

ASG swears in new Class of 2020 senator and brings ‘new perspective’

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With Elyse Cinquino, '20, being appointed ASG director of communications and press on Tuesday, Oct. 17, a spot in the Class of 2020 senate opened. Ashley Leonard, '20, said she was thrilled to be considered for the position.

“I’m just thankful for the opportunity that my class is giving me to be a 2020 senator,” Leonard said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, ASG voted to approve her, and she was officially sworn into the senate. A political science and psychology double major, Leonard said she had wanted to be a senator since the beginning of last year.

“[Last year] I actually filled out the form, but there were other things I was getting involved in, so I thought I wouldn’t have enough time for it, to do the best that I could,” Leonard said.

This year, Leonard decided she had enough time to join ASG. Once the position became available, Leonard said a few senators and members of ASG brought it to her attention and persuaded her to fill out the form.

“I’m super excited to start as a senator and get immersed in the meeting,” Leonard said. “I’m also excited for the student body to get to know us and to plan events.”

Outside of ASG, Leonard is a member of the Edible and Clay clubs, has participated in Service Saturdays and Outing Club events and is a resident adviser in Caflisch Hall. Being an RA has prepared her to join ASG, according to Leonard.

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Players and friends honor Allegheny volleyball coach

Remembering Sheehan as ‘a mentor, colleague, leader and dear friend’

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Former Allegheny College Women’s Volleyball Coach Bridget Sheehan died Monday, Oct. 30.

James Mullen, president of the college, announced the news of Sheehan’s passing in a campus-wide email.

“Our community has lost a trusted mentor, devoted colleague, insightful leader and dear friend in Bridget,” the email said. “We mourn her passing as we remember and celebrate the tremendous difference she made.”

Sheehan was one of 25 coaches in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III history to win more than 600 games.

“She earned respect and admiration on our campus and across the nation not only for her achievements as a coach, but also for the integrity that defined her,” the email said.

Terra Schall, '18, said she first met Sheehan when she visited Allegheny during her junior year of high school. She has played volleyball for four years at Allegheny.

“She expected a lot from us and had high standards for us,” Schall said.

Karissa Welker, '18, remembers



Top: Coach Bridget Sheehan smiles in a huddle with her team during a volleyball game against Grove City College on Sept. 9, 2015. The Gators went on to win 3-0. **Above:** Sheehan directs her players during a game at Salisbury University on Sept. 19, 2009.

seeing Sheehan during a campus visit with the volleyball program during the fall of her senior year of high school.

“She was the first person to greet

me when I got on campus,” Welker said.

Welker remembers Sheehan be-

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Why Not Us promotes domestic violence awareness

The Red Flag Campaign brings together multiple campus organizations



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The flags placed by Why Not Us? to bring attention to Domestic Violence Awareness Month stand on Brooks Walk on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017.

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Why Not Us, a new organization on Allegheny College’s campus, kicked off its first event of the semester on Oct. 29th, titled The Red Flag Campaign.

Mark Myers, '19 and Anna Meyer, '20, collaborated to launch Why Not Us at the beginning of the 2017 fall semester.

“I had been talking to [Title IX Coordinator] Gilly Ford since my freshman year about starting an organization like this and after receiving paperwork from an older group called Allegheny College Coalition Against Rape, I decided it was time to draft a constitution,” Myers said.

Why Not Us was based on another organization called It’s On Us, a national movement that focuses on ending sexual assault, according to Myers.

“Gilly Ford and I decided a different name would be appropriate and I had also found out that Anna Meyer had recently handed in a similar constitution,” Myers said. “Neither

one of us had any idea the other was doing this.”

The organization was created in order to educate the Allegheny community about “the sexual violence and rape culture that affects all members of the community” according to its website. They plan to not only educate, but engage, empower and collaborate with the campus as well.

The Red Flag Campaign was the organization’s kick off event. Club members collaborated with students from the Reproduction Coalition, Young Feminist Leadership Alliance and the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta. Members of each organization lined Brooks Walk and Senior Circle with over 500 small red flags to represent survivors and victims of domestic violence.

“We went out at 9 p.m., Monday night and about 25 people showed up,” Myers said. “We wanted people to wake up first thing Tuesday morning and go ‘oh wow’ at the sight of the flags.”

Between placing the flags and writing on the bricks with chalk,

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ing on campus regularly.

“She would just be in her office all the time,” Welker said. “She was always able to just be there and talk to you.”

Welker remembers Sheehan was very interested in the lives of her players, though she didn’t always understand their jokes.

“We would tell her [what we were joking about], and she would be like, ‘okay,’ that was her signature,” Welker said. “She never thought it was funny, she didn’t understand why we were all laughing so hard. That was probably the funniest thing. But she was so invested in our lives. She wanted to know what we were talking about, what was going on, different things like that.”

Welker also remembers Sheehan’s intensity, especially around volleyball matches.

“If we weren’t there two hours early, we were late,” Welker said.

She pointed to one match against the College of Wooster as an example, when the team bus got stuck in rush hour traffic. Sheehan tried to exhort the driver into going faster.

“She was like literally almost sitting on the bus driver’s lap,” Welker said.

Despite Sheehan’s best efforts, the traffic made it difficult for the bus to move. Sheehan was still very intense, though.

“She was like having a

panic attack at the front of the bus,” Welker said.

Leah Franzluebbbers, ’18, said she remembered playing in the game which would become Sheehan’s 600th win.

“My freshman year, our first tournament, we won our first match, and that happened to be her 600th win,” Franzluebbbers said. “And so that was a pretty big moment for her, and us as a team, because it kind of signaled a turning point, because the past few years, Allegheny volleyball hadn’t been very successful, and then we went on to have a really great season.”

