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‘Embracing AI’s impact’

Alumni panel discusses technology



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Alumni panel members Angelica Runova, ’06, Dayan Abeyaratne, ’94, Morgan Dukman, ’23 and Lauren Odrechowski, ’10, react with signs to the proposed idea that artificial intelligence has caused no disruption in the workplace.

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An alumni panel during Blue & Gold Weekend invited alumni who have artificial intelligence experience to share their thoughts about how AI has become prominent in their professional lives, how it is reshaping the way they approach obstacles and how it is challenging human potential within businesses.

Four graduates participated in the “Board of Visitors Roundtable: From Classroom to Boardroom — Embracing AI’s Impact” in the Henderson Auditorium in Quigley Hall on Friday, Sept. 19. Hemani Alaparthi, ’27, who is double-majoring in computer science and economics, introduced the panel members: Angelica Runova, ’06, a senior strategy and planning manager at PNC Bank; Dayan Abeyaratne, ’94, a partner with PJT Partners Inc; Morgan Dukman, ’23, who works in information security and AI at BNY; and Lauren Odrechowski, ’10, who works in communications and AI at BNY.

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PA protects access to COVID-19 vaccines

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With respiratory virus season around the corner and uncertainty surrounding federal guidelines, Allegheny College students will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, but to do so, they will need to travel down the hill to downtown Meadville. The Winslow Health Center, a hub for student healthcare located in Schultz Hall, will provide students with free influenza vaccines this year but not COVID-19 vaccines, according to Winslow staff.

“Allegheny College partnered with the Meadville Medical Center during the height of the pandemic when the vaccine first became available to facilitate vaccination efforts for the campus community,” said Vice President for Enrollment Management and Senior Communications Officer Jennifer Winge, ’96, in an email to The Campus clarifying the college’s vaccine policy. “Since that time, we have referred campus community members to their primary care physician or local pharmacies for subsequent boosters.”

During the pandemic, Dr. Gabrielle Morrow, an emergency medicine doctor, headed the Allegheny College Health Agency alongside epidemiologist and Associate Professor of Biology Becky Dawson, ’00. The ACHA was created by former Allegheny President Hilary Link “to fill the gap in clinical and public health services in Crawford County,” The Meadville Tribune reported at the time.

The partnership between Allegheny College and Meadville Medical Center to vaccinate students was announced in a campus-wide email sent on April 5, 2021. In spring 2021, the Pennsylvania Department of Health determined that college students would be eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine starting April 13. Soon after that, students boarded shuttles running every half hour from the end of Brooks Walk to Park Avenue Plaza to receive free COVID-19 vaccinations at the former Peebles building.

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Residence Life changes affect students

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Implementing pet-friendly housing, re-opening Ravine-Narvik Hall, changing the housing lottery and barring sophomores from living in independent housing are just a few of the changes the Office of Residence Life has implemented this academic year.

Associate Dean for Residence Life Stacie Wolbert, who started working for Allegheny in spring 2024, said the changes were motivated by student feedback.

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BEN STAVNEZER/THE CAMPUS

Ravine-Narvik Hall has been brought online to house sophomores this academic year.

ASG plans events

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The Allegheny Student Government met Tuesday to discuss regular cabinet updates and projections for planning future events for students.

Cabinet Reports

Director of the Treasury Nick Banez, ’26, reported the first finance committee meeting took place Friday, Sept. 19, though a permanent meeting time has not yet been set. Twenty-four finance requests have been received and 12 were processed last Friday. Further, almost all club budget meetings have been completed.

Director of Finance Dominic Juliana, ’26, was absent from the General Assembly, but left notes in the meeting minutes.

“Please be advised,” he wrote. “A failure to plan 2 weeks ahead on your end does not constitute an emergency on ours. 2 week minimum for finance requests!” The total reports of the 12 approved finance requests were provided; the largest notable doles were $3,980 to Model U.N. for its yearly trip, $3,870 to provide lighting equipment for Orchesis, and $930 to Outing Club for a horseback riding trip. The total expenditures were $11,184.02.

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Allegheny launches new major

Engineering physics expands student opportunities

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The start of the academic year also marks the beginning of a new major at Allegheny.

The engineering physics major is designed to support students who are interested in pursuing technical careers and aims to provide them with a clearer path into engineering fields. The major blends core physics principles with applied engineering skills while also offering direct experience that is extremely valuable when students apply for jobs and graduate programs, according to physics department faculty.

“For many years, we’ve had a strong engineering and physics faculty,” said Physics Professor Jamie Lombardi. “Our students have done incredible hands-on research and gone on to work at places like NASA and Johns Hopkins laboratories, but we’ve never formalized that into a dedicated engineering major. We thought it was time to change that.”

Doros Petasis, a fellow physics professor, says the major will teach students the fundamentals of physics essential for engineering.

“It’s about the applied side of physics,” Petasis said. “It gives students flexibility whether they’re heading into industry or graduate school.”

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Blue & Gold Weekend invited alumni to celebrate the life of Coach Ben Mourer, ’07, and participate in the “Mourer Memorial Mile.” Features Editor Aubryanna Snyder, ’27, shares photos from the event.

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Clean Slate Gators initiative engages students

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The Allegheny Clean Slate Gators Program is a new student-led initiative that allows student volunteers to gain real-world legal experience while positively affecting the Meadville community.

The program is a partnership between Allegheny's Law & Policy Program and Crawford County Clean Slate, a nonprofit that helps formerly incarcerated individuals seal their criminal records and receive a "second chance," according to its website. The organization assists in criminal record sealings, expungements and governor's pardons.

"We want to promote work that's in the interests of the public good," said Andrew Bloeser, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Political Participation. "Clean Slate and its mission certainly does that, and the Law & Policy Program specifically is meant to help students connect their academic interests to experiences outside the classroom."

Most of the organization's work is guided by Pennsylvania's Clean Slate law, which allows for record sealings using the state's pardon process so those with criminal histories no longer face discrimination in employment, housing, education and other areas of life. Pennsylvania was the first state to implement a process to seal criminal records from public view. Crawford County Clean Slate was established in 2018, when the Pennsylvania Clean Slate law passed. The law was expanded in what is colloquially referred to as Clean Slate 2.0 in 2020, to address cost barriers in the record expunging process, followed by Clean Slate 3.0, which expanded the scope of the law to include nonviolent felonies, including some felony drug convictions, and shortened waiting periods for other felonies.

Gary Murray, '26, a political science and history double major, began working with Crawford County Clean Slate during summer 2023 as an independent study with Bloeser. Murray has continued to work with the organization throughout his time at Allegheny, dedicating approximately 140 hours to it each semester. Last year, he and Bloeser began to develop the Allegheny Clean Slate Gators Program to bring other students into the fold.

Now, the program is the centerpiece of Murray's senior comprehensive project.

"I started the program last semester," Murray said, referring to spring 2025. "We had four of us, and I was happy with the work that we were doing."

To create the program, Bloeser worked to connect community organizing and civic professionalism from within the Community and Justice Studies Program, with help from Economics Professor Emeritus Don Goldstein and Director of the Allegheny Community Hub Colin Hurley.

The vision of the Crawford County Clean Slate program is to provide fair opportunities for all and second chances for those affected by the legal system. To achieve this, they work to unite community leaders and locals countywide to ensure smooth community integration.

Housed within the Community Impact Hub, the Allegheny Clean Slate Gators Program is structured to allow students to engage with the Crawford County community.

Murray highlighted the program's value for pre-law students, saying the hands-on training with Pennsylvania's Clean Slate Law is an important experience.

The inclusion of "hands-on training, based on this specific type of law, the clean slate law," Murray said. "Specifically PA, (and) how a legislator puts that in place" is important for pre-law students.

The Allegheny Clean Slate Gators Program has partnered with the American Bar Association and Northwestern Legal Services, a nonprofit organization that provides free legal assistance to those who cannot afford it and conducts training sessions for students in the program, according to its website.

Other partnerships involve practicing lawyers and law students who attend some partnered events and seminars, which students in the Clean Slate Gators Program may interact with.

"Most recently, the Bonner Program has been incredibly involved," Bloeser said. "(It has) made Clean Slate a work site for Bonner students so they can make some money to help afford their education and get practical hands-on community engagement skills."

The program is nonprofit and volunteer, so money may come from the Bonner Program, allowing student-by-student-based funding for time spent working on the program. Students may also receive credits for their work with the program, according to Murray.

Crawford County Clean Slate also works closely with Women's Services in Meadville.

"One of their overall missions is just to help in the area where something is needed," said Women's Services counselor Abigail Doucet.

Their focus on the safety of people, helping minorities and valuing people overlaps with the goals of the Clean Slate Program.

Those helped by Crawford Clean Slate have "less than a one-percent recidivism rate," according to Doucet.

Helping people stay out of trouble "helps promote the economy in our area," Doucet said, "leading to a better Crawford County area."

Murray's work with the Clean Slate Gator Program will have to end once he graduates and pursues his legal dreams.

"It's my goal to find a successor," Murray said. "Hopefully I'm able to find a freshman or any other Bonners that want to make it (Clean Slate) their site, so that Clean Slate is basically a continuous program, and also something that benefits the whole county in general."

Pine Market closes briefly due to accident

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Pine Market closed for just over 36 hours last weekend after an accident left a grab-and-go refrigerator shattered on the floor and sent a Parkhurst employee to the emergency room.

