

ASG recognizes new student organization

Allegheny Socialists pass first round of voting

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The Allegheny Student Government approved the Big Brothers Big Sisters at Allegheny College club and, in the first of two rounds of voting, indicated its support for the return of the Allegheny Socialists club at the General Assembly on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Cabinet Reports

Director of Finance Dominic Juliana, '26, reported the week's seven finance requests totaled

\$2,627.37. The week's budget was approved unanimously.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Hailey Herring, '26, reported that work is in progress for developing a Grounds For Change event to be held in February. (Herring is also a member of The Campus staff and was not involved in the production of this story.)

Co-Director of Student Affairs Iris Styers, '26, relayed a message from Parkhurst General Manager Maria Foxall reminding students that they can receive a hot or cold to-go cup with a green box when

taking food out of McKinley's Food Court.

Class Reports

Class of 2029 President Niki Hineman, '29, reported the class is planning on hosting a GFC open tab on March 9.

Chief Executive Reports

President Chezka Quinola, '27, announced the ASG executive cabinet will be meeting with the Allegheny Board of Trustees in the first week of February to share updates about ASG's work.

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Involvement fair welcomes student extracurriculars



BENAIDEN CHEVILLE/THE CAMPUS

Aaron Navarrete, '29, an Outing Club leader, signs up an interested student for the club email list at the winter involvement fair in the Henderson Campus Center lobby on Thursday, Jan. 15.

Parkhurst makes changes Reusable dishes restricted to dining halls

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The new semester has brought a new reusable dish policy from Parkhurst, as well as several new events for students.

After losing most of the gray reusable melamine dishes last semester, Maria Foxall, the general manager for Parkhurst, ordered replacements. In an effort to keep them in circulation, students will no longer be able to take the reusable dishware outside the McKinley's Food Court dining area, Foxall said. Instead, they will need to use a

green box.

In the past, students have been able to take their dishes outside of McKinley's to eat in the Henderson Campus Center. Now, a green box will be required to leave with food, even if it is being used to eat in the campus center or just outside on warm weather days.

Students have voiced some concern with the new expectations. Standing in the campus center, Belle Pimm, '29, explained that she thinks the changes for McKinley's may not be as effective as Foxall hopes.

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Residence Life sees fifth staff departure of the year

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Residence Life is currently looking to fill three vacant full-time positions after two staff members abruptly left Allegheny over winter break.

Less than six weeks after beginning his tenure as residence life director on Nov. 24, Seohun "Charlie" Cho was no longer employed with the college,

according to a Jan. 5, email to resident advisors. Cho had been hired to fill a position left vacant by the unexpected departure of Associate Dean for Residence Life Staci Wolbert in the fall.

Residence Life Coordinator Mary Boepple, '25, also resigned over break, after a year that she described as "nothing short of chaos and challenges," according to a farewell email to several colleagues, in which she expressed her gratitude and ap-

preciation for their hard work.

Boepple is the fifth staff member to depart Residence Life during the 2025-2026 academic year, leaving Residence Life severely understaffed.

"This was an unusual semester, this is not typical," Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington said in a Jan. 16 interview with The Campus. "It's cost us a lot of time and other energies."

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Voices of The Campus: A legacy of student journalism Former editors-in-chief speak about their time on the paper



MILO WATSON/THE CAMPUS

Members of The Campus staff, Allegheny students and faculty watch Archives & Special Collections Librarian Chris Anderson speak about the history of The Campus at the 'Voices of The Campus: A Legacy of Student Journalism at Allegheny' viewing party in room 303 of the Henderson Campus Center on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

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Kicking off a diverse slate of programming to honor the 150th anniversary of The Campus, a virtual panel titled "Voices of The Campus: A Legacy of Student Journalism at Allegheny," took place on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The event focused on the different stories The Campus has covered throughout the years, with the panel consisting of five

former editors-in-chief ranging from the 1960s to the 2020s. Anna Westbrook, '26, the current editor-in-chief, moderated the event.

"For 150 years there's this unbroken chain that binds everyone on this call," said Cody Switzer, '07, during the panel. "For 150 years we've been afforded this opportunity to do something for a community we care deeply about."

The editors-in-chief each described the stories that most influenced their time at the paper,

ranging from the Vietnam War to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kathé Tunnell Cairns, '66, described the newspaper's role in organizing a "lecture-in" that involved Congressman Richard Schweiker and then Lieutenant Governor Raymond P. Shafer, '38.

"For some reason, we decided to jump in," said Cairns, on covering the Vietnam War. "We sort of stepped out of our role as a newspaper and were a little bit of news making."

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ODDFELLOWS TROUBLES

Oddfellows Hall was abruptly closed on Wednesday, Jan. 21, due to a water leak. Editor-in-Chief Anna Westbrook, '26, and Staff Writer Joseph Klepeis, '26, have the details.

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Where does good luck come from? Does it even exist? Staff Writer Maddox Brown, '29, and Junior Opinon Editor Jay Shank, '26, debate the subject with their own experiences as evidence.

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Fashion Columnist Hailey Herring, '26, writes about the most fashionable and unique accessory in the winter wear toolkit.

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H: 15° L: -10°
Snow: 65%
Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.
Sunset: 5:25 p.m.

SATURDAY



H: 6° L: -2°
Snow: 14%
Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.
Sunset: 5:26 p.m.

SUNDAY



H: 13° L: 5°
Snow: 64%
Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.
Sunset: 5:27 p.m.

Water leak at Oddfellows Hall causes brief disruption, no damages

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A water line break at Oddfellows Hall was quickly dealt with this week, posing minimal disruptions to classes, the daycare and the preschool located in the building.

The leak was reported on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 20, Joseph Michael, director of facilities, told The Campus. After investigating, he realized that water was indeed leaking and accumulating below the concrete slab under the building.

“It was a broken pipe below the concrete,” Michael said. “They thought it was wrought-iron, and once we got in there, we realized it was old brass pipes.”

A sump pump underneath the building was able to manage the water accumulation, so there was no damage to the building. Michael said had the pump failed, it would have completely flooded the basement floor of the hall and out to the parking lot.

An email was sent out to Residence Life, Public Safety, Housekeeping, Meadville Cooperative Preschool, Meadville Children’s Center and the Oddfellows building coordinator on Tuesday at 3:56 p.m. making them aware of the problem, according to Michael.

Once Michael was made aware of the leak, he quickly connected with contractors to solve the issue. A GatorHub announcement published around 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, brought the problem to the larger Allegheny community’s attention and announced that water in the Oddfellows building had been shut off since 8 a.m. that morning. Just a few hours later, at 12:44 p.m., an email announced the building had been re-opened.

Valerie Button, the education director and also a Pre-K Counts teacher at the Meadville Cooperative Preschool, located on the second floor of Oddfellows, was one of the first to be told of the water leak inside the building.

She was informed by Jeffrey Jones of Physical Plant, who came over on the afternoon of Jan. 20 to inform the preschool staff. Coincidentally, students were not in school that day due to a scheduled day off.

“The building is in rough condition. We’re limping it along,” Button said. “We’re actually supposed to be relocating and moving out at the end of the school year.”

The preschool is planning on moving to Cussewago Square, where the school hopes to expand, with classrooms that Button said will be more square-shaped versus the current classrooms that are more elongated.

Button’s relationship with the building dates back to 2009, when her son attended the school.

“I’ve certainly got nostalgia about the building because it’s a neat historical building,” Button said. “On the other hand, there are lots of just small issues with the building itself.”

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Because of this year’s unusually high turnover rate, current staff members in the Student Life Office — within which Residence Life is situated — have assumed responsibilities in order to continue running the office.

“Turnover is a significant impact on continuing staff because the job still needs to get done,” Binnington said, pointing to several remaining staff members such as Yeckley, Director of Student Experience Operations & Strategy Tiffany Hrach, ’01, Operations & Conduct Coordinator Isaiah Romain, ’23, Student Engagement Manager Ella Horner, ’24 and Associate Dean of Student Life Gretchen Beck as those who are now helping complete the work. “All of the staff in student life have stepped up to

cover these responsibilities, which is what would normally happen.”

