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Top: Visiting Physics Professor Chris Finaret shows his daughters Lythia and Lila how to view the eclipse using a homemade eclipse viewer on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017. **Left:** Jim Lombardi, a former professor of physics at Allegheny, shows Lila Finaret how to observe the eclipse through the Newton Observatory telescope on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017.

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Residence life welcomes new staff members

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The Office of Residence Life has hired two new staff members: Maureen Muckinhaupt, Associate Director of Residence Life for Housing and Operations, and Robert Ippolito, Assistant Director of Residence Life. Ippolito, who has a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education and a Pennsylvania teaching license, has had over nine years of residence life experience.

Jennifer Foxman, the Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life, said she was excited to have a new staff member with such a diverse background.

"He brings the creativity and educational focus with him. He's fun and likes working with students," Foxman said. "He wants to push us to be the best we can be."

Ippolito worked as a resident assistant and assistant coordinator while he was an undergraduate at Edinboro University. When he returned for his master's degree, he was head coordinator, a job which dealt with minor incidents of misconduct and staff safety. After graduating from Edinboro, he worked at Penn State Behrend as a residence life coordinator.

"I've had Res Life experience for my whole adult life," Ippolito said. "I think with the experience I've had with the other places, I can bring something different to the table."

While he is looking forward to gaining new experience from working at a liberal arts college, Ippolito said he

is most excited to learn all of Allegheny's traditions.

"That's what I'm looking for because that's what's important to our students, so it's important to me," he said.

Muckinhaupt is returning to Allegheny this year. She worked for Allegheny as an area coordinator before moving to Case Western Reserve University. Foxman talked about the strengths Muckinhaupt brings to the residence life staff as a former Allegheny employee.

"She brings familiarity, plus new tools. She really wanted to come back to Allegheny, and now she's bringing different experiences with her as well," Foxman said. "She's a very detail-oriented person but also a broad thinker. The combination is a great skill set."

Both Ippolito and Muckinhaupt moved to Allegheny in mid-July, where they underwent orientation and training.

Ippolito said during his training, he learned that one of the most valuable things within the college's staff was the connections.

"The connection with faculty and staff was phenomenal," Ippolito said. "I can't think of another word that describes it. It was wonderful. When I talked to these people I was meeting, it was like I'd known them for years. I've never had this awesome of training before. It was fabulous."

Student staff member and Residence Life Intern Christopher Gaul, '18, will be working with the new employees to help them with RAs and students.

"I work in the office beside the

new additions ... to help make sure everything runs smoothly," Gaul said. "I think that the larger staff definitely allows for the RAs to do the best job they can. We have a lot of great RAs that, with a proper support system, can really flourish."

This year, Gaul said he is looking forward to working with the new members of the staff.

"I'm excited to see what the new people in the office can bring to the buildings the RAs are in and to the RAs themselves," he said. "I'm going to be working alongside the new employees to help them deliver the best experience that they can to students."

Along with training and introducing the newest residence life members to the student staff, residence life has also been preparing for the upcoming semester. Last fall, the staff had only Foxman and two assistant directors, one of whom was on medical leave, to prepare for the school year. Foxman said that this year, with more staff members who are all committed to the same purpose, she feels prepared for the semester.

"You can't prepare for everything," Foxman said. "But we have a team that can respond quickly and respond well. I think having more people who are all connected to the same foundation, it helps. There's always things they can do to make people feel comfortable and welcome, and the first few days of training with the student staff has only made me feel more confident about [our team]."

One of the challenges Foxman foresees for this year is one she's been tackling for a while.

"Our challenge always is that we have old facilities that have a lot of character and history," she said. "We love them, but we also have to make sure that we're maintaining them in a way that makes people comfortable with an efficient use of resources."

Foxman said this concern has pushed the staff to find ways to make the buildings feel as comfortable as possible. Working with staff from the Physical Plant Department and housekeeping, residence life has been walking through each building to see where improvements can be made.

"Three people are always going to see different things," Foxman said. "We've generated a longer, detailed list, and it has really helped. It takes a lot of time and a lot of people, so we were able to do that now with a larger staff."

Foxman said that it is important to have staff members who share similar views concerning their job.