Franzluebbbers remembers visiting Allegheny the summer before her senior year of high school and being struck by Sheehan’s intensity.

“We were walking up the stairs to her office, and she goes ‘you know, we run these stairs,’ and I was so intimidated, because they’re four floors of stairs, and she just went on about all the conditioning the team did, and all the running, and all the stairs,” Franzluebbbers said.

Sheehan graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1977. She coached at Allegheny since 1986, and became the winningest coach in school history with a 635-484 career record.

“Since coming to Allegheny as the head volleyball coach in the fall of 1986, Bridget Sheehan has built one of the most



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Allegheny College Women’s Volleyball Head Coach Bridget Sheehan stands in the middle of the team’s huddle during a game against Ohio Wesleyan University on Oct. 20, 2006.

successful NCAA Division III programs in the country,” according to her biography on the college website.

Yet Sheehan’s players said she was far more than her statistics.

“Coach Sheehan was a fab-

ulous coach, like so many accolades, and that’s really what you hear now about her, and sure, that’s important and all that, but you know, everyone on the team, we all knew her, it was more than her accomplishments. What mattered to

us was how much she cared about us,” Franzluebbbers said. “So that’s what I think is most important about the legacy she left behind, is that the players that she had, she developed not only as players on the court but as people, and,

I think that’s in many ways more important than her win-loss record or how many times she went to the NCAA Tournament.”

Welker agreed.

“There’s so many good memories of her,” Welker said.

ASG discusses future policies, Title IX options



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Ashley Leonard, ’20, was sworn into the Class of 2020 senate during the ASG meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017.

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Allegheny students may soon be able to declare a future, along with majors and minors. During its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 31, Allegheny Student Government discussed the possibility of the college developing a futures program.

The idea of declaring a future was first brought up during a summer workshop program, and the futures program will work with The Allegheny Gateway to allow students to declare one of five futures, according to Chief of Staff Stella Pratt, ’18. Although the futures have not yet been chosen, the options will be for broad career topics,

such as a Future in Justice.

Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs Akeem Adesiji, ’20, said his Freshman Seminar 201 class had been discussing the future idea.

“In the past, our parents might have gone to school with a specific career in mind and have that job for the rest of their life. Now, students

are not necessarily focused on the career they want to go into, but the kind of work they want to go into,” Adesiji said. “What they’re trying to do with the futures program is have some sort of [guidance] to help people figure out what kind of jobs they can do that will fulfill those desires.”

If the program is approved, it will be developed over the summer of 2018, according to Pratt. The futures will provide students with aid from staff who can help them reach a certain goal.

“It will be something that will make Allegheny stand out compared to other schools,” Pratt said.

Along with the idea of declaring futures, ASG discussed possible developments that would affect other parts of the college, including clearer Loop schedules and sustainability additions to dorms and other campus-owned buildings.

“We’re considering adjusting how the Loop operates by making it more accountable and publishing what the route ... is,” Co-Director of Student Affairs Travis Court, ’18, said.

Court explained the Campus Life Committee discussed the college’s policy involving housing, and specifically gender-inclusive housing. The committee also talked about potential policies concerning different decorations in college-owned rooms or houses, according to Co-Director of Student Affairs Will Gladden, ’18.

“[We got] an interesting document today from Wesley College about the policy for decorations for holy days, so that’s going to be an upcoming dialogue,” Gladden said.

A third policy the Campus Life Committee discussed was more flexible meal plans, which includes the introduction of a meal plan at McKinley’s Food Court that gives students a number of swipes rather than MUNCH Money. One swipe would buy a sandwich, bag of chips and drink, according to Gladden.

Along with the possible changes to meal plans, sustainability additions to campus-owned buildings could include water bottle refill stations and motion sensing lights, which were voted the top two choices in the energy challenge survey, according to Adesiji.

“I know that more water bottle refill stations will be coming, and we might split the money between water bottle refill stations and motion sensing lighting. There are some academic buildings left lit the entire day and all through the night, so looking at buildings like that ... and putting motion sensing lights in there would do a lot of reduce electricity consumption,” Adesiji said. “If it’s feasible to do both, we’ll look into that.”

Along with talking about policies and technology, ASG swore in their newest Class of 2020 senator Ashley Leonard, who is taking recently appointed Director Of Communications and Press Elyse Cinquino’s place.

Once Leonard was sworn into the senate, the meeting

closed with a discussion concerning ASG’s Title IX resolution.

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Mark MacStudy
Class of 2018

“Last year, we had another Title IX Resolution. This is more of a continuation of that,” President Mark MacStudy, ’18, said. “Last year was more [about] pointing out the problem. This is addressing it a little bit more.”

With the new resolution, ASG hopes to be able to work with other clubs to coordinate events such as an It’s On Us campaign or bringing a speaker to campus to talk about sexual assault and harassment, according to MacStudy.

“I want to use this as a way to build cooperation,” MacStudy said. “I would like to be able to work with these clubs a little bit more, and I feel like this is one way to start working with a more niche group and to hopefully expand from there as well.”

ASG is also considering setting aside part of its yearly budget for the resolution’s campaign and events, according to MacStudy.

MacStudy hopes to have a finalized report on the new Title IX resolution next week. One of the more important points of the resolution to him is the message it will send to Allegheny’s administration.

“[It’s about] reiterating that we are always here and ready and willing to work with the administration to make our community safer for everyone involved,” MacStudy said.

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“You have to think on your feet a lot of the times,” Leonard said. “No problem for one individual is the same for another individual. Really being good at communicating and asking questions is something that will also help me in ASG.”

