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Top: Jessica Parkinson, '20, and Sami Lait, '18, cheer on the Gators during their home football game on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017. **Above:** Spectators support the Gators during the home game on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017.

Biology professor participates in shark symposium

The Gills Club supports women in science, shark conservation

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What do you want to be when you grow up? It is a question that plagues people from children to college students and those well into their careers.

The Gills Club is a national club with the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy. It helps young girls with a passion for sharks by giving them the opportunity to participate in projects that make a significant impact on sharks and how they are perceived by the public. Allegheny College's Lisa Whitenack, associate professor of biology, was one of 10 female shark scientists to participate in the "Shark Tales: Women Making Waves" symposium at Boston's New England Aquarium in September.

Whitenack said she is proud to have been able to speak at the event.

"You turn on your TV during Shark Week [and] it is inevitably a guy who is the shark expert, but if you look at the American Elasmobranch Society, which is the professional scientific society for folks who study sharks, [and] work on shark conservation, it is more than 50 percent women," Whitenack said.

The goal of the Gills Club is to show young girls they can love sharks and they can work with sharks, according to Whitenack. The Gills Club shows that sharks are not only for boys by showcasing advancements made by female scientists.

The Gills Club reached out to Whitenack to speak at the "Women Making Waves" symposium. The symposium featured 10 female shark scientists who participated in a Q&A session.

The symposium had upwards of 10,000 viewers both online and in person, according to Whitenack.

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College challenges students to conserve during October, eighth annual challenge

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The eighth annual energy challenge is amping up to power down as student groups host events to inspire the Allegheny community to reduce electricity consumption.

"We do fun events to ask people to change their behaviors, we save on electricity and then we use that money to do things on campus that students want to see," said Kelly Boulton, '02, the coordinator of the energy challenge and Allegheny College's sustainability coordinator.

The energy challenge began on Oct. 6 and will end on Nov. 3. Allegheny students, staff and faculty are challenged to reduce electricity consumption on campus by 10 percent, according to Boulton. The money the college saves by reducing electricity usage will fund a campus sustainability effort of the student body's choice.

The energy challenge is

meant to be fun, rather than a hassle, according to Boulton.

"You can get out of your dorm room, turn off your lights, go do something that is really fun, but is not energy intensive at all," Boulton said.

The fun comes through events hosted by student organizations. The Outing Club's night hike, Meditation Club's yoga in the dark and the Grounds for Change unplugged open mic night are a few of the events that have become traditions in the past seven years of the energy challenge.

"I'm really proud of the partnerships we've created and the willingness that students have of 'Yeah, we want to do that energy challenge event again this year.' That, to me, has been really, really great," Boulton said.

Autumn Blaisdell, '21, assistant to the sustainability coordinator, said new events offered this year include making no-sew, glow in the dark bags and embarking on a scavenger hunt of "green spots," locations that highlight sustainable practices

around campus.

"I don't want to give away the green spots, but I was thinking about either six to eight spots around campus that students interact with daily," Blaisdell said.

As student organizations host events, Boulton crunches numbers to determine the challenge's impact. Boulton collects electricity use data the month prior to the challenge to create a baseline for energy consumption on campus. The baseline this year is 47,521 kilowatt hours, the daily average electricity consumption of the campus.

Each week of the energy challenge Boulton reads the electric meters and determines the total percent of energy reduction, kilowatt hours of energy saved, the amount of money saved and the percent electricity reduction in each dorm. Every Friday she shares the results with the rest of campus via Facebook and posters in dorms.

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Three campus bias incidents spark IDEAS Center discussion, administrators organize

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The Dean of Students Office sent out a campus wide email on Wednesday, Oct. 18, informing students and staff of three separate bias reports filed "in the last week." The email said the incidents were race-related but did not provide any further information as to the nature of the incidents.

"These incidents have involved race-related graffiti and epithets and are being fully investigated. The College will take appropriate action against individuals found to be involved," the email read in part.

The email did not specify which department of the college would be conducting the investigation, but said students had been contacted in relation to the incidents.

"We have also addressed these incidents directly with the students who have been

immediately affected by these behaviors. These behaviors will not be tolerated," the email read.

Dean of Students Kimberly Scott could not be reached for comment on Thursday, Oct. 19.

The Allegheny College Fire and Crime Log, which is updated daily, did not include any mentions of a reported bias incident as of Thursday, Oct. 19.

Director of Public Safety Ali Awadi was out of the office on Thursday and could not be reached for comment.

The email also said the college would be hosting a "series of conversations" to discuss the issue and "confront bias and social injustice."

Darnell Epps, associate director of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Justice Center, said the center is planning on having a discussion with members of the Allegheny community on Friday, Oct. 20 at 12:15 p.m.

in the Henderson Campus Center room 301/302.

Epps said the purpose of the discussion will be to help support students who have been affected by such incidents. He said their primary goal is always to support students and that various administrators, including President of the College James Mullen, would be present.

While the fact that such incidents occur is frustrating, Epps said this is not an issue that is unique to Allegheny.