"We definitely look for people who are student-centered and are committed to a residential campus," Foxman said. "They need to understand the importance of building a community and helping people be successful. We need people who are customer service friendly, who look for how we can provide and advocate for the best service possible."

Muckinhaupt did not respond to emails requesting an interview.

SAE fraternity to attempt return to Allegheny campus

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The Pennsylvania Omega chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is attempting to mount a bid to return to Allegheny College. A group of individuals affiliated with the national governing body of SAE, as well as alumni of Allegheny, are leading the effort.

Gretchen Beck, director of student leadership and involvement and associate dean of Allegheny, stated that no formal expansion bid has been accepted by Allegheny's Board of Trustees, a required step for the fraternity to expand.

"They're not coming back," Beck said. "They haven't been given permission to come back."

Logan Cala, '18, president of Allegheny's Interfraternity Council, stated that the fraternity attempted to get its expansion put on the ballot for the May Board of Trustees meeting but was unsuccessful.

"I don't know why they were not on the ballot in May, but I guess they were not brought up. I think they'll have to wait again until another meeting to be brought up," Cala said.

The Board of Trustees holds three meetings every year, two of which occur on campus. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13 and 14.

According to Cala, the trustees asked IFC to write a letter of concern stating whether or not the council supported SAE's bid. Cala wrote a letter, but the issue was dropped from the board's agenda before the letter was received.

"I wrote up the letter of concern, but I guess they got turned down before I could submit that letter of concern for the trustees to use," Cala said.

Cala said after being approved by the Board of Trustees, the fraternity would need approval from Allegheny President James Mullen, as well as from IFC. The fraternity would then have to follow the expansion policies of both Allegheny College and SAE.

Beck said that if successful, the new branch would be considered a continuation of the old organization.

"It would be a reactivation of the chapter," Beck said.

Cala said that before its suspension, the fraternity had been on campus for a number of years.

"They were an established chapter here, up until the spring of 2014, when they were kicked off with a three-year suspension and that's why this past semester it was brought up for the possibility of coming back," Cala said.

Cala said that the fraternity was suspended from Allegheny College in 2014 due to allegations of hazing, as well as drug and alcohol violations. He also said that the fraternity would take steps to ensure that no similar inci-

dents would happen again.

"What the guy from SAE said was that they would want some sort of [resident advisor] living in their house, who would monitor their actions to make sure that no incidents that happened in the past would happen again," Cala said.

Cala stated that if the Board of Trustees approved the return of the fraternity, the fraternity would be considered a colony. Allegheny's expansion policy states that "the colony may apply for college recognition following a minimum of two academic years of fulfillment of the responsibilities of a colony as specified in Article III, Section A."

On its website, the national governing body of SAE states that "[its] goal is to install a new chapter 12-18 months after the colonization, but that time frame is dependent on the overall success of the colony." Additionally, the organization states that "The colony will be evaluated on a monthly basis using monthly reports located in the colony's manual."

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Caitlin Deubell
Class of 2018

Caitlin Deubell, '18, president of Allegheny's Panhellenic Council, said that members of the national SAE governing body have been holding informal conversations with administrators about the current state of Greek life at Allegheny, as well as more formal presentations regarding the expansion process.

"It might be a little more formal now that they've stepped in the door," Deubell said.

While the Panhellenic Council is comprised of the sororities at Allegheny, the organization has also been following the return bid.

"IFC and Panhell work a lot together," Deubell said.

Cala stated that the effort to bring back the fraternity is being led by alumni, as well as national representatives of the fraternity. Due to the three-year moratorium, any student affiliated with the fraternity has graduated from Allegheny.

"It's all people who are off campus, alumni and people from the headquarters," Cala said.

Beck, who has been involved with SAE's bid from the very beginning, said she had not had any current students come into her office asking about how to get involved with the expansion bid.

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Associate Professor of Physics Jamie Lombardi explains the science of the eclipse to students, faculty and community members outside Newton Observatory on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017.