Parkhurst General Manager Maria Foxall said that on Saturday evening, around 8:30 p.m., a Pine Market employee who was restocking one of the grab-and-go refrigerators stepped up into the fridge to reach the back of a shelf, which caused the fridge to tip forward.

"Instead of getting a little footstool to get up to the top shelf, she stepped into it, and the whole cooler actually landed on top of her," Foxall said. "We are very fortunate that she did not get hurt more than she did."

Luckily, the employee had pulled her restocking cart close to her. When the fridge fell forward, the cart took the brunt of the fall.

"It truly, really saved her life because if that cart hadn't been there, she would have gotten the whole force," Foxall said. "She got some of it, but the cart took the majority of it, so thank goodness."

Foxall said the employee went straight to the emergency room but did not suffer any major injuries.

The fridge's double doors shattered in the fall, spraying shards of glass across the carpet. Immediately after the accident, Foxall closed Pine Market in part to prevent students from injuring themselves on the glass. It took all day Sunday to clean up the mess, according to Foxall.

"It took hours yesterday to make sure there was no glass anywhere," Foxall said. "Because people come in with flip-flops, or you know, whatever, so we just had to make sure it was safe."

Foxall said she will have a discussion with the college about who will pay for the damage, but said she thinks Parkhurst will replace the refrigerator.



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS
The broken refrifgerator lies on the floor of Pine Market, surrounded by shattered glass, on Sunday morning.

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Director of Community Relations Aubrey Carion, '27, discussed work being done to coordinate shuttles to sporting events, with an emphasis on Oct. 18, as there will be three home games that day; women's soccer vs. Bethany, mens' soccer vs. Bethany and football vs. Grove City. Additionally, Carion said she is planning an event with Director of Diversity and Inclusion Hailey Herring, '26, in cooperation with Meadville Cooperative Preschool in Oddfellows Hall.

Director of Organizational Development Brayden Devinney, '26, reported to ASG that the GatorHub page for student government has been updated and re-organized for better access of required information for clubs and organizations, as well as meeting minutes.

Class Reports

Class of 2026 President Sydni Junker reported the class will be tabling on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for its Grounds for Change event, titled, "Sippin' Into Senior Year," which will take place on Sept. 30.

Class of 2027 President Kirandeep Khroud reported the class will be assembling a candy-apple making event around Halloween. Additionally, the class will be looking into a hot cocoa event in the library around finals, and preliminary planning for Junior Appreciation Week will begin soon.

Class of 2028 President George Asante reported that planning for the class's events is ongoing and that the class will be tabling on Oct. 7 to wish people well on break. The class will host a GFC open tab the next day, though final details have not been nailed down.

Class of 2029 Vice President Aicha Foster announced that the class will have a GFC open tab on Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Class leaders are looking into a specialty drink for the event.

Chief Executive Reports

Vice President Douglas Malcolm, '26, announced that a project he has been working on with President Chezka Quinola, '27, is nearing fruition: the installation of televisions in McKinley's Food Court is being finalized with the college administration. These screens are intended to promote athletic events, club announcements, open tabs and academic honors, along with other achievements. Specific details on the program are still being determined.

This project has been in the works for two to three weeks and involved meeting with Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckley and Associate Dean for Student Life Gretchen Beck. The current proposal is for two televisions, with expansion of the program into Brooks possible depending on how it goes. The financial costs associated should be ironed out by the next GA.

The plan to install TVs follows up on the ASG administration's campaign promise to promote ASG communication.

"I would say it's a first step," Malcolm said. "Trying to let people know what's going on. Clubs will be able to show what they're doing to a larger audience rather than just having, like, paper fliers but, yeah I would say it is a first step. Chezka and I have a lot more that we're planning to do including the accessibility walks and stuff like that but yeah, I think it's a good first step."

Yeckley considered the TV project a positive move.

"I think it's a great idea, it's something that's been talked about for a while," Yeckley said. "We know that when we hang stuff from the fliers and such on the railings it can kind of get lost in the clutter, and we know that sometimes sitting in Kins or standing in line at Kins you'll be looking around to see things and it would be great to have information available in a place students tend to congregate."

Quinola did not attend the meeting.

Malcolm also offered an update on plans to broadcast ASG meetings.

"We did have some sound issues and tripod stuff, which is why we didn't do it today," Malcolm said, but we are putting in requests so we can have microphones and an actual camera so that everyone can be seen and it's just higher quality."

Last week's GA livestream had around 50 viewers, according to Director of Communication and Press Jake Slater, '26.

New Business

Approval of the Judicial Review Board was up for consideration, according to Attorney General Anna Kohler, '26.

"The judicial review board is a section of ASG that is three non-ASG representatives in the student body," Kohler said. "Their job is basically to — if in the off-case we have some constitutional infraction by one of the senators or cabinet members — we have these three to determine next steps in that process as sort of a non-biased, and outside opinion. So, this year, I am excited to announce my selections for the judicial review board: Isabelle Caramenico, '26, Christian Habusta, '27 and Sam Kohler, '28."

ASG voted 20-0 to approve the board nominees.

The next GA will take place Tuesday Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

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"When I came in, one of the things that I really tried to do was listen to the students," Wolbert said. "I listened to my RA (resident advisor) staff, I listened to my HRAs (head resident advisors), my interns, residents that I met."

Wolbert said that when she came to Allegheny, she noticed that residence life seemed "scattered." In collaboration with Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckley and Dean for Student Success Ian Binnington, Wolbert brought back residence life's previous "graduated independence program."

According to Wolbert, the "graduated independence program" is meant to slowly introduce college students to the independence of adulthood. Through programming, RAs provide first-years with more guidance and life skills, while sophomores and upperclassmen are given more career and major advice. In this model, the amount of support students get from their RAs gradually decreases.

The model includes the residence halls where students are allowed to live. Seniors and juniors are allowed to live in independent housing, like North Village, while sophomores are given standard-style dormitory buildings.

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> *Class of 2026*

"The buildings may change based on the size of the class coming in, but the first-years always live together," Wolbert said.

Despite the graduated independence program having existed prior to last year's housing cycle in spring 2025, some sophomores on campus made plans to room with their upperclassmen friends. When they opened their roommate agreement, they were notified they were no longer allowed to live in independent housing, a rule they say wasn't communicated until the last minute.

"I was actually so mad about this," Tess Bursic, '28, said. "I have a really close group of friends that are all upperclassmen, and we were all planning to live together in NVII (North Village II). They needed a fourth, and I was going to be their fourth, and I was really excited about it. We're all in the same sorority, and we're all really, really close. I felt like I was basically cut off by ResLife because I couldn't live with them."

According to Bursic, when she tried talking to Residence Life, she was "shut down." She now resides in Ravine-Narvick Hall.

"I like the seclusion," Bursic said. "It's nice to be secluded from everyone; that's just my introvert coming out. It's just so far from everything."

During the housing selection last spring, students took notice of a previously closed building being offered for housing: Ravine-Narvick Hall. The residence hall was offline for the 2024-25 school year, but was opened back up for students who stayed on campus during summer 2025 for summer internships, research and on-campus jobs. In tandem with Ravine-Narvick Hall remaining open, Residence Life barred sophomores from living in North Village I and II, a change from previous years. For this academic year, students were also given the option to choose a single in Ravine.

"Ravine was initially closed down because there weren't a lot of people who were very interested in it," said Dree Zeiszler, '26, an intern in the Residence Life Office. "It was almost completely empty. It was all singles and still almost completely empty. The reason it was opened back up this year was actually in response to the volume of requests we got for singles. So, we did decide — instead of forcing everyone without an accommodation to go into a double, we decided to open up Ravine to kind of give people that option since we did see such a high demand for it."

Ethan Kosco, '27, said he felt that second-year students were put into isolation being housed in Ravine-Narvick Hall.

"They (residence life) kind of put them (sophomores) in a predicament," said Kosco, who has several second-year friends living in Ravine. "For the sophomores, I know the ones that live in Ravine feel isolated, almost, just because they're all the way in that back corner and all their friends are on this side of campus."

The change was due to availability in buildings, according to Wolbert.

"One of the concerns that had been brought to me was we had juniors and seniors that were not able to get into independent housing because so many rising sophomores had been pulled up by friends," Wolbert said.

Another change Residence Life made last year was the way in which housing selection numbers are assigned. In previous years, students were randomly assigned a number, which determined their spot in the housing selection queue. Now, students' housing selection numbers are determined by how fast they fill out their housing agreement. This is a way to place accountability back onto the students, according to Dree Zeiszler, '26, an intern in the Residence Life Office.

"I know it was random selection of who got what number and that left a lot of room for personal bias and error," Zeiszler said.

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> —ETHAN KOSCO
> *Class of 2027*

"So, we introduced for housing selection for this academic year that your number is based on when you sign it (the housing agreement)."

This year, Residence Life also decided to join colleges around the country in creating an option for pet-friendly housing. In contrast to previous years, students living in these halls will not need to register their pets as emotional support animals. Each residential building, excluding the first-year dormitories, has a hall dedicated to students with animals, according to Wolbert.

Having pet-friendly housing can decrease stress, homesickness and anxiety and increase student engagement, according to the Associated Press.

"I implemented pet-friendly housing as well," Wolbert said. "And that was in response to so many students wanting to have pets on campus."

