

Administration explains Allegheny's tuition increase

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This year, students at Allegheny have seen another increase in tuition, which not only affects incoming freshmen, but also returning upper-classmen.

The tuition fee for the 2015-16 school year, including room and board, is \$54,742 which is an increase from last year's cost of \$51,210, according to records presented by Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Sue Stuebner.

"Part of my job is to help

analyze the data that we have to present a couple of scenarios to the Board of Trustees," Stuebner said.

Stuebner said the Trustees then decide if the increase is necessary and by what amount is appropriate.

According to the records, tuition alone has generally increased around four percent each year starting in 2010.

Reasons why this is happening vary, according to Stuebner.

"Providing a residential liberal arts education can be pretty cost intensive," said Stuebner.

From having a student to

faculty ratio of 11 to 1 and small classes, to being a residential college with buildings to maintain and factors that cannot be controlled like utilities, food and more, much factors in to a tuition increase.

Stuebner also wanted to point out how Allegheny tries to help lower the cost for its students through scholarships.

"For the average student the college provides over 50 percent in scholarships relative to the tuition price," Stuebner said.

She said they refer to it as a discount, so even though the price of tuition is over

\$54,000, what most students actually pay is less.

"It's something that we have to monitor so we can make sure the college is affordable for our students," Stuebner said.

Alexia Porche, '19, received a scholarship from Allegheny.

"I'm pretty happy with my scholarship and my financial plan for myself, but I think it [the cost] is still a stretch for students," Porche said.

As an incoming freshman, she admitted that she was not aware of an increase in tuition.

According to the Standard

Comparison Group schools, Allegheny is not off-base with their tuition cost and the increase. Other colleges such as Albion College and Lawrence University that are similar to Allegheny have tuition fees close to Allegheny.

With a general 4 percent tuition increase every year, Allegheny is not the only college making these decisions every year and more students than not are being affected by it.

Response to the rise in tuition has been largely negative among students who feel that the increase is unnecessary.

"It just seems so un-

checked, it's not really set to any number," said Trey Durst, '16.

In addition to the perceived arbitrary nature of the increase, students have voiced their dissatisfaction over where the money is being spent. Angeline Sporrer, '18, said she continues to be dissatisfied with some of the services at Allegheny. She said even with the increase things like cleaning and dining services continue to leave something to be desired.

"The academics are the best they have ever been, I have great professors but it's the little things," she said.

Speaker covers police use of deadly force

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The Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

The Center for Political Participation hosted a presentation on the Constitutional limitations of police use of deadly force for Constitution Day, keeping with its plans to focus on topics of student interest. The presentation was led by Attorney Michael Piotrowski, general counsel to the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police, who shared that the Fourth Amendment is the most commonly referred to amendment when dealing with cases of police use of deadly force.

CPP fellow Heather Bosau, '17, believes that the topic of police use of deadly force is one that will engage many students.

"It's something that's still in the public's consciousness," she said.

Abigail Lombard, '16, another CPP fellow, introduced Piotrowski. She agreed with Bosau that the topic would be one which students could engage.

"I think it's going to be a good topic of conversation for the campus," Lombard said.

According to Lombard, the CPP fellows this year are a mostly new faces since many graduated last year. She and Bosau are the only returners. With the new fellows, however, she believes their pool of interests has expanded.

"We're using the new CPP as a catalyst for change," she said.

The CPP's first event of the year was a town hall meeting focusing on the growth of populism seen with presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump. Accord-

ing to Bosau, the CPP hopes to have other relevant issues for topics that will engage with a variety of students, both within their usual crowd and beyond it.

"I think similar to the town hall meeting...we're focusing on this issue that people are already interested in, so we're going to build momentum off of that," Bosau said.

The CPP originally sought out a different speaker who was unable to schedule an event with. That speaker recommended Piotrowski instead.

"I'm actually from the Cleveland area, so I'm excited to see what a representative from my area has to say," Bosau said.

Piotrowski has done talks across Ohio on the topic of police use of deadly force specifically. He specializes in labor law and told Lombard he is currently focusing on representing police and fire employees in work-related cases and labor arbitration.

According to Bosau, Allegheny receives certain funding that requires a speaker or event to be hosted for Constitution Day.

"I think it's important to get a well-rounded view, and the Constitution is key in that," Lombard said.

For her part, she had hopes that the event would provide more police perspective to the conversation. Although she said she does not believe people should necessarily side with the police more when issues arise, she does believe their perspective is often overshadowed.

Piotrowski agreed that the conversation on police use of force can be misconstrued.

"A lot of times what I do becomes more political or media-driven than it should be," Piotrowski said.

Piotrowski said he used to have issues with authority, but after working for the defense of police for 19 years, he has learned more about the training and procedures of police officers.

"Now I recognize that a lot



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Students hold vigil for 9/11

Students gathered in front of Brooks Hall on Sept. 11, 2015 for a candle-light vigil meant to honor all those lost in the terrorist attacks in Pennsylvania, Washington D.C. and New York 14 years ago. College Chaplain Jane Ellen Nickell lead the vigil and offered a chance for students to share the names of family and friends killed in the attacks. More than 30 students attended the event and participated by sharing memories, having a moment of silence and listening to a student share a prayer.



ASG constituents voice concerns

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Allegheny Student Government held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 in the campus center. The agenda for the meeting was light and it will be the last one before the class of 2019 elects its ASG representatives.

In her vice president's re-

port, Tess Bracken, '17, alerted ASG that it might receive a petition in the next week. The petition is to change the weight room policies which were altered at the start of the semester that allow it to be reserved for sports teams.

Bracken said the petition already has more than 100 signatures.

"We only need 25 to act on it," she said.

Once the petition is submitted to ASG, the next step will be to facilitate a meeting with Director of Athletics and Recreation Portia Hoeg and the ASG president and vice-president. Bracken said they would also likely have a meeting with Hoeg and the entire ASG body.

Aubri Caslin, '17, ASG director of communications and press, added that several

constituents had approached her with concerns over weight room dress code policies being enforced by Randy Moore, director of peak performance and fitness who is beginning his first year at Allegheny.

Caslin said the complainants voiced their objection to prohibiting certain items of

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clothing in the weight room such as spandex and crop tops, a power she said Moore does not possess.

“He is telling people they can’t wear certain things, which he can’t do,” Caslin said.