Historic solar eclipse awes faculty and students

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The moon’s orbit perfectly lined up between the Earth and the sun on February 26, 1979. Thirty-eight years later, August 21, 2017, the moon once more totally eclipsed the sun’s rays from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

“[A partial eclipse] happens when the sun, the moon and the earth are not exactly lined up,” according to NASA’s website. Three types of solar eclipses exist, according to NASA: partial solar eclipse, total solar eclipse and an annular eclipse. While parts of the United States experienced a total eclipse of the sun by the moon, both Meadville and Allegheny College experienced only a partial eclipse.

Like over one million Americans, Tim Kutz, ’18, made the trip south to Nashville, Tennessee, where he witnessed the total eclipse of the sun by the moon.

“We could see Venus and all of the stars,” Kutz said. “It appeared to be the middle of the night. Everything went totally dark.”

Kutz did not make the

journey alone. His father made plans with a friend he met in Germany while studying abroad in Cologne during his own tenure as a student at Allegheny.

“[The family] came over from Germany to see [the eclipse], and like Germans, they planned it to a T,” Kutz said. “[My dad’s friend] had four different cameras set up, so we were able to watch it from the start.”

Although Meadville did not experience a total solar eclipse, Erin McNamara, ’20, utilized her own camera on the roof of the Vukovich Center for Communication Arts. She protected her camera from hazardous UV light rays by placing a solar filter over her lens as she took a time lapse of the eclipse from start to finish.

“I can’t get up onto the roof of my dorm,” McNamara said. “The Vuk roof is high up and wide open.”

The Meadville area experienced a maximum eclipse at 212 degrees with a magnitude of 56.5 degrees, which is about an 80 percent eclipse of the sun when at its peak, according to Timeanddate.com.

Others chose to convene at the Newton Observatory during the peak of the eclipse, which occurred at 2:33 p.m. EST.

Organized by Associate Professor of Physics Jam C. Lombardi, and Associate Professor and Geology Department Chair Rachel O’Brien, the Newton Observatory opened its upper level, which houses a telescope, to the campus community. Visitors to the observatory could view the event by looking through the observatory telescope with the same solar filter as McNamara.

Lombardi said the event was also a way for new students, including those participating in the Access Allegheny Scholars program, to meet and interact with college faculty and staff for the first time.

“[This event] introduces Access Allegheny Scholar students to the faculty at Allegheny,” Lombardi said.

Along with telescopes and cameras, Lombardi also made a sun spotter available for public use. A sunspotter contains three mirrors and a lense and is used to observe sunspots as well as sunspot cycles.



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Director of Career Education Jim Fitch uses special glasses to view the eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017 outside Newton Observatory.

“The part that looks like the moon is actually the sun” Lombardi said. “It’s safer than a telescope because its projectionsystem is easier on the eyes.”

While NASA recommended not to look directly at the eclipse due to harmful UV rays, those who possessed solar filters such as the ones utilized by McNamara and Lombardi could capture the moment for ages to come via camera or telescope. Glasses, whose lenses contained the same type of solar filter, circulated throughout the market for purchase, so that Americans everywhere could experience and learn about our solar system.

With these technologies, the average American could take part in both a national event and natural phenomenon. “The only word I can think of to describe it would be surreal,” Kutz said of his experience.

“I’m kind of bummed I’m not in South Carolina,” McNamara said. “[The eclipse] would be full, but a partial is still cool.”

According to NASA, the next total solar eclipse passes through the contiguous United States on April 8, 2024.

Recent Allegheny graduate returns as admissions counselor

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The Campus: What does it feel like to be back on Allegheny’s campus, but no longer as a student?

Louis Fehler-Peiker: “It’s really nice, especially where I live. It’s still kind of on campus, so I have the college still as my backyard. It’s great. I can walk to work, I have access to Allegheny events—students and alumni. You know, I think when I was here, at first I thought, oh I have to live in Meadville. Oh man, winter in Meadville is going to suck, but over the course of four years living here, studying here, becoming more and more acclimated to the Allegheny and Meadville environment, I love it here. I love my apartment. I love the proximity to town and being able to walk, which is ideal. I can go grocery shopping and walk all of my groceries home if I have to, which is wonderful.”

Campus: How did you end up with this position?