"It's not unique just to Meadville or just to Allegheny, there seems to have been an increase nationally in these types of events," Epps said.

IDEAS Center Intern Nia Burnett, '18, said she has seen intolerance in places most people would not expect. She said she has a friend at the University of California Berkeley who was telling her about similar incidents.

"It's been really toxic," Burnett said.

ASG receives statistics report, welcomes new cabinet member

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Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions Cornell LeSane discussed Allegheny’s admission statistics with Allegheny Student Government during its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17. With the inclusion of the Class of 2021, students from countries such as Pakistan, China and Ethiopia as well as students from every state except North Dakota are now represented at Allegheny, according to LeSane.

“We certainly have great representation from that standpoint. Good representation as we think about not just domestic diversity but global diversity,” LeSane said. “We’ve also received the most applications in the history of the college.”

This year, Allegheny was ranked the sixth most innovative liberal arts school in the nation, according to LeSane.

“Think about the juxtaposition of that,” LeSane said. “We are the sixth most innovative liberal arts school in the nation, yet we’re the 32nd oldest college in the nation, so what I like about that is we’re an institution that is not saying we’re going to stand back and live off of past accomplishments.”

Allegheny chose to offer test-optional applications over the past year so students can decide whether or not their SAT and ACT test scores

are a true reflection of their ability, according to LeSane.

“This is how we’re telling students they’re more than just a test score,” LeSane said. “There’s certainly a lot more appreciation from families in that way.”

In addition to going test-optional, Allegheny has also been looking for students who may not have performed well in high school, but who are willing to work hard to prove they can raise their level of achievement, according to LeSane.

“We have the ability to find not only the diamonds, but also the diamonds in the rough,” LeSane said. “I enjoy saying yes more than I enjoy saying no, so I am truly enjoying this experience. We are finding students who have a love of learning and recognize that, yeah, you’re going to have to work hard here.”

Allegheny has also welcomed a substantial amount of first-generation college students, with 29 percent of the first-year class falling into that category, according to LeSane. He explained using the right approach was the key to finding first-generation students interested in Allegheny.

“When we approach it from the standpoint of saying we’re going to go test optional, it opens up to a whole new branch of students,” LeSane said. “We’re trying to take pressure away from students rather than add to it.”

LeSane finished his presen-

tation by expressing his love for Allegheny and appreciation for the amount of work students do at the college.

“It is a true pleasure working here, and I very much have enjoyed working with the students,” LeSane said. “I think you guys do a great job, and I also understand you work really hard, which is okay because I think once you graduate, it shows. When I look at résumés from Allegheny ... I’ve been really impressed from what I see from Allegheny grads.”

Following LeSane’s presentation, Seth Henriquez, ’20, and James Callahan, ’20, explained the wrestling club they are attempting to organize. Currently, there are about 15 students interested in the club, according to Callahan.

“We’re pretty much just trying to bring wrestling back to the school. We know it used to be an official sport ... and we’d like to see it be something on campus again,” Henriquez said. “We want to try to get the culture back and have people know there’s a wrestling club before we start reaching out.”

The constitution was approved in the first round of voting. There will be a second round of voting next week. However, senators are less concerned about any potential problems with the club for the second round of voting. Instead, the next round focuses more on the people



LAUREN TRIMBER/THE CAMPUS

Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions Cornell LeSane discusses statistics at the Allegheny Student Government meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017.

who have organized the club, according to Class of 2020 President Jason Ferrante.

“The major reason why we send clubs through two weeks of approval is that it gives them time to make any amendments to their constitution that came up in the first week,” Ferrante said.

At the meeting’s end, Class of 2020 Senator Elyse Cinquino was voted from her position as class vice-president to director of communications and press, a cabinet position and left vacant by Medha Nag, ’20. In her new position, Cinquino

will be responsible for ASG’s social media and website, as well as communicating events with the rest of campus. A few of her goals include bringing back an ASG biweekly newsletter which ran last year and bringing updates to ASG’s website, according to Cinquino.

“I think it’s going to be a nice way to get more involved with ASG and sit on cabinet,” Cinquino said. “I also really like the position because [Public Relations] is fun, and I think that it will be a good way to bring back things that

were done in the past that people really liked and continue on things that people liked before.”

Carlos Sanchez, ’20, is moving into position of class vice-president, leaving a position open in the Class of 2020 senate. ASG will be taking applications for a new senator until Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. The new senator will be chosen Oct. 31 and will serve as a Public Relations committee member. A link to the application has been sent to every student through the MyAllegheny email service.

SHARKS *from page 1*



Submitted by LISA WHITENACK
Professor of Biology Lisa Whitenack holds a T-Rex jaw.

The Gills Club worked with local schools dissecting sharks with students.

Whitenack said she fell in love with sharks at a young age.

“My grandmother had one of these Reader’s Digest volumes, it was Wildlife of North America ... I remember looking at that book so much that the shark pages are really worn,” Whitenack said.