Binnington said that Yeckley will continue to take on the responsibilities of director of Residence Life throughout the academic year.

Yeckley was not available for comment.

“It is difficult to hire within student life,” Binnington explained, speaking about an issue that is not specific to Allegheny but colleges everywhere. “COVID really took a toll on student life professionals, a lot of whom left the field in the aftermath of that.”

Binnington echoed an idea that Yeckley expressed while speaking to The Campus in October after Wolbert’s departure: the high turnover in higher education typically results from people using smaller

institutions as stepping stones in their career, gaining experience before moving on to more highly paid positions.

“Turnover is unfortunately a part of the landscape of higher education these days,” Binnington said.

Binnington described Residence Life as a “fairly high pressure job” because of the nature of the staff needing to be on-call during the night, which he finds takes a toll on a person.

“If you have the opportunity to take a job where you’re not getting called at 2 o’clock in the morning, that’s the thing that a lot of people would do,” Binnington said.

Despite the current vacant positions, Binnington is confident in the remaining Residence Life staff

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Dean for the Student Experience

and current RAs to carry out their usual duties.

“Even with the vacancies, the staff have a good handle on what’s going on and the RAs are great and they do a great job, and that does mean that with vacancies in the professional staff ranks, there is still a point person for every single student on their floor,” Binnington said.

The college continues its search for employees as all open positions are posted and currently have applicants, according to Binnington.

The director of residence educa-

tion opening was posted online on Jan. 15, for a salary of \$50,000, while the residence life coordinator position was posted one day earlier, at a base rate of \$17.10 per hour.

While staff leaving causes challenges, Binnington also views it as an opportunity.

“It’s an opportunity to hire somebody with new ideas, new experiences, new backgrounds,” Binnington said. “So while I hate to see people go, I take the position that every opportunity to hire can be made into a positive.”

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She feels that students might have a harder time getting access to green boxes, especially those who take food back to their dorm. Last semester, Parkhurst saw only a 5% return rate for its reusable dishes, the Allegheny Student Government reported at the time. Plus,

new dining policy. She understood that dishware should not leave the campus center, but saw flaws in the new well-intentioned plan.

“I walk into Kins hoping to eat there, I get my food, I look for a seat and there isn’t anywhere to sit because it is a fairly small dining area,” Margo said. “In this scenario, I have to go back to the front, get a green box, and dump my food in there just to eat at a table in the campus center lobby right outside the entrance to Kins.”

She was also frustrated with the lack of green boxes accessible last semester.

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Foxall said feedback from the students is very important.

“I meet with the dining committee every two weeks. Everybody is welcome to join us for that,” Foxall said. “We’re going to do another survey coming up here shortly as well. I would love to have more participation in the surveys.

I can’t stress enough, the most important thing is that you guys enjoy your food, and we want to hear the feedback.”

Going forward, Foxall hopes to work on expanding the use of sustainable dishes on campus; specifically for drinks, providing a cold cup or hot cup that students could purchase in the dining locations with remaining meal swipes, creating opportunities for sustainability, and to get rid of plastic cups.

Additionally, Foxall said she would like to bring recipe boxes to campus, providing recipe cards for students to follow with all the ingredients they would need to cook it.

Foxall said she likes to keep things “fun and fresh” within Allegheny dining, which is why there have been more pop-ups around campus like, most recently, a dip pop-up and a bone broth table in the campus center. AdeKoyejo Balogun, ’25, who goes by “Chef Boom” will also visit campus this semester to take over a station in Brooks Dining Hall for the day.

Foxall said she keeps an open mind to expand the potential of Allegheny’s dining.

“We always have to look and see what makes the most sense,” Foxall said. “So, working with the



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Pimm added, the line during lunch hour in McKinley’s is usually quite crowded.

“Having to wait for everyone to scan a green box is only going to take longer,” Pimm said, adding that most people prefer to sit in the campus center during the busiest time of the day.

While on the way to pick up a green box, Sara Margo, ’26, also shared some concerns with the

area,” Margo said. “In this scenario, I have to go back to the front, get a green box, and dump my food in there just to eat at a table in the campus center lobby right outside the entrance to Kins.”

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college to see what their vision is, you know, collaborate, and collaborating with students, asking what would you like to see?”

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New Business

The new Big Brothers Big Sisters at Allegheny College club, led by President Montserrat Leal, ’27, passed its second round of voting and is now recognized by ASG as an official organization.

Another new campus organization, Allegheny Socialists, passed the first of two rounds of voting, with club President Zoe Williams, ’29, and Vice President Leia Leviathan, ’29, representing the club at the GA. The goal of the organization, according to the club constitution, is to “facilitate a community of individuals interested in or committed to broadly socialist ideas. To

the extent that such interest is present, a secondary goal will be to teach socialist ideas to those interested in the Allegheny community and beyond.”

Allegheny Socialists previously existed as an ASG-recognized group, but fell inactive during the COVID-19 pandemic. This would be the first year of recognition for the organization since 2019.

During GA, Leviathan said she is hopeful to correct misconceptions around the club’s political beliefs.

“Socialist principles are something, at least in my opinion as the vice president, that are often misconstrued,” Leviathan

said. “And I think that we’re both pretty politically conscious and politically active members of our society, and we are interested in broadening the consensus and understanding of what socialism actually means and how it can be put in place in our society to better the lives of everyday people.”

The Allegheny Socialists’ bid for recognition is the second political club ASG has voted on this year, with the first being the College Republicans club, which became ASG-recognized in November.

When asked if the political climate on campus factored into the decision to seek ASG recog-

nition, Williams described it as “parallel motivation.”

“We as a country are getting more politically motivated,” Williams said, “and while I think it is important voices from all sides are heard and that there’s not an overabundance of one type of voice or type of person that is heard — that there’s diversity of opinion and different options to hear different people’s opinions on this campus.”

ASG’s next GA will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

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HEAD-TO-HEAD

Where does luck come from?

Good luck comes from dealing with bad luck.

Good luck comes from paying attention to subtle shifts.

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I need to start carrying around a penny.

A lot of people say that bad luck comes from breaking superstitions — breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in sidewalks or opening an umbrella indoors. But could it also be true that someone might just have bad luck, even though they’ve avoided everything that could possibly be the cause? I did all the cleansing — the sage, the incense, the crystals in my pocket — and I even tried staying in my room entirely to avoid anything new happening. If you too have a tendency to walk into walls, drop your jelly-slathered bread face down, accidentally shake an open pop can, or trip down a secret extra stair that you swore was there before, I have some news for you: like me, you might suffer from a pretty serious case of the “bad luck” blues.

Over winter break, something new went wrong every day. One day I was having family issues and the next day I walked into my room to my mirror shattered on the ground. Add some stuff in between — slipping in front of the laundry room and all my clothes falling out, a bag of groceries ripping open three feet in front of the kitchen and even the toilet paper running out while I was using the bathroom — and I felt like I was carrying a curse above my head that couldn’t be cleared. Some people asked me about my luck and if I’d thrown salt over my shoulder or walked around with crystals. I did, but then the next day I dropped a fresh latte all over the ground and later I broke a cup. It’s almost like there’s nothing I can do about it, and that this is just how it is.

This isn’t to beg for pity or for people to feel bad about my luck, but more so to make a case that perhaps an argument for the idea of luck can come from people’s stories of their unluck. What I’m saying here is that if someone suffers from a terminal case of bad luck, doesn’t that make it true that luck exists in the first place?

When I was a teenager, I used sage and incense simply because I believed I was unlucky — not to keep the good luck in — and it’s been that way for a while. When I saw pennies around the street with the heads side staring up at me, I’d pick them up and to give me some good fortune. I think I probably still need to carry around a penny to keep myself from having inconvenient and unfortunate things happen to me. Since pennies will be gone in the next couple of years anyways, maybe the ones with Abraham Lincoln making eye contact with me on the road are extra lucky. But even if I am naturally unlucky, I like that at least I have some form of luck, and I’m glad I believe in luck.

