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The Allegheny Jazz Dance Ensemble hosted their 9th annual Benefit Concert for the Crawford County Special Olympics on April 2, 2016, raising $3,464 for the organization.

JaDE Concert raises record amount for Special Olympics

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Administration prepares for staffing changes

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James Mullen, president of Allegheny College, announced in an email on March 8, 2016, that Sue Stuebner, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the college, will be taking the job of president at Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire next year.

Stuebner has held her current position at Allegheny for three years.

"I regret that this stop has been shorter than I ever expected," Stuebner said.

According to Stuebner, Mullen will be heading a committee, which will include two students, to find her replacement.

Stuebner, who attended Harvard University, said she looks forward to returning to New England, a place she described as her "heart home."

In her three years at Allegheny, Stuebner said she has seen the senior administrative staff take shape. She said she is disappointed that she will not be able to see the team they have built come to fruition.

"The results won't really be evident until next year and beyond," Stuebner said. "I think there has been a lot of hard work in terms of getting the enrollment structure back in place and I think the fundamentals are now there to really to have a more predictable cycle for the college."

Stuebner said she will not be involved in the process of choosing her replacement, but said she has every confidence that someone will be chosen quickly.

"Their hope is they could potentially have finalists on campus by June sometime, and they'll be videotaping those finalists so that others can have a chance to weigh in even if they are not on campus," Stuebner said.

Stuebner is the not the only administrator who will be leaving before the start of next year. Ann Sheffield, who has served as registrar for the past eight years, will depart from the position. Ian Binnington, current associate professor of history, has been appointed as the registrar following Sheffield's departure.

Although Sheffield held the position of associate dean of the college in addition to registrar, Binnington said the titles will be changing for the position. Along with holding the position of registrar, Binnington will adopt the new title of associate dean of academics.

Binnington said his duties will include supervising and directing class registration. He said he does not make academic policy, but he will be reviewing it and ensuring its consistency.

The registrar is also a member of the Curriculum Committee, on which Binnington served in the past. He was the chair of the committee for two years, starting in spring of 2013 and finishing in the fall of 2014.

He said he has experience collaborating with other organizations already, as he has presented to faculty and spoke with Allegheny Student Government in the past.

"I would like to think that I have good working relationships with a lot of people on campus," Binnington said.

According to Binnington, he has advisees who have been given the option to either keep him as an adviser or

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Year of Meadville community efforts continue as Common Roots begins

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Allegheny College's annual theme for the academic year, the Year of Meadville, is coming to an end on April 30 with a community celebration. Common Roots, formally known as the Meadville Community Development Corporation, plans to carry on with the social infrastructure established through the Year of Meadville.

The organization is comprised of an eight-member board committed to expanding the Meadville community by connecting local individuals with organizations and groups that can facilitate in keeping the local food and economy subthemes alive. The group has 20 members that are using some of the same efforts that helped to establish the Year of Meadville.

Currently, Common Roots is the head of the community organizing meetings, which takes place at Voodoo Brewery once every few months. People come together to share ideas and upcoming plans during the bar's happy hour. Common Roots also holds weekly community door work sessions, an open forum for the community to come together at Creative Crust ev-

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ASG selects RJ Mitte for Gator of the Year

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Allegheny Student Government selected RJ Mitte, best known for his role as Walter White Jr. on the television show "Breaking Bad," as the Gator of the Year for 2016. He spoke in Shafer Auditorium on Wednesday, April 5.

Mitte, born Roy Frank Mitte III, travels for a cumulative 10 months of the year to do speaking events at various locations. Born with cerebral palsy, Mitte spoke about living with the disability as well as how he got his start in the television industry.

ASG President Haley Riley, '16, said that the Gator of the Year is always a high profile speaker.

"[They're] chosen for their activism or notoriety through which they embody the ideals presented in our statement of community," Riley said.

ASG Chief of Staff Sofia Kaufman, '17, said ASG selected Mitte to support Allegheny's statement of community, which is the college's promise to create "an inclusive, respectful and safe residential learning community that will actively confront... harassment and discrimination," according to the Allegheny website.

"I think it's important to have people speaking on these issues. In keeping with our statement of community, there needs to be more awareness of the issues," Kaufman said.

One of the biggest themes of Mitte's speech was the importance of always striving toward self-improvement. His public speaking was one way in which he hoped to grow as a person.

"I do quite a bit of public speaking. This started as a way to get me more comfortable with crowds," Mitte said.

Mitte said that the greatest obstacles people generally face are weaknesses in their own personality traits, and it is their responsibility to grow from them.

"My obstacles, I find, definitely vary, none of them involving my disability," Mitte said.

Kyle Donnelly, '17, said he enjoyed Mitte's take on disability.

"I really liked how...he said kind of that everyone has a disability, whether mental or physical," Donnelly said. "And that he defined a disability as anything that stops you from being who you're supposed to be."

Mitte said that the best way to get through obstacles is to be willing to step out of your own comfort zone and fight for what you want no matter what. He said it is best not to let other people push their fears onto you.

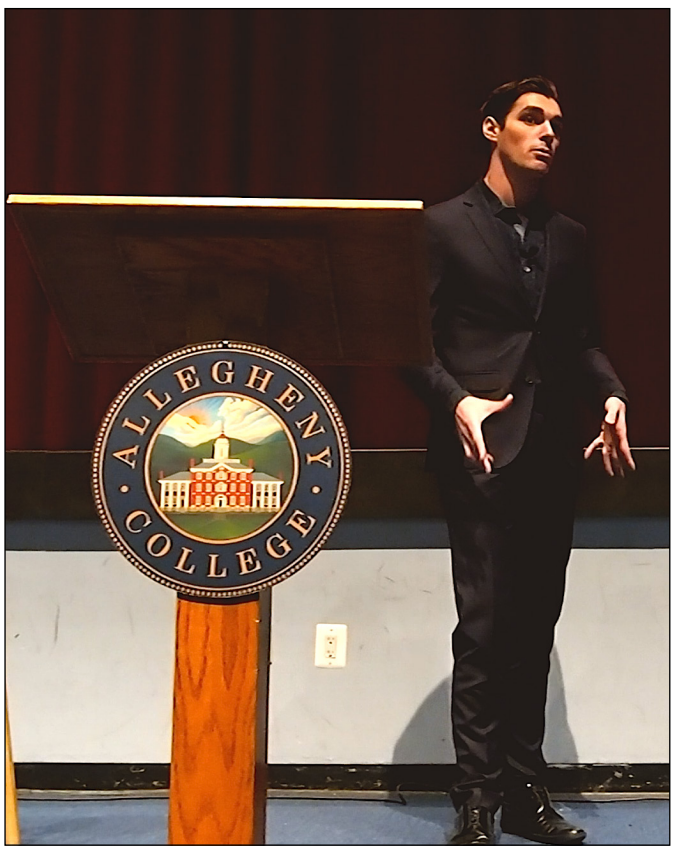
"I think the biggest thing that people can walk away with...is that you don't have to accept what's happening," Mitte said. "There are a lot of people in this world who feel helpless. They accept that fate."

When it comes to disability being portrayed in the media, Mitte said that there are mixed results. According to Mitte, the problem often lies in characters who are entirely defined by their disability.

"You shouldn't need to highlight anything about a disability. You should just show someone as they are," Mitte said. "People are very visual creatures. When we see something, we immediately judge it."

Mitte's character on "Breaking Bad" also had cerebral palsy, and Mitte said viewers likely recognized Walt Jr. by his crutches first, and then by his actual character. After becoming familiar with him, the viewers would have known Walt Jr. by who he was, not the crutches he used.

"We need more realism," Mitte said. "We want reality. We want truth."



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RJ Mitte, selected as the 2016 Gator of the Year, visited Allegheny College on Wednesday, April 6, 2015 to speak about living with a disability and his career.

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choose a different professor.