Not all the scientists at the symposium fell in love with sharks as easily as Whitenack. Heather Marshall, a specialist in shark physiology and Gills

Club science team member, did not always love sharks.

“My interest came from a place of fear, when I was a young girl,” Marshall said in a video posted to the Gills Club website. “I heard about the movie Jaws and developed this fear of sharks. So, I decided to learn about ways to avoid shark attacks ... I developed this fascination, which lead to more fascination.”

Michelle Heupel, another scientist featured by the Gills Club, addressed her decision to go into marine biology.

“It doesn’t matter where you come from, you can be who or what you want no matter what your starting point,” Heupel said in another video posted to the club’s website. “All you have to do is apply yourself and go for it.”

The scientists of the Gills Club all have unique journeys to how they fell in love with sharks and how they became leading scientists in their fields. Whitenack was not on track to being a shark paleontologist while in her undergraduate studies. She took a history of life class to fulfill a biology general education requirement.

“I hated biology,” said Whitenack. Whitenack decided to pursue her lifelong love for fossils and geology.

Whitenack is happy to have been approached by the Gills Club. She believes in the importance of role models in science.

“I don’t think it is a women thing, I think it is anyone who is interested should do it,” Whitenack said. “If you love it you should do it, it doesn’t matter what your gender is or your sex is.”

Hart holds writing discussion

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Associate Professor of English and Director of Writing Alexis Hart hosted two informal discussions entitled “Major Myths About Writing” on Tuesday, Oct. 17 and Thursday, Oct. 19 in the Henderson Campus Center.

These sessions were the second installments of a three-part dialogue taking place throughout the semester, all of which are based on the open access book, “Bad Ideas About Writing.”

According to the publisher, West Virginia University Libraries, the goal of the open access text book was to produce cost effective products of a high-quality for for authors, faculty and students.

“We hope that the collection [of essays] is a conversation-starter not a conversation-stopper, and

we hope that it provides a catalog of support for productive conversations about how and why to stop the bad ideas about writing and start the good,” wrote the editors of the book, Cheryl Ball and Drew Loewe.

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In these two sessions, Hart and participants focused on two specific chapters of the book. The first, written by Elizabeth Wardle, argued there is no such thing as “writing in general,” insofar as one’s writing changes

depending on the situation, and the second, written by Ellen Carillo, explored the possibility that writing knowledge from one context can transfer to another.

Professor of Chemistry Ann Sheffield, who will be teaching a history course on vikings in spring 2018, attended the Thursday session and said the use of evidence and professional tone were two components of writing that have transferred across her two disciplines.

There were four participants at the Tuesday session from several different areas of the college including the math department, career education and the library. There were three participants at the Thursday session, including a student.

“It’s great to hear student voices to help us think about how we teach writing,” said Hart.

The third installment of the conversations is planned for the month of November.

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Allegheny Student Government holds Meet Your Senator Event

Senators discuss plans and events for coming year



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Senators David Roach, '21, Carlos Sanchez, '20, Jason Ferrante, '20, Trevor Mahan, '21, Elyse Cinquino, '20, and Akeem Adesiji, '20, were all present at the Meet Your Senator event on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017.

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Allegheny Student Government held a Meet Your Senator event on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017. At the event, ASG representatives gathered in the George M. Henderson Campus Center to talk with constituents and answer questions.

Kierra Price, '18, is the president of the Class of 2018 and a member of the Student Affairs Committee.

As class president, Price said she helps the senior class coordinate constituent outreach events throughout the semester.

"We pair with other classes to hold events, and just different things like that so we can talk to our constituents," Price said.

Price said one of the biggest events which the seniors help organize is the college's annual Senior Week, held the week of graduation.

"Senior Week is a bunch of different activities that are going on on campus or in Meadville, where the seniors get together and just celebrate the four years that we spent here together," Price said.

Price said she also serves as the secretary for the Student Life Committee, but that she is going to become the secretary of the new Wellness Committee once it forms.

"The Wellness Committee is a new initiative by some

of the administrators," Price said. "They want to see where the health center stands, we want to get some health bulletins around campus, we just want to improve the wellness around campus."

Price said the Wellness Committee will be connected to the Student Affairs Committee.

"I will still be on the Student Affairs Committee, but I would also serve as a representative for ASG on the Wellness Committee," Price said. "It's a committee that's just forming, so we haven't ironed out a lot of the details, but like I'm pretty excited about it."

In a more general sense, Price said the Student Affairs Committee tries to get an idea of what impressions students have about Allegheny.

"We do a student survey that we like kind of give to all of the students on campus," Price said. "Not a lot of people take it, but we just kind of want to survey what the students want on campus, what needs to be fixed."

Travis Court, '18, is the co-director of Student Affairs. Court also sits on the board of the Campus Life and Community Standards Committee as a nonvoting member.

"I sort of am the voice to the faculty members and the staff members on the CLCSC, and I help coordinate the committee on ASG," Court said.

Court began his ASG career during the 2016-17 academic

year, when one of the senators from the Class of 2018 left ASG.

