson wrote in a Dec. 9, 2016, email to The Campus. "Dr. Ali Awadi, our current director of public safety, has addressed the issue and full crime logs are now being maintained. We are committed to providing accurate and complete information concerning student safety, which continues to be our paramount concern."

College policy defines sexual assault as a form of harassment.

"Sexual assault is also a form of sexual harassment, and it includes any type of sexual activity perpetrated against a person's will," The Compass Student Handbook reads in part.

Allegheny's definition of sexual assault can be found in its "Discriminatory and Sexual Harassment Policy" section.

In addition to misidentifying some instances of sexual assault, the daily logs also fail to include other instances of sexual assault.

In 2014, for example, the daily crime log mentions ex-

plicitly one instance of sexual assault. The 2016 Annual Security and Fire Report notes that there were 12 forcible sex offenses in the 2014 calendar year. Daily logs from 2015 include only two explicit mentions of sexual assault, while the annual report states there were eight forcible sex offenses that year.

Ferguson said the current administrators who maintain the crime logs are not the same as those who have maintained the log in the past.

"I can't tell what the previous administration did. None of us were here at that time. We can't be accountable for how they coded it," Ferguson said. "I came in February of 2016, and then Dr. Awadi came this summer. Sean [Kennedy] was here as of November [2015], he was an interim director. ... I think anything that occurred, occurred prior to the tenure of these people."

Some instances of sexual assault that occurred since the arrival of these administrators have not been reported in the daily crime log, however.

The Campus previously reported the story of Heather, a survivor of sexual assault who

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Residence life cracks down on alcohol violations

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With the end of the spring semester fast approaching, Allegheny students prepare for the school work that lies ahead and search for any outlet available to help them during the next few weeks. In the midst of Safety Week, a week dedicated to ensuring students are as educated in safety as possible, Dean of Students Kimberly Ferguson, Director of Student Conduct and Development Joseph Hall

and Director of Residence Life Jennifer Foxman, sat down to talk about Allegheny's alcohol policy and the way the college prepares for the spring semester.

"In my role as Assistant Dean for Student Conduct, I attend Campus Life meetings, and the alcohol policy was part of one of our subcommittee tasks for the fall semester," Hall said. "The policy is reviewed every two years, so that was why it was on our agenda to tackle this year."

Along with reviewing the alcohol policy, the agenda in-

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Joseph Hall
Director of Student Conduct and Development

cluded creating a publication titled "Speak Up!," which includes information that was previously available in multiple places, including the student handbook. "Speak Up!" gives students quick and easy access to all of this information.

"We tried to incorporate not just policy but some of the things that would help people think about consent," Ferguson said. "It would help them think about what happens not just after an incident occurs, but also help them think about what it means to be a

good bystander, and we tried to put it all in one place."

Ferguson said she hopes that this program will help to better advertise the college's policies, especially the Good Samaritan Policy.

As students prepare for Springfest, a weekend of celebration, Foxman has been working toward proactive programming to spread safety awareness across campus.

"We usually do another Safety Week to explain how people should take care of each other, how people can keep each other safe and how

people can be good bystanders. It's not unusual for us to look for ways to reengage the conversation at this point of the semester," Foxman said. "It's a good time to bring everyone together, too. We hope that floors are meeting on a regular basis. It really reinforces the idea that they should take care of each other, that they should be proactive and that they should take responsibility for their building."

"We try to do a lot of pro-

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Allegheny announces 2017 commencement speakers

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Allegheny College’s 2017 Commencement Ceremony will feature Paula Kerger, president and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service, and Vivien Li, president and CEO of Riverlife, as honorary degree recipients. Kerger and Li will each receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the college, and both will speak at the annual Honorands Dinner the evening before the Commencement Ceremony. The dinner, according to President James Mullen, is attended by the Allegheny College Board of Trustees, faculty representatives and members of student government. He said it allows the honorees to speak about their experiences with students, prior to speaking at the ceremony.



Paula Kerger

“What we are really hoping to recognize with the honorary degree is an individual who has represented the values of Allegheny,” Mullen said. “A commitment to learning throughout one’s lifetime, distinguished service to community, exceptional achievement in their profession or field, those are the kind of qualities that we look for.” Recent honorary degree recipients have included Michael Beschloss and Vicki Lipnic in 2016, Dan and Patricia Rooney in 2015, Arnold Palmer and former Pennsylvania governor and United States Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge in 2012 and Henry and Patricia Bush Tippie in 2011. Mullen said Kerger and Li will be regarded among these other honorees as representatives of Allegheny values. “Both our recipients this year are exceptional national figures,” Mullen said. The process of selecting honorees begins with nominations submitted to the Office of the President by members of the Allegheny community, according to Pro-

vost and Dean of the College Ron Cole. “[Mullen] accepts nominations and then the faculty ultimately vote on honorary degrees,” Cole said. After the president receives nominations or suggestions, they are initially presented to the Faculty Council, an elected body of faculty members that generally oversees other college committees, collaborates with the Office of the President and Dean of the College about policies and discusses honorary degree recipients. The Faculty Council currently consists of seven faculty in addition to Cole and Mullen. Once honoree nominations have been discussed by the Faculty Council, the nominations are brought to the faculty as a whole for a vote and those nominations that are voted forward proceed to the college Board of Trustees for final approval, Mullen said. Beth Choate, professor of environmental science and member of the Faculty Council, said the Council usually receives brief biographies of honorary degree candidates to drive the Council’s conversation. “It’s generally not a contentious discussion in many cases,” Choate said. “These are people who have done really awesome things.” The nominations of Kerger and Li stood out because of their respective accomplishments in public service, Mullen said. “Paula Kerger has been — for many years — one of the most respected figures in public life,” Mullen said. “She has been a spokesperson for lifelong learning through PBS, for civil discussion and debate, innovative programming — in terms of the types of programs that PBS has brought forward. She’s a truly national leader in communication in this country.” Kerger has been the president and CEO of PBS since 2006. “[In her time leading the organization] she has made particularly strong commitments to the arts, news and public affairs, high-quality educational content for children and the classroom, diversity and the use of new digital platforms to bring public media into the lives of all Americans,” according to the PBS website. Kerger is also the president of the PBS Foundation, a nonprofit and supporting organization of PBS. The organization focuses its funding