Although she is excited to join ASG, Leonard admitted she sees some potential challenges in joining as a new senator over halfway through the semester.

“I feel like some things are already going to be started. I’m going to be jumping in, maybe a little confused on what had already been done,” Leonard said. “[I just need to get] caught up with that and communicate with different students and staff members where I might need to ask questions and get help.”

Leonard said she already knows she can rely on the other senators in the Class of 2020, who she said will help her through any problems or questions she might have.

Another problem Leonard said she has already encountered is her lack of social media. She explained she is considering creating social media for herself.

“I might explore that option to get onto the different student pages and Allegheny page,” Leonard said. “That’s an outlet that students can reach me by.”

Planning ways to solve the various challenges she might encounter, Leonard is also making long-term goals,

which involve the student body.

“I really want to get to meet more students and for more students to come to the meetings,” Leonard said. “I also want better communication between senators and the student body. I want us to be approachable and students to be able to recognize us on campus. I think there’s a miscommunication about what we actually do as senators.”



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Leonard said she hopes to give students the opportunity to answer questions about the best ways to communicate information and encourage involvement. This would allow students to express their own opinions instead of simply listening to ASG tell them information, according to Leonard.

Class of 2020 Vice President Carlos Sanchez and

Senator Matt Bauer are enthusiastic about Leonard’s appointment.

“It gives us a new perspective,” Bauer said. “Having another teammate really adds to the experience, especially someone who had not been on ASG.”

Sanchez agreed that Leonard brings a new perspective to the Class of 2020 senate.

“She had a lot of good ideas that were a bit different than the ones we had,” Sanchez said. “I think her perspective might actually have an impact.”

Although Leonard is joining ASG late in the semester, neither Sanchez nor Bauer predict any problems.

“I work with Ashley, so I know from personal experience that she’s very outgoing and social and will be very good,” Bauer said.

Also confident in Leonard’s ability to catch up with the rest of ASG, Sanchez said the Class of 2020 is planning to give her all the information she needs about their ongoing projects.

“I think she’s ready for it,” Sanchez said. “We already have some plans that we’re working on, so we’re going to try to catch her up and see if she had any ideas of her own.”

Leonard said she is focused on finding her place in ASG.

“I want to learn the ropes first and understand where I can help with and where I best fit,” Leonard said. “I’m just so excited.”

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it took around two to three hours to complete, according to both Myers and Meyer.

Meyer, the attorney general of Why Not Us and resident adviser of Edwards Hall, emailed residents about the campaign to try and gather more people.

“Setting up was a lot of fun, a lot of FIJI’s turned up along with a couple of my residents,” Meyer said. “My residents have been coming to the meetings so it’s great to see them involved.”

Meyer also received a lot of positive feedback from the Allegheny community with many asking questions on how they can get involved.

During The Red Flag Campaign, Why Not Us started the Consent Campaign where they videotaped 50 students and asked them to define consent and explain what consent meant to them.

the flags made a statement.

“Why Not Us reached out to Alpha Chi before they started the campaign so we were aware of it beforehand,” Kirby said. “We weren’t part of this event, but it was definitely a good campaign and we’re always talking about getting involved with other organizations who support the fight against sexual assault.”

By Nov. 1 all 500 flags had been removed from Allegheny’s campus with the rain washing away any chalk that had been present.

Why Not Us plans on re-using the flags to recreate the event in the future, but hopes to make it even bigger and potentially include professors as well, according to Meyer.

“In the future we want to line all of the walk ways on campus. We want students to become aware about sexual assault and domestic violence,” Myers said. “Why Not Us is more about education if anything. It’s not for protests and we’re trying to seek more collaboration with our campus.”

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Mark Myers
Class of 2019

“We made sure to explain what the red flags represented after interviewing the students,” Myers said. “I think some people were confused about the red flags when the chalk washed away, but the flags still made a statement.”

Carolyn Kirby, ’20, a member of Alpha Chi Omega whose sorority advocates for awareness surrounding domestic violence, agreed that

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Oct. 29, 2017
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Oct. 31, 2017
Baldwin Hall
Marijuana Odor.

Oct. 29, 2017
College House 428 Park Ave
Suspicious Person.

Nov. 1, 2017
Walker Hall
Drug Possession.

Nov. 1, 2017
Walker Hall
Theft.

The Protestant Reformation

Catholics and Protestants in America, 500 years later

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It would be difficult to accurately portray what the majority of Christians thought about the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this past Tuesday, and perhaps that is what is most significant.

The half-millennium since Martin Luther declared that “to say that the cross emblazoned with the papal coat of arms, and set up by the indulgence preachers is equal in worth to the cross of Christ is blasphemy” has been bloody and tumultuous. In that time, Protestantism has taken many forms and while Luther saw a break from the Catholic Church as necessary, it is not clear if that multiplicity is what he had in mind.

The Encyclopedia of Protestantism says there are almost 1,000 different Protestant denominations operating in the United States. As of 2015, these congregations’ members make up 46.6 percent of America’s population with no single tradition accounting for more than 2.5 percent, aside from the Southern Baptist Convention which makes up 5.3 percent, according to the Pew Research Center.

This sort of diversity is a part of what has made Protestantism so strong in America. Almost anyone can find a community and tradition that fits their lives. Luther gave power of Biblical interpretation to the layman — a power that was traditionally reserved for the clergy.



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“He put the emphasis on the individual man and woman,” said Glenn Holland, professor of religious studies at Allegheny College. “[He] gave sacred value to everyday human activity.”

Even today, Protestantism attracts more converts than any other form of Christianity, but this multiplicity also reveals the limitations of the term “Protestant.” It is a broad moniker that includes everything from Presbyterians, Lutherans, Baptists and Anabaptists. Between non-denominational Protestants, inter-denominational Protestants, Restorationists and Apostolic Pentecostals, Protestant has come to mean little more than “not Catholic.”