I will say I’m lucky for one thing: I’m here at Allegheny, I have the best friends I could ever ask for and I write for a pretty cool newspaper. Maybe that’s proof enough that luck is real.

Many people think good luck is just superstition, and that usually comes from not feeling much good luck in their own lives. When things have been steady and predictable, it is easy to believe the world runs only on logic, probability and cause-and-effect. But luck, both good and bad, shows up in ways that do not fit neatly into those rules. It slips into ordinary moments without anyone noticing. Most people are so focused on routine that they miss the small breaks that help them and the small setbacks that shape them. Luck does not always arrive with drama or warning. Sometimes it is a quiet shift in direction that you only recognize long after it happens.

For me, good luck starts with awareness. Most people move through their day in a kind of daze, stepping around opportunities the same way they step around puddles on the sidewalk. They do not expect good things to happen, so they never bother to look for them. But when you approach the world with a curious and open mindset — not in a naive or magical way, but in a focused and attentive way — your awareness sharpens. You start noticing the tiny chances other people miss in their everyday routines: a passing comment that sparks an idea, a coincidence that nudges you toward a new direction or a moment of hesitation that quietly becomes an opportunity.

I have heard about people living through plane crashes at 16,000 feet, surviving for days inside sunken ships or overcoming odds that are so low they might as well be zero. Stories like these go back thousands of years, and each one makes us think about how limited probability really is when it comes to understanding our lives.

Rare events like these are exactly that: random moments, the machinations of fate, the intervention of something greater or simply the roll of the dice. For me, they serve as reminders that the unlikely is always out there, waiting quietly for someone who is not paying attention to wander into its path.

Still, it is not the dramatic events that interest me most when I think about luck. I am more drawn to the unnoticed, everyday moments that will never be reported anywhere. Meeting a friend because you missed a bus is the kind of thing that stays in the realm of non-events. Taking a class on a whim that ends up shaping your entire future will never be front-page news. Neither will getting a job simply because someone happened to think of you at the right time.

I also believe in what you could call the human side of luck. People create luck for each other all the time. A teacher’s encouragement at the right moment can change a student’s path. A stranger offering help when someone needs it most can completely alter a situation. A friend opening a door you did not even know existed can become a turning point in your life.

In the end, I believe in good luck because life is full of unpredictability in the best possible way. An ordinary day can turn into something that changes your life years later. Luck will not happen to everyone and it will not happen equally, but it will happen all the same.

I expected ‘Stranger Things’ this season

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Editor’s note: This article contains spoilers for “Stranger Things.”

As the new year rang in, people across the world celebrated the new beginning, but many people also looked back on the last 10 years of their lives. 2016 was a year filled with many huge pop culture moments from bottle flipping to the Kylie Jenner Lip Kits, but the one thing on everyone’s mind as we entered 2026 was none other than “Stranger Things,” the hit TV show that follows an unlikely group of friends and family as they work together to fight monsters from another dimension.

Fans across the world gathered to see how the story they have been following for the last decade was going to end, myself included. As I watched these characters that I have grown up with head into their final battle, I couldn’t help but feel disappointment as the final chapter came to a close.

Throughout my entire viewing experience I couldn’t help but feel underwhelmed by so many aspects of the final episode: poor continuity, the epic final battle that was anything but epic, and most of all, the complete destruction of character development.

Compared to the last four seasons, season five felt like the characters were in a different world. A lot of this was because of the disconnect between past lore surrounding the Upside Down. In seasons one through four there was always a sense of danger when entering the Upside Down, but it felt like in this volume all of the characters were going to the park rather than an alternate dimension filled with monsters, and a lot of this seems to stem from the fact that there were no monsters there this season. In the past, every time a character went into the Upside Down they were faced with a Demogorgon, Demodog or some other variation of those monsters, but

they were nowhere to be found in Volume Five. On top of the lack of monsters, it seemed as if the Duffer brothers completely forgot the lore they created in season four surrounding the hivemind’s connection to the vines in the other dimension. When Steve, Nancy and Robin went into the Upside Down just one season ago, they carefully crept through a tangle of vines in the Creel House as they made their way to attempt to kill Vecna. This intense scene was made even more agonizing when an earthquake caused them to step on the vines, resulting in all three of the teens being grabbed and twisted into their web. In this season, this doesn’t seem to be the case anymore. As Hopper, El, Kali and Murray walk into the Upside Down version of Hawkins Lab, they are constantly bumping into the vines. Rather than facing a near-death experience like expected after last season, they continue on their merry way as if nothing happened. On top of the lack of monsters the Upside Down no longer seems to have the toxic environment that it had in seasons past which, once again, took away from the sense of danger that the Upside Down is supposed to have.

Putting aside the inconsistencies in the Duffer brothers’ writing there were still so many more issues with the finale, one of the bigger problems being the completely lackluster final battle. In every other season finale there was always a huge sense of imminent danger as our heroes faced whatever monster was their current problem, but in Volume Five it didn’t feel this way at all. I’m not sure if it was just the fact that I could tell that nobody was going to die or if it was simply

just poorly executed, but as I watched my favorite characters get ready to face what was supposed to be the biggest threat yet I didn’t feel fear at all.

What is supposed to be the most dangerous fight they have ever faced lasted for less time than the final fight in season three, episode eight, which resulted in Billy dying and El being hurt, unlike season five where nobody was killed or even injured. This was probably my biggest problem with the finale overall. What do you mean that the biggest, scariest villain in the “Stranger Things” universe didn’t even manage to hurt a single character in the final battle? Throughout the ten minute battle we had the opportunity to see multiple character deaths with Dustin falling behind and Lucas saving him at the last minute and Nancy nearly being eaten by the giant Mind Flayer after she volunteered to be bait. But instead the only major character death we get in the entire finale — which wasn’t even 100% confirmed — doesn’t even come from the battle. It came from El sacrificing herself to save others from her own fate, which I’ll get into more later. I just feel like this scene would be so much more impactful if it felt like the characters’ lives were at stake. I feel like a major character dying would have made the actions of the others even more impactful, especially given that in every other season we had major character deaths or near-deaths. I honestly think that it would have

been hugely impactful if Jonathan had died. The scene when Joyce chops the head off of Vecna would have left me much more emotional if she was killing the person who had taken both of her boys away. Instead, everyone survived unscathed. It felt to me that the Duffer Brothers were so scared of facing backlash for killing characters like in the “Game of Thrones” finale that they instead went to the complete opposite side of the spectrum and killed nobody. On top of the overall lack of any epicness, the final battle felt like it came out of a poorly made superhero movie. The overly bright lights, El “flying” into battle, and the corny lines took me out of the world even more than I already was because it didn’t feel like I was watching the dark small town mystery show that I fell in love with all those years ago.

However, the part of the finale that broke my heart the most was the complete destruction of El’s character arc. The only real character death that we had in the finale was El’s sacrifice to prevent more “numbers” being made from her blood. While this death does make sense in a way, it also felt like the Duffers didn’t want her to die in combat so instead they created a fresha and random plotline about telepathic children being bred with El’s blood. To stop the government’s cycle, El would have had to sacrifice herself — but even with her sacrifice, the Duffers left the reality of her sacrifice up to interpretation with Mike’s theory to end the series. But my biggest issue with El’s sacrifice is that in her final moments, she is reduced to nothing but Mike’s girlfriend. In El’s final moments we see Mike and El say goodbye as memories from their relationship play back,

defining El in her last second of life as simply Mike’s girlfriend (to whom he still couldn’t say ‘I love you’ as she sacrificed herself). What is supposed to be a heartfelt and emotional final goodbye instead felt like destruction of El’s character. El was so much more than just Mike’s girlfriend. She was Hopper’s daughter and the second one he was going to lose. She was Will’s sister even if not by blood. She was Max’s best friend, and more than anything else, she was a teenage girl who deserved a normal life. That was the saddest part of her death: El would never be able to live the life she should have gotten. If the Duffers were always planning on killing El, I just wish we would have been able to see her for everything she was and not just the girlfriend of the main character that tragically had to die.