Fehler-Peiker: “So, I was looking at getting involved

with education. The dream job is to be a history teacher, or a stay-at-home dad. Whichever comes first. But, you know, I want to be involved in teaching, and I said that to Cornell LeSane, Vice President of Admissions. And, we got to talking. He was going to write me a letter of recommendation for some graduate school programs, but none of them went through. Then an opening happened in the admissions office, and I had worked for them for two years as a Gator Guide. [LeSane] said, ‘you know Louis, you should really look into this position, you’d be a really good candidate,’ so I did, and I got a call back and came for an interview. It was a job where I could be working with kids, at a place that I love, advocating for a system, a program, a lifestyle in the liberal arts—that I unequivocally advocate for and support. And you know, I jokingly say that my time as an Allegheny College cheerleader prepared me to do this professionally.”

Campus: How do you anticipate going into this school year, personally knowing students who are going to be

here and having fraternity brothers on campus? How do you see your role changing from student to professional?

Fehler-Peiker: “That was definitely a question asked by the admissions office upon my hiring. It was definitely something they wanted to be aware of and they wanted me to be aware of. I think part of that comes down to scheduling. My scheduling at the college is very, very different from that of students. Between starting at eight-thirty in the morning and finishing at five—that’s my day—to also needing to be able to travel. My new territory covers Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, along with parts of New York State and Greater Erie.”

Campus: Are you excited to be able to travel?

Fehler-Peiker: “I am. Originally it was a dream for me to live in one of the thirteen colonies. And so now I’ve done that having gotten my undergraduate degree, but now I’m living here professionally for at least the foreseeable future. Not only do I like the place I live, but I also get to be interacting with students, and part of that can be restricting

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Admissions Counselor

now, now that I have this job as a professional. Sure, I can be there in an advisory role for the fraternity and be like “Hey, if something does go wrong, you guys should definitely reach out to me.” But to then to also be working with Gator Guide students, now there’s this power shift of I’m no longer a Gator Guide and can be chummy, chummy compadres all of the time. Insofar as the students are concerned, yeah I can still be their friend, but I work for the college, and there’s a definite distinction between an administrator and a student.

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The Campus staff would like to welcome you to Allegheny College. The first year of college is one of the defining years of your life. We have all been freshmen before, so we put together our own list of tips and tricks to help you make the most of your first year on campus.

1. Go out and explore the campus and town. It never hurts to map out where everything is, including where your classes will be. Meadville has its share of wonders as well.
2. Get to know your professors. Go to office hours and do not be afraid to just stop in, say hi or ask for help. They won’t bite and they have their office hours for a reason.
3. Get involved on campus. Everyone says this, but it is true. Allegheny has a variety of clubs and sports to join, so even if you have never done something before, try it out. You never know, you may end up liking it more than you thought you would!
4. Go to any events hosted on campus that interest you. The sports games, movie nights, dance performances and seminars are all good opportunities to get away from the books for a while and have some fun. As a bonus, free food is provided during certain events.
5. Budget your meal plan. When it comes to the end of the semester, you will want McKins. Trust us on this.
6. Time management and organization is a key component to staying on track and being motivated. Invest in a planner, it will help in the long run.
7. Go to your classes, even if you’re dreading them. It’s also important to make friends in each of your classes. This is helpful in case you do miss a class and if you want to form study groups.
8. Study groups can be a godsend. They can help alleviate some of the stress from exams. Reviewing with others in your class can be helpful as well and will help you to retain the course material.
9. Do not wear your lanyard around your neck. No one knows why this is a big deal, but trust us. Don’t do it.
10. Self-care is important! Always try to schedule in time for something you enjoy, whether it’s just hanging out with some friends, watching Netflix or just taking time for yourself.
11. Do not be afraid of change. You never know what could happen at college, but don’t be afraid of changing your mind about your major or whether you lose contact with certain friends. Change is not as terrifying as it seems.
12. Wear shoes in the shower and the bathroom, period.
13. Do not abuse coffee or caffeine as a study tool to frantically study for a test. The crash won’t be worth it.
14. Try to study outside of your dorm room. If you can, find a comfortable and quiet place to study outside or in one of the academic buildings.
15. Most of all, have fun! College is an amazing experience. Enjoy it.