In this way, Protestant Christianity has fractured enough to render it incapable of having any unified social or political influence, and has left the individual traditions to do their work independently. This is nothing to lament as Christians are less focused on this world than the next ans when Luther proclaimed the Bible as the primary source of spiritual authority, differing interpretations were inevitable, but may be a cause for worry moving forward.

As Christianity becomes more diverse and Protestant denominations’ resources and theological teachings become increasingly independent of one another, the faith may struggle to retain the real-world efficacy it once held.

After the Reformation, if the Protestants chose to give power to the laymen who responded to the dynamics of the world, the Catholic Church resolved to do the opposite.

Older readers who were raised Catholic will remember hearing the Latin Mass every Sunday as a child — the same liturgy which had been celebrated since the 16th century. This deep history was, for many, the reason the Catholic Church held a powerful draw.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council in 1965. Among other reforms, the Church decided to allow mass to be said in languages other than Latin, and modernized the liturgy.

“In the years immediately after the council, nuns discarded their habits, priests discovered women — more than 100,000 left the priesthood to marry — and theologians threw off the shackles of introverted orthodoxy,” wrote Andrew Brown in his expose of the Vatican this week in the Guardian. “After 150 years of resisting and repelling the outside world, the church found itself engaging with it everywhere, until it seemed to introverts that the whole edifice would collapse to rubble.”

Church attendance plummeted from 55 percent of Catholics regularly attending mass in 1965 to only 22 percent by 2000, according to the same source. This could have been anticipated. When an institution claims to profess eternal truths, around which adherents organize their lives, but then alters its teachings, it runs the risk of undermining its long history and authority which was its greatest virtue.

At this moment, the Church may be encountering a similar struggle. Many have found the Church’s social teaching to not only be antiquarian, but offensive. Whether it is the ban on contraception or its pro-life posture, the Church has never been short of fierce critics, and Pope Francis, the current Pontiff, seems intent on hearing them out.

In addition to his pledge to rid the clergy of pedophilia and his admission that “the Church’s conscience came a bit late,” he has also softened some traditional Church teachings. For example, when he suggested that divorcees may receive communion in his exhortation Amoris Laetitia, dissent arose among conservatives.

Moving forward, some change may be needed for the church to keep pace with the changing world, but it must come slowly so as not to alienate the clergy and the devout. The Catholic Church has not responded quickly — or at all — to the pressures of the world for 2,000 years, and may do well to keep that track record.

Protestants face similar struggles with new and evolving social issues. These trends are rearing their heads, and challenging the way Protestants have come together in the recent past.

“In some ways, the Church has come together over long standing differences, and in some ways it is coming apart over social issues — like sexuality and the place of women,” said Jane Ellen Nickell, chaplain and professor of religious studies at Allegheny College.

Adding to this challenge is the introduction and growth of new technology. Some have likened the advent of the internet to the invention of the printing press — a device which helped facilitate Luther’s Reformation 500 years ago.

“Technology has radically changed the way we live our lives and the ways of the Church,” Nickell said.

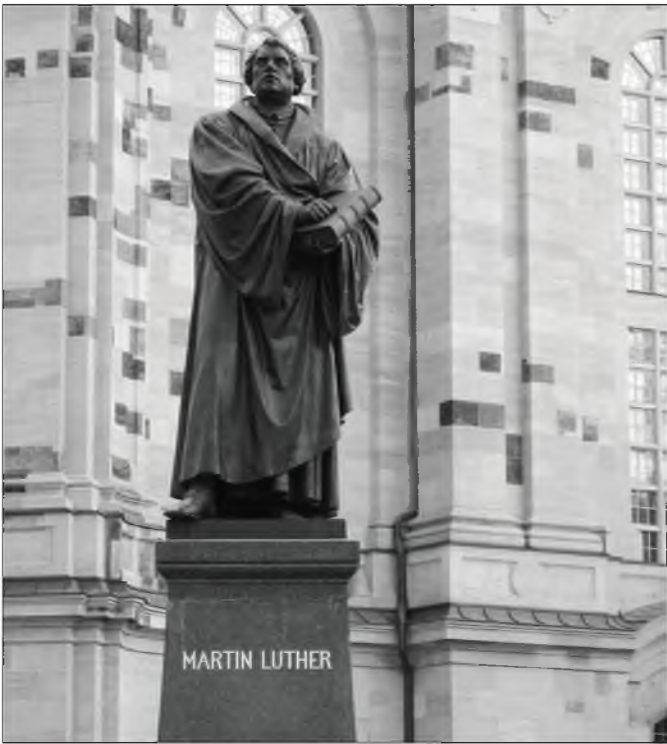
Without strict guidelines and rules, the Protestant branches will continue to transform and adapt to the world, and as a result, offer salvation to many more in America than the Catholic Church can hope to reach, but in this strength also lies a vulnerability of groups becoming too alienated. Where there are no fundamental theological disagreements between Protestant traditions, more cooperation and communion may be worth pursuing.

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College chaplain

Such sentiments are not new. There have been efforts to foster dialogue and pursue cooperation. Lutherans, Anglicans, Episcopalians and Moravians have found communion with each other over their mutual understanding of the bread as the body of Christ. The National Council of Churches and Churches Uniting in Christ are two such examples of national attempts to bring Christians together. Local efforts in towns and cities can produce equally positive effects. Moving forward, the more Protestant branches can work together where their theology allows, the stronger they may be.