on four main ideas — arts and culture, education and children’s programming, news and public affairs and science and nature, according to the foundation’s website. Since 2015, Li has been the president and CEO of Riverlife, a Pittsburgh based nonprofit that works with local groups to create accessible riverfront spaces. The organization has developed Pittsburgh’s Three Rivers Park System and sponsored several projects within the system since Riverlife’s founding in 1999. Li has also served as the chair of the Boston Conservation Commission and was active in several environmental and architectural organizations in Massachusetts and New Jersey before taking the Riverlife position, according to Li’s biography on the Riverlife website. “[Li] has had a distinguished public life in Massachusetts, and now in Pittsburgh,” Mullen said. “She is, in my mind, the consummate public servant.” “ “ Paula Kerger has been — for many years — one of the most respected figures in public life. “ “ James Mullen President of the College Both Kerger and Li will receive the same honorary distinction and speak at the Honorands Dinner, but Kerger will address the class of 2017, their families, friends and professors at the Commencement Ceremony, Mullen said. “It’s very important I think, that an honorary degree recipient should inspire us all by their life example, particularly the students who are graduating,” Mullen said. “To look at an individual whose receiving an honorary degree and be able to say: that’s a life example worthy of trying to emulate.” Weather permitting, the Commencement Ceremony will take place on the southern lawn of Bentley Hall between Bentley Hall and Schultz Banquet Hall, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

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active things,” Ferguson said. “Sometimes it’s individual, sometimes it’s with a group. We take different approaches. It really depends on what the issue is or what the topic is, and we try to address it by specific groups or individuals as necessary.” In preparation for Springfest, the campus increased patrols by both Public Safety and Residence Life to ensure students are being safe. “We’re not out and about to make sure students get in trouble,” Hall said. “Just to make sure students are safe and are making good decisions.” Furthermore, Hall said, the campus partners with the Meadville City Police Department. “They’re aware of our schedule,” Ferguson said. “They’ve been here for a while, so they obviously ramp up their patrols of the area. They want to make sure that they are safe because even though they are students, they are still residents of Meadville.” Ferguson said that although administrators are focusing on the end of the spring semester, they have not forgotten about looking into ways to improve safety during the rest of the year. Each first-year student is required to take an online alcohol safety and education course. “It’s a good refresher,” Ferguson said. “But it’s something that students need a continual refresher on. So, one thing we’ve been discussing is that one time is not enough. Students need consistent education.” With the hope of increas-

ing safety across campus, administrators have begun looking into a website that will potentially be made available to students. The website would allow students to search for help themselves, providing both self-service and more traditional options. “If you look at the new policy, it does list resources not just in terms of the Dean of Students staff and other staff members on campus, but also other education websites that might be helpful. This approach takes us out of the lines of being the people who are the enforcers, and more so the people who are the supporters,” Ferguson said. “The goal is looking at more resources that students can access themselves and hopefully take advantage of.”

Administration plans to reduce faculty positions *Twenty to 25 positions cut from 2015–16 to 2021–22*

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Provost and Dean of the College Ron Cole informed the faculty on April 20 that the administration is planning on eliminating 20-25 faculty positions from the 2015–2016 school year by the 2021–2022 school year. Cole first informed the faculty of the cuts in a report delivered at a faculty meeting on Oct. 27, 2016. “Lower than anticipated enrollments in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, together with a projection to recruit somewhat smaller classes compared to years prior to 2014-2015, requires a reduction in staffing as part of a comprehensive reduction to the College operating budget,” Cole’s October report reads. Allegheny had 184 full-time faculty in 2015–2016, so “the reductions in faculty staffing from 2015-2016 through 2017-2018 are being achieved by a combination of not renewing a portion of full-time visiting positions and by selectively filling open tenure-track or renewable non-tenure track positions,” according to the report. A second motivation of reducing the number of faculty

positions was to achieve a 12-to-1 faculty–student ratio, according to the minutes from the Oct. 27 meeting. “ “ As such, open faculty positions are not guaranteed to be filled and if so, they may not be filled within the same department or program, allowing for strategic staffing decisions. “ “ April Faculty Meeting Report

“Because of the lower enrollments over the past two years, in 2015-2016 we arrived at a student faculty ratio of 10.5,” Cole’s report from October reads. “Our current budget would not sustain a full-time faculty ratio of 11.0, but based on enrollment scenarios and projections for total faculty compensation, we could sustain a student to full-time faculty ratio closer to 12.0.” In Cole’s report to the faculty on Thursday, April 20, he reiterated a similar point and

also spoke about how vacant faculty positions will be filled. “Open faculty positions not guaranteed to be filled and may not be filled within the same department or program,” Cole’s April report reads. “Staffing decisions will be informed by strategic planning on student-faculty ratio (size of College) and curricular needs.” The faculty staffing summary included in his April report states that there were 170 full-time faculty in 2016–2017, there will be 168 full-time faculty for 2017–2018, and there is a projected 158–162 full-time faculty for the 2021–2022 academic year. At the initial delivery of the report back in October, the faculty raised several concerns related to the future of staffing positions, and how the Strategic Planning Committee, who is “playing such a strong role in the decision making process,” needs to have a Faculty Council representation, according to the minutes. A draft of a long-term process for making staffing positions has been reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee and Faculty Council, and will be given to department chairs in May, according to the minutes.

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eny campus really sign up to actually do something in regards to sexual assault,” Curcul said. Bracken said the event is being organized through the collaboration of ASG, the Allegheny Title IX office and Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford, who reached out to ASG about doing the It’s On Us Campaign. She said it seemed like a good way to end the academic year and to draw attention to the issue at Allegheny. “[The campaign] is trying to make it visible,” Bracken said. Ford said for this year for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, she wanted to bring more student groups into the

organization. She said the issue of sexual assault is one that should involve everyone on campus and this was what drew her to the It’s On Us Campaign. “We really liked the message, it’s inspiring pretty much everyone to become involved,” Ford said. As part of the month’s programming, Ford said the college worked to bring Don McPherson, a former NFL quarterback and social justice advocate to campus to speak on sexual assault. She said McPherson was a great speaker to have on campus because, as a former professional athlete, many might not expect to see him as a sexual assault advocate.