Moore declined to comment however urged students with questions or concerns to contact him directly.

ASG Director of Sustainability Levi Lundell, ’17, also reported on the first divestment meeting of the year. The meeting was meant to interest students in pushing the college to stop investing its endowment in non-renewable energy.

“There was a smaller turn out I have to say,” Lundell said.

Despite the low attendance, Lundell said he is not discouraged as this was the first of many meetings on the issue. He said the later start time for the event may have been a factor.

Connor Racine, ’16, ASG director of diversity and inclusion, reported on the progress that has been made since the passage of Resolution 10-06, which called for more visible gender neutral bathrooms on campus.

Since the passage of the resolution at the final ASG meeting of the 2015 spring semester, Racine said the college has put in place signage which lists the locations of gender neutral bathrooms on campus.

“It’s great, but it does not say where in the building they are locate. But it’s something,” Racine said.

Racine said that the director of the physical plant explained that whenever they try to convert larger bathrooms to gender neutral, it creates a lot “fuss.” He said for now they are focusing on smaller bathrooms, but he hopes it will go farther in the future.

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Attorney Michael Piotrowski gave a presentation to Allegheny students for the CPP’s Constitution Day event in Tippie Alumni Center. The presentation addressed the Constitutional limits of police deadly use of force, a subject which Piotrowski has experience speaking about all across Ohio.

of that is a failure to see how they’re [police] viewing the situation,” he said.

According to Piotrowski, municipal budgets that fund police training have grown smaller in recent years and departments have had to adjust for that. While police have undergone significant amounts of training, they undergo less tactical training than Piotrowski expected. However, the more training police do, the more it costs and the more people get hurt, which costs even more. With such small budgets, it is difficult for departments to do more than what they already do.

As well, Piotrowski said

police do not carry handguns with enough accuracy to

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Michael Piotrowski
Attorney

shoot a weapon out of a person’s hand or to shoot at legs,

as they often struggle when they have to shoot at a person’s body.

He also said that police have been trained to be critical of themselves, and that he does not think many police would look at recent events and not think that something could have been done better.

Piotrowski showed those in attendance the chart police officers are meant to follow when dealing with another person, stating that police can always use one step of force above what the person they are dealing with uses. For example, if a person is using defensive resistance like pulling their hands away, the police officer is permitted to

use intermediate weapons like tasers or batons.

Police are also taught that if a person is closer than 21 feet away, police may not have enough time to draw a weapon before they are charged, and a second said that if someone has a gun at their side, they can get a shot off on police before the police can fire, even when the police are already pointing their gun at the individual.

Being taught and trained to react according to these studies and protocols, Piotrowski said it is not surprising that they react with deadly force quickly in many situations. However, he also said that officer-involved shootings are

down 54 percent since the 1970s.

For his presentation, Piotrowski wanted students to recognize that much of what he was sharing was based on his personal opinions.

“I’m not an elected official in the Ohio Fraternal Police Order,” he said. “My opinions are my own.”

The CPP’s next event will be on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, and will be a discussion on the refugee crisis in Europe. The event will be hosted in Grounds for Change from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Faculty organizes first generation support group



JOSEPH TINGLEY/THE CAMPUS

Assistant Professor of english Aline Lo and assistant professor of psychology have lunch outside of McKinley’s Food Court every Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. They invite students to join them.

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Assistant Professor of English Aline Lo said that, as a first-generation student, it was the little things that she did not know how to do. No one in her family had been to college, so she had nowhere to turn to with questions about classes, workload or

even what she would need in a dorm room.

“It’s strange not to be able to talk to your family about your life,” Lo said.

This semester, Lo along with Assistant Professor of psychology Ryan Pickering are working to create a group to help students who are dealing with the same things that they did as first-generation college students.

“We kind of planted the idea last year and now we are trying to get organized,” Lo said.

Plans for the organization began last semester, but both Pickering and Lo hope that it will gain more traction this year. The group currently does not have an official name. Lo said they are reluctant to call it a first-generation student club as they do not want to

limit it to first-generation students.

“Part of the problem is we want to be more inclusive,” she said.

The group has hosted several dinner events in the Tippie Alumni Center where students can meet with professors who are also first-generation college students. Lo said it is also a good chance for students to get in touch

with the right contacts and resources that they can utilize.

“It’s a way for them to find an outside member who can can give them advice they don’t get at home,” she said.

These events often help students find internship opportunities, something Pickering said they might not hear about otherwise.

“I think people who have had family members who have gone to college already have those contacts in place,” Pickering said.

Through his research in psychology, Pickering said he has found that having a support system is extremely beneficial to students. He said being involved in the organization allows him to take action.

“It really is putting into action some of my research,” Pickering said.

In his own experience, Pickering said there were organizations that helped him prepare for and apply to colleges, but nothing to help him once he was enrolled.

“Looking back, I think it would have been interesting...I would have really appreciated that space if it had existed,” he said.

First-generation students tend to find ways of handling their situation and become independent. Unfortunately, Lo said, this means they will often not seek help when they need it.

“Most of them have become so self-sufficient they don’t reach out for help...and we kind of want them to stop doing that,” she said.

Stephanie Carson, ’16, said as the first in her family to attend and graduate from college, she has become independent. She said that it was the small things she did not know coming into college.

“I didn’t know that graduate school was two years... those types of things,” Carson said.

Though Carson said she has learned to adjust to college life, partly due to the programs hosted by the new group, asking for help is still difficult at times. Carson said she still prefers to figure things out on her own.

“I have trouble still going to office hours,” she said.

According to Lo in October the group will be hosting an event for first generation students and their families. She said it is important that families understand the college process as well so they know how they can help. Lo said her family never came to campus while she was enrolled.

“For all those four years they never came to campus... they just didn’t know that they were supposed to do those things,” she said.

In addition to its October event, the group, lead by Pickering and Lo, have lunch every Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. outside McKinley’s food court and invite any first generation students to join them.

The group has also created a website where students can view profiles of first generation Allegheny professors and staff.

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EVENTS CALENDAR CONT.

Christian Community Cookout
Saturday, Sept. 19, 4-6 p.m., Bicentennial Plaza
Students, faculty and staff are all welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life at 332-2800.

GFC Rock Concert
Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Grounds for Change
Falling Hollywood, an indie rock band from Erie, will perform.