"I took the spot, I was on the committee and I just loved it," Court said. "So then last year, I applied for Cabinet."

Court, who is a Resident Adviser in Edwards Hall, said his biggest motivation is the students.

"I just want to make campus better for everyone and the best way to do that is start with small things that turn into really big things. So I feel, looking at policy and looking at basic resources is the best way to do it."

Carlos Sanchez, '20, is a senator for the Class of 2020. As a senator, Sanchez works on legislation relating to the college.

"Right now, ASG's working on this legislation to uphold the previous Title IX," Sanchez said. "Because, you know, Title IX was cut down quite a bit, so we're trying to pass legislation so that Allegheny upholds the previous Title IX."

Sanchez said he got involved in ASG to be an advocate for the Class of 2020.

"I just want to represent my class," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said his biggest motivation is trying to get the most out of college, both for himself and his class.

"One day, when I look back, I can say with all certainty that I helped improve the school," Sanchez said.

Energy from page 1

The college saved \$3,999 by reducing energy consumption by 13 percent of the first week of the 2017 energy challenge, according to the Allegheny College Gator Green Facebook page.

While the energy challenge is only four weeks long, the results have lasting impacts.

"We have seen over the years a consistent decrease in the amount of energy that we have to purchase every year," Boulton said, explaining the decrease in energy consumption is due both to changes in individuals' energy use and improved operational efficiency on campus.

"Both of those things are definitely having an impact and all of this contributes to our overall climate neutrality goal of 2020," Boulton said.

Funding more sustainability efforts is another lasting impact of the energy challenge. Allegheny Student Government and Boulton,

with input from Students for Environmental Action, determined five possible projects this energy challenge could fund. These ideas include adding solar panels, water refill stations in dorms, outdoor recycling bins, more motion sensing lighting and buying carbon credits, according to Akeem Adesiji, '20, ASG's director of sustainability.

"The students are the ones putting in the work to save the money so we're trying to give students a say in what that money goes toward," Adesiji said.

Voting will occur during the energy challenge via a survey found on MyAllegheny and class year Facebook pages. ASG will table in the Henderson Campus Center and provide computers for students to vote on.

Students choosing the sustainability projects, strong data management and a fun atmosphere around the event

are what make Allegheny's energy challenge a success, according to Boulton.

"I've gone to conferences and talked about our energy challenge and other campuses are always like 'What?' So I think we have a model of an energy challenge that works on our campus in ways that it doesn't work on other campuses," Boulton said. "I think we do something unique here."

The college saved \$11,000 during the energy challenge last year, according to Boulton. More filtered water stations, which will be installed beginning this month, were purchased with the savings from the energy challenge last year. A little money was left over from the 2016 challenge, which will be added to the savings from the 2017 challenge.

"It's fun to see how much everybody's small efforts add up in the end," Boulton said.

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CRIME BLOTTER

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Cafish Hall
Harassment.

Sept. 30, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Underage consumption.

Oct. 1, 2017
Edwards Hall
Sex Offenses (fondling).

Oct. 1, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Underage consumption.

Oct. 2, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Theft.

Oct. 9, 2017
College House
Criminal Mischief.

Oct. 13, 2017
Edwards Hall
Theft.

Oct. 13, 2017
Ravine Hall
Drug Possession.

Oct. 13, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Underage Consumption.

Oct. 14, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Underage Consumption.

Oct. 14, 2017
Robertson Athletic Complex
Criminal Mischief.

Oct. 14, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Underage Consumption.

Oct. 14, 2017
Edwards Hall
Underage Consumption.

Oct. 15, 2017
Walker Hall
Drug Possession.



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MINDHUNTER

Netflix releases it's newest drama series, 'Mindhunter'

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Following original crime shows such as “Making a Murderer” and “The Keepers,” “Mindhunter” is Netflix’s newest exhilarating crime drama of 2017. The series debuted on Friday, Oct. 13 and is a short first season of 10 one hour-long episodes.

The Netflix series was based on the real crime book “Mind Hunter: Inside the FBI’s Elite Serial Crime Unit,” written by John E. Douglas and Mark Olshaker. The TV show was created by Joe Penhall and produced by David Fincher, Charlize Theron, Josh Denon and Ceán Chaffin.

David Fincher had quite a heavy hand in the production of “Mindhunter,” but this is not Fincher’s first crime drama. Fincher has quite the record with dark, crime-driven thrillers. He has, for example, directed the psychological thriller “Gone Girl,” “Zodiac” a movie based on the Zodiac serial killer and “Se7en,” another crime thriller based on two detectives hunting down a serial killer. These movies sound eerily similar to “Mindhunter,” a crime drama surrounding two FBI agents and their plunge into the minds of infamous American murderers.

The official synopsis for the series is short and simple.

“In the late 1970s two FBI agents expand criminal science by delving into the psychology of murder and getting uneasily close to all-too-real monsters.” according to Netflix.