Sheffield said the reason for her departure is a chance to earn a master's degree in Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Durham University in Durtham, England. Sheffield, prior to becoming the registrar, served as a professor of chemistry. She said she was passionate about both chemistry and literature in college, and this is a chance to explore the path not taken.

"I've always loved it, and when I was in college I was really torn...and I went with the one that seemed the most practical," Sheffield said.

Sheffield said upon her return she hopes to resume teaching, hopefully being able to use her new master's degree. She said she has missed being in the classroom.

"I think I have been an administrator long enough," Sheffield said.

Despite the change in staffing, Sheffield said she feels the transition will be as smooth as possible. She said she will be meeting with Binnington throughout the rest of this academic year to ensure he is ready to assume the position. Sheffield said Binnington has taken initiative of his own by participating in a workshop on how to be a college registrar.

"I feel really good that the office is in good hands," Sheffield said.

For the immediate future, Binnington said he does not have any policies he wants to change. He plans to get a better understanding for the registration system through working with it before attempting to implement any changes.

"Over the course of time, there may be things I see that I want to change," Binnington said. "But I'll be taking a very low-key approach to that."

Although he hopes to eventually return to teaching, Binnington is excited for the new position and the challenges it will likely bring.

"It's a new challenge," Binnington said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Administration responds to student maintenance and housing critiques

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Allegheny Student Government met with members of the Allegheny College administration on March 15 and March 29 to address previously raised student concerns. Director of Residence Life Jen Foxman was present on March 15 to address ongoing student housing concerns.

In previous meetings, ASG members criticized how changes to the student housing policy were made without student input or approval. Foxman admitted things could have been done differently and apologized for the lack of communication.

"I don't want you to feel like you don't matter to us," Foxman said.

Foxman said in the meeting that she is happy to hear from students directly about issues concerning student housing. ASG Senator Walter Stover, '17, said it is important that students have a hand in actually creating policies related to the Office of Residence Life.

"I think meeting with a student committee is definitely a step in the right direction," Stover said.

Foxman said the Office of Residence Life is working to improve conditions within college-owned housing. She said they have been conducting walkthroughs with Physical Plant and housekeeping services to work to address concerns.

Foxman said Residence Life is mindful of ensuring student comfort is a priority. She said that, currently, there are no plans to renovate any of the existing dormitories.

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>
> Sofia Kaufman
> *Class of 2017*

"In terms of any major renovations, I am not aware of any," she said.

Several ASG members reported issues from bat infestations, electrical problems and leaking roofs. Foxman admitted that on-campus houses do not get as much attention from Office of Residence Life.

"Houses are places we do not get in on a regular basis," Foxman said.

Foxman encouraged students to continue reporting concerns, as residence life is often not aware that they exist, so this type of feedback is invaluable. She said with only 72 student employees, they are not a large department and are "stretched pretty thin."

"That's a small department for a residential college," Foxman said.

Dean of Students Kimberly Ferguson spoke at a previous meeting, saying a new software system for room draw and work orders is necessary. The implementation of the program, according to Ferguson, could cost between $20,000 and $45,000. Foxman agreed that this would help the situation.

"Any of you who have been through room draw know that Gretchen [Kerr] and I sit there with pencils, and that is not a good use of our time," Foxman said

Chief of Staff Sofia Kaufman, '17, said it is important that things begin to change.

"At the end of the day there needs to be a better system in place," Kaufman said.

Director of the Allegheny Physical Plant Cliff Willis and Chief Financial Officer Linda Wetsell attended the March 29 meeting to address some of these maintenance concerns.

Willis said maintaining all of the facilities on campus is a daunting task. He said it is made more difficult by the older workforce which he currently has. He said last year alone the department lost 150 years of combined institutional knowledge as employees retired. Two of those vacancies have not been filled for budget reasons.

Willis said he has 31 employees to maintain more than 1.4 million square feet of facilities.

Despite the vacancies, Willis said they have a three day maximum turnaround on all maintenance concerns that directly affect student life.

Several ASG senators brought up the continued issues of adequate lighting on campus. Willis said this is an issue they are still working to address, especially on North Main Street.

"We've been lucky enough to receive a state grant. The goal of this grant is to improve the lighting on [North] Main Street," Willis said.

In terms of lighting on campus paths, Willis said the college is still working to ensure that those areas are suitably illuminated, but at the moment, the focus is on North Main Street. He said it is important that students bring areas that are not well-lit to the attention of the physical plant.

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ery Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The idea behind both of the community forums is to initiate a talk about possible solutions for issues on the local level and to put them into action. Autumn Vogel, '15, the head coordinator for the Year of Meadville, was a main component in making sure the theme would continue.

"The momentum that this group [common roots] has gained from the Year of Meadville has soil to grow into something so much bigger than what it is," said Vogel.

Moving forward, Common Roots plans to establish a group that can make local homes more sustainable and energy efficient. They are in the midst of gathering local community members to educate others on how to retro fit these homes.

Common Roots plans to continue the local food theme by creating food hubs, which are centers for farmers to bring food to be distributed to consumers and retailers. The organization is in the preliminary stages of establishing food hubs in Meadville by communicating with farmers to see when and what products can be yielded to create a network of communication between the farmers, retailers and consumers. Food hubs were one solution to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers that The Year of Meadville's sub theme for February, local foods, addressed.

Peter Zimmer, a Common Roots board member, explained that food hubs are an opportunity to create a more economic friendly environment for farmers and a chance for better quality food for consumers.

"The more volume you have, the cheaper it is to ship and sell. If you can make it cheaper to distribute at large quantities, it benefits the farmers as a whole," said Zimmer.

Common Roots plans to implement mobile slaughter units for farmers. A mobile slaughter unit will allow for resell, or a day to day United States Department of Agriculture inspector to mobily come to regulate the slaughter at the farm. This benefits both the consumer and the farmers, since the farmers do not have to pay for the cost of travel and high prices of an on site slaughter house. The consumer also benefits by receiving a fresher and higher quality of meat, as the animals are not releasing stress hormones during travel. Common Roots would act as the liaison between farmers and the USDA.

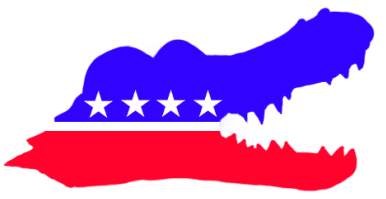
"We would do the research arm of getting in contact with regional directors with the USDA and the department of agriculture of Pennsylvania by making sure it is following all codes, regulations and laws," said Zimmer.

Common Roots is currently trying to get an unused room in the Meadville Fire Department as a meeting place for the organization. After the announcement of the organization's kickstart during the Year of Meadville, they plan to use the space to hold meetings for planning and collaborating on the energy efficient homes, food hubs and mobile slaughter units. The Vice President of common roots, Jason Puryear, is working towards having the organization become a liaison between the community and local businesses to make these efforts become possible.

"We plan on being out in the community as much as possible. One of the biggest jobs of Common Roots is to bridge the gap and to assist in bringing together other groups," said Jason Puryear, Common Roots vice president.

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Thursday, April 14

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I'm thankful for Allegheny and the dedicated people who make it possible each day. "Gator For Life" is more of a proud badge than tagline, and I will continue to look for ways to give back in terms of my time and other resources to honor those who forged the path and support those who follow in the future.

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ASG UPDATES

Voting for Allegheny Student Government senators will be held on WedAdvisor April 7 and 8.

ASG will also be having budget hearings for student organizations on campus. The hearings will be held on April 23 and 24. New organizations can only be granted up to $700 for the upcoming academic year.

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April 1, 2016
Carr Hall
Criminal mischief.

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Disorderly conduct.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Undergraduate Research Symposium on Latin America and the Caribbean
Friday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Campus Center and Tippie Alumni Center
Allegheny hosts the 12th Undergraduate Research Symposium on Latin America and the Caribbean. The keynote is "Caula—Caula: Construyendo historias," by Professor Ana María Caula, chairperson of the Modern Languages and Cultures Department at Slippery Rock University, who will present the work of her father, photographer Tito Caula. See MyAllegheny for the full schedule.