The decline of anaylsis in our public discourse

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There has been increased attention being paid to journalists and news outlets over the past 18 months and as a result, the quality of discourse in our nation is deteriorating.

There are two components to journalism. The first is the collection and dissemination of facts in an attemptedly objective way. This is what we properly call news. It is accomplished by monitoring, investigating, researching and interviewing and distributed through established channels.

The second component of journalism is analysis. This is done in the form of op-eds and on-air appearances, where people provide commentary and varying points of view. More subtly, this is also done through the editorial process of deciding which issues deserve coverage.

This second component of journalism comes under considerably less scrutiny than the first. Whereas someone writing news must be subjected to editorial oversight, lest they have to issue a correction or retract a story, people who are professedly expressing ‘opinions’ do not feel such pressure, and as a result, the quality of commentary is on the decline.

Pew Research released a study on July 20, 2017, that reveals 52 percent of people polled are paying more attention to politics since the 2016 election. This statistic also represents an increase

in attention paid to adjacent topics, such as culture. This underscores why journalists must act responsibly. It is they who are the stewards of our national conversation, so the decreasing quality of discussion in the media is worrying.

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Opinion Editor

This is most clearly seen on the 24-hour cable news cycle. Guests are brought on and given short intervals of time to debate their points of view. Squeezed in between commercial breaks, these commentators end up barely touching the substance of the topic, and in some cases, just resort to hurling personal attacks at each other.

The theatrics of these confrontations are designed to attract viewers, not to showcase thoughts and ideas. Coverage of these on-air verbal fights overshadows the substance

of the points they are trying to debate, and there are now whole online communities devoted to watching these heated arguments.

This sort of behavior is incredibly counterproductive. We must learn from each other to progress as a society and move ideas forward, and the only way to do that is through reasoned discussion. This is supposed to be where we encounter ideas that challenge our intuitions, but leads us toward a space of mutual agreement and progress.

One may contend that the motivation behind creating such encounters is exactly, that — creating a space where people of opposing views can converse. But too often sparks fly and when conspiracy theorists like Alex Jones are invited on television, it serves as a reminder that this is not the intent of most shows, and cable news is a business where revenue drives decision making. The whole mechanism is a poor system for fostering constructive dialogue.

An equally harmful, yet more seemingly innocuous issue is when television hosts cling too tightly to their own ideological partners and only invite guests who agree with them and buttress their points of view. Everyone should be suspicious of consensus — if there is such agreement on a topic, why is a conversation about it news worthy?

Having several isolated environments of perfect agreement, where there lacks any diversity of opinion or per-

spective, does the most harm to our collective identity. As a nation we need to be engaged in a mutual conversation. Subsisting in ideological corners only prevents further dialog by eroding any previously existing common understandings.

This demonstrates how delicate the balance is for news agencies and journalists. They must occupy a razor’s edge. It is difficult work, but in the past several months we have witnessed a sharp decline in effort.

This is not to say all TV commentary is doomed. For example, “The Charlie Rose Show” on PBS is perhaps the best example of how television can be used to foster thoughtful conversation about a myriad of topics, but exemplars such as this are increasingly hard to come by.

Another outlet which has contributed to the decline of commentary and analysis is social media. Preferencing speed and brevity, it is increasingly difficult to find fact-based analysis from various perspectives. Twitter enforces a character limit, encouraging people to express the first thing that comes to mind, even though our first ideas are often our worst. To quote Scott Pelley, “In this online world everyone’s a publisher, but no one is an editor.”

In a Slate article from Jan. 2016, Chris Cox, Facebook’s chief product officer, said the news which shows up on one’s newsfeed is determined by algorithms which are designed

to show people what they want to see, and not show them what they don’t want to see. For the passive news consumers of Facebook, they are now unwittingly living in a deliberately designed echo chamber, furthering divides in the nation.

In this way, social media has failed to foster an environment conducive to substantive conversation. Even when links to longer pieces are shared, just the reading titles suffice, and most scroll by. It is common practice for Facebook and Twitter users to share and disseminate content which they haven’t even evaluated themselves, as long as it seems supportive of their own point of view. Pew Research found that people who end up on a news site via Facebook spend only a third of the average time there, compared to other users.