Luther could not have predicted how Christians would look back upon his indictment of the Church 500 years on, and when thinking about Oct. 31, 2517, one is equally hopeless. While the Catholic Church has relied on its institutional traditions, changes may be coming. As for the several Protestant denominations in the country, their understanding of their past is growing ever more clear, but the same cannot be said for their view of the future.



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Voting at Allegheny

On our way, but not quite there yet

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In August 2017, the Center for Political Participation received Allegheny College’s National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement Campus Report that outlined Allegheny’s voting participation in the 2016 general election. While participation increased since the 2012 elections, the number of students who voted is still lacking significantly.

In November 2016, 53.2 percent of Allegheny’s student population voted despite 82 percent of our students being registered to vote. This number is 2.8 percent higher than the national average, but still significantly lower than the national high of 81.4 percent on a single college campus. While we aim for a 100 percent registration rate, Allegheny’s 82 percent is respectable.

The survey also breaks down voting percentage by class year. Of first-year students who matriculated in the fall of 2016, only 44.5 percent voted in the election. This is 10 percentage points lower than the sophomore and upperclassman turn out, with 54 and 55 percent of students voting, respectively.

During the fall of 2016, the CPP held several events meant to politically engage the campus community and inform students about the importance of voting in national, state and local elections. Consistently, our goal is to provide non-partisan information, resources and events for students and the community.

While the CPP and other groups on campus have done a lot to try and improve the participation of students in elections, there are numerous obstacles in the way of voting in Meadville.

Tyler Allen,
Royse Bachtel
CPP Fellows

During this election cycle, our focus on registration drives, both on our own and in conjunction with the Andrew Goodman Foundation Fellows, seems to have made an impact.

Additionally, the CPP hosted presidential debate “watch parties” and a cam-



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pus debate between College Democrats, College Republicans and Young Americans for Liberty.

While the CPP and other groups on campus have done a lot to try and improve the participation of students in elections, there are numerous obstacles in the way of voting in Meadville.

The campus is currently split into three polling districts, which means that not all students vote at the same location. This split in the polling districts prevents Allegheny from becoming a voting bloc in the county. By splitting the campus, it spreads our vote to remove any large effect on a single district. Also, the split makes it harder for students to find transportation because they might not be going to the same polling center as their friends. In an attempt to counteract this, the CPP provided transportation to and from all of the campus’ polling stations every 15-20 minutes on election day.

Another obstacle with the split in polling places is that students have to remember where to vote. Students register using the location of their current dorms and sometimes fail to remember which dorm they lived in when they registered. However, the state of Pennsylvania has a website that can tell you which polling station you have to go to to

vote when you provide your name and birthday.

In order to alleviate some of the obstacles to voting, the CPP has considered possible solutions. For example, we could provide voter registration cards and information in easily accessible places around campus — Quigley, the Campus Center, the Library. The CPP tends to focus attention on larger voter registration drives, but it may be beneficial to provide these materials so that students can access them any time.

Additionally, in order to motivate more first-year students to vote, it could be helpful to host a voter information and voter registration event during orientation. By making an impact early on, we can reaffirm that Allegheny is a politically active campus and that voting is an important aspect of the Allegheny experience. Allowing CPP or Andrew Goodman fellows to introduce freshman seminar classes to the resources on campus and to the registration process would only continue to drive this point home.

As an organization, the CPP wants to continue to make an impact on political engagement among Allegheny’s students and will accept any recommendations on how it can improve.

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Union Latinx celebrates Dia de los Muertos

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Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a Mexican holiday which is celebrated each year from midnight on Oct. 31 until the final moments of Nov. 2 to remember and honor the lives of deceased loved ones.

This Mexican holiday coincides with the Catholic Church's All Saints Day on Nov. 1 and All Souls Day on Nov. 2.

It is a common misconception that Dia de los Muertos is the same as Halloween. While the two holidays may share some similarities as far as decorations go, there are many significant differences.

"It's more of a celebration of death and the loved ones that have passed away," said Marisol Loza, '19. "It is supposed to be something happy. That is why it is so colorful."

The belief on Dia de los Muertos is that at midnight on Oct. 31, the gates of heaven are opened and deceased children are allowed to reunite with their families for the day.

"Dia de los Inocentes," Day of the Innocents, or "Dia de



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Corina Perez, '20, decorates sugar skulls in Grounds for Change on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017. The sugar skulls and altar will be on display in GFC until Nov. 8, 2017.

los Angelitos," Day of the Angels, takes place on Nov. 1.

On Nov. 2, the spirits of adults are allowed to come to earth and enjoy the prepared festivities as well.

"In Mexico, it is a very special day of the dead so they go all out with [their celebrations]," said Cassandra Lopez, '20.

Celebrations begin with the cleaning of graves and the

preparation of the ofrenda, or altar. Ofrendas include candles and flowers, along with fruit and pan de muerto, a type of sweet bread made once a year for the celebration.

These altars are composed of many different types of food including peanuts, bread, soda, hot chocolate, bottles of water and plenty of other treats to revive the weary spirits that have joined

the celebration. The ofrendas serve as gifts for the dead and often include the favorite foods and treats of the deceased.

"It is just very important because it is the only time that we put like this altar for [the deceased] up with their favorite food and toys and anything that is important to them," said Carina Saldivar, '19.

For the deceased children,

or angelitos, families leave candy and toys. However, on Nov. 2, these toys will be switched out in order to provide more adult gifts such as cigarettes and alcohol.

In addition to flowers and candles, the altars are also decorated with sugar skulls and skeletons. The skulls are constructed to represent a departed soul and often have the name of the deceased painted across the forehead. These sugar skulls are then placed in front of the gravestone in order to honor the deceased and are decorated with glitter and bright colors in order to welcome the returning souls with smiles and joy.