While there were some points I liked in the finale, it felt like the Duffer brothers were just trying to make me forget how bad the first half of the episode was by making the entire second half nostalgia-filled full circle moments, which I will say I enjoyed to a point. I grew up watching these characters so much that it felt like we grew up together. Watching the younger kids graduate a few months after my own high school graduation as well as watching the older kids come back together after going to college and talking about how much they miss each other were definitely highlights of the episode.

Despite these bittersweet moments that did hit me in the feels, I still couldn’t get over all of the inconsistencies and overall poor writing that the Duffer Brothers had this season, especially in this final episode. It seemed to me that the Duffers lost track of the story that they were writing: a show about outcasts, for outcasts, by outcasts and instead got lost in the popularity and in turn ended up writing a show that lost so much of its originality.

Studying in the Lib is a Good Idea Until You Try it

I looked in the mirror and said to me in a determined voice, "YOU should study!" I winced at the idea, but, since actions are supposed to speak louder than words, I gathered together more books than I ever would be able to use and trucked them over to the Lib.

By the time I had reached the Library steps, I was so worn out by this amazing display of energy that I could hardly make it up those and the ensuing steps. Due to my state of extreme fatigue upon reaching the top of the steps, I was forced to collapse into the nearest chair.

For several moments I struggled in silence, but I finally regained my breath and at the same time a little of my previous ambition.

Determining to do everything scientifically, I arranged my books in a manner which I considered to be very handy—a kind of modern kitchen idea—and then made a rather half-hearted attempt to decide what I should do first.

There was any number of things which I could have done, but somehow I found my little arrangement so intriguing that I could not bring myself to disturb it. For perhaps ten minutes I basked in the reflected glory of my masterpiece, until my good intentions got the better of me and I snatched my history book away and began to read the assignment which had been given three weeks earlier.

This was a marvelous idea, but—as the majority of you have no doubt discovered—the table nearest the steps is no place to sit when attempting to study. For obvious reasons it is necessary for all persons who enter the Lib to pass directly within your range of vision; for reasons much less obvious, it is also necessary for one who is sitting at this vantage point to speak to or at least scrutinize all passersby. Being possessed of less than average (and that's not much) will power I was greatly affected by this phenomenon.

Besides this difficulty there were others. Having marred my arrangement by the dissection of my history book, I could no longer stand it at all and was forced to do away with it entirely and put my books in a conventional pile. I also found great trouble in sticking to one subject for very long at a time. In fact it was practically impossible to do one thing for more than five minutes at a time. I kept changing continually from history to English to French to Nat. Sci. and back again. In this way I learned a little about everything and a great deal about nothing.

When a friend of mine came over from the other side of the room and asked me would I like to go to Jim's for a coke I was so relieved at finding a way to escape that I upset my pile of books.

On the way down the hill I felt very righteous indeed—I had studied for almost an hour and a half in the library! So what?

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WAR VIA EMOTIONS

Faculty members, college newspapers and even individual collegians are being bombarded with propaganda again this year—some subtle, some obvious; some constructive, some destructive. This mass of information takes the form of chapel speeches, news releases and cleverly illustrated magazines.

Most of the written matter on politics "The Campus" relegates to the wastebasket, knowing our Allegheny campaign managers will keep our Bentley mail box well supplied.

Out of this orgy of material, however, certain publications are worthy of note. Perhaps the most readable of propaganda organs which Alleghenians receive is "Facts in Review" published by the German Library of Information in New York city. Each week a well written, attractively made up magazine is issued. The front page usually contains the keynote for the entire edition. This week, for instance, shows some husky workers rebuilding a bridge in Poland. Says the caption, "Rebuilding bridges, roads and cities as well as improving health conditions and restoring law and order in the Government General are parts of the tremendous job being undertaken by Dr. Hans Frank and his German and Polish assistants."

Another front piece shows a group of tow headed youngsters grouped around a wholesome-looking social worker. Under the picture—"Throughout Germany, members of the B.D.M. (German girls' association) take part in kindergarten activities. The children, while mothers work, play in the open air whenever possible. This is only one of the many aspects of "Women's Place in the Reich"—

Excerpts: "Part two of the Anglo-French plan was to follow the illegal mining and torpedoing with the occupation of all Scandinavia."

"Contrary to the sincere desire of the German people to live in peace and friendship with the English and French peoples, and despite any reasonable grounds for conflict, those in control in London and Paris declared war on the German people."

"Serious crises . . . India . . . reason to mistrust the pledges of Great Britain . . . India has made all the sacrifices . . ."

"Providing photographs with falsified captions is a time-honored trick of allied propaganda."

But—on the other side of the fence we note a news letter from the American Friends of Czecho-Slovakia which tells "During the wave of arrests, 5000 persons were taken . . . professors and teachers were brought up for mass trial . . . the Gestapo building and others were overflowing with prisoners in spite of large shipments to Nazi concentration camps . . . fines are for unknown offenses . . . absolutely reliable sources say Rumania is next" . . .

And so it goes . . . French, English, and Italian, all blasting away with a war of words.

What do these powers expect to gain?

Just this these propaganda instruments are written in such a lurid manner as to arouse the emotions of the readers. With due respect to Senator Nye's theory of business interests as the cause of our entrance into the Great Conflict, can we cast aside the role emotions played? Obviously, NO.

If we are to steer away from the present European clash, we must exercise sane judgment and not let emotions lead us down the same path that once led to World War days.

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"Every Woman An Intelligent Voter"

This afternoon a group of women students are meeting to discuss plans for the reorganization of an Allegheny chapter of the League of Women Voters. As a foreword to this meeting it might be worth-while to note the primary purpose of this organization.

The league was organized soon after the ratification of the woman suffrage amendment in 1919, with the purpose of helping the many women voters without sufficient background to become intelligent voters. A non-partisan group, the league now has an active and influential national organization. Among its activities are the conducting of citizenship classes and schools, the distribution of non-partisan information concerning candidates, and the securing of remedial legislation and other reforms, all with the purpose of making clear to women the important business of casting a ballot.

On our own campus a chapter of this organization could devote itself to the study of domestic and international relations, such as the strike situation existing in this country, and issues involving American foreign policy, such as the civil war in China. Through visits to the naturalization court in Meadville, the county and city jails, and local relief and charity organizations, and by sitting in on meetings of the county commission, an active interest in civic affairs could be aroused in Allegheny women.

An Allegheny chapter would be open to all women students, many of whom later might want to affiliate with the organization in their own home towns. Because of its broad scope of activities and the personal benefits to be derived from such a group, it is to be hoped that there will be sufficient interest and leadership to make the League of Women Voters a permanent part of the Allegheny tradition. S.N.M., '46

Volume XLIV, issue 7

Stories from the 1940s



by GERALDINE WALLACE and GLADYS FLEMING

Dear Editor:

It is beyond words to tell you how much I have appreciated and looked forward to the coming of "The Campus," even more accentuated since being over seas. When I get it, I read it thoroughly, it is sustenance for a deep desire to know what is going on at Allegheny. I thank you very much.

I have been overseas for about seven months, participating in the original assault on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. I have seen a lot of impoverished and wrecked Manila. I, as many others, am very optimistic about the war's end, when we can get back to the life as at Allegheny.

Very sincerely,
John M. Bowlus.

Dear Circulation Manager, whoever you are:

You probably are starting out on the fall term and are sending the Campus's out to the men in the service again and I would like to give you my new address as the old address is about 14,000 miles from here! I presume it will continue to be distributed even if the war is over, as I expect to be over here for about another year in Japan, the land of mystery. Don't you wish you could see all this wonderful land and get paid \$300 to boot a month? Well all you have to do is to enlist or get drafted and its yours free for the asking. Seriously, this is one part of the world that I advise to stay away from.

I have it a little easier than the soldiers as I am in the crash boat section of the 6th army. Am on a 104 foot crash boat that is now being used by General Krueger as his staff biat for himself and his brass, so there is nothing for my boat that is not good enough as soon as I mention the general's name. Food is better than you're getting in the States.