“I don’t know if he’s someone most people would think to look to as a role model, but that’s where his heart is,” Ford said. Ford said her hope is that the Allegheny Community will realize from the campaign that everyone needs to be involved in order to end sexual violence. “My personal belief is that in order to start a change in a culture and climate, everyone needs to be involved,” Ford said. The final event of Sexual Assault Awareness Month will take place on April 27, in the form of a Take Back the Night March, which will begin on the Gator Quad and end in Diamond Park in Meadville.

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did not wish to be identified, on Feb. 17. Heather reported her sexual assault — which occurred on Oct. 26, 2016, — to the Meadville City Police Department in early November 2016, and later spoke with the college’s Title IX Office. The crime log from 2016 reports a sexual assault that had been reported on Nov. 5, but it also notes that the crime had occurred earlier that day, rather than Oct. 26, and in a different location than the crime committed against Heather. In February, Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford told The Campus that the Title IX Office does not report sexual assaults to the Office of Public Safety, the office which main-

tains the college’s daily crime logs. Instead, Ford said, the office gives survivors the option to report an incident to public safety as well. The U.S. Department of Education’s Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting: 2016 Edition, available on the department’s website, states that, as Title IX coordinators are considered “campus security authorities,” they are required to report instances of sexual assault to public safety. “The function of a campus security authority is to report to the official or office designated by the institution to collect crime report information, such as the campus police or security department, those al-

legations of Clery Act crimes that he or she receives,” the Handbook reads in part. “CSAs are responsible for reporting allegations of Clery Act crimes that are reported to them in their capacity as a CSA.” Eight forcible sex offenses occurred in the 2015 calendar year, according to the college’s Clery Report. The college’s Clery Report is available on the Office of Public Safety’s website under the header “Annual Fire & Safety Report,” and the daily crime logs are available under the header “Crime & Fire Log.”

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an organization Allegheny is in, and found that no college currently arms its officers. Kenyon College notified Ferguson that their officers were unarmed but there are discussions for “partial” armament in 3 to 5 years.

Awadi acknowledged at an Allegheny Student Government meeting on March 14 that there had been conversations about providing officers with firearms, but said there was no possibility of implementing such a policy.

“It was a question,” Awadi said at the March 14 meeting. “It wasn’t even something that was an idea. To me, an idea is something that you might be implementing. It was more of a question.”

President James Mullen said the college does not support issuing officers firearms at a March 28 ASG meeting.

In an April 19 interview, Ferguson said the college has not researched required training for armed officers, something brought up in the June 21, 2016, meeting with Meadville officials.

“We have not investigated being armed,” Ferguson said.

Despite these denials by college administrators, some students say they have been approached by Allegheny officials regarding arming public safety officers.

Jake Reidenbach, ’19, said in a Feb. 22 interview with The Campus that Awadi brought up the topic at a meeting with the college’s football team at the beginning of the 2016-17 academic year.

“He kind of made a comment about guns slyly,” Reidenbach said.

Awadi told members of the football team that he was “working on getting guns on officers,” according to Reidenbach. The Campus has not been able to confirm these statements with other members of the team.

ASG Director of Diversity and Inclusion Yemi Olaiya, ’17, wrote in a March 9 email to ASG and Ferguson acquired by The Campus that she had been approached by Awadi about arming public safety officers.

“Dr. Awadi had been discussing the idea of it casually with me and what appears to be other individuals on campus,” Olaiya wrote in the email. “Since then I have received several concerns from other community members.”

Olaiya said the conversations she had been aware of dated back to the beginning of the 2016-17 academic year, with her own occurring in August 2016.

Ferguson wrote a March 8 email to members of ASG members, obtained by The Campus as part of the same email chain as Olaiya’s email, explaining the origins of what she called a “false rumor” of the desire to arm public safety officers.

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Kimberly Ferguson
Dean of Students

reads in part.

In an email to Sean McClain, ’18, Ferguson reiterated that this information is based on feedback from an active shooter training in December.

“The information about being armed was suggested anonymously as part of an evaluation following the Active Shooter Workshop,” Ferguson wrote to McClain on March 8.

Ferguson said the survey is anonymous.

“The comments are not attached to any one person. Even if there were a person, I could not share that information with you as per [The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act] guidelines,” Ferguson said in a March 9 email to McClain.

As Awadi shared the survey with at least one Meadville official in an email sent on Dec. 15, 2016, obtained by The Campus via a Pennsylvania Right to Know Law request, The Campus was able to view the survey. The first

question of the survey asked about the respondent’s association to Allegheny. Of 15 options, “student” is not listed.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which Ferguson claimed prevented her from sharing information about the survey in her March 9 email to McClain, applies only to students, not faculty, staff, members of the Meadville City Police Department or any other group listed on the survey.

The survey did not include any questions about guns. It did, however, include areas in which respondents could share their own experiences.

Ferguson said on April 19 that she knew of two letters written to the college by people present at a Dec. 14, 2016, active shooter training. The letters, according to Ferguson, were opposed to arming officers. Ferguson did not say whether or not there were any responses to the survey itself that were in favor or opposed to providing officers with firearms.

Although Ferguson has said numerous times that the rumors about providing public safety officers with firearms originated after the Dec. 14, 2016, active shooter training, the topic was brought up at a June 21, 2016, meeting with Meadville officials.

As Kondrot noted in her minutes of that meeting, the college would research training required for its officers to become armed and consider purchasing ballistic vests “in the meantime.”

On Feb. 26, Awadi wrote Walker an email that has been obtained by The Campus via a Right to Know request. In it, Awadi asked about a “letter for the vests (bullet proof).” On March 1, Walker sent Awadi an email containing a letter written by Gary Alizzeo, the city’s attorney, regarding the vests.

The letter states that the city will transfer 10 “bullet proof vests ... received by the City in or about 1994,” as the college has “expressed an interest” in acquiring the vests.

Meadville Assistant Police Chief Michael Tautin, who will become the city’s chief of police next week, said the city donated the vests to Allegheny at no cost. The city made the college aware of the vests and the police department’s intention to get rid of them, Tautin said.

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CRIME BLOTTER

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

April 11, 2017
Parking Lot #2
Criminal Mischief.

April 11, 2017
Wise Center
Theft.

April 14, 2017
Tennis Courts
Criminal Mischief.