"Death can be seen as something really scary, but Dia de los Muertos really tells you it doesn't have to be," Loza said. "[Day of the Dead] is more about remembering and celebrating memories of when they were alive."

Although Dia de los Muertos is primarily celebrated in Mexico, it is also celebrated in many communities in the United States.

"In my city, they do a little celebration for [Dia de los Muertos] and I have gone and it has been a great experi-

ence," Lopez said.

Loza also attended the Union Latinx celebration in Grounds for Change on Nov. 1. UL hosted a sugar skull decorating event there and provided a space for students to share stories about loved ones. The altar and decorations will remain in GFC until Wednesday, Nov. 8.

“It is supposed to be something happy. That is why it is so colorful.”

Marisol Loza
Class of 2019

For many, Dia de los Muertos is a way to remember a loved one, but some just enjoy the beauty and tradition of the celebration.

"The reason why I celebrate is because it has just been in my culture forever," Loza said.

See more photos of the celebration in GFC at alleghenycampus.com.

Communities gather at monthly contra dance

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Join hands and circle right, right-hand star, one, two, three, four...

Fifteen years ago, Dance and Movement Studies 112: Community Contra Dance was established as a dance and movement studies course in which students and community members gathered weekly to experience contra, according to Rachel O'Brien, associate professor of geology and adjunct instructor for the dance and movement studies program.

“In contra dance, you'll see little kids and adults and we'll all be dancing together, it sort of levels the playing field as to who can be considered a dancer.”

Eleanor Weisman
Associate Professor of
Dance and Movement
Studies

O'Brien said the course was offered every semester for 15 years until the 2017 spring semester, when the dance and movement studies program faculty decided to take a break from the course to offer monthly contra dances on Saturday evenings instead. These monthly events feature live music provided by TOPPISH, a local dance band,

and typically see between 20 and 30 people in attendance, according to O'Brien.

This month's contra dance event took place on Saturday, Oct. 28 and brought eight people to the lower studio of Montgomery Hall and out of the weekend rain. The event did not feature any contra dancing because of the low turnout and the need for more than eight dancers in contra, but those eight students and community members stayed for over two hours, danced the waltz and listened to the live music of TOPPISH.

O'Brien serves as the contra dance caller for TOPPISH which means she calls out the steps for the dancers.

"A lot of people think it's either like square dancing or country line dancing, and it's not really either of those," O'Brien said. "[Contra] has some elements of each of them. There's a half an hour lesson before hand, so you don't have to have experience, and you don't have to come with a partner. In fact, it's uncommon that you dance with the same person all night long."

O'Brien described the contra at Allegheny as more traditional — with the live band playing Irish and Scottish music. Other styles of contra dance, techno contra for instance, are more modern and are often accompanied by a DJ and a disco ball, O'Brien said.

"It has a really rich history in the sense that it came to this country from British, French and Irish immigrants, so it's been a folk dance form that's been evolving for 200 years, which is kind of exciting," O'Brien said.



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Above: TOPPISH members Jack Lindberg, Fred Mamula and Michael Hurley play in the lower studio of Montgomery Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017.

Below: Brian How of Edinboro provides a waltz lesson to Allegheny College students at the contra dance in Montgomery Hall on Oct. 28, 2017.

Whatever the style, contra dance is really about community and providing a gender fluid space for people of all ages to dance, O'Brien said.

Troy Dinga, '18, took the the 112 course in the fall 2016 semester and had some stage experience but had never taken a dance class before the contra course.

"It's an environment where there's a lot more emphasis on what people have in common as opposed to what separates the people that come," Dinga said. "You're not going to get called out or pushed out of a dance because you don't know what's going on."

Eleanor Weisman, associate professor and director of the dance and movement studies and community and justice studies programs, also said dancers at contra events tend to be understanding and supportive when someone makes a mistake.

Allegheny's contra events allow students and community members to make mistakes and dance together, according to Weisman.

"It's one of those things that bridges gulfs, it brings people together in a really beautiful way," Weisman said.

Five students and three community members attended the October contra dance in addition to O'Brien and three members of TOPPISH.

Brian How, an English as a second language instructor at Gannon University in Erie, moved to the area in 2001 and is now a regular participant in local contra events. At the October event, How said he first learned about contra when he was living in Los Angeles, and a friend took him to a contra dance in South Pasadena, California.

"It was beautiful," How said. "It took a little while to get used to, but I liked it a lot."

How, who now lives in Edinboro, said he has since been to contra dances in Vermont, New Jersey and Washington D.C. The band at Allegheny's events, though, is something special, according to How.

"Some contra dance bands like to dip into other styles, but these are Irish and Scottish reels and jigs," How said. "This is a cultural treasure for the area, they're lovely."

TOPPISH, organized by guitar and flute player Jack Lindberg, enjoys playing specifically for dancers.

"You get really good energy from the people you're playing for," said fiddle player Michael Hurley. "There's a lot of immediate feedback."

Even though contra was deferred until the November event, the band filled the studio space with energetic Irish and Scottish melodies and even played some waltz as How provided an impromptu

waltz lesson at the request of the Allegheny students there.

Weisman said events like the contra dances provide an opportunity for students interested in dance to learn and progress in their own time.

"For me as a dance educator, I think a lot of people don't consider themselves dancers," Weisman said. "People will come up to me and say, 'Oh you're so lucky you get to dance.' Well in my mind, dance is a human activity. In a contra dance, you'll see little kids and adults and we'll all be dancing together, it sort of levels the playing field as to who can be considered a dancer."

The next contra dance will be held in the lower studio of Montgomery Hall on North Main Street on Nov. 18 with a lesson beginning at 7:15 p.m. The event is free for college and high school students and \$10 for adults.