The series follows Jonathan Groff as Holden Ford and Holt McCallany as Bill Tench who interview convicted serial killers to learn how exactly the criminal mind works and then apply it to their investigations.

The series has received a 94 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes which, for those who are unfamiliar with this movie critic website, means the series is immensely popular.

“The critics consensus is that ‘Mindhunter’ distinguishes itself in a crowded genre with ambitiously cinematic visuals and a meticulous attention to character development,” according to Rotten Tomatoes.

Each episode follows Holden Ford and Bill Tench as they delve through the minds of convicted criminals. The criminal that starts it all is Edmund Kemper, also known as The Co-ed Killer. Kemper was charged with the abduction and murders of several women in the early 1970s and was also known to have killed his paternal grandparents at the age of 15. One of his last murders was his mother, who he decapitated and then proceeded to engage in irrumatio with her head, which he explains in crystal clear detail to Ford in one of their interviews.

Ford interviews Kemper in Santa Cruz, Calif. as he serves a life sentence. As Ford interviews him, Kemper indulges Ford, telling him about his early childhood, his mother’s behavior towards him, the murders and how he executed them, essentially Kemper explained on what made him

tick. These interviews spark the project that Ford and Tench launch, the beginning of attempting to understand the criminal mind.

Despite the fact that the majority of the two agents’ time was spent with Kemper, Kemper was not the only convicted murderer that was interviewed. Ford and Tench also interviewed Jerome Henry “Jerry” Brudos and Richard Speck, two infamous American killers from the late 1960s.

Jerry Brudos was known to have killed at least four women in Oregon during the 1960s. Burdos was also known, after his killings, to dress in high heels and masturbate to the murders. During one of the interviews Ford and Tench conducts with Burdos, Ford brings a pair of high heels as a ‘reward’ for Burdos, and well, he masturbates to the shoes with Ford and Tench still in the room with him.

Richard Speck was a mass murderer who tortured, raped and killed eight nursing students in one night in 1966. During his interview, as Ford unravels why Speck killed the nursing students and simultaneously pisses Speck off, Speck throws the small bird he had with him into the huge fan in the room, immediately killing it and spreading what was left of its body all over the room. Talk about a way to end an interview.

Ford and Tench only interviewed these three convicted criminals during the short first season, but this was only the tip of the iceberg in terms of where the series is headed.



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The episodes are filled with such depth, whether it’s from the factual details to the explicit visual scenes, this series hits the nail on the head with its terrific storytelling.

This season shows the psychological drain of interviewing sadistic killers and the tension put on the individual’s relationships with themselves

and their families. The viewer is shown the paranoia that Ford begins to exhibit outside of his work and his spiraling relationship with his girlfriend, and Tench’s tensions with his wife and son as he’s haunted by the murders they investigate.

The show truly delivers in showing the inward workings

of the criminal mind, while exploring the mental consequences that impacted the members of the FBI team as they conducted interviews and attempted to understand convicted killers. “Mindhunter” is one thrilling crime drama that you do not want to miss this season.

Students connect to locals on Make a Difference Day

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Students ranging from elementary school to college joined together with members of the local community to help serve Meadville and Crawford County on Allegheny College’s 24th annual Make a Difference Day. Make a Difference Day was held on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 14, and had assembled multiple organizations and groups to help with community service projects.

The director of civic engagement started Make a Difference Day in the fall of 1994, and the college has been participating ever since.

The Allegheny College Office of Civic Engagement’s mission statement declares their mission is to equip graduate students to be global citizens of a diverse, complex and interconnected world. On average, Allegheny students complete over 60,000 service hours each year. Make a Difference Day is just one of the many ways, like Service Saturday or Senior Citizen Recognition Day, where students can get involved in community service.

Make a Difference Day is hosted by the Office of Civic Engagement and is one major way that the office uses to strive to fulfill their mission statement and bridge the gap between Allegheny students and Meadville communities. This day of service is comprised of over 100 service

projects throughout the community.

Students and residents complete tasks such as painting houses, cleaning creeks and helping build ramps. The Office of Civic Engagement expected over 300 Allegheny College students to make their way to Diamond Park on Saturday morning.

Lauren Blakeley, ’20, spent her Saturday morning raking leaves and cleaning the gutters of an elderly woman’s home with the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega.

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Lauren Blakeley
Class of 2020

“Being able to connect with the community more and help outside of our small campus was definitely beneficial,” Blakeley said.

Volunteers were separated into two groups of skilled and unskilled workers. Typically, organizations such as fraternities take on the roles of skilled workers and help complete tasks such as building wheelchair ramps and

patching roofs for members of the community. Unskilled members completed tasks such as clearing garbage, raking leaves and general maintenance explained Allegheny College’s Bonner Program Coordinator, Ellen Back.

“The goal this year, and in years past, is really to create an impact on that one day, both for the folks who are going out and receiving the service, the community members who have high need projects that might be something that is preventing them from having quality of life, whether that be they need a ramp to be able to get outside and get fresh air or a roof repair, but also the impact on the volunteers and students who get to go out and experience Meadville,” Bach said.