Zeiszler wanted to remind students that Residence Life has them in mind when making decisions, and in most cases their decisions are not made alone.

"Everything we do, we try and do right by the residents," Zeiszler said. "Some of those background conversations that people don't hear are us, like, 'How is this going to affect the residents? How can we make it more approachable for them? How do we make it better for them?' We are concerned about those things."

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Over three years later, the college's emphasis on vaccination has faded. The Allegheny College Health Agency continued to play a key role in shaping the university's COVID-19 response policy after 2021, announcing changes to the campus mask mandate in January 2022 and influencing the decision to end campus surveillance testing around January 2023.

In an email to The Campus, Dawson declined to comment on how or why the ACHA ended its work, saying that she did not have an "accurate history regarding the ACHA."

Winge did not specify in her email to The Campus who is now responsible for changes to the college's COVID-19 vaccine administration policy, stating only that "there are no future plans at this time to provide a vaccine clinic on campus."

Dawson expressed concerns about COVID-19 vaccine availability on campus.

"Aside from vaccines being safe and effective, the next most important thing is convenience," Dawson said. "When you take away availability, it obviously will always result in fewer people getting vaccinated."

According to Dawson, nationwide upheaval in the politics of public health could directly impact Allegheny students. Last Friday, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — affirmed a Food and Drug Administration decision that would limit access to new COVID-19 vaccines to individuals who are at risk for serious COVID-19 complications because they are 65 or older or have other health problems.

However, on Thursday, Sept. 18, Gov. Josh Shapiro and State Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen authorized Pennsylvania to join the Northeast Public Health Collaborative, a new coalition of nine states establishing independent guidelines and sharing COVID-19 tracking data across the northeast U.S. Shapiro also promised to preserve vaccine access for all Pennsylvanians over 6 months old through the distribution of "off-label" vaccines. In September 2025, the Pennsylvania Board of Pharmacy eliminated the national mandate that patients must get a separate prescription from a doctor to receive the vaccine.

In other words, state residents — including Allegheny students — will be able to receive the new COVID-19 vaccines as previously expected despite changes to vaccine labels introduced at the federal level.

"I'm going to be really honest," Dawson said, referring to shifting federal policies. "All of that decision is being made on political will. It's not looking at the science, it's not looking at the epidemiology, it's not looking at the vaccinology."

Dawson attributed the federal restrictions to leadership changes at the CDC, noting that former businessman Jim O'Neill is the first ever non-physician without experience in public health to serve as acting director.

Allegheny College has historically considered input from both state and federal governments when forming its COVID-19 response policy. For example, a campus-wide announcement on March 3, 2020, pledged to follow CDC recommendations to address the virus's potential impact on campus affairs. Then, on March 16, 2020, Allegheny committed to fully remote instruction following a statement issued by former Gov. Tom Wolf.

Now, although there is no on-campus vaccination option, students can get their COVID-19 vaccines at local pharmacies, including CVS and Walgreens.

Dawson believes that COVID-19 vaccine availability nationwide will hinge on efforts at the grassroots level.

"It really is this moment of activism from the ground up," Dawson said, "which is really changing how we do policy around vaccines and vaccine access."

CRIME BLOTTER

Editor's Note: The weekly Crime Blotter is compiled using the Daily Crime Log available on the Office of Public Safety's web page. Crimes reported may still be under investigation. Crimes listed below are collected the Wednesday before publication.

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STOP! Do absolutely nothing!

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The other day I remember running into the same professor in three different places: Grounds for Change, Oddfellows and at my job at French Creek Coffee & Tea. The same day, on my way up from work, a friend driving home saw me walking up North Main St. I hear a lot of people tell me how they see me literally everywhere.

I told myself growing up that I enjoyed being busy. I'd been convinced that if I had something on my schedule every moment of every day, I could avoid the crushing feelings in my head and the difficulties of being home. I came to college thinking that I could handle it all — I thought I needed to be super busy in order to be a real college student. . I'm a busybody; I have to keep moving, or I have to have something to do because if not, then I worry I'm wasting my time. In multiple meetings with multiple advisors, I would say something along the lines of, "But if I'm not doing all these things, I'm a failure and I'll never get my degree." I remember coming to college and joining all these activities because I thought I was doing something wrong if I didn't have something to post on LinkedIn every two weeks. But what I never thought to consider was that sometimes, doing nothing is busy enough. Sometimes I'm even wasting my time by being too busy.

It's true that you need to be involved in college. All social skills are built by interacting with others. If you want friends, you have to find them; they're in all the places you haven't looked (i.e. knitting club). When people talk about college, they don't usually say they had the best time of their life because they never left their room. What they don't tell you though, is that sometimes you just have to sit in your room, stare at the ceiling and do nothing.

The truth is, I want to be doing nothing. I run around campus everyday like a madman and I don't really get much out of it; what I mean is that I'm rushing so much I don't feel like I'm ever actually taking in the experiences. I don't ever see my room and when I do I realize how much of a mess it is because I never have time to clean. I made myself so busy I don't even have time to do homework, and at the end of the day, as I stare at my heaping pile of laundry falling out onto the floor, I'm still paying for an education.

Be okay with doing nothing! There's nothing more valuable than time, and when you feel like you're constantly running out of it, it's not really living — it's just getting by. Not only am I always running out of time, but I'm also always running away from it (I'll push responsibilities to the very last minute to avoid having to do them, as one does), and that's a feeling you have no room for in college. The main objective in your college career is to get your degree, but there's also these secondary things, like life experience and making a friend you'll still have when you're 80. You don't have time for running out of it; there's too much to do.

I love when people text me and ask me to hang out, but then clarify that they don't really have any activity in mind. Each others' company is all they want. After a long day, or a hard class, or a shift that didn't go so well, all anyone ever wants to sit around and have no responsibilities. The harsh reality is that human beings need time to rest. Psychologists argue that, in fact, there are seven types of rest–physcical, mental, spiritual, creative, reframing, emotional and sensory, and your body actually needs all of them. Instructor at Harvard Medical School Natalie Dittilo-Ryan, says, "Without rest, we are like elastic bands stretched almost all the way to capacity."

It's scientifically proven that people need to stop moving for at least five minutes every day and take a couple of breaths. So, unless you're the A.I. bot that's going to cough out a plagiarized version of this article after mining it for data, I have news for you: you need to sit down!

So, here's some ways you can embrace doing absolutely nothing:

Schedule "do nothing" time into your day, and literally do nothing. Put it on your Google calendar. Sit and stare at the wall.

Stop a task a couple times. Don't pull out your phone. Don't do a different task. Just sit and listen to the sounds around you.

Set boundaries. This might be the hardest part. The important thing to recognize here though, is that your mental wellbeing changes the trajectory of everything else: how you perform, how you feel, how productive you are and really how you're going to feel for the rest of the week too. If you don't set boundaries with yourself, your electronics and your friends, you're not really taking care of yourself. In order to truly be doing nothing, you have to be the priority.

> There's nothing more valuable than time, and when you feel like you're constantly running out of it, it's not really living — it's just getting by."
>
> —JAY SHANK
> *Class of 2028*

Here's perhaps the hardest point of all: checking your phone is not doing nothing. Scrolling on TikTok, posting to Instagram, watching TV — none of it is doing nothing. For this, turn your phone off, shove it all the way to the bottom of your bookbag and kick it old school for a couple of minutes. Don't respond to any texts, even if it's your best friend having a crisis over their recent messy breakup.

Of course, some days it's not feasible. Sometimes, you have eight mandatory meetings, plus your classes, plus homework and that's going to happen. But what I can do is encourage you not to sign up for that extra club. Don't take that extra class. A lot of times it feels like we're not good enough if we're not on the board of every extracurricular that exists or if we're not taking 20 credits a semester but the point here is that you're good enough for being in school. If there's one thing I could go back and tell myself when I started college, it would be to stop adding things to my to-do list.

When I tell people I did my homework on time, a lot of the time the response is that that's really the bare minimum for college. That is undeniably true; I knew I was going to do work when I came here. What I don't say in response is, "but I just ran from class and then had five minutes to get to my GFC shift and then three minutes to get to another class and then six minutes to eat lunch and then four minutes to get to Europe and back and then…" You get it. Because that's not really an excuse for late work. You can't really say, "sorry professor, I prioritized The Campus over your class which I need in order to get my degree." It's not what you're here for, and it's really too much for your brain to handle.

So, if you've read nothing at all, read this: lay in bed, stare at the ceiling and choose to do nothing. You'll thank me later.

Humiliating the nation by occupying its capital

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On Aug. 11, President Donald Trump signed the executive order 'Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia'. This order declared that Washington D.C. had been subject to 'rampant violence' and that crime in Washington is so bad that the city cannot maintain 'public order and safety'.

None of this is true. The criticisms of Washington levied by the president are the nonsensical cries of a madman. Earlier this very year, Ed Martin, Trump's failed pick for DC Attorney General, boasted about the safety of DC, ascribing a drop in crime to Donald Trump's first 100 days.

The truth, plain and simple, is that the president is lashing out at discontent however he can, and the District is uniquely legally positioned to suffer from the imposition of a child's law more than any other city in the United States, as it is ultimately under the purview of Congress, and as a result, the executive branch by fiat. The Home Rule Act provides the federal government with dictatorial powers over local voices.