Muslim Lunch and Prayers
Friday, April 8, 12:30 p.m., PAM Retreat
All are welcome.

Late Night Program: Holi Celebration Tie-Dye
Friday, April 8, 9 to 11 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Join the members of Growing Hearts, Growing Minds to tie-dye shirts to celebrate the ancient Hindu spring festival of Holi.

Springfest: Out of This World
Saturday, April 9, noon to 3 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Springfest will feature Springfest tanks, free while they last, a space-themed candy bar, hot dogs, deep-fried Oreos, snow cones, popcorn, a green-screen outer space photo op, face painting, alien laser tag and music by Poor Frisco and DJ Matic. Shirts will be given away at noon in Shafer Auditorium. Sign up for laser tag in teams at McKinley's on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ACS and UL #Caribbfest BBQ
Saturday, April 9, noon to 4:30 p.m., ABC House, 290 Loomis St.
Enjoy free food, drinks, carnival costume reveal, a stroll exhibition and good music.

Student Recital by Trevor Bittel
Saturday, April 9, 3:15 p.m., Ford Chapel
The Department of Music presents a student recital by guitarist Trevor Bittel, who will perform works by Arcas, Andrew York, Bach, Debussy and Gottschalk.

Chapel Service
Sunday, April 10, 11 a.m., Ford Chapel
A sermon series from the book of Acts begins with Saul's dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. All are welcome.

Israel Fest
Sunday, April 10, 5 to 7 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Enjoy Israeli food, music and dancing and learn about this complex culture that is both ancient and new.

Catholic Mass
Sunday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., Ford Chapel
Mass is celebrated by Catholic Campus Minister Father Jeff Lucas. All are welcome.

I <3 Meadville Meeting
Monday, April 11, 5:30 p.m., Campus Center 206
Learn more about the club and help members plan for next semester. If you have questions, email iheartmeadville@allegheny.edu.

Counseling Center Family Drama Group Session
Tuesday, April 12, 4 p.m., Reis Hall 301 (Treasure Room)
This group can help students learn how to more effectively address interpersonal conflicts within their families.

Faculty Lecture Series Talk by Professor Sharon Wesoky
Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m., Campus Center 301/302
Professor of Political Science Sharon Wesoky will present "Laughing, walking, meditating: thinking about everyday resistances in neoliberal China and beyond" in this final talk of the Karl W. Weiss '87 Faculty Lecture Series.

"Wealth Inequality: The Widening Rhetorical and Political Gap"
Thursday, April 14, 12:20 p.m., Pelletier Collaboratory
Professors Don Goldstein and Joseph Tompkins and Arianna O'Connell, '18, lead this discussion in the Primary Issues: The Election and the Media series. Pizza will be provided.

Counseling Center Self-Compassion Group Session
Thursday, April 14, 4 p.m., Reis Hall 301 (Treasure Room)
This group focuses on teaching students how to treat themselves with self-compassion and heal ineffective emotional patterns in order to improve their security and sense of self-worth.

Spring Dance Concert
Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Montgomery Performance Space
The Dance and Movement Studies Program presents its annual Spring Dance Concert, showcasing students in several styles of dance on April 14, 15 and 16. The concert is titled "You Are Here, Now" as part of the college's 2016 theme, "The Year of Meadville." Reservations are recommended: call the DMS office at 814-332-2813.

An act of terrorism should be treated as an act of war

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Terrorism seems to have become a regular part of modern life. Hijackings, bombings and assassinations across different continents may seem like isolated incidents, but they reflect an easy reliance on violence as a way to promote social, political and religious change. They are elements of a pervasive "end justifies the means" philosophy being followed to its most perverse conclusions.

Democratic governments, accustomed to dealing within a legal structure, often find it difficult to deal with criminals and terrorists who operate outside of the law. Yet deterrence is just as much a part of justice as proper enforcement of the laws.

According to FBI Director James B. Comey, the FBI's investigation of the San Bernardino, California attack revealed that the perpetrators were homegrown extremists inspired by foreign terrorist groups. They were not directed by official groups and were not part of any terrorist cell or network. FBI investigators have said that Farook and Malik had become radicalized over several years prior to the attack.

Farook and Malik had traveled to Saudi Arabia in the years prior to attack. The couple had amassed a large stockpile of weapons, ammunition and bomb-making equipment in their home.

Democratic governments that do not deter criminals inevitably spawn vigilantism as normal, law-abiding citizens, who have lost confidence in the criminal justice system, take the law into their own hands. A similar backlash is beginning to emerge as a result of the inability of Western democracies to defend themselves against terrorists.

But lack of institutional resolve is only part of the problem. Terrorists thrive on media exposure, and news organizations around the world have been all too willing to give terrorists the publicity that they crave. If news media gave terrorists the minuscule coverage their numbers and influence demanded, instances of homegrown terrorism would decline. But when hijackings and bombings are given prominent media attention, would-be criminals see a reaction that they feel justifies their actions.

When terrorists attack, America should not view them as criminals but as foreign soldiers who attempt to threaten the very existence of the American government. Whether terrorist groups have the firepower and strategic vision to literally undermine the U.S. government is not the issue. The issue is how to deal with an unconventional type of military aggressor.

Terrorists are not common criminals to be tried in American civil courts. They are military targets who must be stopped since they are armed and military enemies of the American government.

In the same way that it takes conventional armies time and experience to learn how to combat guerilla enemies, Western governments and media outlets are now struggling to comprehend the rules for warfare and media coverage in the case of terrorism. Diplomatic efforts have failed to convince Middle East governments to help the United States in bringing terrorist groups to justice. Meetings and negotiations simply cannot strike fear in terrorist's hearts. For example, Pakistan knew that Osama Bin Laden had been hiding in Abbottabad. According to a 2014 CNN report by National Security Analyst, Pete Berger, the Inter-Services Intelligence, Pakistan's military-operated intelligence organization, included a special position that handled bin Laden.

"[The desk] was operated independently, led by an officer who made his own decisions and did not report to a superior," the report said. "He handled only one person: bin Laden."

Although diplomatic relations with our allies has been the primary means used by the United States against terrorism, we should consider what other means may also be appropriate. In the past, American leaders have responded to military aggression in a variety of ways short of declaring war.

The U.S. Constitution grants the following powers to Congress: "To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations; To declare war, grant letters of marquee and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water." Terrorist acts fall into at least two of the congressional provisions for dealing with attacks on the nation. They are: (1) to punish offenses against the law of nations, and (2) to declare war.