April 15, 2017
North Village I-Building A
Criminal Mischief.

April 15, 2017
Vukovich
Criminal Mischief.

April 16, 2017
Brooks Dining Hall
Theft.

ASG UPDATES

Allegheny Student Government will be bringing Resolution 17-05 to the floor for a vote by the senate at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 25. The resolution will state ASG’s opposition to the introduction of a fee for overloading on academic courses. No fee currently exists and the resolution is meant to state ASG’s position moving forward.

Coming soon to a bookstore near you: Killing O’Reilly

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One of television’s most successful and top-rated cable news hosts, Bill O’Reilly, was fired on Wednesday, April 19, after a series of sexual harassment allegations were uncovered following an internal investigation.

The author of “Killing Reagan,” “Killing Lincoln,” “Killing Jesus” and “Killing Patton” has now killed his career, but he still gets to keep his millions of dollars.

An April 1 article in The New York Times described the results of an investigation The Times had conducted.

“A total of five women [have] received payouts from either Mr. O’Reilly or the company in exchange for agreeing to not pursue litigation or speak about their accusations against him. The agreements totaled about \$13 million,” the article reads.

The Times published a statement from O’Reilly on the overall situation where he speaks on his passion for working with Fox but also denies that these allegations against him are indeed factual.

“Over the past 20 years at Fox News, I have been extremely proud to launch and lead one of the most successful news programs in history, which has consistently informed and entertained millions of Americans and significantly contributed to building Fox into the dominant news network in television,” O’Reilly said. “It is tremendously disheartening that we part ways due to completely unfounded claims.”

There have been numerous sexual harassment suits filed against O’Reilly, and the women who have come forth have ultimately called attention to sexism in the workplace. However, it should not have taken years of silence and ignorance to bring down this sexist scumbag.

The willingness of Fox News to pay women for their silence after they were subjected to sexual harassment is appalling. It willfully put its female workers in an environment that was uncomfortable and unsafe in order to preserve O’Reilly’s reputation. In doing so, the company made it clear that it valued O’Reilly over its female workers.

Luckily, many other people were less willing to value him over those he harassed. “The O’Reilly Factor” lost more than half of its advertisers after The Times article was released, according to BBC.

One common guest on O’Reilly’s show, Jehmu Greene, said she had experienced harassment from him when she first started appearing on the network but before she came a full-time contributor, according to the New York Times.

In 2007, Greene reported that O’Reilly had told her that she should show more cleavage in the makeup room.

Just around two years later, Greene made an appearance on O’Reilly’s show. Before the segment, the two discussed a bet they had made for dinner where Greene had won the bet, but Mr. O’Reilly had never paid up, according to the New York Times.

Greene said O’Reilly then told her that while she might want to “break his bank” with the restaurant choice, he “was more interested in breaking my back,” according to the New York Times.

“I don’t think that these comments were focused from a sexual standpoint,” Greene said. “I think they were more of a power standpoint to put me in my place.”

Although some of O’Reilly’s viewers abandoned him after his actions were uncovered explicitly, the amount of time it took for O’Reilly to be removed illustrates the prevalence of rape culture still in the U.S. Perhaps even more illustrative of the rape culture in this country is the president this country elected and the voters who still support him. Amongst one of O’Reilly’s few remaining fans is President Donald Trump, who unsurprisingly defended O’Reilly after Fox News released the news of his termination.

As long as Americans are willing to look the other way when women are subjected to harassment and assault, there will be no progress. There is no place for any form of harassment towards men or women, whether it is in the workplace or not. Even as Fox News terminates O’Reilly’s employment, it is doing little to truly punish O’Reilly for his actions. As if it is not bad enough that Fox News allowed this situation to continue for so long, he is still receiving his pay. The New York Times reported that O’Reilly is “leaving Fox News with a payout of up to \$25 million, the equivalent of one year of his salary.”

Simply put, it is good that O’Reilly has been ousted at Fox News. But there is no reason it should take the loss of millions of dollars in settlements and the loss of every major sponsor from a television show in order to oust a man who has sexually harassed numerous women. Those cases of harassment should be, by themselves, enough cause to drop a TV personality.

Some people may ask themselves: how did we come to live in a world littered with sexist leaders? If you are not fighting back and working toward a solution to the problem, then you are contributing to the problem itself.

Trump gets away with his “locker room talk” and gets elected president. O’Reilly can do whatever he wants and

walks away with a \$25 million payout. This is the world we are living in — one where money helps to cover up and advance sexist behaviors.

“Killing O’Reilly” is not a new story. In fact, it is just another series of stories we see and have become numb to as a result of the institutionalized sexism we witness in our everyday lives. If we want to see real change, we must follow in the footsteps of the women who spoke out against O’Reilly.

“The lesson, and it’s a wonderful one, is to be brave,” Micheline Maynard, business journalist and educator, told The Washington Post. “As women, we are taught not to speak out, not to ruffle feathers, to just be good and work harder. I wish we weren’t as hesitant, and now maybe we won’t be.”

Hopefully, something positive will come out of this appalling situation. It is crucial to speak out and ruffle feathers in the face of injustice.

Focus on the solvable and be stress free during finals

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There is no such thing as truly being done with your work in the working world, and the same may be said for school.

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Exercise. On Nov. 4, 1970, authorities discovered a California girl, 13, who had been literally locked in a room her entire life. She suffered from

severe developmental issues. I am paraphrasing here, but essentially, psychologists love to invoke her as a case study for “why your brain needs to experience new things to grow.”

My point is, your brain craves variety, and exercise often has the double-benefit of getting you out of your room, class or McKin’s routine. A psychologist once told me he believes depression arises from the lack of stimulation to the brain — and that stimulation can be physical.

Not everyone can run a marathon, to use the clichéd trope. Exercise here simply means get up for at least an hour and make two changes in the three categories of what you are doing mentally, physically and socially.

Your brain will thank you later on in life for the extra stimulation. Do not believe me? Go find a psychology student and ask them for the full

version of the case study “Genie.” Go ahead — I will wait.

Bend, do not push. So, you made it to test day. You have just sat down in front of your first final, you are five questions in and you have found you are stuck on what should be an easy question.