Hope to get the first issue of the Campus about two or three months from now, but I shall be waiting patiently as second class mail takes anywhere up to five months to get here. There is a boy on my boat that just got his Christmas box from last year.

Sincerely,
Lt. Charles A. O'Brien.

Dear Editor:

Thank you again for another copy of The Campus which just arrived. I've received copies of the College paper regularly but this is the first time I've ever "penned" you my sincere thanks. Don't ask what prompted me to write this time unless it's because the longer we're over here, the more we appreciate every little thing that binds us closer to home. Every little bit helps the ol' morale just that much more, from the picture of the president of the A. U. C. on the front page clean through to the "Wirt's

I DINK I GO NOW. STACK YOU, or ONCE UPON A DINK (Continued from page 2)

story that if among their acquaintances they should ever discover some young man with a voice that has a frog in it and sounds as if it has just finished a toasted marshmallow, write to the editors of this paper and let them know. They in turn will relay the news to the aging Queen so that she may slip through her old age in comfort and peace.

Drug Store" advertisement on the last page. (Watch Miss Ditty get "big headed"!)

Kidding aside, I've been overseas over a year and believe me, I'm all ready to come back home anytime they seem ready to let me. What I'm really "sweating out" is whether I get home before I end up in the C. B. I. theater or not. From my side of the fence it's a big question!

For quite some time issues of the "Campus" have been arriving in the mail, and it is about time for an acknowledgment.

Although many of your activities are unfamiliar, each issue is a source of enjoyment in that it recalls memories of former days at Allegheny.

I have particularly noted that Allegheny students have devoted much time and effort in the assistance of the Red Cross. The Red Cross has done a tremendous job for the Army and has played a major role in the relief of civilians throughout Europe. We, who have journeyed through France and Germany have witnessed the results of your support of the Red Cross, and commend you for this task.

Sincerely,
James S. Craig,

Sept. 20, 1945

Our outfit has moved back to Biak, but true to typical Buckingham luck, I got nailed with a flight to Tokyo the last day. The flight, proved extremely interesting in many senses. We were forced to stay there three full days because of a typhoon knocking around in this vicinity. We stayed on the plane and cooked most of our meals there—our rations are a darn sight tastier than anything the Japs could or would offer. The first day we got passes for the rest of the crew and rode Jap El into Tokyo. The Japs didn't bother us but it seemed more than strange to be running around their capitol like a bunch of tourists.

We had no currency acceptable until some joker sitting on the sidewalk began motioning toward the carton of cigarettes I had in my hand. He bought them for 300 yen —15 yen equals \$1.

The 29 boys surely did a job on the place, what they hit just is no more. Block after block of former factories and buildings now lie in complete destruction, simply leveled. We ate dinner in one of the largest hotels that at the time was overloaded with civilian internees recently released. A dozen of the Italian Embassy were running around commanding all types of authority. Mussolini has some prize cookies. The dinner consisted of seven courses; each course having something to do with part of a dead carp. None of us ate much of it but it was a novel experience. The El was quite crowded when we started back to Tachikawa, crowded with people who never bathe. Seriously the stench was so potent that I gave each man of our party a cigar. These kept the atmosphere well polluted, but occasionally an especially ripe one would get near us, and even the cigars were helpless, they darn near went out. I got next to the Americal, an Inf. division, or rather a couple of officers who provided transportation for our tour inland the next day—we found a few souvenirs, and more stinking Japs.

Lt. M. Buckingham.

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'Stay At Posts, Work'—Tolley

'Need Not Be Tension' As Result of War, President Tells Students in Message On Japanese Hostilities

Declaring that there need not be "tension and confusion" as a result of the Japanese war, President William P. Tolley charged the student body to remain at their posts and to apply themselves to their studies, as he discussed the war in a brief address in the chapel Tuesday afternoon.

"The declaration of war does not war which the Christian church change your status as a student," should be expected to bless. the president declared adding that "it does not alter the selective act."

According to him, changes in the draft regulations will not come for some time, "perhaps by 1943."

"Your highest service is to make every hour count as a student. If we are to save democracy from collapse and destruction in the critical years which will follow the war, we shall need broadly educated, well-informed citizens. No soldier on the firing line can do more for his country than you can by staying here and making the most of a priceless opportunity." Thus the president summed up his charge to the students.

Switching from the campus to the nation, the president prophesied that hostilities may continue for some six years. "This will not be a war of short duration," he said, "but it is a war that we shall finally win."

The text of the speech:

At ten minutes after four on Monday afternoon President Roosevelt signed the measure recognizing the state of war initiated by Japan in a typical axis attack Sunday morning. It is a war which we did not desire and which we hoped could be avoided. It is a war, moreover, which the common people of Japan did not desire, but were powerless to avert. When the blind lead the blind, both fall into the ditch.

Inch by inch, step by step, we have been moving toward war for a long time. In recent months we have been fighting an undeclared war, a war without full consent of Congress and without a clear mandate from the people. As each step was taken it was evident that we were choosing military means, but we shrank from the conclusion that the means determine the end. Given the means we have relied upon, war was bound to come and in our hearts we all expected it.

Nevertheless it has come sooner than we thought and from a quarter where, in a sense, it was not expected. We recognized that Japan was under German influence and domination, but we had hope of a peaceful settlement because we knew that any extension of the war by Japan could have but one result, the suicide of the Japanese empire. In our calculations, however, we did not make allowance for the criminal madness of militarism, the incurable insanity of the military mind. Anything as fantastic as the Pearl Harbor attack seemed to fly in the face of all reason.

There is no doubt that Hitler is as responsible for the war in the Pacific as the military leaders of Nippon. This is the diversion he desired. It is a victory of real importance. But the war in the Pacific has already had one result which Hitler will not like and probably did not foresee: It has united the American people as they were not united before.

We are an honest and independent nation. We do not like propaganda for war, either British or German. We have a distrust of leaders who distrust us. We like candor and frankness in our Presidents. We are resentful when there is concealment of the truth and when policies are adopted without regard for the will of the people. It was natural, therefore, that there should be some division of sentiment as to the foreign policy of our country. Many thoughtful Americans believed that so long as there was no attack on our territory we should avoid the sending of an expeditionary force and the catastrophe of total war.

Yet if the interventionists had planned it themselves they could not have chosen a more effective way of uniting America. From now on we march as one. There will be no fifth column here. From here on we all stand together as loyal Americans.

To be sure, there are some mental reservations. We do not pretend that this is a holy war. It is not a

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that men over twenty-seven will be recalled to active service and that the number of new draftees will be considerably increased. It requires time, however, to train new officers, build new cantonments, and begin the training of new recruits. There is no reason to suppose that there will be any change in the selective service act for some time. Perhaps by 1943 it may be necessary to lower the draft age from 21 to 20 or from 21 to 18. Certainly it should not be lowered until we have an un-sufficient supply of men within the age limits of the present law. For the time being, the reservoir of manpower is far from empty.

This will not be a war of short duration. It will tax all our energy, all our powers for perhaps the next six years. It is a war which we shall finally win, but it will not be easy or inexpensive. Congressional leaders are planning an immediate outlay of 150 billion dollars, but it will not be surprising if the total cost greatly exceeds 200 billion dollars.

Because it will be a long war, you can afford to be patient. The government will tell you when it needs your services and there will be plenty of work for all of us to do. Until you are drafted I would suggest that you remain at your present post and apply yourself to your studies with redoubled energy. Until you are needed in the armed forces of the nation, your highest service is to make every hour count as a student. If we are to save democracy from collapse and destruction in the critical years which will follow the war, we shall need broadly educated, well-informed citizens. Never in the history of the country was a liberal education more important. No soldier on the firing line can do more for his country than you can by staying here and making the most of a priceless opportunity.

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Roman Hladio, '23, described his time with the paper during the pandemic, which partially coincided with the Black Lives Matter movement.

"We were just trying to get by," Hladio said. "You're trying to work and do your school work and you're watching protests around the country and on campus as well. Everyone was uneasy all the time."