Remembering Morris on the second anniversary of her death

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Two years ago, Hannah Morris was pronounced dead at the Meadville Medical Center after being struck by a car near Odd Fellows Hall on North Main Street at approximately 10:45 p.m on Oct. 29, 2015.

In a previous issue published by The Campus, Jocelyn Serafin, '17, said “ [the night] was so dark that I couldn’t see her [Morris’s] face.”

That night is one that many members of the community have not forgotten.

“I remember it very well,” Allegheny College President James Mullen said. “I think that when something this tragic happens it’s always a part of the fabric of the community. It was extremely painful for all of us. There was an initial shock ... [that]

someone that young should be lost to us instantaneously, and then there was a tremendous sadness, and then a coming together to share in the sadness.”

Mullen described how Allegheny students, staff and administrators came together in response to her death.

“There’s a lot of community support at times like that,” Chaplain and Professor of Religious Studies Jane Ellen Nickell said. “That’s one of the things Allegheny does really well is support each other through something like this.”

Nickell was called the night of Morris’ death and later informed her family and close friends of the accident. She then led the memorial service, held in Ford Memorial Chapel, on Nov. 14, 2015. Many members of the Allegheny community attended to celebrate Morris’ life and give personal remarks.

“She loved to bake, made

butterfly origami and gave out cupcakes in the Campus Center during exam time,” Nickell said.

Morris’ family also sent remarks to be read at the service.

“Remembering Hannah must involve her love of books,” James Robert Morris said. “Some book lovers clearly love the physicality of books. This was not Hannah, who only had thoughts for the words. Her books were scattered, torn, water damaged — they went wherever she did, and nothing would distract her from them.”

Mullen was one of many members of the community who attended the service, and described his reaction after hearing remarks from Nickell and Morris’ family.

“I remember the service, it was very moving,” Mullen said. “It was the first opportunity for people to say, ‘I’m going to remember this ex-

traordinary young person as my friend.”

In his remarks, Morris’ father described her as naturally curious about all subjects.

Mullen and Nickell detailed many additional ways Morris is remembered on Allegheny’s campus. She was passionate about domestic violence awareness, studied Neuroscience and enjoyed gaming in her free time.

“She had a natural born ‘I want to learn this’ attitude about many things,” James’ remarks said.

Since her passing, the college has taken steps to improve pedestrian safety on North Main Street. Allegheny Student Government President Mark MacStudy, '17, and Ali Awadi, director of public safety, have been working to improve lighting on all roads that run through campus.

In the beginning of the fall semester of 2017, Awadi visited ASG to give updates

on the progress made with the improvement of lighting around campus.

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Jane Ellen Nickell
Chaplain and Professor of Religious Studies

“We really saw the campus as a whole highlight public safety in light of this, and we’ve made progress so far on advanced lighting on North Main, and now it’s spreading across campus as well,” MacStudy said. “I know Awadi

has said there’s lights going up on Limber, Park Ave, and a couple other streets.”

Mullen expressed his appreciation for the efforts put in by public safety over the last two years.

“There’s been some extraordinary work done there, the lighting has been improved and we’re very grateful to everyone who helped make that happen,” Mullen said. “When I walk in the evenings now, it is a huge improvement.”

As the Allegheny community does what it can to better pedestrian safety for the future, Morris will live on and be remembered as a student and a friend.

“There’s no way to find words to express the hurt to the community, but we do come together and we stand with each other and we support each other and we love each other,” Mullen said.

Stranger Things 2 preview: the horror in Hawkins continues

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The long-awaited science fiction-horror Netflix series has finally returned for its second season. “Stranger Things 2” premiered on Oct. 27. The second season has nine episodes, each one an one hour long. With the release of season two, Netflix is also releasing an after show called “Beyond Stranger Things” and has also confirmed a third season for the show.

This season sees the return of the Duffer Brothers directing and the show regulars,

along with new cast members, Dacre Montgomery as Billy Hargrove, Sadie Sink as Max Hargrove, Cara Buono as Karen Wheeler, Paul Reiser as Dr. Sam Owens and Sean Astin as Bob Newby.

“Stranger Things 2” picks up a year after Eleven’s disappearance and Will’s return from the Upside Down. The plot follows the regular cast members as new and old forces come into play and as they begin to realize the horror of last year is not over yet. This season also shows the conflicting love triangle between Nancy, Steve and Jonathan and the budding love triangle between Lucas, Dustin and

the new character, Max. The official synopsis on Netflix for season two is short but hints at what could happen during the season.

“It’s been nearly a year since Will’s strange disappearance. But life’s hardly back to normal in Hawkins. Not even close,” the Netflix description says.

Season two follows after the acclaimed first season which received several nominations and awards, including eighteen nominations at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards.

The second season hopes to recapture the magic of the first season while also explor-

ing the stories of the characters as they grow and attempting to solve the mystery of the dark forces plaguing Hawkins.

“Stranger Things’ slow-building sophomore season balances moments of humor and a nostalgic sweetness against a growing horror that’s all the more effective thanks to the show’s full-bodied characters and evocative tone,” according to Rotten Tomatoes.

Season one of “Stranger Things” barely holds on to it’s reigning place as best reviewed season of the series as season two ends out on a 92 percent to season one’s 96



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percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

With the release of season 2, the hope for the show is for it to continue the humor and fantastical action that captured viewers in season one, while also answering the unanswered questions that tormented them. The dark questions of Eleven and Barb’s disappearances and the

fall-out of the Demogorgon’s warpath are the primary subjects of season two that many, including myself, hope to see answered.