Here is a tip I picked up from a test-prep book for the GRE — just mark the stubborn question for later, and move on. The GRE itself is a rigidly timed test, and every 10-second interval counts. There is no reason to get caught in a spiral of answering every question in the arbitrary order in which your teacher chose to present them.

Besides, getting caught in a loop of “why can’t I solve this stupid thing” has the bonus effect of yanking the confidence from under your feet. Better to solve everything you can, than to waste time not solving the ones you cannot.

THE SIMPLE THINGS



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Kyle Whyte delivers talk on Native Americans and climate change

Scholar and activist visits to participate in global health studies course



YUTONG WANG/THE CAMPUS

Native American Scholar and Activist Kyle Whyte of Michigan State University gives a public lecture titled “Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Health: From the ‘Right to be Cold’ to Defeating the Dakota Access Pipeline” on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, in Henderson Auditorium in Quigley Hall.

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Environmental Activist and Native American Scholar Kyle Whyte of Michigan State University addressed the issues surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline and other Native American environmental justice movements at Allegheny College on Tuesday, April 18. In the Henderson Auditorium of Quigley Hall, Whyte presented a lecture ti-

tled “Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Health: From the ‘Right to be Cold’ to Defeating the Dakota Access Pipeline” for the Allegheny community. Despite the protestation of hundreds of Native Americans in North and South Dakota, President Donald Trump has continued to encourage the advancement of the Dakota Access Pipeline to add thousands of miles to the United States’ oil network. As the pipeline construction

has been rerouted, the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation is now subjected to potentially severe environmental consequences, and President Trump’s executive action has consequently become an international cry to protect the land and rights of all indigenous people. “[Whyte] was actually personally affected by the topics he discussed since he is a member of an Oklahoma Native American tribe,” Brittani Vesico, ’17, said. “The presen-

tation was interesting because he’s a scholar beyond expertise, he has real involvement in his studies.” Whyte is an associate professor of philosophy and community sustainability and a faculty affiliate of the American Indian and Indigenous Studies and Environmental Science programs at the Michigan State University. He is also an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma. “[Whyte] focused on sus-

tainable development and its implications on Native American health,” Ananya Yerramreddy, ’17, said. “Through his involvement with Native American tribes nationwide, he could first-hand explain the detrimental effects of forcing tribes to relocate. Indigenous tribes are forced to adapt to new environmental and cultural landscapes.” Throughout the lecture Whyte conveyed that indigenous people are negatively impacted by the effects of climate change. For instance, Whyte elaborated on how the rising sea levels have financially and emotionally damaged tribal communities. The flooding has displaced many tribal members from the land they once inhabited; the majority of the time the land hold cultural significance to the population and when they are forced to leave it hurts their community.

Whyte said that climate change also threatens the agriculture indigenous communities depend on for their nutrition. The warm temperature destroys the harvest of plants like rice, corn and grains. This occurrence drastically depletes their food source. Additionally, fish are another source of protein that Native Americans depend upon, but fisheries have been limited because of the rising temperature of the ocean.

Whyte also commented on the emotional strain climate change has on indigenous communities. Elders within the community often experience depression and other mental health issues because climate change has altered their understanding of weather patterns and agricultural

practices. Whyte said they are saddened by the fact that they can no longer impart their wisdom to others residing within their tribe. “In my environmental science class we are currently discussing how pollution and climate change disproportionately affect lower-income individuals and developing countries. The talk was interesting to me because it discussed those same themes, but in the context of indigenous people,” said Amasa Smith, ’17. “It went farther to discuss how colonialism, change in environment and forced migration of native tribes has directly impacted their health.” “The presentation was interesting because he’s a scholar beyond expertise, he has real involvement in his studies.”

Brittani Vesico
Class of 2017

Students and faculty of varying departments attended the lecture Tuesday night, and left with a new perspective regarding environmental justice. “While we may not recognize it, government actions force tribes to adapt to new climates, new societal norms, and these people have to alter their entire way of life,” Vesico said.

Yosra Rguibi reflects on U.S. friends and customs

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Yosra Rguibi

Yosra Rguibi sat at a table in Brooks on April 19 campaigning for money to rescue African elephants in Kenya. Rguibi is a trilingual exchange student — fluent in Arabic, French and English — from Morocco whose visit to Allegheny will conclude after this semester. Rguibi said shei has enjoyed her stay at Allegheny and is saddened at the thought of having to leave after this semester. “I like it here so much. In the beginning it was hard — I come from another culture — but then I got used to it. I’m sure I am going to cry a lot when I leave,” Rguibi said. Rguibi said that she had packed many books in her suitcase with the idea that she would have vast amounts of time to waste when she arrived. However, she soon realized this was not the case, as her schedule became consumed by many classes. She registered for electives in environmental science, com-

puter science and theater — however, out of these three courses, acting class became her favorite. “I really, really, really enjoy it. Today I have monologue and next week I have another play. I really enjoy the class and the professor is so cool,” Rguibi said. Rguibi has also adjusted to the colloquial manners of Americans. She said she noticed that people would wave to each other just for the purpose of saying hello. “Everyone says hi to everyone. In the beginning I was like, ‘are they talking to me?’ I am now so used to saying hi to everyone,” Rguibi said. However, in Morocco, Rguibi said that people greet other with the intent to have a conversation, not to simply greet each other in passing. “In Morocco, they say hi to talk to you and then you are going to sit and talk,” Rguibi said. Rguibi said that she spends her days working out in the gym and spending time with her friends. The majority of her time is occupied by hanging out with her friends Jasmin Wagner, German teaching assistant, and French Teaching Assistant Amandine Brizard. Rguibi said she treasures their friendship and will dearly miss them after she travels home. “I think [their friendship is] the best thing here. The thing is I am going to miss them all. I would like to take them with me,” Rguibi said. Her friends Brizard and

Tolossa Hassan, ’18, agree with Rguibi. Hassan said that he first met Rguibi when she showed up uninvited to a study session he was holding for his environmental science class. While their meeting may have been accidental, he said that he has enjoyed Rguibi’s company.