Originally, I had written an article of length rigidly describing the steps and legal mechanisms through which the president had initiated these deployments, while in turn exacerbating city issues at every turn. However, while I was writing that article, new developments emerged from the House of Representatives: It had passed two bills, the DC Crimes Act, and the Juvenile Sentencing Reform Act. Both of these bills were put forward by Republicans, from Florida and Texas respectively, and serve to criminalize D.C.'s youth and sentence 14-year-olds as if they were full adults. The former restricts the DC government from changing its own sentencing laws and reduces the maximum age of a youth offender to 18, and the latter moves the age children can be tried as adults down to 14. I have decided thusly to skip talking about laws, regulations and violations of tradition implemented in D.C. as of late and instead react in terms of myself, as someone born in the city of Washington, within the District of Columbia.

The disgusting tyranny of the president and Congress should not be supported by anyone. The military is not law enforcement. It should not be deployed in law enforcement roles and it is an affront to the people of the District to pretend like it is. The president has deployed America's armed forces to its capital, without the consent of the District, its people or its government, purely to instill fear in its people. The D.C. National Guard, along with multiple Republican states' state guards, were sent into the nation's capitol because of a Twitter government commandeering the Executive branch's powers. This is the first time since President Dwight D. Eisenhower forcibly desegregated schools in Arkansas that a president has ordered the Guard to be deployed against the wishes of a governor.

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It's a politically motivated crackdown which threatens the District of Columbia's independence and autonomy following a series of protests against the president but more than anything else, motivated by the coincidental assault of a DOGE staffer who goes by the preferred name of 'Big Balls' was coincidentally during a carjacking incident between 3 A.M. and 4 A.M. in the morning on Aug 3. 'Big Balls', whose most notable achievement to date was assisting in exposing 300 million Americans' personal information to risk of security breaches and cybercrime, as recorded in whistleblower Chuck Borges' complaint to Congress.

'Big Balls' is an incredible subject to find central to a cartoonishly authoritarian escapade which is entirely degrading to the image of America on an international scale. It is poetic in a sense that I could hardly imagine a series of incidents more emblematic of the Trump administration than a favored staffer of Musk being beaten up, the story going viral on Twitter and grabbing the attention of the President and within days there are deployments of troops within Washington whose primary occupation is to scare locals, stand around and assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement in harassing people if they look vaguely deportable enough.

It's a disgusting performance of dictatorship where Stephen Miller, homeland security advisor, looks to get soundbytes and video of his personal SS, ICE, at work in minority areas and by the monuments harassing minorities to post on Twitter while real people try to go about their lives. It's not hard to see why he would take such joy in deploying armed troops to a city particularly known for a large black population. It really can't be overstated how much Stephen Miller wishes he could kill anyone he thinks of as non-white. According to former Chief of Staff of the Department of Homeland Security Miles Taylor, he's wanted to simply drone strike migrants without due process, regardless of basic human rights, since at least the first Trump administration, an issue which has recently become topical. He's one of the most disgustingly racist men alive and will be a permanent stain on the history of the federal government.

I mean, that still doesn't quite reach the real reason, which is that the current GOP really wishes that if they deployed enough cops and beat enough people, they could get anyone in Washington to like them.

Brianne Nadeau is the representative of Ward 1 on D.C's council and has seen her ward subject to a heavy federal presence.

"Some businesses aren't even opening," she said in an interview with CBS, "Either they don't have staff coming or they're concerned about opening for their customers. We have daycares that are afraid to take the kids out to the park because they're afraid their staff will be picked up by ICE".

A man named Moses, who runs a pizzeria in Anacostia told The Spectator on Sept 12, "The Guard seems to do a lot of random stops. When the Guard is here, I think people tell each other and they don't go out." Andre, a waiter there, said they had seen customers drop 25% that month. A wonderful crackdown on crime, for sure, one that is definitely doing anything but economic damage.

Trump's takeover of police lapsed a few days ago, and he's already back on the warpath. He's declared that if law enforcement doesn't comply with ICE, he will attempt to use his sway in Congress to revoke D.C's home rule entirely and place it under the jurisdiction of the federal government. It's a worthless position to debate the merits of and disgusting position of a toddler in the presidency being told he can't play with his toys anymore. The D.C. police need to be allowed to do their actual jobs and do actual things which lower the crime rate instead of helping deport people. The Hill reported on a meeting between D.C. officials and the House Oversight committee last Thursday, where DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb gave the final word of the occupation's efficacy; "Sending masked agents in unmarked cars to pick people up off the streets; flooding our neighborhoods with armed national guardsmen untrained in local policing; attempting a federal takeover of our police force, none of these are durable, lasting solutions for driving down crime."

A government completely devoid of any moral character, ethical consideration or morality, set upon its own capital with the intent of provoking fear and silence. A government by and for the most deplorable Americans.

D.C. statehood now, GOP delenda est.

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Stories from the 1900s

Memorial Services

HELD IN CHAPEL THURSDAY MORNING IN HONOR OF THE DEAD PRESIDENT.

Special services were held at the college chapel Thursday in honor of the dead President, at the conclusion of which college was closed for the remainder of the day and all exercises suspended. Dr. Montgomery, in the absence of Dr. Crawford, conducted the services. Dr. Smith and Prof. Elliott were the only speakers. Each discussed some phase of the late President's life.

Dr. Smith spoke of the life of President McKinley, whom he considered was a true representative of America and a model man, both as a citizen and a public servant. His early career was traced from boyhood through his college days at Allegheny, through the Civil war, where he rose from the ranks to the position of major, up to his first public office, that of prosecuting attorney for his native county in Ohio. His rise from attorney to congressman and from there to governor of Ohio and President of the nation was followed by the speaker. In conclusion, Dr. Smith said of him: "His amiability, simplicity, self-control, candor and courtesy made his successful career inevitable. His life might be summed up in the words a 'Sweet Seriousness.' We love him for his private virtues as much as we honor him for his public service."

Volume XVIII, issue I, 1901

THE CURRENT EVENTS CLUB.

It Has Been Organized—First Meeting a Success.

While the general stir of college affairs is on, and the daily routine of class-work is keeping the students from knowing generally what is happening in foreign lands, and even in our own country, several of the students, aided by Prof. Smith have, at last succeeded in starting a new movement. The result of the effort on the part of these men was a meeting of about thirty-five young men in Association Hall at 4:45 Friday afternoon. Mr. Fuller called the meeting to order and in a few words stated that the object was, to organize a Current Events Club. Prof. Smith then said that a small fee of only twenty-five cents a term would be charged for membership. This fee, small as it is, will make the membership definite, and will be the expression of interest taken in the movement. The money thus received will be used, not in any way to pay for the speakers, but for the purchase of books of live history, such as the recently published histories of China. These books will be kept in a separate space in the library or in a separate room for the use of the members. In this way every one will get value received.

Volume XVII, issue IV, 1900

WALLOPED GENEVA ON HER OWN GROUND

Twenty-Three to Nineteen the Score by Which Allegheny Won the League Championship in the Greatest Game of the Entire Series—Geneva Soared Like an Eagle Before the Game Began, but at the Finish She Came Down With a Dull Thud---The Calamity in Detail.

Volume XIX, issue XXVII, 1903

NEWTON OBSERVATORY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

FROM HARVARD ASTRONOMICAL DIRECTOR.

Is to Have Regular Reports of Astronomical News from This Center of Information.

Newton Observatory is to receive the mimeographic reports from the Harvard observatory from now on. These reports have but small circulation, being printed by hand, as they are sent only to those observatories where active work is being carried on. Harvard Observatory as is well known, is the American center of Astronomical news.

Volume XXIII, issue XXII, 1907

ALUMNI NOTES.

S. C. Kimm, '96, is principal of the High school at Middleburg, N. Y.

N. B. Madden, '96, has graduated from the law department of U. P.

C. A. Stelte, '98, is with the Delaware Traction Co., at Wilmington, Del.

H. G. Burge, '00, has been elected principal of the High school in Ellicottville, N. Y.

J. O. Waite, '98, who has been representing the Keystone View Company in Toronto, expects to locate in Erie this fall and there study law.

Rev. Paul Weyand, '98, who graduates this month from Drew Theological Seminary, has been chosen as one of the speakers for commencement day.

Mr. Casper Benson, ex.-'03, who is now a senior in Ohio Medical University, has just been appointed house physician in Mercy hospital, Columbus, O.

Volume XIX, issue XXVII, 1903

You Will Save Dollars

By patronizing an up-to-date printing office. Best facilities mean lowest prices and good work and that's the only kind we do. Our plant is equipped for doing all kinds of printing, binding and ruling. Whether the job be large or small, we always neatly do them all.

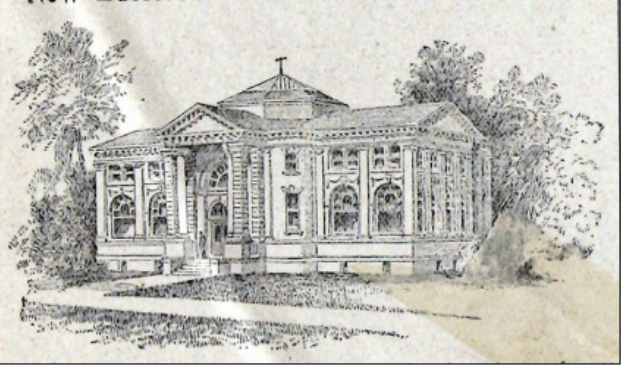


The Tribune Publishing Company
MEADVILLE, PENNA.