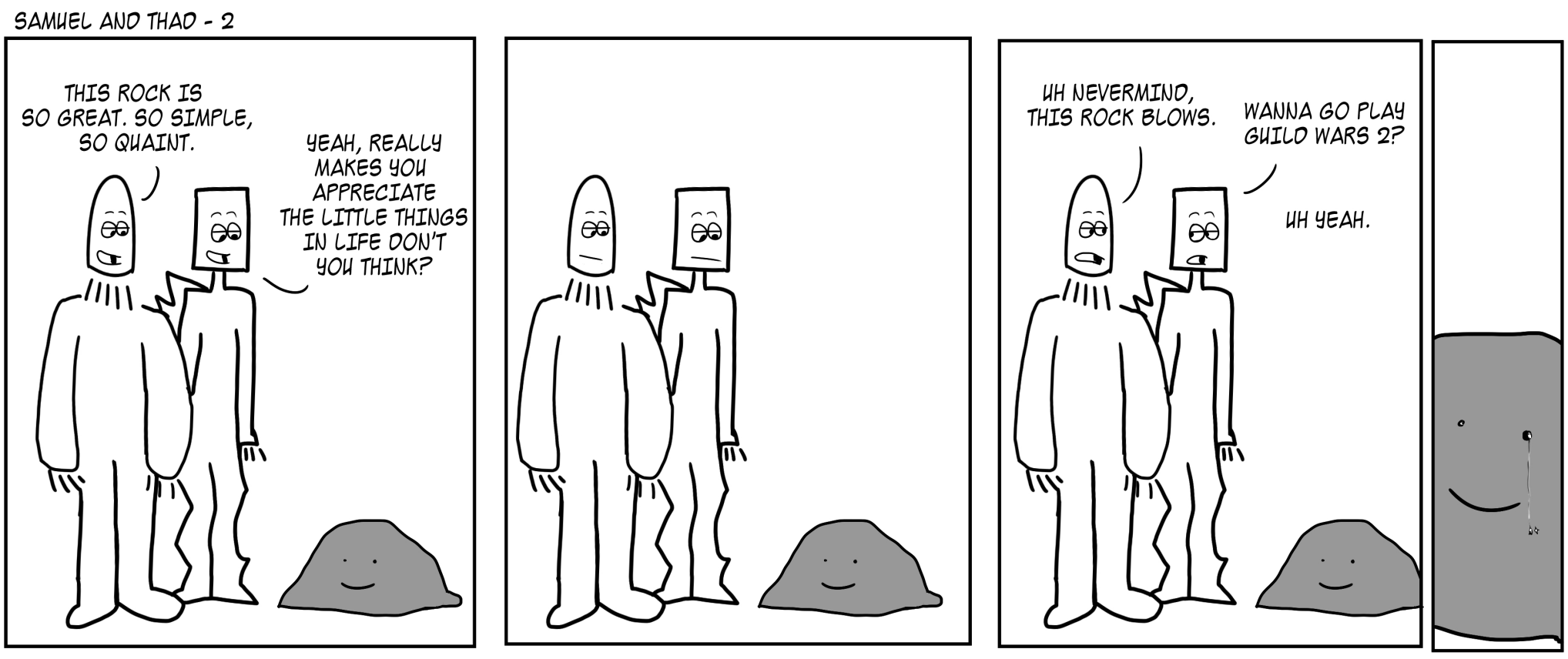
Military and political leaders must follow a strategy of hunting down small groups of well-armed and well-funded fighters who hide within a host country.

Through diplomatic channels we must make two responsibilities clear for any host country. Either they catch and punish the terrorist groups themselves as civilian criminals, or they extradite the terrorists and give them up to an international court for trial. If the host country fails to act on these two requests, we should make it clear that we see them in complicity with the terrorist groups. By failing to exercise their civil responsibility, they leave themselves open to the consequences of allowing hostile military forces within their borders.

We must recognize terrorism as a new type of military aggression which requires government action. We are involved in an undeclared war and Congress and the president must take the same sorts of actions they would if threatened by a hostile country. This is necessary to deter further terrorist aggression in this decade.

American citizens are tired of being military targets in an undeclared war.

THE SIMPLE THINGS



Comic by Jonathon Yee

North Carolina law makes a battleground of bathrooms

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The city of Charlotte, North Carolina passed a nondiscrimination ordinance to protect LGBT people.

Then on March 23 the state legislature scheduled a special session, their first in 35 years (according to radio station WUNC, an NPR affiliate), and passed a statewide nondiscrimination ordinance that effectively overrides any local nondiscrimination measures.

Great, right? Here is the catch: the bill protects against discrimination on the basis of race, religion, nationality and biological sex—but not sexual orientation or gender identity.

So where do bathrooms come in? Charlotte's nondiscrimination ordinance made protections that would allow trans people to use the bathrooms of their choice. This had state legislators up in arms, citing safety as their main concern. Children are being put at risk, they claim.

This is complete and utter bull. Often, the trans person is more at risk than the other bathroom occupants. According to a study from the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law entitled "Gendered Restrooms and Minority Stress: The Public Regulation of Gender and its Impact on Transgender People's Lives," about 70 percent of trans people surveyed have been physically assaulted or verbally harassed when using a public restroom.

NPR cited Lara Nazario, a trans woman and Charlotte resident, that public restrooms are more dangerous for the trans person than anyone.

"If I were to walk into a men's bathroom, I would either be told that I'm in the wrong bathroom or I'd be outed as a transgender woman," said Nazario. "This can often lead to violence or harassment, especially when there's no protection in place for people like me."

I truly believe that the expansion of all-gender or gender-inclusive bathrooms only does good, not harm. No cis-gendered person is going to be attacked for using the bathroom of their gender identity. Their safety is not at risk here. These bathrooms only provide a safe place for trans people to perform normal, healthy bodily functions. Why are someone else's bodily functions any stranger's concern, especially if theirs are not being prohibited?

I believe that the identity of whoever used the bathroom before or after me does not matter. Chances are, I have already shared a bathroom with a trans person. So what?

Also, why are we still making laws in 2016 concerning other people's genitals? For some reason, politicians are still insistent on banning sodomy and a woman's right to choose an abortion, and now they seem hell-bent on insisting someone only use the bathroom that matches what identity is printed on their birth certificate, not on how they identify or even what matches their physical body.

This problem is not just endemic to North Carolina. In February of this year, South Dakota legislature passed a similar law that would have required transgender students in the state's public schools to use bathrooms and locker rooms of their birth gender, not the one with which they currently identify. Luckily, South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard vetoed the bill.

But this is not the case in North Carolina. Other cities and towns have local ordinances in place, and schools have come under fire for forcing students to use a bathroom that does not match their gender identity.

The backlash from this law is strong. The New York Times published a piece on April 1 stating that North Carolina may lose federal aid if they do not repeal the law. And they should. The Obama administration, which has worked to expand LGBT rights over the last eight years, is as outraged by this law as I am.

This law is discriminatory, putting thousands of trans people's safety at risk.

That escalated quickly: federal program arms cops as soldiers

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The 1033 program has served United States police departments in one form or another since the early 1990's.

The purpose of this program is to provide military-grade resources to police departments, at the price of shipping and storage.

These resources, varying from night vision apparatus to Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, come from excess Department of Defense stockpiles.

The program is intended to assist especially in instances of counter-drug and counter-terrorism efforts.

A summary prepared by the Congressional Research Service lists the total materials available under 1033's authority.

The total equipment available ranges from the mundane, such as furniture, kitchen and office supplies, portable electric generators and tents, to more law enforcement-appropriate supplies, such as handcuffs, riot shields, holsters, binoculars and digital cameras, to the absurdly militaristic, such as watercraft, aircraft and weapons.

Other pieces of equipment filed as miscellaneous under the program include cranes, lawn maintenance supplies and tool kits.

Crawford County, for its part, has received one 5.56 mm rifle. Pennsylvania as a whole has received a large amount of equipment, including four MRAP vehicles. Each MRAP vehicle is valued at $733,000. This information comes from the freethoughtproject.com, where one can find a list of the equipment sent to one's own state or county.

While the 1033 program has been in operation for over a decade, it did not receive significant public attention until the Ferguson, Missouri riots in 2014, when a heavily militarized police force in action was first brought to the attention of the American public. As a result, the Obama administration began reviewing the program providing equipment to police departments across the U.S.

This resulted in the assertion of local officials that the lives of their policemen and women were being put in jeopardy due to lack of sufficient equipment.

Do police departments need military equipment to do their jobs? Certainly their possession of such equipment increases the likelihood that they will use it.

I cannot think of a better way to describe the situation than reporter Taylor Wofford's keen metaphor in an August 2014 Newsweek article titled, "How America's Police became an amrmy: The 1033 Program."

"When your only tool is a hammer," Wofford wrote, "after all, every problem looks like a nail."



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Lydia Eckstein Jackson speaks to a room full of students, faculty and staff on Gator Day, April 5, 2016, about her recent study tour—accompanied by Tal Correm—to Rwanda where the two witnessed firsthand the post-genocide reconciliation.