Pat Bywater, '89, was a member of The Campus during the growing anti-apartheid movement, which brought protests and divestment calls to Allegheny.

"Both the faculty and student community latched on to that and was really pushing the board of trustees to disinvest," Bywater said. "We felt our role was to try to represent all the sides, but also do some education."

Switzer was on the newspaper staff during a change in technological capabilities, with the early arrival of social media and the importance of an online presence beginning to appear.

"One of the things that's kind of remarkable about that time is how little we thought about publishing online," Switzer said. "We were drunk with the power of Photoshop QuarkXPress."

Switzer said that Facebook began at Allegheny his sophomore year and significantly changed his life as a reporter.

"Suddenly, as a reporter it's great, because suddenly everything is documented publicly," Switzer said. "It was really easy to find sources."

Westbrook asked the panel to reflect on the importance of The Campus and what the panelists hope to see from the newspaper in the future.

"This is the longest running Allegheny group project," Westbrook said, "and it's included literally thousands of alumni."

Patrick Houston, '75, was the first to jump on the question, stressing the importance of providing "intellectual honesty."

"I think that's one of the things I got from not only The Campus but most especially from Allegheny is a sense of intellectual honesty," Houston said. "A way to deal with people and to be fair and to be reasoned and civil."

Bywater said that he found the opportunity to work for The Campus to be a great gateway to life after Allegheny.

"If you want to do this journalism stuff, this is as real as it gets before it's actually real," Bywater said. "I mean, it's a working lab. You can learn everything you need to do a journalist's job by getting involved in The Campus."

Switzer agreed, stressing the fact that reporting for The Campus is difficult, just like professional journalism.

"When I walked in my first campus meeting the advisor at the time looked up at me, and I said 'I'm here to write,' and he goes, 'Great, more meat for the grinder,'" Switzer said. "We've all been through the same grinder, which is amazing."

Cairns said the environment was similar during her time with the newspaper.

"There's a certain spirit about The Campus that is going through it all," Cairns said. "People are doing it because they love it. They don't get any credit and it's extra work, it's a lot of work."

Switzer added that writing for The Campus is a great opportunity because it is singularly focused on its reporting.

"This is real journalism, in some cases, it's pure," Switzer said. "Once you get into a media job you suddenly have to worry about classified revenue and private equity takeovers."

In total, nearly 50 people attended the virtual panel online and at the viewing party in the Henderson Campus Center.

Throughout the call, messages could be seen on screen as alumni of the college traded stories about their times on the staff.

A recording of the virtual panel can be accessed on The Campus OutLoud!, the YouTube channel for The Campus.

Upcoming 150th anniversary programming includes an all-campus reception and anniversary program that will be held in the Tippie Alumni Center on Feb. 26, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Anne Rumsey Gearan, '85, a former White House correspondent for The Washington Post, as well as an on-air contributor for NBC News and MSNBC. Following her address, there will be a panel consisting of Westbrook, faculty advisor for The Campus Mike Crowley, National Public Radio editor Chris Potter, '93, and Professor Emeritus Ben Slote. Alumni, friends of The Campus and current students are encouraged to attend. Non-student visitors should register on The Campus' website.

Later this semester, a reception and screening of a student-produced documentary about The Campus will be held in the late spring and over Reunion Weekend, which takes place May 29 through May 31. The weekend will also feature a Newsroom Open House, The Campus Alumni Panel, archival displays and a limited-release special reunion edition of The Campus.



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Christian Hilliard, '27, and Andrew Germann, '26, who serves as games editor for The Campus, take in Anderson's presentation alongside other students at a viewing party for the virtual panel, 'Voices of The Campus: A Legacy of Student Journalism at Allegheny' on Tuesday, Jan. 13.



MILO WATSON/THE CAMPUS

Copy editor for The Campus Joseph Klepeis, '26, takes notes as Editor-in-Chief Anna Westbrook, '26, speaks on the panel. Westbrook moderated the panel, which featured five former editors-in-chief, spanning six decades.



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Adjunct Instructor of English Michael Crowley, who also serves as faculty advisor for The Campus, sits with Professor of English Alexis Hart, listening to the virtual panel. To their right, Maddox Brown, '29, who is a staff writer for The Campus, and Emma Conti-Windle, '27, who is the 'Ask Allegheny' producer & host, listen intently.

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Sports editorial: Steelers say goodbye to an era after another disappointing season ending

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This story is an editorial and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Campus.

The 2025 Steelers felt like a different team — for the first half of the season at least. At this point, the team has gained a notorious reputation for being good enough to make the playoffs but not good enough to advance in the playoffs. In the previous seven seasons, the team topped 10 wins only once, yet never dipped below .500. It is an infuriating cycle that left many fans questioning whether long-time head coach Mike Tomlin could bring the team the same playoff success they enjoyed in the late 2000s and early 2010s when they won two Super Bowls. Their last playoff win was nine seasons ago, which simply does not satisfy fans of a storied franchise where football, and by extension winning, is a major aspect of Pittsburgh’s identity.

A large reason for the Steelers’ woes stems from instability at the quarterback position and the team’s offense as a whole. In the 2010s Pittsburgh operated one of the league’s most explosive offenses, headlined by the “Killer B’s,” consisting of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, receiver Antonio Brown and running back Le’Veon Bell. After the 2018 season, both Brown and Bell were gone follow-

ing a myriad of controversies between them and the organization. Big Ben Roethlisberger steadily declined until the 2021 season, which would be his last. Since then, the team has been in quarterback purgatory after the likes of Mason Rudolph, Mitchell Trubisky, Kenny Pickett, Justin Fields and Russell Wilson all failed to bring any playoff success while fielding a bottom-15 offense in each of those seasons. The team remained competitive because of its outstanding defense, led by superstar pass rusher T.J. Watt. Changes would need to be made on the offensive side of the

ball if the team wanted to take the next step and become an American Football Conference powerhouse again. These changes came in the form of four-time league Most Valuable Player quarterback Aaron Rodgers and superstar wide receiver DK Metcalf.

Fans were excited about a potentially explosive offense, with Rodgers finally paired with two of the league’s most gifted receivers: Metcalf and the inconsistent George Pickens. That duo was separated after the draft when the Steelers traded Pickens to the Dal-

las Cowboys in exchange for third and fifth-round draft picks. Still, fans would get to see one of the most talented quarterbacks in National Football League history lead their team, which brought some higher expectations.

The Steelers opened up the season on the road against the New York Jets, and everyone was wondering how Rodgers would perform against his previous team,

social media as the “Unc Bowl,” featuring 40-year-old Joe Flacco and the rival Bengals. The two elder millennials combined for seven passing touchdowns and 591 yards.

After being dominated by the Bills on Nov. 30, the Steelers ripped off another three victories against the Lions, Ravens and Dolphins, setting up a battle for the division against Lamar Jackson and the

Ravens. The Steelers ended up edging out the Ravens 26-24 after a botched field goal by Ravens kicker Tyler Loop. The Steelers had won the AFC North and Mike Tomlin se-

cured his 19th straight non-losing season. They would be taking on the Houston Texans at home during NFL Wildcard Weekend and have wide receiver Metcalf back after he was suspended the previous two games for punching a fan.

The stage was set for Rodgers to make one last playoff run. Early on, the game was competitive, with the Texans being up 7-6 until the early third quarter. Things then spiraled out of control as the Texans scored 23 unanswered points with two defensive touchdowns off

Rodgers’ turnovers. First, Rodgers fumbled the ball and the Texans recovered it for a touchdown. The Steelers punt in the ensuing drive, and then the Texans offense drove down the field and scored another touchdown to make the score 23-6. Rodgers had one final shot to bring the Steelers back into the game, and he threw a pick-six in what was likely his final NFL pass attempt.