Many of the college’s clubs and organizations assemble teams to participate on Make a Difference Day. Organizations such as women’s lacrosse, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi Omega were all represented on Saturday.

Elyse Cinquino, ’20, participated as part of Lambda Sigma, the college’s sophomore honor society and helped a local daycare with raking leaves and general maintenance.

“Especially for Allegheny students, it’s really good to get into the Meadville community and really participate in different service activities and getting to know Meadville residents and different Meadville organizations,” Cinquino said.

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Friday, Oct. 20, 2017

Greek Sing
7 p.m.
Shafer Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

TailGator Luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Robertson Athletic Complex

Football vs Kenyon
1 p.m.

Swimming and Diving vs. Grove City College
1 p.m.

‘Dale K’ at
6:30 p.m.
Campus Center

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017

Delta House of Pancakes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in
Shultz Banquet Hall



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ART EXHIBITION OPENS DIALOGUE ON ARAB WORLD

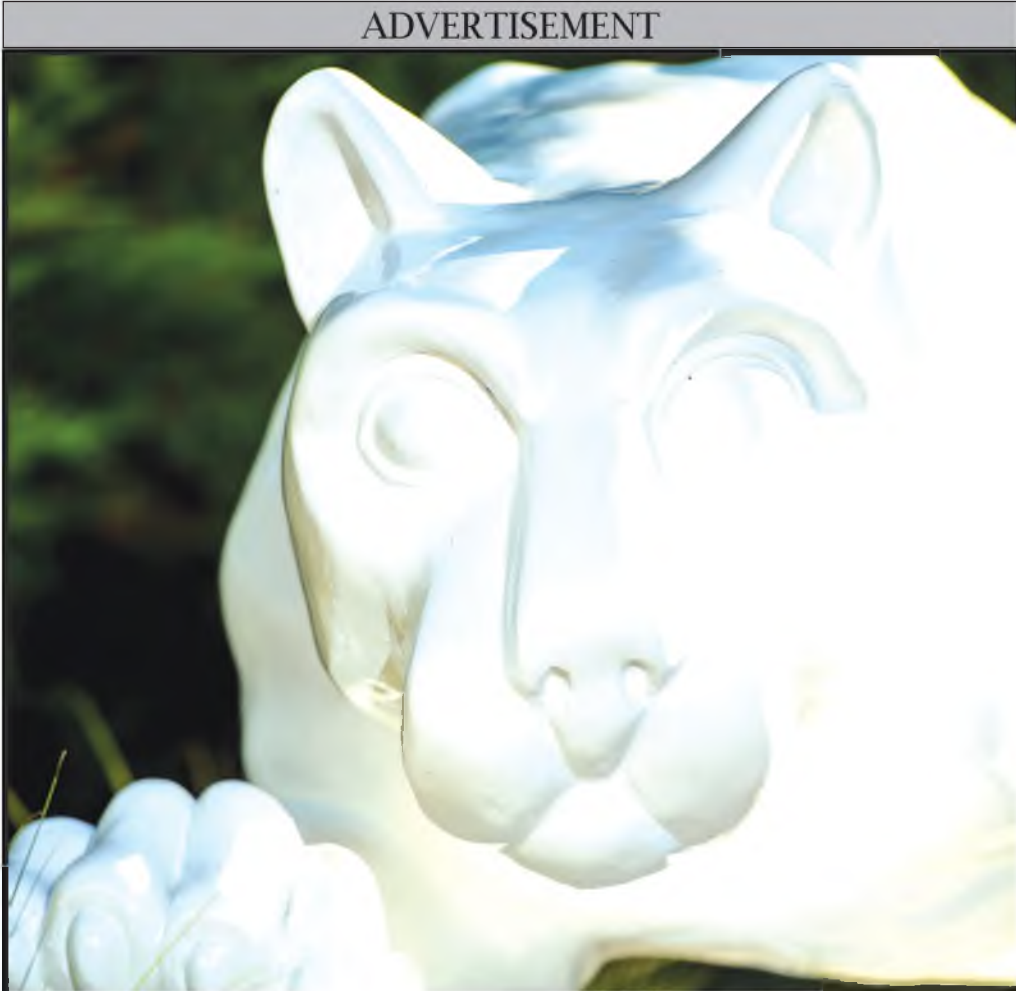


Above: Bowman~Penelec~Megahan Art Gallery visitors observe the work of Helen Zughaib on October 3, 2017 at the opening of the exhibit.

Left: “Spring Memorial #1 dishdasha” by Helen Zughaib on display in the art gallery.

Center: Associate Director of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Center, Darnell Epps looks at some of the work during the opening reception of ‘Arab Springs/Unfinished Journeys.’

Bottom: Students and faculty attend the opening reception of ‘Arab Spring/Unfinished Journeys.’



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Above: Referees review a call made on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at the Robertson Athletic Complex against Allegheny’s conference opponent, Hiram College. The final score was 57-40, Allegheny. **Below:** Chompers poses for a picture during the football game.