Chapel Service
Sunday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m., Ford Chapel
Guest preacher Nat Saccol launches a series on the minor prophets with a sermon on Amos. Plan to stay for lunch after this Communion service.

Sorority 101
Sunday, Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m., Quigley Auditorium
Join Allegheny College Panhellenic Council for free food and more information about sororities. Meet your recruitment counselor, talk to other potential new members and the Panhellenic executive board, and enjoy free food.

Roman Catholic Mass
Sunday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., Ford Chapel
Catholic Mass is celebrated by Catholic Campus Minister Father Jeff Lucas.

Informational Meeting for Alpha Phi Omega
Monday, Sept. 21, 12:30 p.m., Campus Center 318
Learn about the APO service organization and how to join.

Lord Lecture: Nobel Laureate Robert Howard Grubbs
Monday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m., Ford Chapel
Nobel Laureate Robert Howard Grubbs, the Victor and Elizabeth Atkins, professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, will speak on catalysis and sustainable processes. This lecture is made possible through the support of the Thomas Lord Charitable Trust.

Yom Kippur Services
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center
Jewish High Holy Days continue with Yom Kippur on Sept. 22-23. Contact the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life (332-2800) for more information.

Carrden Market
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Campus Center
Purchase organically grown produce from Allegheny’s own Carrden.

Yoga on the Green
Thursday, Sept. 24, 4:30-6 p.m., Murray Hall Lawn
This event is part of the 30 Day Mindfulness Challenge.

Single Voice Reading Series: Nickole Brown and Jessica Jacobs
Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Tillotson Room of the Tippie Alumni Center
Nickole Brown’s books include “Fanny Says” and a novel-in-poems, “Sister.” Jessica Jacobs is the author of “Pelvis with Distance,” a biography-in-poems of the artist Georgia O’Keeffe.

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UPMC Information Session
Friday, Sept. 18, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Campus Center 301/302
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center will present information on their business and clinical student opportunities.

Muslim Lunch and Prayers
Friday, Sept. 18, noon, Prayer and Meditation Retreat
Our Muslim community gathers for lunch, followed by Jum’ah prayer at 1 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner
Friday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m., Hillel House
Our Jewish community gathers for Shabbat dinner.

Games Night with A5
Friday, Sept. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Grounds for Change
Join A5 to play a variety of Asian games, including Mahjong, Korean checkers and more.

Comedian/Juggler Josh Casey
Friday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Shafer Auditorium
Gator Activities Programming presents Josh Casey, who performs an interactive comedy juggling show packed with stunts, juggling, jokes and audience participation.

Glow-in-the-Dark Quidditch with Dumbledore’s Army
Friday, Sept. 18, 7-8:30 p.m., Gator Quad
Glow sticks will be provided. No experience is necessary, and rules will be explained at the start of the game.

Ping Pong Tournament
Friday, Sept. 18, 9 p.m., Game Room
Prizes will be awarded to the top three placements. Sign-ups will be taken until 9:05 p.m., with bracket placement immediately following.

Tie-Dye with Tri-Delta
Friday, Sept. 18, 9-11 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Bring a shirt or pillowcase or something else fabric to tie-dye.

Service Saturday
Saturday, Sept. 19, meet at 8:30 a.m. in Pelletier Library
Service Saturday is a one-day commitment to service that allows you to explore service opportunities in Crawford County while getting to know community partners and fellow gators. Meet in Pelletier at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and sign up for various service projects.

Greek Run Out
Saturday, Sept. 19, noon, Brooks Walk
The newest members of the Greek community participate in this longstanding Allegheny tradition.

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What Republicans Believe (Part I)
What your Teachers will not tell you
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The Republican Party has an ideal for which it strives. President Reagan set forth our ideals at the CPAC convention in 1977 much more eloquently than I could. Do we always live up to the ideal? No. Do we use the ideals to correct our course when we fall short? Yes. Look for the Republican ideals during this election season.

“Our party must be the party of the individual. It must not sell out the individual to cater to the group. No greater challenge faces our society today than ensuring that each one of us can maintain his dignity and his identity in an increasingly complex, centralized society.

Extreme taxation, excessive controls, oppressive government competition with business, galloping inflation, frustrated minorities and forgotten Americans are not the products of free enterprise. They are the residue of centralized bureaucracy, of government by a self-anointed elite.

Our party must be based on the kind of leadership that grows and takes its strength from the people. Any organization is in actuality only the lengthened shadow of its members. A political party is a mechanical structure created to further a cause. The cause, not the mechanism, brings and holds the members together. And our cause must be to rediscover, reassert and reapply America’s spiritual heritage to our national affairs.

Then with God’s help we shall indeed be as a city upon a hill with the eyes of all people upon us.”

What are the effects of applying these principles? Will the laws applying these principles lead to a more stable, safe and harmonious society? Find the Democrat principles. Has the effect of applying the Democrat Keynesian tax and spend policies and divisive rhetoric during President Obama’s presidency left most Americans safer and better off?

Refugee crisis in Syria and immigration debate in U.S. enters political debate

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With the U.S. presidential election approaching, the American debate on immigration has been coming back into popularity. More pressing, however, is a crisis that has not affected many Americans, and some have not even heard of it. The Syrian refugee crisis is affecting Europe, and many Europeans are not happy about it.

Since the Arab Spring in 2010, refugees have been fleeing from different countries in the Middle East to find haven elsewhere in more stable regions.

Jordan in particular has been struggling under the bulk of refugees for a long time.

“[We] have about as many refugees as we do native Jordanians. [I am] very suprised that European countries aren’t willing to take on a much smaller amount of refugees ... especially since they have more abundant resources,” said Natali Salaytah, ‘19, a student from Jordan.

The general consensus in Jordan, Salayan says, is that these refugees need help and Jordan is willing to provide.

According to the U.N., there are more than 3 million refugees that have fled to neighboring countries. This is a fairly significant portion of the 22 million that make up the Syrian population. European countries have been scrambling to house these refugees. Hanna Adus, an exchange student from Germany, says that Germany has a

mixed response to the inflow of refugees. There was a large initial backlash from the right wing parties, but eventually celebrities and more liberal politicians responded with open arms. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that Germany will take 800,000 refugees this year and 500,000 annually over the next several years, according to powerlineblog.com.