After the game, there were many questions regarding the future of the team. Rodgers will most likely retire, and many fans were calling for coaching changes. Fans got that wish, as Tomlin stepped down as head coach after 19 seasons and 191 victories, including Super Bowl 43. He had been the longest-tenured head coach in the league — and for many young Steelers fans, the only coach they had known. The Steelers are not the only team in the AFC with uncertain futures, with the Ravens firing long-time head coach John Harbaugh, the Browns firing two-time Coach of the Year Kevin Stefanski and the Bills firing head coach Sean McDermott. The Steelers may look to snag a franchise quarterback in the draft, but that may be difficult without trading up and giving up significant capital, as they currently possess the 21st overall pick. For the first time in nearly two decades, Pittsburgh stands at a crossroads, hoping that the end of one era can be followed up by a better one.



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—MADDOX BROWN
Class of 2029

which flailed during his two seasons there. Rodgers had the offense rolling with four passing touchdowns in a 34-32 thriller win, leaving fans wondering if the 41-year-old signal caller had discovered the fountain of youth. They lost to Seattle in week two, but then rip off three straight victories against the Patriots, Vikings and Browns. The Steelers were sitting at 4-1 with aspirations of winning an unusually weak AFC North.

The team then went 2-5 in its next seven games, even losing a shootout in a game dubbed by

THE COLLEGE PRESS

The Case Western Reserve University School of Engineering recently approved an applied artificial intelligence minor. It centers the hands-on applications of AI tools and methods, in contrast to the current AI minor, which instead focuses on developing AI platforms. While the traditional AI minor targets students in STEM-focused fields, the applied AI minor is meant for students from any disciplinary background. — The Observer, Jan. 16.

Waynesburg University hired Larry Wilson as its new head football coach. Wilson will succeed Cornelius Coleman, who had an overall record of 14-26 as the head coach from 2022-2025. Wilson, 50, has coached NCAA Division II Football in the area for two decades. He most recently served as the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and wide receivers coach at Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion, in 2025. — The Yellow Jacket, Jan. 14.

After months of bargaining for standard wage increases, the University of Pittsburgh Staff and Graduate Student Union members received a 2.5% raise in December. The Pitt Staff Union came to an agreement with the university in a Memorandum of Understanding that included a 2.5% raise for employees, a raise that bargaining unit members will receive in back-payment from Aug. 1, 2025. The MOU also included staff access to the Recreation and Wellness Center with a \$35 to \$45 membership, depending on salary. — The Pitt News, Jan. 13.

In November, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board passed a resolution calling on the university to increase transparency around federal policy changes and strengthen protections for international students. The resolution asks Pitt to protect student, staff and faculty privacy, resist unnecessary cooperation with federal authorities such as Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment and provide clear communication about immigration-related policies and campus protocols. — The Pitt News, Jan. 13.

Penn State has approved the relocation of its associate degree programs in forest technology and wildlife technology to Penn State Altoona to ensure the programs continue for future students. In May, the Board of Trustees voted to close seven Commonwealth campuses by the spring 2027 semester, citing financial strain. Students already enrolled in the forest and wildlife technology programs will be able to remain at their current campuses until they close, allowing most to complete their degrees without transferring. — The Daily Collegian, Jan. 12.

Corey O’Connor, a 41-year-old Duquesne University alumnus who ousted former Mayor Ed Gainey in the Democratic primary, was sworn in as Pittsburgh’s 62nd mayor on Jan. 5. — The Duquesne Duke, Jan 5.

This November, Jews for Palestine met several times with Oberlin College administrators to discuss plans to change their name to the Oberlin Anti-zionist Jewish Collective. The group says Oberlin College has told them that the term could be considered uninclusive and could open the school up to an Office of Civil Rights Title VI complaint alleging that the college is sanctioning antisemitism. The college has still not come to a decision on whether the organization will be able to change their name. — The Oberlin Review, Dec. 12.

After researching the possibility of providing Campus Safety officers with body cameras, the Kenyon College student government found that no institution similar to Kenyon provides body cameras to its Campus Safety officers. Kenyon is therefore no longer pursuing that proposal and will instead look into offering work phones to Campus Safety officers so that they may record interactions when requested.

— The Kenyon Collegian, Dec. 11. Duquesne University announced plans for a new \$68 million health sciences facility which is expected to open in Fall 2028. The proposed project will be an 80,000 square-foot building and will serve as the new home of the John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences. — The Duquesne Duke, Dec. 11.

After more than 100 years of history and over 4,000 alumni, Rochester Institute of Technology will no longer offer the Print and Graphic Media Technology bachelor’s and master’s degree programs. This deactivation follows multiple years of low enrollment within the program. — Reporter Magazine, Dec. 10.

The Penn State Faculty Alliance announced the filing of thousands of union authorization cards to the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, marking the next step toward the creation of a union for Penn State faculty. — The Daily Collegian, Dec. 9.

In 2024, Gannon University announced a partnership with Ursuline College and signed a letter of intent to merge the colleges. In 2025, Gannon University officially signed paperwork that joined the colleges together. By Dec. 15, 2026, Gannon University and Ursuline College will be officially joined together as one institution. — The Gannon Knight, Dec. 9.

The number of employees working at the Oberlin College Student Health and Wellbeing Facility decreased from seven to three since April. Students report that staffing shortages have affected services available, causing Student Health Services to be unexpectedly closed for at least one day this semester, as well as long wait times and a lack of staff at the clinic. — The Oberlin Review, Dec. 5.

Next fall, Oberlin will welcome a new integrative concentration: Sport Studies and Management. The program will explore sports

from perspectives of the humanities and natural and social science. — The Oberlin Review, Dec. 5.

Starting in the Oberlin College winter term, the Oberlin Student Cooperative Association’s Harkness House is hosting a special-interest Luddite Co-op, where all organizing will be done on pen and paper, and all common spaces will be — for the most part — free of modern technology. — The Oberlin Review, Dec. 5.

Starting this semester, Oberlin’s Office of Undergraduate Research introduced a new Student Conference Funding award designed to make academic opportunities more accessible to undergraduate researchers. It offers up to \$300 for students attending academic conferences. — The Oberlin Review, Dec. 5.

University of Pittsburgh raised the hourly minimum wage across four tiers of student jobs. The lowest tier’s minimum wage is \$10 per hour beginning Jan. 23. The university previously adhered to the Commonwealth’s minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. The university also increased the maximum number of hours student workers could work during the academic year from 20 to 25 hours per week. — The Pitt News, Dec. 3.

Two Penn State students are facing criminal trespass and theft charges after allegedly using AI-generated counterfeit media passes to access Beaver Stadium during a Nov. 8 football game against Indiana. — The Daily Collegian, Nov. 26.

Among the ‘Epstein files’ documents released by the U.S. House Oversight Committee, Case Western Reserve University appears in emails between BuzzFeed News reporter Peter Aldhous and former CWRU physics professor Lawrence Krauss regarding sexual misconduct allegations made against Krauss. The newly released emails shed light on several exchanges in which the former professor sought

Epstein’s advice on responding to Aldhous’ inquiries into the allegations. These exchanges took place after Krauss left CWRU. — The Observer, Nov. 21.

Duquesne University’s Student Government Association denied an on-campus chapter of Turning Point USA on Nov. 19. The club was rejected with a vote of 21-1 with one senator abstaining from the decision. — The Duquesne Duke, Nov. 20.

Kenyon College is making a host of changes to its housing offerings, increasing the number of available singles across the board, turning triples into doubles and halving the occupancy of several apartment buildings. Overall, Kenyon’s modifications will create 89 new singles in apartment housing and drop Kenyon’s total bed capacity from from 2,056 to 1,903 for the next school year, a 153-bed decrease. The director of residence life cited three main factors for the changes: lower student enrollment, an increased number of accommodation requests and the desire to improve student quality of living. — The Kenyon Collegian, Nov. 20.

Kalamazoo College held an installment ceremony for the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, on Oct. 12. Founded in 1902, Phi Alpha Delta is one of the world’s largest law fraternities. — The Index, Nov. 19.

David Dausey has been announced as the 14th president of Duquesne University. Dausey, the current executive vice president and provost of the university, will take on the role starting on July 1. — The Duquesne Duke, Nov. 19.