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The Robertson Athletic Complex will host the annual homecoming game where the Allegheny Gators will face Kenyon College on the Frank B. Fuhrer Field at 1 p.m. as part of the Blue and Gold Weekend.

Alumni, current students, staff, faculty and families will take part in the homecoming festivities. To kick off the weekend, sororities and fraternities will be performing at the annual Greek Sing event Friday at 7 p.m. in Shaffer Auditorium. The Blue and Gold weekend will consist of open house events, cookouts, tailgates and philanthropy events.

The bulk of the weekend activities will take place on Saturday, leading up to the football game. The annual TailGator Luncheon will take place prior to the game, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Last year, the football team had their first victory of the season during the homecoming game and are hoping to repeat that tradition.

“My favorite homecoming memory is our win on homecoming last year. For a lot of the young players on the team, it was their first win at Allegheny, while for the upperclassmen, it was our first win since 2014,” Andrew Murphy, ’18, said. “Seeing how happy everyone was after the game, both the fans and the players, is something I’ll always remember.”

Murphy said the team is not going to be phased by



previous game performances, and are focusing on their strengths.

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Andrew Murphy
Class of 2018

“I think we are going to play well. Even though we lost last week at Wittenberg, I think we showed a lot of positive signs on both sides of the ball,” Murphy said. “We need to build off the positives this week. I think I can speak for the team too when I say that we are motivated to have a good game for homecoming.”

The Gators’ winning record has also influenced the atmosphere surrounding the football games this year, according to cheerleader Willa Jones Irwin, ’21.

“It’s really exciting to be

cheering for a winning team,” Jones Irwin said. “At the last home game it was really surprising that we won and the girls and players were really hyped up. The crowd was really excited at the end of the game and it was exciting to see them run off the field!”

The younger players have helped contribute to the team’s success this year, according to Murphy.

“So far, it has been a successful season. There are definitely a few games that we think we should have played better in, but there are so many positives to take from the first six games of our season. Statistically speaking, we are better in almost every category than we were last year,” Murphy said. “A lot of the underclassmen have made tremendous strides from where they were last year too. So far, I think we’ve definitely shown people that Allegheny football is trending upwards, and there is more confidence in the program than I’ve ever experienced in my four years here. Overall, it’s been a good year, and we certainly hope to finish out the season strong.”

The events for this weekend change the atmosphere of the game, according to Murphy.

Murphy described the team’s motivation for a win and the impact returning alumni have on the team’s mindset.

“The thing I am most looking forward to this weekend is the crowd. We usually get pretty strong crowds for our homecoming games, and it’s a wonderful feeling to see many of your friends and classmates cheering you on in the stands,” Murphy said. “Homecoming also brings back a lot of alumni, including a lot of graduated football players who endured some tough seasons. They definitely deserve to see a good game from us, and I know it will mean a lot to them if we can get a win. I think the atmosphere of homecoming does change the team’s mindset going into the game. There’s definitely some added inspiration to perform well in front of the big crowd. Everyone wants to win, but I think everyone wants to win on homecoming just a little bit more.”

Alumni and family visiting is on everyone’s minds for this Blue and Gold weekend, according to Jones Irwin.

“I’m excited to see all the alumni, because all the girls on the team have said it’s a really big deal for alumni to come back and see everyone. I’m also happy to see everyone’s families and parents,” Jones Irwin said.

Cody Wendt, ’19, echoed Murphy’s description of last year’s game, being the first win of his college football career. He said it was his favorite memory.

“I feel pretty great about this weekend’s game,” Wendt said. “We have been working hard all week, and we need to come out ready to play. I feel like this season has been a huge turning point for our football program.”

This homecoming will be a little stressful for the cheerleaders, according to Jones Irwin.

“We just learned a new halftime show and that is a lot more pressure for a small squad, especially when there will be more fans at this game since its homecoming,” Jones Irwin said.

Despite the stress, Jessica Parkinson, ’20, is excited to cheer at the homecoming game.

“Honestly, if I could put you in my shoes, everyone would want to cheer,” Parkinson said. “Cheering for a winning team gives you [an] extraordinary, euphoric feeling.”

The Gators are hoping for a season victory this weekend.

Scheimer and Jasienski join athletic staff, help create support system

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The athletes of Allegheny College have a system in place to promote their athletic success, beginning with coaches that oversee their day-to-day improvement. To ensure that this improvement continues, the college hired Director of Sports Medicine Robin Scheimer and Assistant Athletic Trainer Hannah Jasienski.

Named director of sports medicine in August of 2017, Scheimer’s love of athletics began early because of the benefits sports provides.

“I knew I loved being around that athletic realm, I loved what it promoted for kids,” Scheimer said.

This early spark led to an education that prepared her for her career today. Scheimer planned initially to enter physical therapy and attended the University of Pittsburgh with this goal in mind, where she was required to complete an athletic training course and EMT certification through this program.

“When I was doing that, I really fell in love with the emergency medicine realm of it,” Scheimer said.