This crisis is eerily similar to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. During the Great Depression the U.S. Midwest was affected by a severe drought that caused the majority of the farmers to head west and seek better lives in California. Instead of the picking jobs that most were promised, they were met with hostility and forced into tight and dirty migrant camps. The Syrian refugees today face similar conditions. They are fleeing the Middle East and headed to an idealized promised land where they seek a better life, only to be rejected and persecuted again.

The debates on refugees in Europe and immigrants in the U.S. are trenced in two camps. One side focuses on the immigrants themselves, insulting them, and generally dehumanizing them. The other side focuses on the countries to which refugees are immigrating. However, the group that does not recieve any attention is the countries from which the refugees flee.

I am all for allowing people to immigrate to wherever they want, but there should never be a situation where over 3 million people need to flee their own country to seek

better lives. In the case of Syria it is because of a civil war. It always feels like the original problem is ignored in favor of fighting over responsibility for the consequences. Thousands of people are dying in Syria and millions are fleeing it, but no one is focusing on the war. All they care about is dealing with the refugees from it.

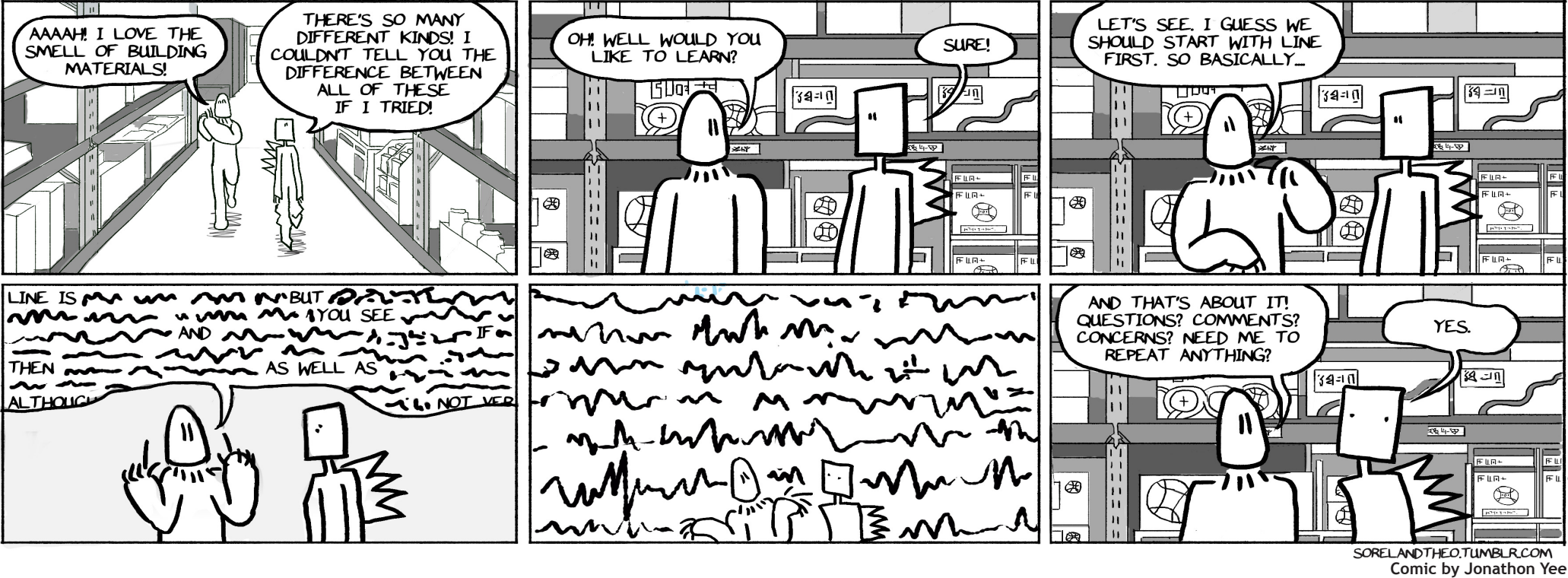
Personally, I believe that Europe has a responsibility to help the refugees find better homes, but that does not necessarily mean that they have to stay in Europe. It would be fiscally possible to move the refugees to the Americas or East Asia. Obviously this would be a big change for the refugees and the towns that they are immigrating to, but in the end they would all be better off for doing it.

The biggest obstacle to the refugees is xenophobia. Xenophobia has always been a problem, in Europe and beyond. The Holocaust, one of the biggest examples of xenophobia, happened less than 80 years ago. Although a similar event is incredibly unlikely to occur, the xenophobic roots still affect Europe today. Refugees face persecution from their new neighbors, and many are scared of being targeted by hate crimes.

“Political parties use this crisis to make propaganda against Islam and the refugees,” said Adus.

Overall, there is a positive response to this crisis, but each negative reaction is far more damaging than the hundreds of positive ones.

THE SIMPLE THINGS



The Confederate battle flag: Let it fly or say goodbye?

Historical context should not be forgotten

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Before debating whether the Confederate flag should be removed or allowed to fly, we must first look at the importance of the flag through a historical perspective. Did you know that the flag considered to be the Confederate flag today was not the original Confederate flag?

The first Confederate flag looked similar to the first U.S. flag. This Confederate flag contained three horizontal stripes with a blue top left corner containing seven stars in a circle. The flag that citizens have come to know as the Confederate flag was not adopted until after the battle at Manassas in 1861.

When it was adopted, it was given the title of a battle flag, which greatly differs from a national flag. A battle flag is solely used in war time and has no meaning outside of war.

However, a national flag has meaning all the time, whether in war or not. The battle flag that citizens are debating over today consist of a square blue St. Andrew’s cross with 13 white stars (representing the 11 Confederate states plus Kentucky and Missouri) on a red background.

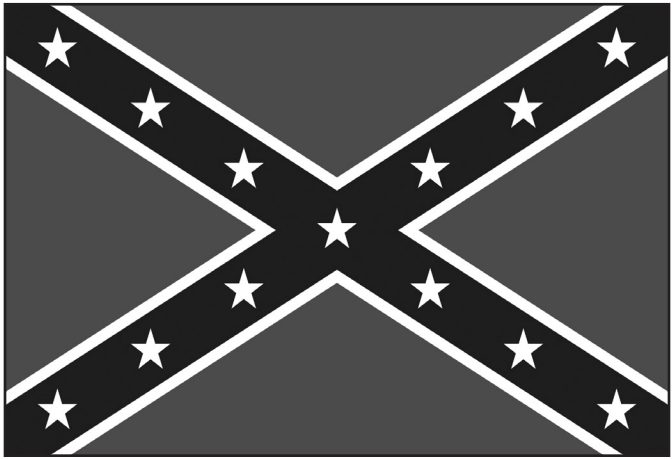
Many citizens believe that the war began due to slavery. What both sides were fighting over was the slavery in the territories: the Arizona, New Mexico and other Union and Confederate territories. Both the North and South agreed on white supremacy. African-Americans were considered to be lesser people on both sides.