Volume XVII, issue XXVII, 1901

ALLEGHENY'S NEW LIBRARY.

It Will Probably Stand North of Ruter Hall and Face to the South--A Picture of the New Edifice.



Volume XVII, issue XXVII, 1901

MISS TARBELL WITH AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE NEW BOARD OF EDITORS.

A Special series of Articles From Her Able Pen to Begin Soon—Will Tell of American Business History.

The impulse of the new board of editors of the American Magazine is to be recognized in every page of the current number. Already the "vision" of the editors as expressed in the editorial is in a fair way to be realized.

It is no small matter of satisfaction to the Allegheny people that Miss Ida M. Tarbell of the class of '80 has an important part in the future of this new venture that is being carried on by a board of the most competent literary people of America.

Among the many good things planned for the new magazine, is a series of articles by Miss Tarbell herself. The series is to begin in an early number and will deal with American business history of the period since the civil war. Miss Tarbell's fame, resting as it does on her excellent works on Lincoln and Napoleon, is sufficient to warrant a most enthusiastive following of all she has to say in this new field of special study.

Volume XXIII, issue II, 1906

The 1902 Champions.

OUR BASKET BALL TEAM AND ITS WORK — THE PLAYERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE TEAM A WINNER.

In years past it has been the custom of college papers to publish at the close of the season a criticism of the work of each player. These criticisms generally consist of a list of laudatory adjectives applied in different order to each one. To write such a criticism of Allegheny's champions would be to fall in the same rut that has directed the course of all others, or in a team like ours, where can a weak spot be found. If it was there, some opponent would long since have found it and Allegheny's enviable record would never have been made.

To praise is not the work of a critic, and to find fault is an impossibility in the present instance. The only thing left is to tell of each man's share in the work. The most noticeable thing about the team is that no two men used the same style of play.



THE INTER-COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS FOR 1902.

Volume XVIII, issue XXII, 1902

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The Campus Newsroom Open House

Blue & Gold Weekend event draws alumni and friends of The Campus



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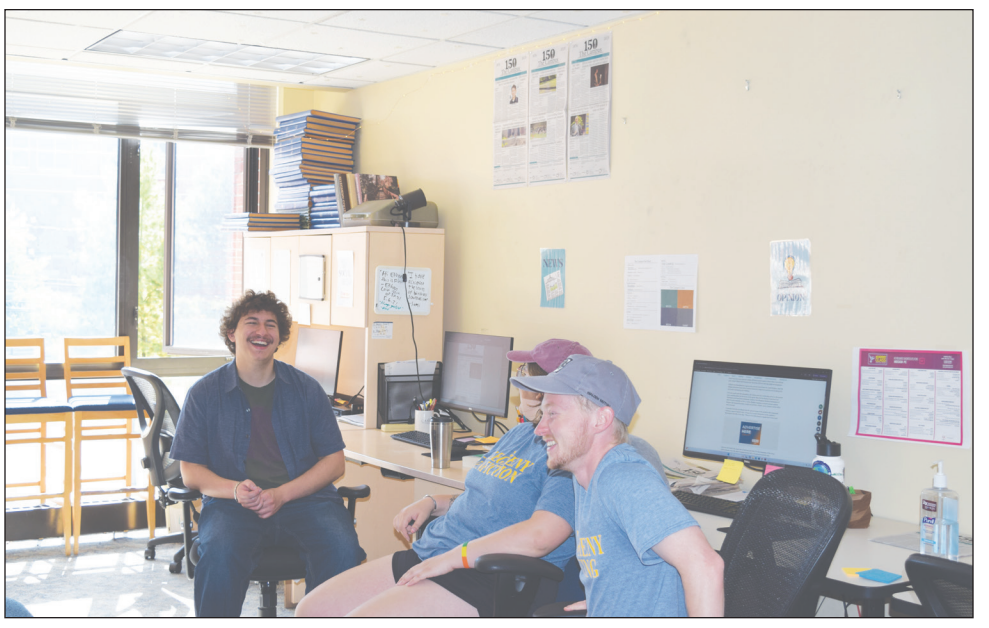
Andrew Germann, '26, Reagan Grace Wheat, '26, Opinion Editor Milo Watson, '26, and Staff Writer Anton Hodge, '27, page through old issues of The Campus at the Newsroom Open House on Saturday, Sept. 20.



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News Editor Ben Stavnezer, '27, Staff Writer Jay Shank, '28, and Watson laugh in the newsroom. Behind them, the first three issues of the year hang on the wall.



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"Ask Allegheny" Producer & Host Emma Conti-Windle, '27, interviews Nealey Clare Wheat, '25, and Reagan Grace Wheat, '26, for this week's edition of "Ask Allegheny."



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS

Marty McCabe, '65, Watson, Rachel Dingman, '08, and Staff Writer Paige Kageni, '27, look at old issues of The Campus. The first three issues of the 2025-26 year lay in the center of the table between bound copies of issues dating back to the 1960s.



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Staff Writer and Copy Editor Joseph Klepeis, '26, flips through a book of bound issues of The Campus from the 1960s.



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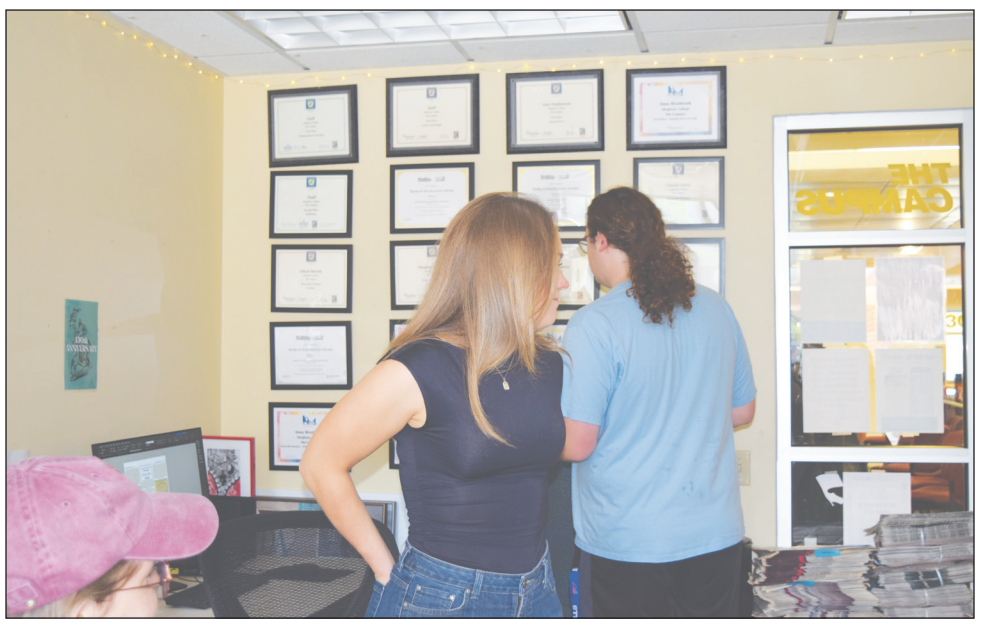
Watson points out a funny story from a 2001 issue of The Campus to Reagan Grace Wheat and Nealey Clare Wheat.



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Conti-Windle watches Germann look at a wall of the newsroom that displays some of the journalism awards The Campus staff members have received since



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS

McCabe and Jane Grabowski, '24, look at the table of old issues, while Germann speaks with Reese Smith, '24.



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Keither Steimer, '73, points out a story to Rob Clemens, '73, from a 1972 issue of The Campus. During Steimer's time at Allegheny, he served as a sports writer for The Campus.



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS

Roman Hladio, '23, and Maddy Segar, '24, laugh at a story from an old issue of The Campus. Hladio served as editor-in-chief during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years.

Celebration of Life: Ben Mourer Memorial Classic



AUBRYANNA SNYDER/THE CAMPUS

Over 200 people turned out last Saturday, Sept. 20, for the Allegheny Classic, the cross country team's annual home meet. This year was dedicated to celebrating the life of former Head Cross Country and Track and Field coach Ben Mourer, '07, who died in June. The home meet has been permanently renamed the "Ben Mourer Memorial Classic" and saw a combination of friends, family, student athletes and alumni who came to honor Mourer's memory.



AUBRYANNA SNYDER/THE CAMPUS

Alumni, coaches, visiting athletes, Allegheny students and more run in the "Mourer Mile," a race that took place after the cross country meet had finished and will be added as a new tradition to honor Mourer. Alumni are welcomed back to run at their alma mater every year, though this year saw a record breaking turnout in memory of Mourer, fulfilling his wish for a large, all-inclusive meet, according to the speech Athletic Director Bill Ross read aloud before the awards ceremony.



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Onlookers cheer as one of Coach Mourer's sons, Arthur, closes in on the finish line of the "Mourer Mile." Arthur, his brother, Henry, and their mother Kimberly Mourer, '08, were the honorary starters of the cross country home meet.



AUBRYANNA SNYDER/THE CAMPUS

Mac Polny, '23, and Stephen Cullinan, '23, battle it out during the final stretch of the "Mourer Mile."