Rwanda leaves lasting impression

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Twenty-two years after the Rwandan genocide, Tal Correm, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, and Lydia Eckstein Jackson, assistant professor of psychology, journeyed to the country from Jan. 29 through Feb. 7, 2016.

Correm and Jackson traveled to Rwanda through a study trip organized by Humanity in Action Denmark. The two professors received funding from the Academic Support Committee to go on this study tour.

Their journey was shared with the Allegheny community in a presentation entitled "Post-Genocide Reconciliation in Rwanda: Lessons and Reflections of a Study Tour" at the Pelletier Collaboratory on Gator Day, April 5, 2016.

The Rwandan genocide took the lives of more than 800,000 Tutsis and Hutus over the course of 100 days in 1994. Since then, the country has been rebuilding and attempting to promote unity throughout the nation.

Correm and Jackson's study tour went to the Murambi Genocide Memorial, where corpses are still preserved. Both agreed that the images they saw will stay with them and that it was a moving experience.

"The most powerful moment of the trip was the Murambi Genocide Memorial," Jackson said. "This is where the corpses are preserved in lime. Seeing the corpses lying there and seeing them in the position in which they died... sticks with me to this day. It was overpowering, it was overwhelming."

For Correm, the trip has enhanced her understanding of the genocide in Rwanda and has given her the opportunity to bring her new knowledge to the Allegheny Community.

"It's given me a face to face experience with the people in Rwanda that I could not have...otherwise," Correm said. "Understanding this many levels of complex historical and political situation—like genocide—and to be there, physically, and see the state of the country... is something that you cannot substitute in any other way."

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> Lydia Eckstein Jackson
> *Assistant professor of psychology*

With the collaboration between both professors departments, all parties involved hope to continue this collaboration and possibly offer a co-taught class, an experiential learning trip and also provide forums like the one held this Gator Day.

The turnout for this presentation was humbling, Correm and Jackson pointed out with a smile with attendees filling the room.

Dash Brookhart, '17, thought this presentation looked to be the most interesting of all presentations offered on Gator Day. Through the presentation, Brookhart has a newfound interest in the Rwandan genocide and wants to further his knowledge on the subject.

"I thought [the presentation] was great," Brookhart said. "I've watched a few documentaries but it was nice to get first-hand experience. I have a greater found respect for what the Rwandan people went through."

Following the conclusion of the presentation, Correm and Jackson showed a slideshow of photos from the trip and answered student questions to wrap up their talk.

Roundtable discusses immigration policy and regional development

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The Allegheny College Center of Business and Economics held its 15th annual Executive Roundtable in Ford Chapel on Monday, April 4, 2016. The panel was composed of local area experts and Allegheny alumni. The discussion addressed and was entitled "Immigration Policy and Regional Development in Western Pennsylvania".

Tomas Nonnemacher, chair of the economics department, opened the event, explaining his personal interest in the topic.

"I'm the son of immigrants to the United States, so this topic is near and dear to my heart," said Nonnemacher.

Shannan Mattiace, chair of the political science department, began the discussion with a powerpoint about the different types of immigrants. It also included information on immigration demographics in the Western Pennsylvania area comparative to that of other cities and states in the nation.

According to Mattiace's opening presentation, Pennsylvania falls at 6.1 percent of foreign-born population, lower than the national average of 12.9 percent. Erie has a 6.6 percent higher than the state average due to its high refugee population.

The first half of the discussion was led by Mattiace who directed questions to specific panelists. After this, the floor was opened up for the audience to ask questions.

The panelists offered a wide range of expertise on the topic of regional development through immigration policy. The panel featured Allegheny alumnus Hayes Stover, '62, immigration, labor and employment attorney at K&L Gates, as well as various community professionals.

Mattiace directed the first question to Greg Kedzierski, plant materials specialist at Ernst Conservation Seeds. She asked about the federal programs of temporary work visas, such as H-2A and why Ernst Conservation Seeds uses these programs to hire agricultural workers. According to Kedzierski there was a labor shortage in the agricultural industry about a decade ago, where people did not want to work in low-skill jobs.

These federal programs allowed temporary work visas for eight men who work 10 months of the year at Ernst Conservation Seeds, and spend two months back in their home country. Kedzierski said these programs benefit both the company and the laborers.

Dylanna Jackson, director of the International Institute of Erie then brought the topic of labor to Erie. Working with the refugee resettlement, Jackson discussed the economic impact of refugees, due to refugees being the largest growing demographic in Erie. The consensus of the panel was that jobs available in the area correlate directly to the number of immigrants that arrive. That is, if there are many jobs available in an area, the more likely it is that area will see more immigrants.

"Erie needs these young refugees," Jackson said.

Stover contributed to the discussion around work visas, mentioning that K&L Gates have trouble from time to time with the federal government.

"U.S. business immigration policy is a hodgepodge," Stover said. "I think it is becoming more difficult, and there is a great deal of discretion involved with the immigration policies."

Betty Cruz, deputy chief of the special initiatives office of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, brought up another major talking point for the panel while discussing the culture of immigrants and integration into these areas.

Pittsburgh is currently creating programs to help integrate the culture of immigrants into the area in order to attract more, according to Cruz. Pittsburgh has had a long history of failing at integrating their African-American community, which lessens the attraction of Pittsburgh to other immigrants.

As the discussion opened up to the audience, Donald Trump and the distinction between authorized and unauthorized immigrants was brought up and led to a mini-debate.

Stover questioned whether it is possible to make a distinction anymore with over 11 million unauthorized immigrants in the country and mass deportation not being a viable option.

Other audience questions included enquiries about cities and states creating legislation that oppose the federal government's policies. According to Stover, federal policies take precedent over any state or local policies.

Ron Cole, provost and dean of the college, spoke to the importance of discussions such as these for the Allegheny community.

"These are exactly the type of innovative and experiential learning opportunities that are such an important part of an Allegheny education," said Cole.

Devin Malone, '16, economics and Spanish double major, echoed Cole's sentiments.

"It's the one-on-one experiences like these and the events such as the Executive Roundtable that truly set Allegheny apart from other colleges and universities," said Malone.

Exploring Bosnia:
Cultural center brings classroom topics to life

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More than 30 Allegheny students travelled to the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center in Erie on Saturday, April 2. The trip was headed by Younus Mirza, assistant professor of religious studies, and was mostly made up of students from the Modern Islamic Movements class.

"I am enthusiastic about this trip because it will touch upon many of the themes we have talked about such as jihad, civil strife, war, violence, Islamophobia and refugees," said Mirza. "Moreover, the Bosnian crisis was recently in the news with the genocide conviction of the Bosnian Serb leader."

Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader, was convicted of war crimes during the Bosnian War.

Shortly after settling into the banquet hall, Almir Selimovic, president of the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center, introduced himself and offered snacks and a traditional bread and sausage dish, cevapi, to the students.

Selimovic gave a short talk that began with an outline of the demographics of Bosnia. Following this, Selimovic talked about the Bosnian War. He outlined the conflict and included personal stories, including being separated from his father and uncles during the conflict before they all immigrated to the United States together in 2001. He was four years old when the war began.

"My mother and father had to make a decision," said Selimovic. "The war is over, but the wounds still hurt today."

Selimovic also explained why there is a large Bosnian presence in Erie. For Selimovic personally, he knew family in Erie and said that the United States Government tries to place you with anyone you may be familiar.

From 1995 to 1999, waves of Bosnian refugees settled in Erie. There are currently about 150 families making the population a little over 2,000 Bosnians in Erie, according to Selimovic.

Afterwards, other members who work with the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center went around each table in order to give the students a one-on-one experience and to answer any other questions they may have.

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> *President of the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center*

Emina Alicusic, director of cultural development at the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center, discussed the work she does with Bosnians in the community. Alicusic works mostly with kids about how to integrate into American culture and still be able to keep their Bosnian heritage. According to Alicusic, she finds it easier to work with kids as the older someone is, the more they want to keep their own culture.