Additionally, on social media, the more inflammatory and confrontational the commentary is, the more popular it gets. This has given rise to a new breed of public commentators, such as Milo Yiannopoulos or Linda Sarsour, who oftentimes try to provoke, rather than engage in real conversation. This makes the discussion of important topics in any setting, even at a college and among family, more difficult, because it wraps them in a veneer of contention and taboo.

The last refuge for constructive dialogue about contentious topics has to be the newspaper. This is a medium

where there is space enough for thoughts to be fully developed and expressed, and where different perspectives and points of view can be debated responsibly.

In a newspaper, authors are responsible for what they write and editors are held accountable for what they print. The scrutiny and collaboration of the editorial process, although it may appear outdated, is necessary, and raises the level of discourse, making the pieces stronger, and more fact based.

This editorial process is more important now than ever before. Whether it be fact checking, asking probative questions, or ensuring the opinions expressed are honest and well-intentioned, the paper is where one can escape from the hysteria.

It is for that reason we here at The Campus encourage everyone — students, faculty, administration, alumni, staff, or community members — to submit opinion pieces about issues they care about and think are important. We cannot promise they will all appear in print or online, but we will do our part to represent a variety of thoughtfully articulated opinions that span the spectrum, and foster constructive and honest conversation.

We need a robust press that can cultivate honest, sober and well intentioned dialogue now more than ever, and so far as we can do anything to contribute to that, we will do our best.

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Teaching history behind the horror, solving monumental problems

Confederate, Civil War monuments are keeping open the ‘sores of war’ in today’s America

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If Confederate General Robert E. Lee and President Donald J. Trump ever became friends, that friendship would come to a dramatic end after discovering their differing opinions on whether or not Civil War monuments should be displayed in today’s society.

Charlottesville, VA was turned into a storm on Friday, Aug. 11 after a series of protests erupted between white nationalists, opposing the removal of a Civil War monument, and citizens supporting the statue’s demise.

What Trump calls “beautiful,” Lee looked at as something that would only “keep open the sores of war.”

“Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart with the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments. You can’t change history, but you can learn from it,” Trump wrote in a tweet on Aug. 17. “Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson — who’s next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish! Also the beauty that is being taken out of our cities, towns and parks will be greatly missed and never able to be comparably replaced!”

Lee declined an invitation to join officials on the battlefield of Gettysburg to help mark soldiers’ positions for posterity in 1869. Lee responded by writing a letter saying, “I think it wiser not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the examples of

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those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered.”

I am on Lee’s side in this debate. Although historical monuments are symbolic of

the past, these Civil War monuments are attracting protesters who are glorifying the racist motives that drove the war itself — something that we should be trying to move away from as a country.

The Confederate monuments are not honoring great soldiers and heroes. In fact, they are doing quite the opposite.

Lisa Desjardins, PBS NewsHour correspondent writes, “In his writings, Lee cited multiple reasons for opposing such monuments ... But underlying it all was one rationale: That the war had ended, and the South needed to move on and avoid more upheaval.”

W. Fitzhugh Brundage, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill history pro-

fessor and department chair, writes that these monuments were constructed after the Civil War, “as Southerners put Jim Crow in place — and Northerners gave up on racial justice.”

Tearing down the monuments that honor those who were treasonous to the nation is not ignoring or erasing American history. It is simply creating an opportunity to teach and start a conversation about the truth Trump is determined to ignore.

Our country was not “ripped apart” because the statue was removed. Our country is being torn apart because of the racist attitudes that run rampant in our everyday lives.

We cannot change our nation’s history, nor can we

ignore it. However, we do have the ability to create a better future by addressing the ugly actions of the past. Glorifying monuments and ignorant leaders are part of the problem.

In order to repair our torn country, the monuments should be taken down in order for society to heal and learn from the mistakes of those who came before us. These statues serve as a reminder of the past, and taking them down is the start of a solution to move forward to a better future.

By tearing down the monuments, we are tearing down visible divides and are creating room to discuss, heal and move on.