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After the race, people were encouraged to mingle and enjoy the picnic provided by volunteers. Allegheny students and staff were also given green shirts with Mourer's iconic mantra "Never Settle" on the back, as well as the team's newly coined term, "Mourer Strong."

Constitution Day 2025

Allegheny College and Crawford County Historical Society celebrates Elias Allen

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More than 70 years before Brown v. Board of Education ruled school desegregation unconstitutional nationally, Meadville outlawed desegregation in its own school system. The Allegheny College Center for Political Participation hosted Rev. Sarah Roncolato, '80, to tell this story as the keynote speaker for this year's Constitution Day event. Roncolato, who has spent years researching the topic, recounted the story of Meadville citizen Elias Allen, who led the effort to desegregate Meadville's schools in the 1880s. She spoke during the lunch hour in the Tippie Alumni Center on the 17th to approximately 50 people, and also hosted a tombstone dedication for Elias Allen's grave in Greendale Cemetery last Saturday, Sept. 20.

Roncolato spoke about deciding how to title the event, "An American Story: Mr. Elias Allen, Judge Pearson Church and the 1880 School Desegregation Case," which encapsulated the story's main theme.

"When a small group of us met last spring to talk about this lunchtime event, we considered possible titles for the talk," Roncolato told the Tippie audience. "As I thought, it became clear to me that what we're talking about today is an American story. A story which has been repeated thousands of times. It's a story that asks the questions especially relevant on this Constitution Day, especially relevant in this moment of American history: Who is the we, in 'we the people?' Whose rights are protected by the constitution, and what does it take to stake claim to those rights? What is the role of judges in securing those rights, and which children have the right to quality education?"

Roncolato described the conditions in which the Allen family fought for their children to attend any school.

"In 1870, a lawyer named William Bole gave a speech in front of the courthouse, disagreeing with the desegregation of schools for the following reasons," Roncolato said.

One of several reasons that Roncolato read from Bole's speech included, "After fighting for the Union in the Civil War, he felt it was 'excessive' to be expected to also educate Black people."



ANTON HODGE/THE CAMPUS

Reverend Sarah Roncolato, '80, speaks at the Greendale Cemetery on Saturday during a gravestone dedication for Elias Allen, a Meadville resident who led the effort to desegregate Meadville's schools in the 1880s.

Nevertheless, Allen fought to enroll his two children in the Huidekoper Grammar School, and sued the school district when he was denied.

A critical figure in the case was the judge, the honorable Pearson Church, an Allegheny alumnus who graduated in 1856. Though he was a white, privileged man, Roncolato pointed out, he ruled in favor of Allen.

The case was distinct from others of its era challenging segregation because when Church ruled in favor of Allen, he did not cite the town's law, or the county's law, or the state's — he cited the rights guaranteed to all Americans in the Constitution of the United States, the first state judge to do so in the context of desegregation.

"'Under these circumstances,'" Roncolato read from Church's 1880 decision, "'I cannot see why this section under consideration, involving as it does the very personification of caste, has been suffered to remain upon this statute. As a matter of fact, I believe it to be practically in dead letter throughout the commonwealth. It ought to be so in this city, and now it must be both incapable of enforcement. It's violating the principles of the constitution of the United States.'"

Roncolato said more research needs to be done about the aftermath of the decision. What she does now, she said, is that Judge Pearson Church went on to lose his seat as a judge electorally, and Elias Allen worked countless jobs as a pillar of the community until his death in 1911.

At the end of her talk, Roncolato said Allen's case is incredibly important to learn about at this moment in time.

On Saturday, a crowd of approximately 20 individuals gathered in Greendale Cemetery, at the place of Elias Allen's burial, to commemorate the long-delayed installation of his tombstone. The Crawford County Historical Society coordinated the fundraising to purchase the tombstone. Roncolato presented the story of Elias Allen's bravery again, and a wreath was laid in his honor. Following Roncolato down the hill, the community also stopped at Church's gravesite and gave him honors and a wreath as well.

"I've said from the beginning of this research, this story cannot be told without these two men and the communities that supported them," Roncolato said in her closing words at the gravestone dedication. "It cannot be told, because without the actions of Elias Allen, Judge Church wouldn't have had anything to rule on. Without the profound, courageous work and decision of Judge Pearson Church, we wouldn't have this story."

Mayor Jamie Kinder, Meadville's first woman and first black person to serve as mayor, attended the dedication and told The Campus what the ceremony meant to her.

"What it means for me, and I think what it means for Meadville and people who look like me and people who don't, is that history can't be forgotten, for one thing," Kinder said. "And two, we are talking about a brave and courageous set of people willing to sacrifice everything for the greater good, right? For a cause that is good for everyone, creating communities that work for everyone. And frankly, I am standing on the shoulders of these men, hoping to continue that work with integrity and continuing to create our community in a way that works for everyone here."

Students start glugging at new Gator Gulp station

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Gator Gulp, which opened at the beginning of the semester, is the newest healthy dining option available on the first floor of the Henderson Campus Center. Menu items include ginger shots for $2.50, kombucha for $5 and smoothies for $7.50, among other selections. Items are payable via credit or debit card, but can also be purchased with Express Cash or meal swipes for select items. Gator Gulp is the latest effort by Parkhurst to bring healthy and affordable foods for campus residents at a convenient location, according to Parkhurst General Manager Maria Foxall.

Foxall is excited about the addition to the dining experience on campus, noting that students had requested smoothies to be brought back for some time.

"We try to focus on health at that station," Foxall said. "So we're doing overnight oats. People can add protein to their smoothies, and people can add chia seeds, as well, as a different protein option."

Foxall said it was students who gave Parkhurst the idea to bring a health-conscious option to the Henderson Campus Center. Parkhurst strategically decided to utilize the station in the campus center because of its proximity to the David V. Wise Center, noting Gator Gulp's popularity with athletes and those who frequent the gym.

"They're always looking for what is the healthier options around, so this is the perfect one-stop," Foxall said. "They can go and get the little homemade protein balls as well, which is a really good seller."

Lauren Folino, '29, and Samantha Phillips, '29, stopped by the stand early Tuesday morning for their fix of the berry smoothies. Phillips, having heard about it online, had decided to see what Gator Gulp had to offer.

"I saw it was posted on one of the Allegheny dining pages, and I figured I'd give it a try," Phillips said. "It's pretty good."

Overall, Foxall said she has heard positive feedback from students about Gator Gulp, while also acknowledging there is always room for improvement. Foxall used the popularity of smoothies as an example, as students told Parkhurst that the temperatures had been a bit too warm for the late summer heat.

"We were using frozen fruit, frozen berries, which we still use, but we thought that that was going to make the smoothies cold enough," Foxall said. "So, we heard the students' feedback that they weren't quite cold enough, and we're adding ice to all the smoothies now. And then, just adding a bit more fruit so we don't lose any of the good flavor."

Folino and Phillips are excited to add a new stop to their regular post-lifting session routine: getting a smoothie at Gator Gulp. They recommended the peanut butter and berry smoothies to anyone who was thinking of trying them out.

"I think it's a great, healthy option for students," Folino said. "There's healthy options in there; they have protein, overnight oats, things like that. So I think it's a really good option."

Foxall is hoping to eventually expand on some menu options at Gator Gulp, such as authentic popping boba and syrups for the bubble teas. For now, she is optimistic that students will take advantage of the wide array of selections to choose from.

Parkhurst is still looking for students to provide feedback in terms of what to add or improve on with Gator Gulp. Scannable QR codes can be found on napkin dispensers in Brooks Dining Hall and McKinley's Food Court. Students can also fill out suggestion cards in Brooks.



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Parkhurst employee Shai Covell makes a cold brew smoothie at the new Gator Gulp station. Covell's coworker, Evan Gleason, laughs in the background.



BEN STAVNEZER/THE CAMPUS
Students wait in line during the lunch hour on Wednesday at the Gator Gulp station in the lobby of the Henderson Campus Center.

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Assistant Professor of Physics Adele Poynor added that Allegheny students are already pursuing engineering careers, but often have to explain how a physics degree qualifies them.

"Now, with ALIC (Allegheny Lab for Innovation and Creativity) we are able to offer more internships and senior projects with industrial partners," Poynor said. "Students get three semesters of real work experience."

This major consists of 64 credits and will count as a Bachelor of Science degree. Students will first be required to take foundational introduction courses in physics and mathematics, then move on to gaining engineering competencies such as experimental design, communication and ethics. Students will apply their knowledge in internships and labs by their junior year. The senior project gives students an opportunity to work with industrial partners, providing real-world experience that will benefit them as they move on full-time jobs or graduate school, according to the college press release regarding engineering physics.

Classes in the engineering physics major will be taught by existing faculty, including Lombardi, Petasis, Poynor, Physics Professor Dan Willey and Associate Professor of Environmental Science & Sustainability Ian Carbone. As the program continues to grow, Allegheny hopes to bring in additional faculty with engineering backgrounds, according to Lombardi.

Poyner and Petasis think the engineering physics major also has the potential to attract more students to Allegheny, especially those who may have overlooked the college because of its previous lack of engineering programs. They predict that future Allegheny classes will include a dozen or more students drawn in directly by engineering.

"Engineering is one of the hot professions right now," Petasis said. "This gives students a clearer path forward."