Selimovic gave an example about how his father worked a job below his personal experience, but the language barrier made him too uncomfortable to work a job at the level he should have.

Later, a tour of the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center was offered a which included visiting the kitchen, gathering hall, gymnasium and offices. When the Bosnian Islamic Cultural Center in Erie wants to reach out to other communities such as St. Louis, the largest Bosnian community in the nation, they turn their gymnasium into a banquet hall as they meet, dance and worship together. The center is also close with the Turkish community, according to Selimovic.

"I found the talk very interesting, said Troy Dreistadt, '17. "We talked briefly in class about the Bosnian war, but to hear about it from someone who experienced it was a more effective tool."

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‘Everything I Never Told You’ develops real characters

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Within her debut novel, “Everything I Never Told You,” Celeste Ng tells the story of a Chinese-American family living in small-town Ohio during the 1970s. Ng immediately slams her readers with the overarching conflict of the text. Lydia Lee is dead and her family does not know how to cope. Throughout her text, Ng carefully reveals the secrets, desires and insecurities of the Lee family, and she achieves this by molding and constructing unique relationships between five distinctly different characters.

Although Ng relies on a relatively simple storyline, her novel has exploded onto the public scene because of her ability to craft real and relevant characters who experience real and relevant emotions. Instead of detailing the various events that take place within this novel, I chose to provide a brief summary of each character since Ng specifically focuses on the relationships between each family member throughout her text. Ng has garnered much praise and approbation for her debut novel because of her ability to develop such excitingly authentic characters. If you have ever experienced the unfavorable effects of loneliness, frustration or discrimination, then perhaps these characters will resonate with you in some way.

James Lee – James Lee is a Chinese professor who has experienced great bouts of discrimination throughout his lifetime. Since others have constantly treated him unfairly and cruelly, James has learned to endure much internal pain, embarrassment and humiliation. As his children grow up, he tries to teach them the importance of fitting in and the significance of conformity or complying with the social customs of the time. James does not want his children to experience the same pain he did when he was a young adult, so he urges them to make friends with the popular kids, attend social functions and participate in cool activities, like sports. Overall, James believes that conformity is the key to success—it is not a good thing to be different.

Marilyn Lee – Marilyn Lee is a white woman who falls in love with James after sitting through his class on the American cowboy. They wed shortly after meeting. Although Marilyn’s mother expects her to become the ideal housewife, Marilyn has other plans for herself. She wants to attend med school and she wants to become a doctor. Marilyn scoffs at the notions of American womanhood. She did not want to spend her days cooking meals or tending to the needs of her husband; she wants to save lives and she wants to challenge the misconception that women lack the mental capacity to thrive in a male-dominated field. But Marilyn gets pregnant and her dreams slowly fizzle. She drops out of school to care for her children, and she ultimately transforms into the housewife her mother always hoped she would become.

After Marilyn gives birth to Lydia, though, she realizes that her daughter still has the opportunity to achieve the dreams she once had for herself. So, Marilyn pressures Lydia to achieve perfect grades and skip out on social functions to finish homework and read books about science and anatomy. Marilyn grows so blinded by her own desires that she fails to realize just how miserable her daughter truly is.

Lydia Lee – Lydia is the favorite child and she feels immense pressure from both of her parents to succeed in school while trying to blend in with her high school peers. Although she appears to ace her exams and although she appears to have lots of friends, Lydia is actually struggling to keep up her grades and maintain friendships. She realizes that she is not quite living up to her parents’ expectations, so she feels isolated and alone. Her older brother is leaving soon for college as well, so Lydia feels even more trapped beneath her parents’ intense gaze. Lydia never has the opportunity to construct her own identity because her parents spend so much time trying to mold her into the most successful and perfect individual she can be. She does not have a voice of her own, so she struggles to vocalize her feelings and frustrations.

Nathan Lee – Nathan is the oldest child. He is not super athletic and he is not really interested in sports like most boys his age. Instead of playing sports, Nathan spends most of his time reading books about astronauts, outer space and the moon, and because of this, he has a strained relationship with his father. James wants his son to fit in with the other kids in his grade, but Nathan does not seem to mind his individuality. Overall, Nathan is eager to escape the bubble of his home and he is eager to capitalize on the one thing that makes him feel worthy, his studies. Nathan has lived behind the shadow of his sister, so he is excited to thrive on a college campus.

Hannah Lee – Hannah is the youngest child. She hardly speaks throughout the entire text, and she is practically invisible to her parents. Although Hannah is a quiet character, she is an extremely observant and perceptive young girl. She yearns for the love and affection of her mother, but she is constantly overlooked because her big sister’s needs are always placed before her own. Hannah often feels unimportant or unwanted.

While reading through each page of Ng’s novel, I grew even more fascinated by the complexity of her characters. Ng slowly exposes her characters’ inner qualities and characteristics by detailing the peculiar relationships between each family member, and she ultimately reminds us that human beings are incredibly complicated creatures. As human beings, we consciously (and unconsciously) judge one another based on our clothing, our hairstyle or our speech and because of this, we often fail to recognize the other, more important, qualities that lie just beneath our skin. Overall, Ng teaches us that we must always look beyond the surface if we truly wish to learn about and understand each other’s character.

‘Batman v Superman’ deviates from original comic

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“Batman v Superman” was an epic fail. For some of us that have followed comic books, the movie was disappointing for several reasons.

First, Ben Affleck was Batman. This was surprising to me as his role as Daredevil in 2003 was not the least bit successful. He is nice on the eyes, but not good when it comes roles where he needs to act tough. Stick to romantic comedies, Ben.

Secondly, it took half the movie to set up the conflict between Batman and Superman. The conflict is that Batman basically wants to say he “killed a god” because Superman is dangerous. The entire first half of the film was slow and anticlimactic. When the fight scene between Batman and Superman finally came, it lasted about five minutes.

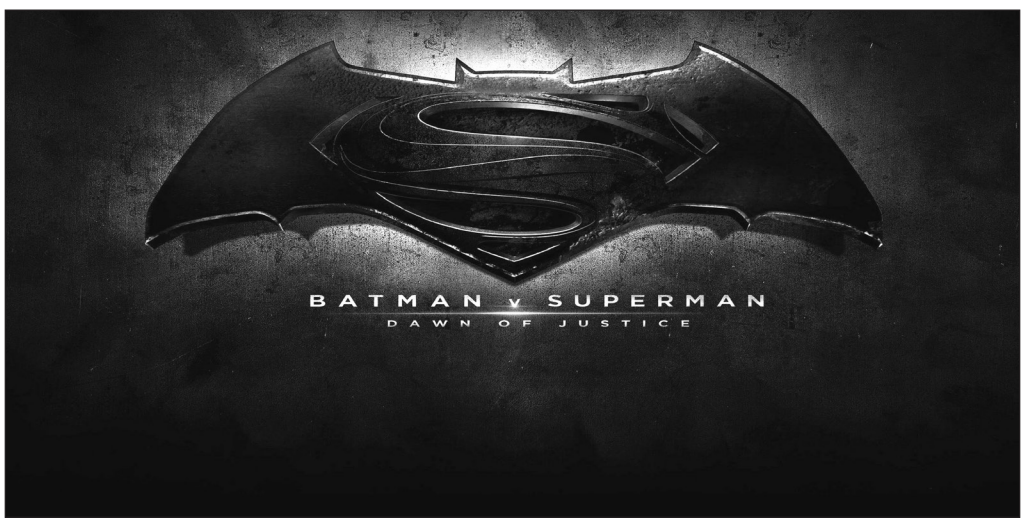
This leads to the next problem I had with the movie. There is an awkward interaction between the two heroes, Batman had a kryptonic spear to Superman’s throat. Superman told Batman that Lex Luther was holding Martha, Superman’s mother captive and coincidently, Batman’s mother’s name was also Martha. Thus, the coalition between the two superheroes comes from their mothers sharing the same name.