At the time of the war, abolition was not successful in the North. Northerners solely wanted slavery removed from the territories so Caucasians would not have to compete with African-Americans for labor. According to David Sarratt from the American Studies Department at the University of Virginia, Southerners believed slavery was far worse in the North because Northerners did not care for their slaves like the Southerners did.

If the North and South both agreed on white supremacy, then why do we honor the North’s flag, which is the American flag we have today, but argue that the South’s flag stands for racism? The war was not fought to end slavery; it was fought to give better advantages to Caucasians.

Neither flag should be today acknowledged as representative of slavery. The North’s flag is the flag we use today to represent our nation. The South was actually considered as a different nation from the North, having its own leaders. It had to adopt a new flag to represent its nation.

The Confederate flag should be looked upon as a representation of the South in its time of being a separate nation from the North. This flag today is not used for white supremacy or fighting for slavery. It is now a symbol of pride for those people who reside in the South. It is a piece of history. History, whether good or bad, should never be omitted from our memories. I do, however, believe that the American flag should always be flown above the Confederate flag, or any flag, in any context. But the Confederate flag should not be viewed as a symbol of racism.



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Three different Allegheny students tackle the increasingly controversial topic of whether the Confederate battle flag ought to be allowed on public display.

A symbol of a gross and unpatriotic subculture

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I come from a city in California with a population of more than 300,000 and nearly 80 percent of the population identifies as Latino. I only ever saw the Confederate flag in my history textbooks concerning the war and its use by bigoted groups like the Ku Klux Klan. I never knew what culture shock felt like until I moved out to Meadville, Pa. and I saw a large Ford truck parading through the streets with Confederate flags billowing in the back.

The reason it is so shocking to me is because there is no getting around the fact that this flag is symbolic of the support of slavery. To wave the flag is disrespectful to the years of progress that we have made as a nation. In the year 2015, we really should not be having this debate. The flag has to go. The argument that the Confederate flag represents “heritage, not hate” is always ridiculous, especially in Pennsylvania. It is not Pennsylvania heritage. It is representative of a gross, unpatriotic subculture.

There has been a surge in racial tensions seen this past year with the unrest in Baltimore, Md., and Ferguson, Mo., leading to the rise of the “#BlackLivesMatter” campaigns in African-American communities. It highlights an era where Americans were divided and our nation nearly collapsed. Racism is still a relevant problem in America, and to be waving around the Confederate battle flag is insensitive to all people that see the flag as the symbol of hate it really is. It is a deadly reminder to Americans that have fought long and hard for racial equality that bigotry is still prevalent in our country and that there are people that will not accept their role in it.

No democratic government should endorse such a symbol

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Shortly after the sesquicentennial anniversary of the end of the Civil War, a growing national consensus holds that the meaning of the Confederate flag is inconsistent with ideals that democratic governments should endorse. However, many believe that the South fought the war to protect states’ rights.

To give credence to a states’ rights version of the Civil War is to romanticize an inaccurate understanding of history. The South did not fight for the rights of each individual state, but rather for its economic prosperity under the institution of slavery.

It is appropriate the Confederate flag debate grew in South Carolina, the first state to secede from the Union, issuing its declaration of secession in December 1860.

The declaration cites personal liberty laws passed by 13 states in response to the Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793 and 1850. These laws gave basic rights to fugitive slaves, and some even forbade state officials from assisting in capturing fugitives.

After the Confederate government had formed, Vice President Alexander Stephens laid out the South’s causes for creating a new government.

Stephens, of the Confederacy, said “Our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite idea; its foundations are laid, its corner-stone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery subordination to the superior race is his natural and normal condition.”

He did not claim that the government existed to maintain states’ rights, other than the right to allow slavery.

South Carolina’s legislature did not erect the flag in 1962 to make a political statement about states’ rights. The all-white assembly voted to fly the Confederate flag during the Civil Rights Movement knowing, to many, the flag represents hundreds of years of slavery and oppression, of Jim Crow laws and lynchings, of legalized apartheid and systematic brutality.

It is finally time to recognize that the Confederates, while envisioning themselves as true Americans, fought a revolution to preserve chattel slavery. After that rebellion ended, the belief that the South fought the war against federal intrusion in self-governance perpetuated another one hundred years of legal and systematic oppression after the end of human bondage.

While each state should be able to decide whether or not to fly the Confederate flag, no democratic government should endorse such a symbol. To endorse the flag is to perpetuate the ideologies held by the Confederacy and those who believed, and who continue to believe, in the ideals of the Confederate government: the inferiority and continued enslavement of black Americans.

Summer EL trips open for applications

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The International Education Office is offering six Experiential Learning Seminars for summer 2016. According to the Allegheny College website the seminars are worth two or four credits and the trips last between 14 days and three weeks. The seminars travel to Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic; Nicaragua; Peru; the Rocky Mountains; Senegal and Sri Lanka.

There is also a departmental seminar to Niagara and the Great Lakes run by the history department. Each seminar is led by at least one faculty member and all the trips are centered around a different focus. Sophia Kaufman, '17, went on the EL to Turkey in 2015 and said it was an amazing experience. "It was great being with other students and to go to places that I wouldn't have gone to otherwise," Kaufman said. The seminars cost between \$2,500 and \$6,495 with the

Nicaragua seminar being the cheapest and the seminar to Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic being the most expensive. The cost of the seminars is often a deterring factor for students. "I really want to go to Peru but it's too expensive," said Starkwan Bethea, '18. Alex Crump, '16, and Liz Blaschak, '16, both spent a semester studying abroad and said money and a lack of variety were reasons they chose not to go on an EL seminar. Crump said she felt there was not enough variety in destinations.