It was this love that led her to athletic training.

“I like that we are with the athlete for the entire gamut of the process,” she said, detailing the extensive ways in which trainers are able to support athletes.

Upon the completion of her bachelor’s degree in athletic training from Pitt, Scheimer went on to earn a Master of Science in athletic training from Ohio University and acted as the head athletic trainer at a high school while completing her graduate education.

After receiving her master’s, Robin began her career at Kenyon College, where she worked for four years before arriving at Allegheny, which shares an athletic conference with Kenyon and a Division III status that Scheimer deeply enjoys.

“I loved it,” Robin said. “I love that the kids who play sports at this level are really playing because they want to.”

Just as Scheimer’s interest in athletic training began early, Assistant Athletic Trainer Hannah Jasienski’s career path

began with a shoulder injury from high school soccer.

“With that injury, I went through the loops of seeing orthopaedics, I was in and out of the physical therapy room, and I was working with my athletic trainer of my high school,” Jasienski said.

Inspired by these encounters, Jasienski also initially planned to become a physical therapist and entered Slippery Rock University with a double major in exercise science and athletic training before deciding to devote herself entirely to athletic training.

“I really just fell in love with athletic training, I liked being on the sidelines, seeing the injury, evaluating the injury, treating it, rehabilitating it and getting that athlete and seeing them return to play,” Jasienski said.

After graduating from Slippery Rock in December 2014, a final clinical rotation at Thiel College led Jasienski to the opportunity to replace an athletic trainer there. She said the position was a natural springboard for her career.

“It was a great fit, they thought because I had already known the students from working with them as a student myself, I knew the town, I was already living close by,” Jasienski said.

Her move to Allegheny came from a connection. After hearing about prior Assistant Trainer Devon Skinner’s impending move, she decided to apply. She was officially hired in August 2017, bringing with Robin Scheimer a new presence to the Allegheny College athletic staff.

Talking about former Assistant Athletic Trainer Kahla Maguire, Kurtis Williams, ’19, said it is a necessary position to have. He said it is a presence from which Allegheny students benefit.

“I know that they know their stuff, so that if I ever need them, they’ll be able to do that same thing that Kahla did for me when she was here,” Williams said.

Cross country runner Allison Johnson, ’19, shared a similar confidence in the athletic training staff.

“They’re all really nice. They’re just a really awesome resource to have as an athlete,” Johnson said.

Women’s volleyball looks back in order to move forward

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The women’s volleyball team is nearing the end of its season, but is hopeful that one last win, some inspiration from an old coach and strong senior leadership will be able to push them into post-season competition.

The team, under the direction of first-year coach Kelly Barzak, has already improved their record from last year — a success that coach Barzak attributes to a strong group of senior starters.

“They’re doing a really great job through leadership and working hard every day,” Barzak said. “They’re really stepping up their game these past couple weeks. It motivates everybody — to see their teammates playing at a really high level.”

Barzak, a graduate of Thiel College, came to Allegheny after serving as the head women’s volleyball coach and assistant men’s volleyball coach at her alma mater for the last



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Outside hitter, Hannah Cubarney, ’18, spikes the ball past Hiram College on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017.

three seasons. She came to Allegheny after the retirement of Bridget Sheehan, who had been the head coach of the Allegheny Women’s Volleyball team for 30 years.

Kylee Karczewski, ’18, said at first the coaching change was a challenge, but that the team is adjusting as the season progresses.

“It was difficult and frus-

trating, but moving forward we’re happy with the coach we have now,” Karczewski said.

Karczewski plays as a defensive specialist and is currently leading the team in Aces. She played under Sheehan for two full seasons, but recognizes that now is as good a time as ever to move forward — with respect and appreciation for everything Sheehan

brought to the team over the years.

Forced to leave her position at Allegheny because of a diagnosis of fallopian cancer, Sheehan is a major reason the team is encouraged and motivated to play their best every day.

“She is an inspiration to Terra and the team because of the battle she is fighting,” Lisa Schall, mother of senior de-

fensive specialist Terra Schall, said. She has attended most games — both home and away — during Terra’s four years at Allegheny and has followed the team closely.

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The second annual Battle for Bridget game is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19. The event was planned as a fundraiser for the Barco Oncology Center at the Meadville Medical Center and as a show of support for Sheehan’s fight against cancer. She will be in-

ducted into the Allegheny Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 21, as the winningest coach in Allegheny College history.

Even the younger players who did not get the chance to play for Sheehan said they understand how much she did for the program and the current juniors and seniors.

“The team is rallying together. They see the respect we give her as upperclassmen,” said Karczewski.

It is that same example set by the seniors that Barzak recognizes as being a major piece in pointing the team in the right direction for the future.

The team will play their final NCAC game of the season next Wednesday, Oct. 25 against Oberlin. Karczewski said she hopes the Gators can beat their conference rivals and continue their season into the playoffs.

“We have to get the energy from ourselves. Get the fire going, and get the win,” Karczewski said.