Another issue I had with the movie was that Batman uses guns and was not hesitant to kill people.

In the comic and in previous films, Batman never uses guns and does not want to kill others. He prefers to capture and lock them away. His Batmobile has guns, but they are used to stop villains, not kill them. In this movie, probably because they had to make Ben Affleck more tough, Batman has and uses gun to kill others.

Next, Batman’s suit is different during the fight between the two heroes. Batman wears a full titanium suit that made it difficult for him to move around. The real Batman would have never had a special suit to fight Superman. He would have had too much pride. Once again, they needed Ben to look tough.

Finally, Wonder Woman was the coolest part of the movie. However, her part only lasted about 10 minutes. Before she helped Batman and Superman fight Lex Luther’s alien, she was a pretty woman who was appealing to Batman. I wish they had emphasized Wonder Woman’s role.



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Although flawed, the movie was entertaining. It was fun to watch because it was apparent the directors and writers of the film probably did not read the comic. I think the movie producers set up the film as Marvel’s Avengers did with each superhero having their own film prior to the Avengers series, it may have flowed better. “Batman v Superman” was random and inaccurate. The end of the movie foreshadows a sequel. I hope the next film is made better, however, I do not have high hopes.

Springfest 2k16 expected to be out of this world

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Springfest is an Allegheny tradition that provides a fun weekend for students where they can destress, get free food and entertainment and enjoy the campus community according to Jocelyne Serafin, ’17, the Gator Activities Programming vice president of annual events and a member of the Major Events Committee.

“Springfest serves as a designated weekend for the Allegheny community to come together in a fun environment and also get a break from studying. It also has become a great time to show your Gator spirit and pride,” said Serafin.

Harper Zimmer, ’18, said she is excited for Springfest this year and is ready to see what is planned for the students. She said she had fun last year but is hoping to see Springfest 2016 outdo past years.

“I’m excited to get away from my studies for a weekend and see what activities there will be on campus to be a part of,” said Zimmer. “I’m looking forward to being able to hangout with my friends and enjoy the Springfest atmosphere.”

This year’s theme is outer space and according to Serafin, there will be several events that will add to the entertainment and excitement of the event.

“We plan on having a green screen photo booth, a candy bar, face paint, laser tag and of course free glow in the dark t-shirts,” said Serafin.

Serafin said all of the work that goes into setting up and planning a largely anticipated event like Springfest, where the goal is to make the college community come together and allow them to have a fun weekend.

“I don’t think people realize that planning any sort of big event requires a lot of time and commitment especially when you have to work with others,” said Serafin. “We have been planning Springfest since about two months ago and it has been a rollercoaster from planning the theme to figuring out what type of entertainment to bring on campus.”

Serafin also said that it is not easy to plan an event that has to accommodate the entire campus. They have run into several issues but this year the big concern is the weather.

“It is also hard to plan Springfest because in an ideal world we would like Springfest to be outside with the sun shining but because we never know how the weather is going to be, it is hard to know what we want to do for the event,” said Serafin. “We always have to think about whether what we want outside is going to fit inside or if it is going to look good.”

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>
> Jocelyn Serafin
> *Class of 2017*

Most students on campus anticipate the off-campus parties that take place during the weekend of Springfest. Many of the parties differ from the ones that happen throughout the year because a wider selection of the student body attends.

Kyle Emerson, ’17, has not been able to experience a full-scale Springfest during his first two years at Allegheny because of his baseball schedule.

“I haven’t been much of a part of Springfest, but I was always jealous about all of the outside partying going on all day long with a ton of people,” said Emerson. “It kind of resembles a larger university atmosphere and party style so it’s a cool change for the Allegheny students that allows us to have some fun.”

Donte Wallette, ’18, says that he is excited to see the community, students and some alumni come back to celebrate the occasion.

“I’m looking forward to the Allegheny College community coming together to enjoy a great environment and just have fun,” Wallette said. “No matter what the weather is like, you can always count on the students and some alumni to come back and enjoy the community and have a blast.”

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Cafe owners tie the knot while on the clock

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Michael Reed and Tonya Gregory began planning their wedding at the end of February and finally wed on March 29, 2016, and their ceremony was anything but traditional.

The couple own Drogo N' Tuck Cafe, located in The Market House, and decided it would be the perfect place to exchange vows.

"It was kind of like a joke at first," Gregory said. "So we didn't have to leave work and lose business."

Reed said that while it might have started as a joke, all of their friends and family embraced the idea and supported their decision.

At first the couple was only expecting a few of their closest friends to stop in during their work-day, but the wedding ended up being a widely attended and appreciated event.

"We created an event on Facebook called 'Wedding Bliss,'" said Gregory. "Some people said they were coming but our friends were like 'We'll be there' and it was a lot more than I expected. Like I just figured the moms and siblings and close friends, but I think it's going to be like a party."

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>
> Andy Schuwerk
> *Meadville resident*

The amount of people attending was the only factor that made the couple nervous on the big day. Gregory said that when they were only expecting a few people she was fine but as more people decided to come, it became a larger affair to plan and host.

While the couple planned to treat their work day as normal, coming in and working at the cafe until an hour before the ceremony, then returning to work afterwards, they said the day did not feel like any other.

"I feel like we should have closed way earlier," Gregory said.

"We're fine," Reed responded laughing.

"It feels weird, because you know, we're getting married in an hour and I'm still in my apron, I've been doing dishes," Gregory said.

The couple had a fairly traditional ceremony, as they wrote their own vows, incorporated Gregory's son as Reed's best man and included several readings. It was officiated by Allegheny's chaplain, Jane Ellen Nickell. The couple's attire, however, was a caricature of their personalities.

"I decided [what to wear] based on her outfit," Reed said.

Gregory wore a dress that she described as Doctor Who inspired.

"It's brown and it's got screwdrivers all over it," Gregory said. "I just thought it would be something casual and then after I bought it I thought maybe I shouldn't have bought it, but then he ended up coordinating his outfit to mine, so he's like 'You have to wear it now.'"



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Michael Reed reads his vows to his bride, Tonya Gregory, as Gregory's son stands with them as the best man.

Although the newlyweds were not expecting a large crowd initially, the cafe and aisles of The Market House were filled with friends. Two attendees included Mike Mattera, a family friend of the groom, and Andy Schuwerk, who has known Reed since eighth grade and has been friends with the bride for six years, both Meadville residents. Both agreed that not many were surprised about the choice of venue. Mattera said the couple is about as non-traditional as you can get.

"For them, this is absolutely traditional," said Schuwerk. "Like Forrest Gump's mom says, 'What does normal mean anyways?'"

After the ceremony there was cake and appetizers for guests but the couple went right back to work. Gregory headed home to finish up some homework as she finishes up college courses to receive a bachelor's degree in photography and Reed worked the cafe.

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Dancing for a cause

The Allegheny Jazz Dance Ensemble hosted its ninth annual Benefit Concert for the Crawford County Special Olympics on Saturday, April 2, 2016, raising a total of $3,464 for the organization. The event took place in Shafer Auditorium, bringing the Meadville community to Allegheny's campus.

Donations for the Special Olympics were taken at the door, in addition to raffle baskets from organizations in the community and on campus. According to the concert program, JaDE participants pride themselves on performing at venues on and off campus and hold a unity-minded attitude, striving to improve the community through service and fundraising for the Crawford County Special Olympics.









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Top Left: Casey Freed, '16, performs a solo piece titled "Just Luck." Freed is the president of JaDE and choreographed the piece as a tribute to her four years at Allegheny. **Top Right:** Samantha Skobel, '16, dances to the last song, "Force of Nature," at the JaDe benefit concert on April 2, 2016. **Bottom Left:** The members of JaDe pose for a picture with members of the Crawford County Special Olympics and the $3,464 check that was raised from the concert and raffle. **Bottom Right:** Francesca Carlo, 15, performs a solo during a dance by The Patterson School of Ballet who came to the concert from Erie.