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Yosra Rguibi

Hassan said that Rguibi is comical and that one day Rguibi gathered her friends

to cook together, but he soon realized that she had an alternative reason behind the gathering. “She organized everyone because she wanted to cook, but she had other people cook for her. That was kind of funny. Basically because she liked the way that Jasmin makes shrimp pasta, and she wanted her to make it just for her,” Hassan said. Brizard initially encountered Rguibi at the international student meeting hosted at the beginning of the year. Since then, Brizard said they have been inseparable, spending 24 hours a day together. While she said it was hard to pinpoint just one memorable moment the two shared, Brizard said she loved the time they traveled to Washington, D.C. for a weekend with the organization Islamic Cultural Association, formally known as Project Nur. “We were just visiting museums and having fun a lot,” Brizard said.



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Yosra Rguibi is an exchange student from Morocco.

Rguibi said when she leaves, she will miss Allegheny and the friends she has made here. She said that when she returns home, she will spend her summer applying to grad-

uate programs. She is hoping to attend a school located in Germany by this upcoming April. She aspires to one day be a mechanical engineer.

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The Democrat Coup d'etat
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Use the critical thinking facilities that Allegheny has taught you. Learn to integrate information sources with history and current events. Take what has been happening in the first severalmonths of President Trump's presidency. President Trump won the Electoral College. Mrs. Clinton won the popular vote because of her overwhelming win in California. If California votes were removed from the tally, Mr. Trump actually won the popular vote total for the other 49 states. The founders were afraid that by campaigning in and only winning the highest voter states, a president would be elected that would damage smaller states. Thus our system acted as our founding fathers wished! Members of the intelligence community and others have stated that there was no way the Russians could have changed the vote count significantly since we have a distributed voter system run by the states. Before the election, when the Democrats thought Hillary Clinton would win, there were newspaper articles raising fears that if Hillary won, Mr. Trump would cause a constitutional crisis by refusing to cede the election. Everyone, including the Russians and this author, believed Mrs. Clinton was a shoo-in to win. Are you surprised that we have a President Trump? I voted for Mr. Trump because of Mrs. Clinton's actions. Published reports showed how badly Mrs. Clinton treated the White House staff. The Libyacrises showed Secretary Clinton was inept at running the state department. Her computer server "issue" showed her contempt for American classified information and put American personnel at unnecessary risk. Since the election, there has been an effort bythe media and Democrats to de-legitimize President Trump. If successful, we will have had a coup d'etat. It has been shown that Democrats accessed electronic surveillance ("wiretaps") on President Trump before and after his election. Republicans trying to get to the bottom of our intelligence community illegal actions have been met by mediapropaganda attacks and Democrat obstructionism. Their actions have shown Libertarian concerns about our privacy were valid. Now you, the next generation, will have to decide whether this bad behavior is acceptable. If you support the Democrats, you will bevoting to continue the intelligence community corruption. I voted to drain the Washington swamp. Did you?

Yutong Wang

Photo Editor

Yutong plans to move to New York City or San Francisco to find jobs with environmental non-governmental organizations. She is also looking forward to traveling all over the world and taking photos.
“My favorite Campus memory is having opportunities to attend multimedia conferences with other staff and take photos of live events.”

You never fail to make me smile. Thank you for taking beautiful pictures, always having photo IDs and for always writing captions. You are an angel, my saving grace and a saint.

The staff told me how amazing you were as both a photographer and person. They were definitely right. I have truly enjoyed this past semester working with you. You bring such a fun and happy attitude to the room. Thanks for always providing the paper with such intriguing photos and covering me on photo stories.

Shea Beaumont

Opinion Editor

Shea plans to live back home in Pittsburgh and work as a print or broadcast sports journalist with the hope of rejoining the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. “My favorite memory was the endless spiking of beach balls across the newsroom. No matter how serious everyone attempted to be, I always tried to lighten the mood and spark some laughter out of the staff.”

I can confidently say that my life would not be as exciting or filled with sarcasm if you were not in it. I am going to miss your attitude, awful taste in music and outbursts on Thursday afternoons.

Not only are you the greatest wingman on campus, but you are also one of the kindest souls I have ever met. Strong-willed and genuine, you are someone anyone and everyone can rely on. Other than your sleeping patterns, never change. Visit often and never underestimate how much you are valued.

Shu Yi Tang

Web Manager

Shu plans to work in the advertising and creative industry in New York City and wants to go on a road trip across the United States. “My favorite Campus memory is when everyone has Adele’s new album on the loop on deadline day.”

She’s too competent for her own good. One of the greatest people I’ve ever worked with. I’m very excited to see where she will end up.

You amaze me every day. I still have no idea how you make everything web-related look so easy. Thanks for always offering sass to the newsroom and for being the hero our web problems need.

Kellie Lindstrom

Business Manager

Kellie will be working as a financial analyst in middle market banking at Wells Fargo in Pittsburgh, PA. “My favorite memory with The Campus was getting invited to eat dinner at the end of the year at President Mullen’s house.”

You are the angel of the business ads. Thank you for constantly saving us when we are dying to fill space.

You have been a wonderful roommate, friend and coworker. Thank you for being so organized and setting a standard for your position that has extended the possibilities for our staff. Although you may not be recognized often enough for all the work you have done, you have certainly gone above and beyond in improving The Campus in your role as business manager. Thanks for being an awesome worker and a wonderful friend.

Meaghan Wilby

Features Editor

Meaghan plans to find a job in the Pittsburgh area to work for a year and be around the friends and family she has made. She also hopes to travel within America.
“My favorite memory is picnicking at Cheryl’s.”

Thanks for singing “Closer” with me in the corner every Thursday and for coming up with the most fabulous font ideas for our page. I know it breaks your heart, but if you moved to the city in a broke down car, I would call you.

You are such a fun-loving ball of joy. I am going to miss your fun and spunky kiwi spirit on staff next year. Do not ever change because you are fabulous and I cannot imagine what the newsroom will be like without you. Please visit.

Alex Holmes

Sports Editor

After graduation, Alex plans to find a job in public relations and writing. “My favorite Campus memory is spending Thursdays in the newsroom with the staff as we put together pages.”

You are without a doubt the most organized and patient person I have ever met, and I am so lucky to have had you as my senior editor during my first year on staff. I know you are going to be successful in all your future endeavors, and I am going to miss spending time with you in the newsroom more than you will ever know.

You are such a bright and happy human. You are so diligent in your work and always have the best attitude. I loved working with you this semester.