With quirky humor and pop references mixed together in combination with supernatural horror, “Stranger Things 2” is getting stranger and stranger.

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Above: The Allegheny Cheerleaders cheer during the Halloween parade on Oct. 28, 2017.
Top Right: Farrah Grotto Big Wheelers drift the corners of Diamond Park with motorized three-wheelers.
Bottom Right: The small steam engine of the Pioneer Steam and Gas Engine Society moves through the parade.

THE HALLOWEEN PARADE GETS SAFARI WILD

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Above Left: Parade participants dress up and walk in the Halloween parade.
Above Right: Taco Bell shows off it's products on its float during the parade.
Right: Fog rises from the Living Waters Church jungle float.
Bottom: ONE Federal Credit Union's float was the Nonprofit Grand Champion of Meadville's Halloween parade.



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Team captains and senior players, Sierra Beaty, Sam Brooks and Sarah Donohue meet with the referees and Kenyon College’s team captains before the start of the match on Oct. 28, 2017 at the Robertson Athletic Complex.

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Gator soccer honors teammates on Senior Day

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Four members of the Allegheny women’s soccer team and six members of the men’s soccer program all played the last match of their collegiate careers this past weekend on Oct. 28 at the Robertson Athletic Complex.

Senior players, Sierra Beaty, Sam Brooks, Sarah Donohue and Sarah Sherwood were all four-year members of the women’s program and, joined with their families, were honored before the start of their last regular match of the 2017 season against their conference opponent, the Kenyon College Ladies.

Beaty, an outside fullback from Spencerport, N.Y. has appeared in over 16 games per season since her freshman year, served as a team captain her senior season and has expressed reluctance in letting go of her sport.

“I basically began playing soccer when I first learned how to walk.”

“I’m extremely proud of what this team has been able to accomplish, but of course I wish this season, our last season, could continue,” Beaty said. “It’s hard to imagine my day-to-day life without



Senior players, Sierra Beaty, Sam Brooks, Sarah Donohue and Sarah Sherwood pose for a picture with their families at the Senior Day ceremony on Oct. 28, 2017 at the Robertson Athletic Complex.

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soccer being a part of it anymore.”

The Kenyon College Ladies triumphed over the Gators in the last match of the regular NCAC season, ending the 2017 season for the Allegheny women’s program. Strong offensive play during the second half lifted Kenyon to a 2-0 victory after Kenyon out-shot Allegheny, 18-2. The Kenyon Ladies totaled 11 shots on goal, and Allegheny goalkeeper Maya Hackman, ’21, tallied nine saves.

The Gators were unable to pressure Kenyon offensively to the same extent during the second half, with only one shot on goal from center midfielder Blair Proteau, ’21.

Donohue, an outside midfielder, center forward and two-year captain from Buffalo, N.Y. has also appeared in over 16 games per season since her freshman year and has recognized both the potential of the women’s soccer program moving forward, and the significance her parents have had in her own career.

“My last collegiate season couldn’t have been what it was without the support of my parents, and without the most recent additions to this team,” Donohue said. “While I can’t play anymore, I know the women who just finished their first collegiate season, will bring a lot to the table in the future.”

Shannon McGuinn, ’21, has scored eight goals in her first season, tallied 19 shots on goal and has been named the Allegheny College Gator of the Week for two consecutive weeks of the 2017 season. Kelli Gaus, ’21, and Blair Proteau, ’21, have each had two goals in their first season with the Gators.

Kenyon College’s women’s soccer team will now advance to the NCAC Championship Game against the Wittenberg University Tigers, but the senior class of the Allegheny College women’s program, despite the results of their last season, will continue to reflect on their careers in a positive manner.

“I basically began playing soccer when I first learned how to walk,” Donohue said. “Now that it’s over, all I can think about is the picture hanging in my house from when I was a toddler; my dad was kneeling next to me, and placed a ball at my feet.”

The Allegheny men’s soccer team also ended their season on Oct. 28 against the Kenyon College Lords. With a goal in the first-half from Kenyon’s Woo Jeon, ’18, and two goals in the second-half from Henry Myers, ’18, and Jack Cohen, ’21, the Gators were defeated in their season finale, 3-0.

Before the match, the Gators honored the four-year, senior members of the team: Bryce Evans, Tolossa Hassan, Izaak Miller, David Stekla, Corey Twichel and Tristen Thakar.

Miller, a starting center forward and a senior captain from Norwich, Conn. had two shots during the match against Kenyon College, one skimming the top of the crossbar at the end of the first-half. Center fullback

Liam McKersie, ’19, competed offensively and matched Miller with two shots in the match against Kenyon.

While the men’s team ended its 2017 season 5-11-1 overall, Miller expressed that he will continue to root for his teammates and his coaches, Assistant Coach Brandon Nicholson and Head Coach Angelo Panzetta, in the seasons to come.

“Athletes know that their experiences on a team, good or bad, stem a lot from how their coaches lead that team,” Miller said. “[Panzetta] is awesome, he has always brought members of this team together, has made my experience at Allegheny what it is, and I wish him, Coach Nicholson and my fellow teammates the absolute best.”

Evans, ’18, quoted a line from Assistant Athletic Director and Director of Athletic Communication Jim Berger as he walked off the turf at the end of his last collegiate match.

“Once a Gator, always a Gator,” Evans said.

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Remembering Coach Sheehan

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Former Allegheny College Women’s Volleyball Head Coach Bridget Sheehan passed away on Monday, Oct. 30, 2017. In a campus-wide email sent on Tuesday, Oct. 31, Allegheny College President James Mullen invited Allegheny students, staff, administrators and Meadville community members to her funeral which will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 in Ford Memorial Chapel.