Swing and a miss, Gator baseball strikes out again

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The Allegheny College baseball team ended its spring break trip with a 2-5 record for the seven games played in Florida. The team's disappointing record followed it back after break, and its hope for success fell short.

The Gators found themselves letting a ninth inning lead slip away at Thiel College in a game that ended in a 7-8 walk-off Thiel victory. The Thiel loss was followed by splitting a doubleheader with Baldwin Wallace University at home.

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Despite the difficulties the team has faced, the men are looking to improve in the remainder of the season. The Gators managed to split a four-game series and win two games against nationally ranked The College of Wooster over the weekend.

"After playing Wooster this weekend we know how good of a team we are. When you play quality opponents it exposes things that you need to work on, individually and as a team," said Rob DiMaggio, '17.

The Gators boast a 7-9 record overall, but this has not discouraged the players or the coaching staff.

"The coaching staff is sticking to the process at this point and the results are what they are," said Jacob Shick, '17. "The coaching staff is looking for us to do all the little things right and put together an entire game. The coaches know we are 7-9, but they know that we are a really good team and it is time to show it."

Moving forward the team realizes that there is room for improvement in order to get to the point of play where they want to be. These improvements could lead to the Gators turning around a season, that up to this point, has been less than what they expected.

"The series reminds us that we are on the same level as nationally ranked Wooster, but that as a team we need to make the move from 'good' to 'great.' We still have to make improvements in our approach, demeanor and game to make this transition," said Joe Killian, '16.

The baseball team will face Case Western Reserve University on April 9 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Women split Wooster in NCAC opener

Kaitlyn Campbell, '17, and Taylor Massart, '17, practice their batting techniques in the Wise Center on April 7, 2016. This team fell 4-0 to The College of Wooster on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, leaving the team at a 5-9 record. The women will face Wittenberg University on Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Springfeild, Ohio.

Manning earns NCAC Player of the Week honors

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NCAC Player of the Week is nothing new for Thomas Manning, '16, and his tennis career. Manning was awarded player of the week for his play over spring break during the week of Monday, March 21 in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

"He won all of his doubles matches and only lost one really close singles match to a good player from Carleton College, but it was a really fun match to watch," said Head Coach Jared Luteran.

Not only has Manning started off his season well, but he has also had a career that is worth noting. Going into the spring season, he was ranked 50th in the country and 13th in the central region for singles.

"He picked a great time to peak because this is the best tennis he has played in 4 years," said Luteran.

Luteran has been pleased with Manning and his attitude on and off the court.

"His behavior is stellar," said Luteran. "He is humble, he keeps his cool on the court, he cares about the team and he is a great role model for the younger guys."

Jai Redkar, '18, and Manning have been playing first doubles together this spring and they have a record of 5-1 so far this season.

"About a month and a half ago I started hitting with Thomas outside of practice a lot, and I feel like this is the best tennis I have ever played," said Redkar. "We get along really well outside of tennis so that helps our chemistry on the court."

Manning did not start playing tennis until high school. After playing baseball for most of his life, he decided to try something new.

"I just started playing tennis for fun at the end of my sophomore year with my friend who was on the high school team," said Manning. "He told me I was a natural so I decided to join the team my junior year."

Luteran has high praise for Manning and how much he has improved over the years as well.

"The fact that he didn't pick up a racquet until high school is amazing," said Luteran. "He comes in and works hard every single day, and he puts in the extra time outside of practice."

Manning believes that working hard outside of practice is what makes you better. He started off his freshman year playing six singles, but he has moved his way up to the top over the past four years.

"I hit for an hour before practice with Coach Luteran at least two times a week so that I can work on things that I personally need to get better at because that is what really makes a difference in your game," said Manning. "I wouldn't be where I am today without Coach Luteran."

Luteran is also pleased with Manning's hard work and dedication on his tennis game on and off the court.

"The fact that he comes in two or three times a week to hit with me outside of practice is great for our young guys to see," said Luteran. "He listens to whatever we ask him to do and he is the epitome of good sportsmanship."

In the fall of 2015, Manning made it to the quarterfinals of the ITA Division III Central Regional Tournament, which is the furthest any athlete has ever made it for men's tennis in Allegheny history.

"We have never had a player make it to the NCAA Tournament, but it is possible for him," said Luteran. "I have coached a lot of great players over the years and he is one of the best."

Manning has high hopes for the rest of his senior season to try to make it into the NCAA Tournament for Division III.

"I think that we have a good chance of making the tournament for singles and doubles if we win the rest of our matches, and I think that is definitely possible," said Manning. "I play four more ranked players in singles matches this season and if I beat all of them I will move up in the rankings and have a shot at the NCAA tournament."

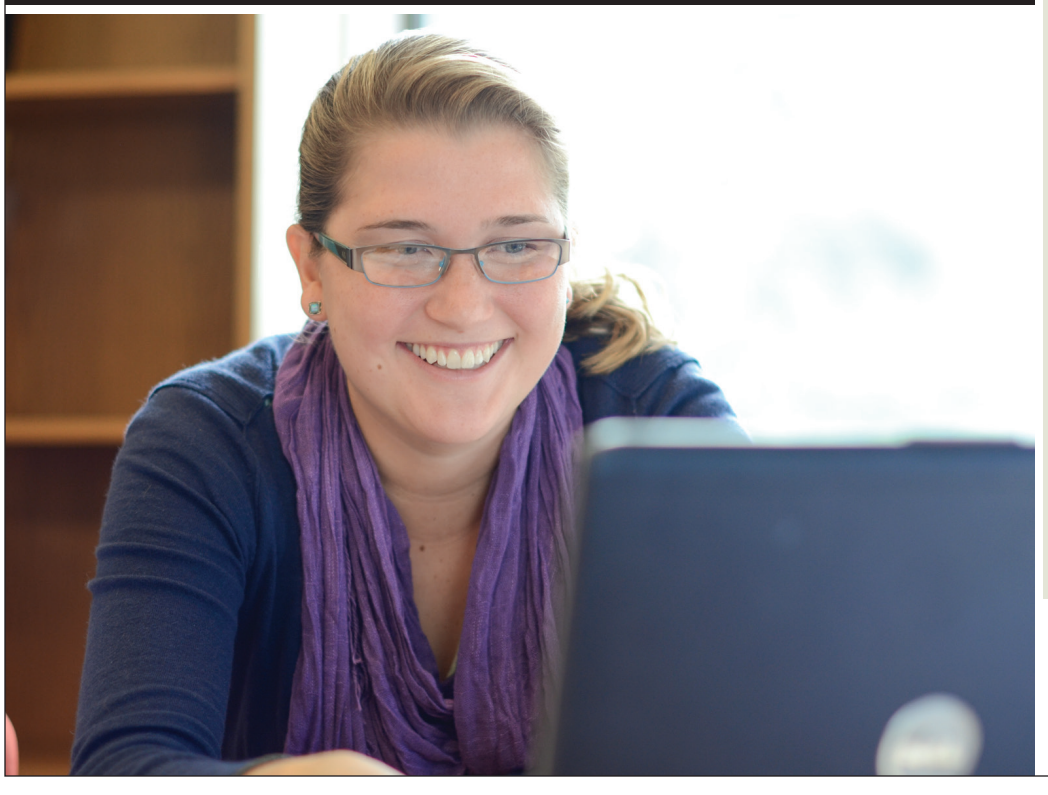
After being named All-NCAC Second Team for doubles and All-NCAC Honorable Mention for singles last season, Manning hopes to finish his collegiate tennis career on a high note.

"By the end of this season I think that I have a chance to be regionally ranked for singles and doubles, that is my goal," said Manning.

Manning will continue his journey to the NCAA Tournament on Sunday, April 10 when the Gators play their next match against Kenyon College at 2 p.m. in Meadville.

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