Lombardi emphasized that the new program complements Allegheny's curriculum. "Liberal arts and engineering go hand-in-hand," Lombardi said. "We've had engineering representatives say they love our students and to send them to their graduate programs."

Lombardi explained that it takes a special type of student to be an engineer.

"To be a good engineer, you not only have to be good in the hard sciences but also able to convince other people you know what you are doing, be able to work with other people, manage a budget and get things to the finish line in a certain amount of time with a certain amount of dollars that are spent," he said. "Those are the kind of skills you learn at a liberal arts education. How to communicate, how to write, how to speak, how to make arguments and these skills are just as important as the engineering skills. I think the engineering physics major fits in beautifully at a school like Allegheny."

The program will build on the legacy of alumni like Michelle Greiner, '00, who works at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, and Molly Shelton, '16, who works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Another graduate, Eliel Cortez, '25, helped develop coatings for electronic materials to block electromagnetic interference. He also built a robot to apply the coatings, which are designed to shield sensitive electronics from radio noise and other disruptive signals.

"If you have a lot of radio noise or other electromagnetic noise, you don't want it messing up your electronics," Lombardi said.

Lombardi pointed to Cortez's project as an example of the exciting opportunities that could come from the new major. All of these graduates, he said, are examples of what Allegheny students who have interests in STEM-related fields can hope to achieve.

Future students now have a formal academic path to follow in the footsteps of these alumni, while simultaneously carving their own unique path. Lombardi was pleased with the program's potential.

"A lot of people benefit, our students and our department benefit, our community partners benefit," he said. "It is a strong program."

Allegheny sports recap

Sept. 15 - Sept. 22

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Football: 1-0; 26-0 win over Thiel

Men's Cross Country: Finished eighth out of 13 at the Ben Mourer Memorial Classic

Women's Cross Country: Finished sixth out of 12 at the Ben Mourer Memorial Classic

Men's Golf: Finished second out of 13 at the Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational

Women's Golf: Finished fifth out of 8 at the Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational

Men's Soccer: 1-0-1; 3-1 Win vs Oberlin, 2-2 Tie vs Marietta

Women's Soccer: 1-1; 1-0 Loss vs SUNY Brockport, 6-0 Win vs Carlow

Field Hockey: DNP this week

Volleyball: 0-1; 3-0 Loss vs Hiram

Men's Tennis: Blue and Gold Invite (no score listed)

Women's Tennis: 3-0; 7-0 Win vs Francis-

Alex's Corner: 'But they win every year'

Major League Baseball's MVP Voter Fatigue Problem

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This year in baseball has been one of the most interesting seasons in recent memory. Every award is hotly contested for, and a player who is in the process of the best season we've ever seen from both a catcher and a switch hitter in Mariners catcher, Cal Raleigh, may finish runner-up in American league Most Valuable Player voting. The craziest part of that scenario is that Raleigh's season, as great as it has been, doesn't hold a candle to the man who should hold up that MVP trophy in November: Yankees slugger Aaron Judge.

Now if you haven't been living under a rock since 2017, you know who Aaron Judge is, and you're not the slightest bit shocked that the man who is in the process of his fourth 50-homer season in the last eight years is on pace to win another MVP. What you may not know, however, is that during the first of his 50-homer seasons he was robbed of the MVP by a player who had inferior stats, and that player ended up being part of one of the largest cheating scandals in baseball history. This year, Judge should win his third MVP award, but do not be shocked if Raleigh is given the nod due to voter fatigue.

Voter fatigue is not a foreign concept; voters get tired of voting for a player who is clearly the best in their league for an award, so they become attached to a narrative of another player, and they award that player the MVP.

Judge has a 1.123 OPS (OPS is on-base percentage + slugging percentage) while Raleigh boasts an OPS of .949 which is impressive in its own right. To put into perspective how much better offensively Judge was than Raleigh this season, the distance in OPS between Aaron Judge and Cal Raleigh is a larger distance in OPS than the one between Raleigh and the 34th best hitter by OPS in the American League. If that discrepancy doesn't show that Judge is the clear MVP, then I'm going to assume you either have an extreme bias against Yankees players, or you're an old head who doesn't understand any stats other than basic counting numbers.

There is a similar debate related to the MVP award in the National League too, and voter fatigue may take an MVP away from another one of the greatest talents we have ever seen. It is not a hot take to say that Shohei Ohtani is the best baseball player that the world has ever seen. Nobody in the history of baseball has ever done the things that Ohtani does. This season, on the heels of becoming the only player in the history of baseball to hit 50 home runs and steal 50 bases in the same season, Ohtani is back on the pitcher's mound after healing from Tommy John surgery (surgery to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in a player's throwing elbow). We have never seen a player pitch and hit simultaneously ever, and outside of the years that Ohtani was healing from arm surgery, he has been a two way player his entire career.

Who is the man preventing Ohtani from standing next to Barry Bonds as just the second player to ever win 4 MVP awards in a career? That would be none other than Philadelphia Phillies slugger Kyle Schwarber. Schwarber is having a career season, very similar to Raleigh, with over 50 home runs and an OPS north of .900. But his numbers pail in comparison to the greatness that is Ohtani. He has started 13 games on the mound and pitched to an earned run average just above 3. With the bat, Shohei has posted an OPS over 1.000 and is currently tied with Schwarber at 53 home runs. Obviously Ohtani has the numbers to back up his campaign for a fourth career MVP, but the question once again will be whether or not the voters give him his flowers or fall into the narrative of Schwarber's career season and give him an undeserved award due to fatigue.

We, the fans, can only hope and pray that voter fatigue in all sports, not just baseball, ceases to exist as younger, more knowledgeable people are placed in positions to vote for awards.

'The Time Is Now'

The Playshop Theater celebrates climate action with production

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Only 9% of plastics get recycled. This was the reality shared by Director of Sustainability Kelly Boulton, '02, and Assistant Professor of Environmental Science & Sustainability Kevin Geyer after The Playshop Theatre's "The Time Is Now" production. The production was part of Climate Change Theatre Action, a worldwide festival of short plays about climate change that aims to bring the community together and encourage people to take action locally and globally.

The production featured 10 unique plays, five of which were performed on Sept. 19, and the other five on Sept. 20. The celebration happens every other year, and this is the fourth time Allegheny College has celebrated CCTA.

Sam Kagle, '28, a student who acted in "The Time Is Now," performed in two plays in the Friday program titled "Earth Duet" and "Space Cat."

"'The Time Is Now' is about how various people deal with the ongoing and increasingly important issues of climate change," Kagle said. "Thinking about the possibility of where it could take us, some plays focused on people living at times similar to ours, and others are projections of worst-case scenarios, so it's a lot about the present and also about the future."

"The Time Is Now" was directed by Professor of Theatre Michael Mehler, who also runs the theatre design program. As the director, Mehler worked with the student performers through rehearsals and aimed to design a sustainable production.

"I started to think about design and production work — like the making of scenery, how we do lighting and how we make costumes — more sustainably," Mehler said. "I try to do that with every play that I do, no matter what its themes or ideas are."

CCTA provides new written plays every year to ensure the lesson of the play is relevant to what is happening to the environment.

"We're thinking about issues that occur within the last ten years," Mehler said. "We're thinking about the issues that matter now, like microplastics, the issue of thinking about the planet that we got and how are we going to try and solve things."

The CCTA's deeply rooted themes of climate change taught audience members like Melinda Mulligan, '26, who attended the Friday program, and Daniel Servey, '29, and Victoria Smith, '23, who attended the Saturday program, new things about the environment.

"The biggest takeaway that I learned was how valuable the Earth is," Mulligan said. "The ups and downs in 'Laila Pines for the Wolf,' seeing people kill each other with guns, there is this build-up until the very ending of the program. In the 'We're Running out of Chairs' play, seeing people play musical chairs was a sort of a release."



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Nickel Spartz, '26, Syndey Mitrecic, '26, Aarron Rape, '28, Jude Gotschall, '26, and Lukas Deemer, '28, act during The Playshop Theater's production of "The Time Is Now," on Friday, Sept. 19. In the center of the photo is the winner of the musical chairs game holding the Allegheny stuffed gator prize.

"We're Running Out of Chairs" is a play where the cast and selected audience members play a game of musical chairs, and a moderator, Nickel Spartz, '26, talks about the behaviors of companies that do not want to mitigate their carbon emissions. After a winner is declared, all the chairs are returned to the circle to symbolize that everyone can have a seat at the table if some changes are made.

"I appreciate that, unlike most climate change messaging I see, which is you being responsible for the change and you being responsible to fix it — there are issues that we do, but we are not alone in this fight," Servey said.

Smith appreciated the diverse content of the plays.

"I really liked the variety of the plays because I felt like they each talked about their own specific issue on climate change," Smith said. "I feel like I was able to get a taste of different subsections of climate change giving me the opportunity to decide which one I want to research more."

Student actors Rebecca Moore, '28, Megan Kromer, '28, and Aaron Rape, '28, enjoyed stepping into their roles in "The Time Is Now," even though they only had 16 days of rehearsal. They said their roles were important to them because of the fun that they had, the relation of their characters to their personal lives and how their roles pushed them.

Moore acted in "So This is the Last Apple Pie," a play about a mother and a daughter dealing with the loss of their family farm and the disappearance of a bird species while sharing an apple pie made from their grandma's orchard.