"For me I didn't want to drop five grand for a couple weeks for only four credits," Blaschak said. None of the seminars have pre-requisite classes, but some seminars encourage taking language classes. All seminars require permission from the instructor. Applications for the seminars are due Nov. 2. More information can be found on the Experiential Seminars page on the college's website.



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Alex Bakus, '17, has his photo taken at the promotional photo booth for the Sri Lanka EL Seminar on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015.

Rocky Mountains (U.S.)

Instructor: Richard Bowden
Depart: May 16
Return : June 7
Cost: \$4,480
Recommended additional costs: \$100

The Flagship Niagara and the Great Lakes

Instructor: Ian Binnington
Depart: May 12
Return : June 2
Cost: \$2,500
Recommended additional costs: \$600

Austria, Germany & the Czech Republic

Instructors: Lowell Hepler and Julie Hepler
Depart: May 16
Return : June 6
Cost: \$6,495
Recommended additional costs: \$640



Peru

Instructors: Kalé Haywood and Milt Ostrofsky
Depart: May 16
Return : June 6
Cost: \$5,700
Recommended additional costs: \$340

Nicaragua

Instructor: Kirsten Peterson and Jim Fitch
Depart: May 15
Return : May 28
Cost: \$2,000 (two credit course)
Recommended additional costs: \$240

Senegal

Instructor: Laura Reeck and Stephen Onyeiwu
Depart: May 16
Return : June 7
Cost: \$4,450
Recommended additional costs: \$340

Sri Lanka

Instructors: Ishita Sinha Roy and Darren Miller
Depart: May 16
Return : June 8
Cost: \$5,620
Recommended additional costs: \$450

International club looks to increase attendance

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The Allegheny College International club meets every second week and hosts events every semester for international students and the rest of the student population to attend. The club kicked off the year with its annual fall picnic on Sunday, Sept. 13 in the lobby of the Max Kade International Wing. "There was good food, fun activities and I got to know other people, not just international," said Dipto Mukherjee, '19. Mukherjee is a first year, degree seeking student from India. He said the club is great for him in his first year here because it gives him the opportunity to socialize with people from different countries and cultures. "I can look at the world from their perspective. I can learn their perspective," said

Mukherjee. "Plus there's free food and fun events." Hannah Russell, '16, is the vice president of the International Club and said this is what the club is all about. "We try to promote the learning of different cultures, so week to week we try to host different events," said Russell. "In the past we've had TA's come and present on where they come from, their country. We'll do craft activities, we want to do some game nights and also try to do some movies." As well as the biweekly meetings and the fall picnic, the club hosts a picnic in the spring, and this year they are hoping to take an overnight trip to the District of Columbia for the cherry blossom festival. The main event the club hosts is the international dinner. The dinner is held every year in the Schultz Banquet Hall. Students submit their own recipes and then prepare and cook the dishes in small

groups in the days leading up to the dinner. According to Russell each year there are about 10-15 dishes from all over the world served at the dinner. There is also entertainment in the form of presentations and an annual fashion show. Beth Bauer, '17, treasurer for the club, said she is most excited for the dinner. "I didn't go last year but I'm really excited to go this year. I've seen pictures of it and we've talked about planning it at our last [executive] board meeting. I'm just really excited to be a part of it," Bauer said. At the club's second meeting, held on Wednesday, Sept. 16, it sponsored a guacamole making event. It was open for anyone to attend, to come and learn how to make guacamole and to socialize. The meeting coincided with Mexico's Independence Day. There was a short presentation at the beginning which gave background information about

Mexico and the history and tradition of guacamole. Approximately a dozen people attended the event according to Russell. She said the club's goal for the year is to increase interest and attendance. Russell said the club is a great place for people who are interested in learning about other cultures. "For me it adds to Allegheny campus community by being a place where you can go to learn about different things and be open minded," Russell said. "It's a place where people expect that you're learning and asking questions so it's a safe place to do that. I'm not an international student but it's a great place for me to go and be around international students. I like learning about different cultures and being around people who are also interested in learning about other cultures and have an open mind to seeing the world and learning from others."

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Ordained monk partakes in mindfulness challenge



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Claude AnShin Thomas, an ordained Zen Buddhist Monk hosted a workshop and talk with the college community on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015.



Kerry Neville, a Meadville resident, takes part in one of Thomas’ work-shops titled “What Does it Mean to Wake Up?”

The Office of Spiritual and Religious Life hosted ordained Zen Buddhist Monk Claude AnShin Thomas as a part of the 30 Day Mindfulness Challenge. Thomas spoke about the importance of mindfulness and held several workshops concerning what it means to live.

Horror film sells out for superficial suspense

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Who is M. Night Shyamalan? To most, he is the talented director of “The Sixth Sense”, “Unbreakable” and “Signs”, who has since imploded into one of the most laughable directors of the 21st century, with an ever expanding catalogue of crimes against cinema from “The Village” to “After Earth.” Personally, I never thought Shyamalan had much talent to begin with. His best film, “The Sixth Sense”, like all of his films, may be well-executed, but it is a one-note movie, relying on superficial suspense, a cheap twist and ham-fisted emotional groveling that assaults our sensibilities. Regardless of any disagreement over his talent, I think

everyone can agree that the release of an M. Night Shyamalan film has become one of the most dreaded prospects in modern cinema. The only thing that might match a Shyamalan project in potential to cause desolation is the release of a mockumentary: a genre so overdone and meticulously meta that soon we will need documentaries to mock the mockumentaries. So, what do we get from M. Night Shyamalan in 2015? “The Visit”, a horror mockumentary. The story follows young documentarian Becca (Olivia DeJonge), an irritatingly cine-literate 15-year-old, and her incredibly annoying, freestyle rapping brother (Ed Oxenbould), as they travel to rural Pennsylvania to visit their grandparents, whom they have never met before. Quickly they realize that

things are not quite right. Their grandparents are paranoid, violent and running around at night in various stages of undress. There is nothing new here or in the twist ending, but the one nice thing I can say about “The Visit” is that it is actually occasionally scary. The camera, rather than constantly being pointlessly shaken actually feels motivated in each placement, and the slow escalation of weirdness makes each moment tense. Shyamalan successfully plays with our expectations to the point where we are never sure if an action will be mundane or if it will be horrifying. The build up to the finale is particularly nail-biting, as the final twist is revealed slowly and nerve-rackingly. The camera never gives us all the information we need at once, continuously frightening and

disorienting us. However, most of the tension “The Visit” builds is destroyed bewildering and unfunny attempts to lighten the mood, including: bit characters who say they used to be actors and give monologues into the camera and horrific rapping from Oxenbould. It is as if no one told Shyamalan that the horror and comedy in a horror-comedy are supposed to go together, rather than just exist within the same film. I think he was going for something Lynchian: conspiratorial and tense with fits of surreal dark comedy. However, Lynch layers his films in complex webs of surrealism and paranoia, and the humor in his films comes directly from that, but “The Visit” lacks any depth or texture. There is only one level, the surface.