Penn State’s Student Programming Association hosted an event featuring Liz Gillies, best known for her work as an actress, starring as Jade West in the popular Nickelodeon series, “Victorious,” and Fallon Carrington in the Netflix hit, “Dynasty.” — The Daily Collegian, Nov. 14.

Gator Chic:

Cold hands, warm scarf, happy heart



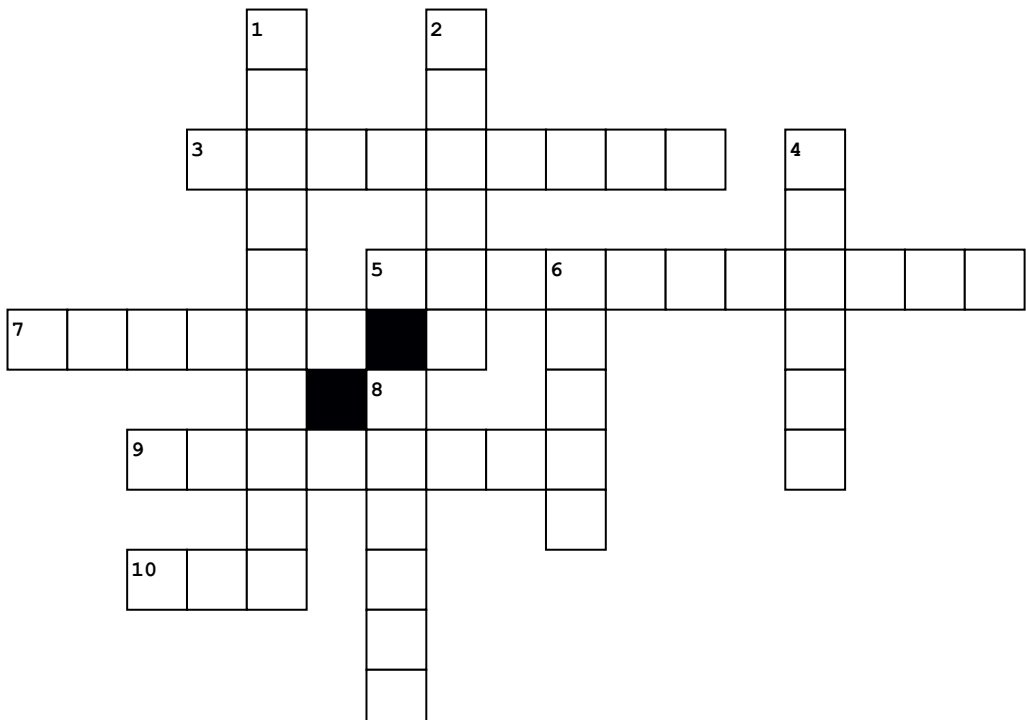
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Belle Caramenico, '26, and Olivia Givvin, '26, show off their scarves in the Henderson Campus Center on Thursday, Jan. 15. Caramenico wears a maroon scarf with black and white line work, and Givvin wears a creme fleece scarf with gold and and gray accents.



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Lyra Lindsay, '27, rocks a brown, blue and white plaid scarf in the campus center. On Thursday, the high temperature was 20 degrees at 12:01 a.m., before steadily dropping to 13 degrees at noon, where it remained the rest of the day.

HERE’S TO A NEW YEAR OF CAMPUS CROSSWORDS!



Across:

- 3. Like the Steelers, Browns, and Ravens, the Bills finally fired their head coach Sean ____.
- 5. Cody Switzer, '07, said that The Campus is like what? (two words)
- 7. Staff Writer Maddox Brown, '29, is more interested in this type of good luck.
- 9. By December 2026, Gannon University will have officially merged with ____ College.
- 10. Are you going to read our brand new fashion column?

Down:

- 1. The Allegheny ____ club is attempting to make their post pandemic return.
- 2. Junior Opinion Editor Jay Shank, '28, says her luck has left her feeling ____.
- 4. Which college are the Allegheny men’s and women’s basketball teams playing on Jan. 28?
- 6. Residence Life is hoping to fill ____ open positions.
- 8. What winter accessory do some students think is unnecessary?

Across: 3. McDermott 5. Meat Grinder 7. Subtle 9. Upsilon 10. Yes
Down: 1. Socialists 2. Cursed 4. Geneva 6. Three 8. Gloves

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As the beginning of the semester commences, I look to Allegheny students to address the fashion on campus. Navigating the fluctuating weather in northwestern Pennsylvania can be difficult, so I want to see how you, the Allegheny students, share your style in what you wear. I am gauging the newest trends on campus and showcasing some outfits of fellow students to spark ideas. With the changing weather and the vast amount of diversity in styles on campus, there is so much to discuss.

I sat in and around the Henderson Campus Center lobby working idly while I people-watched during the first week of class. As people cycled through, I noticed something that was quite a popular accessory. I even snapped some pictures of people wearing the item. I hadn’t realized how much of a fad it was, and I soon noticed a particular thing missing from most of all the different outfits. These things sparked the idea for this week’s first issue — something soft and easy to unravel into the beginning of a new semester.

Scarves! Allegheny’s first week of classes was full of the soft accessory. There were brown, red, black, blue and pink scarves being worn all week. I asked peers if they had noticed the influx of the accessory being worn.

“Definitely,” Christopher Verardi, '26, said. “This morning it was 15 degrees.”

With the weather here at Allegheny changing so frequently, it’s important to dress accordingly. One day it will be 40 or 50 degrees, and the next day it will be 15 degrees and snowing.

This section of the paper will discuss fashion, sure. But I am aware that fashion doesn’t seem to be a significant topic. It’s not something you think about every day, especially in the large scope of everything.

Fashion molds the identities on this campus, tells a story, enhances self-expression, helps build social connections and helps share creativity and ideas. This section is a weekly check-in with all of Allegheny’s very own supermodels and designers (which is everyone on this campus).

While people-watching in the campus center lobby and asking Allegheny students, “Why wear a scarf?” there was a common

theme. “It’s freezing, ” Lucy Palmer, '27, said.

“It’s cold outside,” Mary Karstens, '27, also said. “And I don’t have a hood on my jacket, so I want to keep my neck a little bit warmer.”

These statements were all good responses to my question. Missing a hood and not wanting your neck to be cold are perfect reasons to wear a scarf. Your neck is responsible for a great amount of your body’s heat exchange. This means a cold neck could mean a significantly colder body. But although this was the answer to my inquiry, I still had a question in my mind, an observation about the use of scarves: There were not a lot of gloves being worn by students.

This surprised me a lot. Personally, when I think of scarves and gloves, I have a specific visual. I think of them worn together. If your neck is cold, your hands must also be cold, right? Well, my opinion wasn’t completely debunked. Allegheny peers had their own opinions that made total sense as well. Karstens, one of the non-glove wearers, said she wants “to be a little cooler and not wear my gloves.” In her opinion, if her hands get cold, that’s a lot better than her neck, which causes her to feel cold.

I even heard that “gloves are a little bit stupid,” when asking Verardi about peers not wearing gloves with their scarves.

“I keep my hands in my pocket,” said Verardi, which is another great point. Why wear gloves if you don’t need to use your hands? They can go into your pockets. Additionally, Palmer stated that she feels gloves stop you from addressing your phone when needed. This leads her to be less likely to wear her gloves between classes and more.

Finally, I have come to the conclusion that I need to be more open to accessorizing in different ways. Whether it is for accessibility reasons or for a simple fashion statement. My visual opinion has changed due to my peers’ fashion choices and opinions on the topic. I wonder if your opinion has changed or stayed the same. I mean, did you even have an opinion? Furthermore, I look forward to continuing to hear from you all and learning fashion tips and fads that are popular on campus. Not only that, but I can’t wait to do my best to showcase the style on this beautiful campus.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23 – THURSDAY, JAN. 29

Allegheny Sports Schedule
Home Games

01/28
WEDNESDAY

Women’s Basketball:
Allegheny vs. Geneva
DAVID V. WISE CENTER, 6 P.M.

01/28
WEDNESDAY

Men’s Basketball:
Allegheny vs. Geneva
DAVID V. WISE CENTER, 8 P.M.