"My family has roots in farming, and my aunt is an amazing cook, and I love her pies," Moore said. "The role made me happy because it made me think a lot about my aunt. Family traditions are just as important as the people you are sharing them with. For a lot of people, that tradition is cooking, and so to do that, you need the plants, the vegetables and you need the apple orchards to exist."

Kromer acted in "Laila Pines for the Wolf" as the grandma, a satirical adaptation of Little Red Riding Hood. The wolf in this story, Jude Gotschall, '26, is trying to warn Laila, Amelia Connick, '29, to not pick the flowers because of the dangerous impact on the environment. Laila ignores the wolf, which leads to bad consequences for both of them.

"My role as the grandma was really fun and averts the audience's expectations, and I come out with a pink gun and the first thing I do is shoot the wolf," Kromer said. "I totally felt it was a satirical role. A lot of this stuff can be really down in the dumps, so I think it's good to have that comedy."

Mehler was glad the actors enjoyed their roles.

"I try to push them to do something they are not comfortable doing because I think that is a great way to grow," Mehler said. "I like watching students gain confidence; getting that applause from the audience absolutely matters. Helping someone build that capacity hopefully gives them confidence to engage in a lot of other spheres of being."

Mulligan was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the performance.

"My initial expectations were that it was going to be a little bit boring, like a high school-level performance. I literally cried during the 'Space Cat' play," Mulligan said. "It definitely brought up a question in my personal life. I bought a trash can made of plastic, and I use a Q-tip made of plastic, so the plays had an alteration on my perspective on these little individual things."

Smith said moving the audience like this is a goal of theatre.

"I think theater has a really great strength because it's live and you're there, so it changes the way you take things in," Smith said. "It's easy to distance yourself from media and television because there is a screen in front of you, but in the theatre it's a purposeful choice to sit down and listen. I hope that the audience has that connection when they're walking away and feel like there's something else to do."

A bonus play was included and performed in both programs called the "Bottle Dance," which was created, choreographed and performed by Doug Lodge, '75. The play was about a man in a suit and a rainbow umbrella hat stepping out onto the stage to kick bottles before realizing he had a thread of bottles behind him. He "danced" doing circles so that the bottles twisted around him.

"I am trying to convince people not to use plastic water bottles," Lodge said. "If there were eco students here, it would be about changing policy. It's about engaging people and thinking beyond your life and getting them involved in something that's going to help make a change."

Mulligan appreciated Lodge's contribution to the production.

"It was so fascinating to me, without any words and just a violin, he could make something so memorable with his movement and something so visual," Mulligan said. "Seeing him as like a plastic bottle monster shuffling towards the end of the play and then falling over, that was crazy to me, and I am definitely going to think about that demon hunting my memory every time I go to use single-use plastics."

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Assistant Professor of Business & Economics and International Studies Chris Finaret moderated the event. One of the first questions he posed to the panel was, "Where do you see AI the most in your workplace, and how are you adapting to it?"

Runova began the discussion by describing AI as being "at the forefront of the nation's industries" and noting its prominence in driving investments and business utilization. PNC, Runova said, has found an abundance of partnerships with organizations using AI to create a "small streamliner of internal workflows."

"It allows all of us to have an internal ChatGPT," Runova said, describing PNC's streamliner tool.

Odrechowski, in response to Runova, referenced BNY's recent $12 million investment to install an AI lab at Carnegie Mellon University to "drive investments in AI, making sure that we're being responsible." Dukman further elaborated on this by mentioning how much "time, money and resources" BNY has put into AI, as well as the improvements they've seen time-wise.

"Applications that took them three days now take them three hours," Dukman said.

Abeyaratne joined the panel's discussion by calling out the differences between PJT and BNY. PJT, Abeyaratne said, is "highly people-oriented with a lot of analytics, number crunching and it is very people-centric." PJT, in contrast, is spending money on AI and educating its workforce to use AI, but has not yet adopted it.

"PJT has yet to embrace AI for a multitude of reasons," Abeyaratne said. "Firstly, due to a confidentiality standpoint, as entering their files into an online database could be a risk if any of those files were to get out. The second reason ties back into how people-centric PJT is in the manner that they don't ever plan on replacing that human element of number crunching and analytics, even within the most junior levels of their organization."

Abeyaratne made it clear that AI cannot displace some workers.

"We will always still need people who can look and process and read through things analytically," Abeyaratne said. "You can have AI run an analysis for you, but you'll still need people who can process it all."

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Finaret led the discussion into a tier-based ranking system to demonstrate how AI can be useful in some fields, but is also not the most sought-after quality in job candidates. Finaret pulled eight answers from a World Economics Form survey from potential employers about what qualities stand out in interview candidates. He then asked the panel members to rank each quality into the tier they think that quality best fits in.

The panel decided that the qualities of analytical thinking, AI and big data and empathy and listening deserved the highest tier, while creative thinking, teaching/mentoring and dexterity endurance landed in the second highest tier. Resource management and environmental stewardship were placed in the third tier, and multilingualism was sorted into the lowest tier.

Once the rankings were agreed on, the panelists explained their reasoning for these rankings. Dukman said that analytic thinking is extremely important to employers because they look for "the ability to analyze numbers as well as strategic thinking and processes." One member of the crowd joined the conversation by asking if the panel didn't think "multilingualism was important to expanding companies overseas."

Abeyaratne took the floor for this question, clarifying that, during his first five years of being in the workforce, from 1995 to 2000, the internet was in its infancy, and most companies still used translators when having discussions with representatives from foreign countries. Human translators were essential, Abeyaratne said, recalling that "it was hard to understand the culture past the language" without them.

Runova added a personal anecdote, saying that she and her son had grown up bilingual, but her spouse did not, so he would rely on interpretation apps to understand them. She used this to illustrate the point that the AI translation was often incorrect, versus someone who has studied the language and can accurately translate the conversations.

The final portion of the discussion was open to the crowd. An audience member proposed the idea that in the future, there may be a significant divide between businesses that refuse to use AI and businesses that heavily embrace AI, and asked for the panel's opinions on that topic. Odrechowski spoke first and explained how AI usage within a company would rely heavily on the types of human interactions an employee would be having.

"Someone working in an office building would have a lot more opportunities and tasks that involve AI than anyone in the medical field, which requires training and mentoring," Odrechowski said.

The final discussion topic for the panel, asked by audience member Robyn Stojakovich, '09, a recruiter for Idaho National Laboratory, was, "How likely is it that AI will continue to displace people from their jobs?"

Dukman took the opportunity to highlight the fact that AI has integrated into a small number of jobs but has also opened up the floor for new jobs that didn't exist before.

"There will still be jobs," Dukman said, "requiring someone to check AI's work."

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Morgan Dukman, '23, responds to an audience question at the "Board of Visitors Roundtable: From Classroom to Boardroom - Embracing AI's Impact" in the Henderson Auditorium in Quigley Hall on Friday, Sept. 19. Dayan Abeyaratne, '94, (left) and Lauren Odrechowski, '10, (right) listen to Dukman's answer.



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS

Paige Kageni, '27, Andrew Germann, '26, Anton Hodge, '27, and Milo Watson, '26, flip through old issues of The Campus dating back to the 1960s at The Campus Newsroom Open House on Saturday, Sept. 20. The open house invited attendees to celebrate The Campus' 150th Anniversary. (Kageni, Hodge and Watson are The Campus staff members.)



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A crowd gathers in the Oddfellows Hall on Friday evening for a ghost hunt hosted by the Allegheny Ghost Club. Ghost Club President Daphne Womack, '27, said she thought the club did interact with a ghost.



RAY KRISHTUL/THE CAMPUS

Kimberly Schmidt, '85, compares two photos from Homecoming in past decades at the Merrick Archives Open House on Friday morning.



RAY KRISHTUL/THE CAMPUS

Students, friends, family and alumni packed the grandstand of Frank B. Fuhrer Field to watch the Allegheny football team crush Thiel College 26-0 on Saturday.



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Delta Delta Delta sorority member Paige Buckwater, '28, serves pancakes at the "Tri Deltas All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" in Schultz Banquet Hall on Sunday morning. Attendees paid $5 to enter; all proceeds will benefit Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.



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Douglas Malcolm, '26, and Nicole Recio Bremer, '25, speak with other students at the Tri Delta pancake breakfast.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 – THURSDAY, OCT. 2

Allegheny Sports Schedule Home Games

09/27 SATURDAY	**Football:** Allegheny vs. Geneva — FRANK B. FUHRER FIELD, 2 P.M.
09/28 SUNDAY	**Field Hockey:** Allegheny vs. DePauw — ROBERTSON BLUE TURF, 12 P.M.
10/01 WEDNESDAY	**Men's Soccer:** Allegheny vs. Waynesburg — ROBERTSON ATHLETIC COMPLEX, 3:30 P.M.
10/01 WEDNESDAY	**Women's Tennis:** Allegheny vs. Grove City — TENNIS COURTS AT ROBERTSON, 4 P.M.
10/01 WEDNESDAY	**Volleyball:** Allegheny vs. Westminster — DAVID V. WISE CENTER, 6 P.M.
10/01 WEDNESDAY	**Women's Soccer:** Allegheny vs. Waynesburg — ROBERTSON BLUE TURF, 7 P.M.