A Lynch film asks a million questions and answers one or two of them, but “The Visit” asks one question: what’s wrong with Grandma and Grandpa? It answers the question, and we are left with nothing. The film’s greatest failure is Shyamalan’s final push for emotion. Every tearful moment plays more as pleading for the audience’s emotional involvement than as genuine human expression. The whole experience is demeaned by the disgraceful and tacky way each character examines their shallow psychological underpinnings. None of it is any more meaningful than sap dripping down a pine tree, but it is just as messy. Shyamalan is incapable of challenging the viewer with the grotesque or frightening without comforting them with themes that belong on

inspirational posters, not in movies. Horror films are meant to cause discomfort by picking at our anxieties and questioning our fundamental assumptions about our lives and societies. The best films are ambiguous and depraved films that provoke uptight moralists into reactionary frenzies. I have no patience for horror films that are easy or even worse, saccharine. Frankly, Shyamalan’s too slight in the stones to make a depraved film, and he certainly does not have intellect to make a thoughtful one. I have already brought up David Lynch, and the difference between the two is very simple: Lynch has dark, provocative ideas, and Shyamalan has plot twists and slogans.

Greek Life presents new members at Run-Out

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In search of new members, sororities and fraternities on campus will celebrate their traditional Bid Day on Saturday, Sept. 19. Greek Life chapters will go around dorms and extend bids to new members in the morning. The bid cards invite Allegheny students to take part in different chapters.

Run-Out will follow the bid process at noon in front of Brooks.

All Allegheny students are welcome to watch this year’s Bid Day. Greek Life participants will form a circle, dance, cheer and introduce new members into Greek Life. Jayne Piskorik, director of the Office of Student Involvement and advisor for Greek Life, will take part in the event.

It is the first step for sororities and fraternities to make long-lasting friendships Piskorik said. She highly recommends participating in the Bid Day. “It is a good way to connect with others,” Piskorik said. Brianna Martig, ’16, is this year’s president of National Panhellenic Council. The national organization takes care of developing and retaining fraternity entity as well as interfraternity rela-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JAYNE PISKORIK
Fraternity and sorority members gather for a group picture on Brooks Walk at spring Run-Out in 2015.

tions. She encourages all students to attend the event and to participate in recruitment. The traditional Bid Day has a great meaning for her. “I remember my first Bid Day as being cold, exhausting and so much fun,” Martig said. “You will find guidance and make friends for lifetime.” Martig said her experiences with Greek Life have become some of her favorite memories on campus. “It is basically having a family within the whole Allegheny College community,” Martig said “You find a home.” The involvement in Greek Life connects members with people all around the U.S. Great relationships were built within each chapter over hundreds of years, which promises an advantageous community. The leadership provides

academic benefits as well as access to practical bargains. Rebecca Anderson, ’16, has been a member of the Greek community since spring 2013. Although she was not tempted to join a sorority at first she went through formal recruitment. She describes Bid Day as a great experience and a time to celebrate. “You enjoy yourself with your sisters,” Anderson said. Enjoying the nostalgic and traditional society Anderson said she has had excellent experiences. Additionally she said she gained friends and a second family. “You get out of it what you put in,” Anderson said. Bid Day occurs near the beginning of each semester and is an invitation to participate in Greek Life.



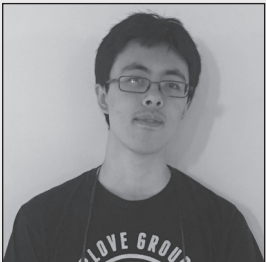
“I thought it was interesting and it made me want to watch more of it and see their different views.”

Emma Helten, ’19
undecided



“I just don’t understand why Donald Trump is still a thing.”

Kristin Caja, ’16
global health major,
psychology minor



“It seemed kind of a mess I guess, because you can tell they set up the questions specifically for the answers, instead of a wide range of policy questions.”

Lee Small, ’16
film major, astronomy minor



“None of the candidates got enough time to speak, there was a lot of insults being thrown around, it was kind of an unprofessional and nasty sort of event. It was not great.”

Sam Zucker, ’19
undecided

The Campus Asks

The Campus asked Allegheny students what their thoughts or reactions were to the Grand Old Party Debate on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015.

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Steve Prince, designer of the project and assistant art professor at Allegheny, rolls part of the giant wooden zipper stamp with ink before it is steamrolled for a print.

The Big Zipper Project

Allegheny College and the Meadville community collaborate through art

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Steve Prince, assistant professor of art, designed and coordinated an event to bring together the Meadville and Allegheny College communities. Prince came up with the idea of creating a giant wooden zipper because he wanted to create connections between the two communities. He said he looked at local history and found the zipper was invented and produced in Meadville. “When you think about the zipper, there are two separate parts and then you pull up the middle and it brings those two separate elements into one,” Prince said. “Then I took it to the next level and said how can I get individuals to create pieces that also connect to make one big harmonious piece. Then I cut up all the exterior pieces and cut them into puzzle pieces. So the puzzle piece becomes symbolic of the individual.” Prince said that he went out into the Meadville community along with the Meadville Neighborhood Center and asked residents of all

ages to carve a wooden puzzle piece however they wanted. The pieces were then assembled and rolled with ink. A steamroller was used over the wooden pieces and worked as a stamp and giant prints were made. Sophia Stabley, ’19, attended the workshop where students were asked to help assemble the carved puzzle pieces to make the zipper. “I think it kind of intertwines the college and the students into the community because it is getting everyone involved in one project that is celebrating Meadville,” Stabley said. Lee Scandinaro, an Americorps VISTA in the Allegheny Gateway, helped Prince throughout the process. “There will be three or four prints and they will be displayed all over the community,” Scandinaro said. “So it might be at the high school for a while, it might be at the academy for a while, just to unify all of these different aspects of Meadville.”