Sydney Fernandez

Science/International Editor

Sydney plans on taking a gap year before applying to law school next fall. She aspires to be a judge one day. “My favorite campus memory is when I had the opportunity to interview international students and hear about their different cultures and traditions.”

There is nobody else in the world who I would get lip tattoos with. Thank you for being the most kind, selfless and independent person I have ever met. I cannot imagine my life without you, and I cannot even begin to describe how much I am going to miss you next year.

I have never met a more kind-hearted and selfless person. You are a truly amazing person, and I am glad that you are being recognized for all that you do for this community.

THE CAMPUS SAYS GOODBYE TO SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS



Senior staff members of The Campus pose on the rooftop of the Vukovich Center for Communication Arts on Thursday, April 20, 2017, before completing their final issue. ALE ÆA REYES/THE CAMPUS

Eylie Beuhler

Editor-in-Chief

Eylie plans to move to Pittsburgh after graduation where she is currently interviewing for jobs at local marketing firms.

“My favorite Campus memory is everytime something good happened, and we went out onto the roof.”

You terrified me for my first semester on staff, but look at us now. Thank you for being the most fiercely independent bundle of sass to grace the world. You are a wonderful role model and friend. I would not have gotten through this year without you.

Kind-hearted, talented, creative and understanding; words cannot describe how grateful I am to have you in my life as a friend and role model, and cannot describe how much I will miss you while you’re out accomplishing all that we know you will. Pursue whatever you desire. Nothing will stop you.

Your ability to be such a positive person has always managed to brighten up my day everytime I step into the newsroom. Your banter with other members makes our time spent together even more enjoyable. Don’t ever change!

Angela Mauroni

Editor-in-Chief

Angela is going to be working as a legal writing specialist in Pittsburgh and is hoping to eventually get into public office or law.

“My favorite Campus memory was the day it dawned on me how truly important the work the staff does everyday is.”

From News Writing to Junior Sem, you’ve been driven and ambitious. It’s been an absolute pleasure seeing you rise to co-editor over the years and I know you’ll be fantastic wherever your endeavors take you.

My life has been shaped by you in more ways than one, and I am truly blessed to have you in my life as a friend, sister and role model. You have helped the newspaper itself as well as the staff grow as journalists, and I hope to be half the leader you are as co-editor next year.

Even though your interviewer face intimidated the hell out of me, I am glad I had a chance to work alongside you this semester. Your work ethic is outstanding, and I cannot wait to see where it gets you after Allegheny.

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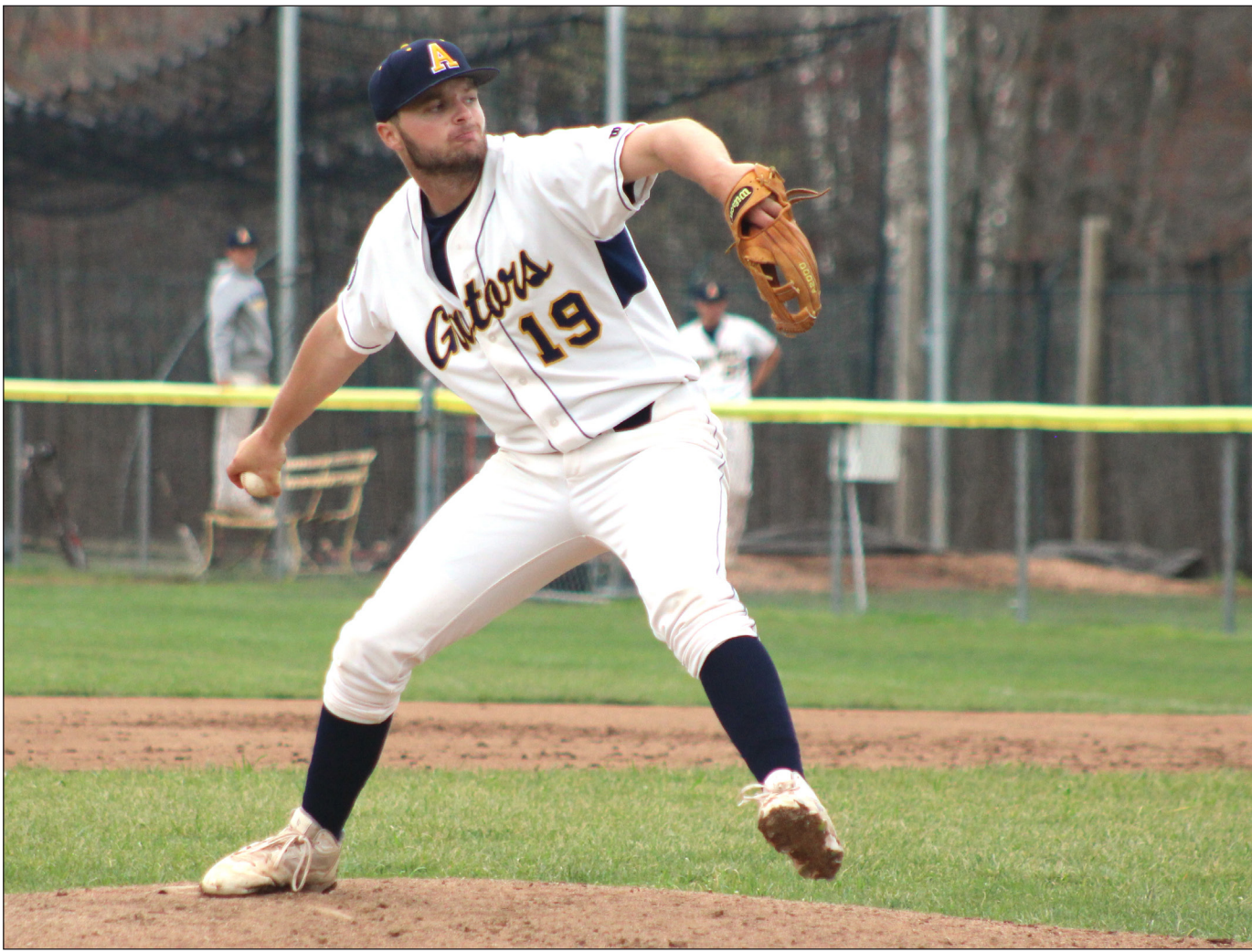
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Baseball splits wins in Ohio Wesleyan doubleheader

Gators prepare for remaining conference games and playoffs



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Joe Nagel, '19, pitches during the game against Thiel College on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. The Gators won 16-3 against the Tomcats.