GATOR FOOTBALL STARTS YEAR WITH SCRIMMAGE AGAINST GENEVA



Above: During a football scrimmage on Aug. 23, 2017 at the Robertson Athletic Complex Football Stadium against Geneva College’s running back Collin Kendrick, ’18, runs with the ball while Allegheny’s defensive back, Tonye Hamilton, ’20 and linebacker Donte Richardson, ’21, try to tackle him. **Below left:** The Allegheny Gators and the Geneva Hurricanes run a play during a scrimmage on Wednesday. **Below right:** Defensive linemen Kyle McGee, ’20 and Jahnaaman Boone, ’20, celebrate an Allegheny touchdown.



Women’s soccer to kick-off season with new class, assistant coach

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The Allegheny Women’s Soccer team, led by head coach Pam Monnier, is entering its 2017 season with ample prospects; a new assistant coach, Robert Kane and a large incoming first-year class.

Kane joined the team’s coaching staff in April 2017, having previously served as an assistant coach at the State University of New York-Potsdam.

The team captains, Sam Brooks, ’18, Sarah Donohue, ’18 and Sierra Beaty, ’18, endorse the hire of their new assistant coach.

“[Kane] is a great addition to the coaching staff,” Beaty said. “Our coach understands the game and has consistently brought a new perspective to our practices so far.”

Prior to becoming an assistant coach at SUNY-Potsdam, Kane created and managed a number of soccer leagues, served as a coach on the high school level, and played collegiate soccer as an undergraduate at SUNY-Potsdam.

“He brings an amazing energy that pushes us to work harder and to perform at a higher level,” said Brooks. “All the while, we’re still having fun and enjoying the game.”

Kane described the Allegheny Athletic Department as welcoming, and is encouraged by the potential of his new team.

“My transition here was simple and my experience so far has been great,” Kane said. “Don’t sleep on the women’s team! We are ready to turn some heads in the [North Coast Athletic Conference] this year!”

Head Coach Pam Monnier is also anticipating stronger results from her team this year. Monnier equates the talent in the returning players and contributions of the incoming freshman class to the success the team has already had in preseason.

“Improvement is the name of the game for us this season,” Monnier said. “We will definitely be a young team but we have the opportunity to build our culture from the ground up. We are looking to make strides toward getting our program back into the NCAC playoffs and beyond.”

In Monnier’s interim season as head coach in 2016, the women’s team finished 6-10-1 overall and 3-5-1 in the North Coast Athletic Conference, a two game improvement from the previous season.

“I’m really excited to see how our team comes together,” Monnier said. “We have 12 freshman this season, and at this point we couldn’t be more happy with how they have acclimated themselves to the campus and the environment on and off the field.”

Brooks, Donohue and Beaty also expressed excitement for the large freshman class that will be joining them this season.

“It’s been a long time since we’ve had enough numbers to play to our full strength,” Donohue said. “I’m ready to get out there with my teammates again, and play to win.”

For the past two fall seasons, the women’s soccer team has been hindered by a shortage of players due to injury. The considerable incoming freshman class grants the team a greater sense of security.



Top: Allegheny College’s Head Women’s Soccer Coach Pam Monnier splits the team up by first year students and upper classmen for a warm up game on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017. **Above:** Allegheny College’s Head Women Soccer Coach Pam Monnier laughs with players as they play a game during warm ups on Aug. 23, 2017.

“I’m most looking forward to what the freshmen can bring to our team; it’s a lot of new talent,” Brooks said. “I’m excited to see how they can

help us achieve the goals we haven’t been able to have in recent years, like making it back to the [National Collegiate Athletic Association] playoffs.”

The last time the Allegheny women’s soccer team appeared in the NCAA playoffs was November 2014. The team hopes to qualify for the tournament

again at the conclusion of their regular season.

“I’m upset my soccer career will come to an end after this season, but I am excited to close it out with some of my closest friends,” Beaty said.

With preseason coming to a close and their first game nearing, the team captains are confident in their team’s ability moving forward.

“The start of any athletic season can be difficult, but our team is determined,” Donohue said. “Everyone is becoming comfortable playing together again, and the chemistry of the team is building.”

The Gators will open their season Labor Day weekend at the Rachel Miller Memorial Classic in Rochester, New York. The women’s team will play Rochester Institute of Technology on Friday, September 1 at 2 p.m.