Above: Amber Mosbacher, a resident of Meadville, touches up the ink on part of the wooden zipper before it is pressed by a steamroller. **Right:** Meadville community members help Lee Scandinaro and Steve Prince reveal one of the prints.



Women’s soccer beats Grove City 1-0

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The women’s soccer team beat Grove City College 1-0 on Tuesday, bringing home the first win of the season and making the record 1-5.

Assistant Coach Pam Monnier said the women worked harder than they have been and created an attack.

“We competed at a higher level,” said Sarah Donohue, ’18. “This weekend we struggled with playing with higher energy, but we did on Tuesday. Our biggest challenge was scoring but we finally got our first goal of the season, which was something we needed.”

Niki Augustine, ’16, made the first goal of the season in the first half against Grove City.

“Being 0-5, as coaches, we were concerned about confidence level and trying to fix things a little at a time. It was a huge overcome for the team and last night they put things together better than previous five games,” Head Coach Michael Weber said.

Brianna Layman, ’16, said the team looking ahead at future games and each weekend is a building block in their progress to the next game.

“This week has been the first time we truly played as an original team,” Layman said. “Our motto is to practice as hard as we would play. We can be mad or we can keep going and choose to make a difference.”

Donohue said winning a game brings confidence going into the game this weekend.

This season the women’s soccer team has a lower number of athletes than previous years but they are working to play as the team they are now.

“A huge challenge this season is numbers and staying healthy. A few of us had surgery recently, so we have implemented recovery into practices days after games,” Layman said “We are also a young team, we graduated four starters and only have two incoming.”

The women are pushing through the challenges with the goal of achieving all they can this year.

“Past seasons mean nothing, we have to focus on ourselves, this team, this year, and create our own successes,” Weber said.

Monnier echoed Weber, saying the team is focused on putting all the pieces together and found a sense of that and trusting each other in Tuesday’s game.

“It’s tough having five losses in a row but we had a taste of success. We have to move on from the past but build on what we did well then do better,” Monnier said.

Donohue said she is looking forward to seeing what the team can achieve this season as they improve through each game.

“Our biggest goal is to be preseason seeded number one in the NCAC and get a bid into the NCAA tournament,” Layman said. “After that our next goal is to make it past the next round of tournament play.”

The women will take on State University of New York Oneonta on Saturday, Sept. 19.

FOOTBALL COMMUNITY DAY



JESSICA GRAFF/THE CAMPUS



JESSICA GRAFF/THE CAMPUS



JOCELYN STEFFAN/THE CAMPUS

The Allegheny football team faced The College of Wooster on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 falling 28-13. The Gators fought back against the Scots who scored a touchdown per quarter. During the fourth quarter, the Gators scored two touchdowns. Dedicated fans sat in a consistent downpour to cheer on the team.

“We did well rallying around the ball but a challenge was our mentality and the climate around the game,” said Will Aeschbacher, ’17.

The Gators will take on Wabash College on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. at Frank B. Fuhrer Field.

Cross-country achieves personal records

Brent Wilkerson resigns from position as head coach

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The Calvin Knight Invite brought many personal best times and high ranks for the Gator cross-country teams.

Logan Steiner, ’16, finished Saturday’s 8K with a career best time of 25:01.7 and was named NCAC Runner of the Week for the third time in his college career. Randy Violette, ’17, finished second for Allegheny with a personal best of 25:29.6. Steiner and Violette were followed by personal bests by Carter Smith, ’18, at 25:43.2 and John Hughes, ’18, at 25:51.8.

“The team ran a mature race,” Violette said. “We are a young team and it was nice to see that we all went out at a good pace and made moves in the last half of the race.”

For the women, SJ Guillaume, ’17, dropped time and

finished in 18:25.3 followed closely by Alyssa Brindle, ’16, at 18:33.8. Laura Cooper, ’17, dropped the most time and finished with a 20:00.7, almost a minute and a half faster than her previous times.

“Across the board everyone is faster this year than previous years at this time and we are getting stronger,” said Jordan Hill, assistant coach. “We haven’t raced at Calvin in about three years so it was new territory. We are also coming into a new region and meeting teams we don’t see often.”

The women placed fourth overall, but second in the region. The top two teams in the region go to Nationals, so the team wants to stay in the top two for the season. The men came in third, falling short to Calvin College and Ohio Northern University.

“Our goal is to make it to Nationals. More than that,

we want to take each day and race step by step. It doesn’t just happen, and we are constantly reminded of that,” Guillaume said.

Head Coach Brent Wilkerson announced to the team last Wednesday, Sept. 9 that he is resigning from the position, his last day at Allegheny being today, Sept. 18.

“He is at a place with him and his wife, they are looking at where they want to go as a family,” Hill said. “They are both from the Cincinnati area and it has been hard on them being up this way. It was a hard decision for him to make. Leaving the team was the hardest part because he enjoys this team so much.”

Guillaume said the team will miss him but was lucky to have him as a coach.

“Jordan [Hill] has been a solid figure and gave the team a pep talk before the race on Saturday. Coach Wilkerson

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He [Wilkerson] has had a huge impact personally. My high school was not as serious and he taught me a lot about running and training, and inspired me to be more confident in my workouts and upcoming races.

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Randy Violette
Class of 2017

leaving has been difficult to handle this week, but we tried to put our passion into the race,” Guillaume said.

Guillaume added that it was a challenge not having Wilkerson there and he has had a huge impact on the team.

“We didn’t see it coming, but we understand the circumstances weren’t great and you can’t choose when opportunities come,” Violette said. “He has had a huge impact personally. My high school program was not as serious, and he taught me a lot about running and training, and inspired me to be more confident in my workouts and upcoming races.”

Violette said the team is shifting their focus and working to do more in this season.

“For the men I would love to see them retake the conference title and finish at least in the top three in the region, then make it to Nationals. For the women, being top two in the region and making this year the year they go to Nationals,” Hill said.

The men and women will race next in the Paul Short Run in Bethlehem, PA on Saturday, Oct. 3.

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Saturday, Sept. 19

Women’s Volleybal
vs. Lycoming College
11 a.m.

vs. Thiel College
1 p.m.

Football
vs. Wasbash College
1 p.m.

Women’s Soccer
@ SUNY Oneonta
1 p.m.

Men’s & Women’s
Tennis
@ Kenyon Invitational