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The Allegheny baseball team split a doubleheader against Ohio Wesleyan University on Saturday, April 15. “Our pitching was phenomenal all weekend. They combined for four runs the first game. We lost the first game

4-2 and went 3-0 in the second game,” Vinny Carone, '19, said. “They struggled earlier in the season as we played some great hitting teams, but our offense was very well earlier.” Head Coach Kelly Swiney said the pitching was a highlight of the game, but there were errors that led to the loss. “We did a good job of work-

ing out of some jams. ... For that doubleheader on Saturday we pitched really well,” Swiney said. “It was good to get Chase Boyer, [’17], back on the mound. It was his first start since the very first game of the year. He’s reigning conference pitcher of the year, and when you lose your ace after the first game of the year, you’re really battling without

him and it was good to get him healthy again and back out there.” Boyer was out due to an injury. Swiney said that since returning from their spring break trip to Arizona, the team has been struggling offensively but is working to improve. “Offense was our strength

early in the year and what we thought our strength was going to be throughout the year. We’ve faced some great pitching, but we definitely think we should do better,” Carone said. Throughout the two games, the team was able to score five runs. “We really struggled hitting in both games. We scraped a couple runs in the first game, but we weren’t able to hold them off,” Carone said. “The first game we made a lot of errors, which definitely didn’t help. The second game was just trying to keep them off the board, and we knew we weren’t going to score a lot of runs.” In addition to improving offense, Swiney said the team is working on having fewer errors defensively. “We’ve looked really good at times, but we’ve looked bad at times,” Swiney said. “Offensively, we’ve got to be aggressive and get those lead off hitters on base to create big innings. ... Pitching-wise we seem to be getting stronger and stronger as the season goes, so that’s exciting. That’s kind of the name of the game in baseball, so if we can continue to pitch well, we just have to get a little better offensively.” As the end of regular season games approaches, the team is hoping to find success and get on a winning streak to carry them into the playoffs. “Last year we went on an 11-game winning streak to end the season, and in years

past, they’ve gone on similar winning streaks, so it’s important for us to get on a roll so we’re hot going into playoffs, and hopefully we can win our side of the conference or get the number two seed so we go to the conference playoffs,” Carone said. Swiney said the season has been up and down, but the team has been resilient. “I told them the other day that I’m proud to coach them and wouldn’t want any other team,” Swiney said. “It’s been a next-man-up type of mentality. It doesn’t matter who we’re playing or who we have out there, who they have out there, we’re ready to compete and win.” Ethan Pawlak, '19, said the team’s overall goal is to make it to the playoffs, but they are focusing on each day that will get them to that point. “On a game-to-game basis, a goal is just winning every inning and the bigger stuff comes from that,” Pawlak said. “It’s hard to focus on a big goal, but the little things get you there. For me, that’s focusing on every single inning and every game and working from there.” The team will travel to Hiram College on Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23, for a four-game series. “I’m excited to win more games and play with everybody, especially the seniors, I’m pretty close with them,” Pawlak said. “It’ll be fun to play with them the last couple of times and make a run into the playoffs.”

Women’s golf finishes fourth at Wooster Invitational

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The women’s golf team came in fourth at the College of Wooster Spring Invitational on Saturday, April 15, and Sunday, April 16. “We had our second lowest two-day tournament score since Denison last semester, which was our first tournament, so that was incredible,” Kayla Orr, '18, said. “This was also the first tournament where the conditions were good. We’ve been playing in a lot of wet and rainy weather, and even if it’s not raining during tournaments, the ground is still wet so it’s harder to play. But with this one the course drained really well, and we had good conditions.”

Orr shot her best round of the season on day one with a score of 86, placing her nineteenth overall heading into the second day. On day two, she scored 90, Allegheny’s third-place finish and twenty-first overall. “The team dynamic was really strong at Wooster. We were coming around as a team, our personalities are really clicking together and that really helps boost morale when we’re playing,” Ali Metzger, '19, said. “When we’re in between holes, we’ll yell or check in and it really helps because it shows that you’re playing for your team not just for yourself.” Metzger tied for eleventh on day one with a score of 84 and finished out the weekend with a score of 80 on day two,

placing her sixth overall. Paige Galloway, '18, said that the course was very hilly and caused some challenges for the women throughout the weekend. “The greens were awful. They were super sloped. You thought it would break one way, then it would go the opposite direction,” Galloway said. “I think the second day we all putted better because we all knew what was happening. It was also hard because the putting green was not the same as the greens on the course.” On the first day, Galloway matched her season best score of 82, tying for ninth heading into day two. In the second round, Galloway closed out with 86 to finish twelfth. “When we met as a team on

Monday, we discussed how our rounds went and what we specifically have to do to improve, and this week we’re really focusing in on the areas of our game that were weak in the past few tournaments,” Metzger said. “I think because of the greens and how difficult they were this past weekend, it’s really showed us that we need to work on our putting in order to perform well this weekend.” Heading into the NCAC Championship Series, the women are working on simple fixes and staying positive through rounds. “Our mental game is huge and usually affects our scores. If we’re out there having a good time, having fun, our scores are usually a lot better than if we’re just being nega-

tive,” Orr said. “I think going into NCACs this upcoming week and the week after, our heads are going to be in it and we’re going to play better because of that.” This year the NCAC Championship Series will be hosted in Meadville at The Country Club of Meadville. The past three years’ NCAC Championship Series has been hosted at other colleges and the women are looking forward to having the support of the Allegheny community at this year’s competition. Orr said she is excited that their tournament is at home. She said playing tournaments at home brings greater support from people at the college. “Because we travel a lot, we don’t necessarily see that all

the time, so I’m very excited for that,” Orr said. The team is ranked sixth but is looking to improve their standing this weekend against competitors they have played previously this season. “It’s been hard the past couple of years because we were such a young team, but now that we’re getting older and practicing more and becoming more aware of our golf game, it’s really helped and I think that it’s going to show this weekend,” Galloway said. “It’s going to be fun that everyone will be traveling to our home course, and we’ll have the advantage over traveling other places.” The women will play in the Championship Series on Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23.

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