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‘I am not sad, I am mad’: community gathers on quad for Ukraine

Ukranian first-year student speaks out about Russian invasion of her home country



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Sasha Shafran, ’25, speaks into a megaphone during a demonstration on Feb. 25 in front of the Henderson Campus Center. Shafran described how members of her family fled for their lives as the invasion began in the early hours of Thursday morning local time.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS

A student holds a sign decrying the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Russian President Vladimir Putin’s justifications for his military.

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In remembrance of Henry Tippie

Donor, husband to Patricia Tippie, ’57, was 95

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Allegheny College notified the campus community of the passing of Henry B. Tippie, husband of Allegheny Trustee Emerita Patricia Bush Tippie, ’56, on Feb. 24.

Tippie, a businessman and philanthropist, invested time and resources in many organizations and institutions across the United States. According to his obituary, Tippie was first employed as an accountant in his home state of Iowa after serving in the Army Air Force during World War II.

“(Tippie) did not come from wealth,” Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs Matthew Stinson said. “He was a roll-up-your-sleeves, get-your-hands-dirty, live-on-the-Iowa-farms kind of guy.”

As he grew his career, Tippie became a Certified Public Accountant and spent time working in high-up positions with various organizations, including NASCAR sanctioned motorsports event promoter Dover Motorsports, throughout the southern and eastern continental U.S., according to his obituary.

Still, Stinson said that throughout his life, Tippie referred to himself as “An Iowa Farm Boy On Detour,” which is the title of his book.

According to Stinson, the Tippies have been Allegheny’s largest donors for many decades and through multiple presidents.

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Trans Rights



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Students gather on March 3 with signs remembrance of Amarey Lej, a 21-year-old Black trans woman killed in Pittsburgh earlier this year and Duval Princess, a 24-year-old Black trans woman killed in Jacksonville, Fla. earlier this year.



SYDNEY EMERSON/THE CAMPUS

Students congregate outside the Henderson Campus Center in opposition to Texas Gov. Greg Abbot’s controversial order to the state’s Department of Familyand Protective Services to investigate children who undergo gender-affirming procedures.

ASG race shrinks after YikYak scandal

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The race for Allegheny Student Government president has narrowed and complicated with the departure of the Reiser-Biniewski campaign on Sunday, Feb. 27.

The ticket, which was comprised of Andi Reiser, ‘23, for president and Lucas Biniewski, ‘23, for vice president, posted a statement on Instagram at around 7:30 p.m. that evening formally announcing their decision to drop out of the race, decrying the spread of misinformation about their campaign on the anonymous social-media platform Yik Yak and accusing the campaign of Peter Alegre, ’23 and Kyrie Doniz, ’23, of being behind some of the rumors on Yik Yak.

“We will be putting a formal request in for an investigation from the judicial review board for unethical practices by the Alegre/Doniz campaign,” read the statement, which appeared to be written by Biniewski. “We have confirmation that someone working with them has been distributing false information.”

Alegre said he was blindsided by the accusation and that has not been notified of any formal charges against him.

“We deny any wrongdoing whatsoever,” Alegre said. “There has been no indication whatsoever about what evidence they have about what a supposed affiliate did, what our culpability is. All I know about that statement is either rumors that people have been telling me or not telling me and what was released in those Instagram posts.”

It is unclear what “judicial review board” the statement was referring to, though the Reiser-Biniewski campaign appears to be charging the Alegre-Doniz campaign of violating article I, section 6a, subsection i2 of the ASG By-laws which specifically prohibits “negative campaigning against other candidates.” That same section states that any infractions should be reported to the ASG Attorney General, who will take those reports to the ASG Rules Committee.

ASG Attorney General Jack Parker, ’22, who would handle any reports of election infractions, declined to comment to The Campus. In an email to The Campus, Parker said that commenting would be “irresponsible.”

There is no indication that the Reiser-Biniewski campaign has filed the request for an investigation per their statement. If there is such a request, Acting ASG advisor and Interim Dean for Institutional Diversity Tevis Bryant said due

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Opinion Editor Kaleigh White, ’22, a Crawford County native, sets fire to the local atmosphere’s weather policy.

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After Catherine Wheat, ’25, suffered a seizure due to low blood sugar, her roommate, Annabella Zgurzynski, ’25, started a GoFundMe for Wheat to obtain a diabetic alert dog to prevent it from happening again.

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Men’s and women’s track and field competed at the NCAC Conference Championships and look forward to the Nationals on March 11.

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Rain: 60%
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UKRAINE

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Despite the snow and frigid temperatures, large numbers of students, staff, administrators and faculty alike stood in solidarity outside the Henderson Campus Center at noon on Friday, Feb. 25.

Students held yellow, blue and white signs with messages such as "we stand with Ukraine" and "Ukraine will never surrender." Blank posters and markers assembled on a table gave students the chance to design their own signs. A QR code brought those who scanned it to resources on what was happening in Ukraine, as well as places to donate.

In the middle of it all, the Ukrainian flag draped across her shoulders, was Sasha Shafran, '25, originally from Ukraine with family still residing there. The protest was organized to show solidarity and to bring the Allegheny community together against the Russian invasion of Ukraine that took place as early as 4:00 a.m. Eastern European Time Thursday, Feb. 24 (9:00 p.m. eastern time Wednesday). Signs advertising the protest began circulating the evening of Feb. 24, not 24 hours before the scheduled event, both on social media and in various spots on campus. Nevertheless, the turnout was significant.

After introducing herself, Shafran recounted her family's flight from their home. They woke up to bombs in the early hours of the morning and were forced to flee. She expressed outrage over the brutality exerted by the Russian soldiers, who she said were shooting children as young as kindergartners.

Shafran asked everyone in attendance to call embassies and representatives of countries and inform them of the circumstances of this protest: "there is a 17-year-old child standing in front of you crying and begging to save her family and her country, because that is what's really happening."

"I'm not sad," Shafran said, stressing that she did not want pity from anyone. "I am mad … you don't have to be sorry. You have to take action."

Following this call to action was a minute of silence, then the playing of the Ukrainian national anthem. Once the song was over, Shafran recounted a story exemplifying the courage of the Ukrainian people. A group of Ukrainian soldiers on an island received a call from a Russian officer warning them to surrender or face death, and one of the Ukrainian soldiers told him, "go f— yourself." All of these soldiers were believed to be dead within three hours of this conversation, but recent reporting reveals that they are all alive.

After telling this story, however, Shafran emphasized that the fight was not solely about Ukrainian land.

"It's about the freedom (of the Ukrainian people)," Shafran said.

Shafran ended her speech by thanking those in attendance but invited everyone to stay and talk to her.

Even though fellow students formed a large part of the protest group, several notable faculty members were also part of the congregation. One such individual was Provost Ron Cole, '87, who expressed sorrow regarding the crisis in Ukraine.

"I would hope that our community would come together and support (Shafran), support others connected to Ukraine and find ways to bring peace to the world," Cole said.

Also in attendance was Jaime Kinder, the mayor of Meadville. She pointed out that although this situation is transpiring across the ocean, the lives affected are no less worthy of consideration.

"It hits close to home because we have a baby here that is (hurting) because she has first-hand knowledge, but it's important that we understand that this isn't so far away from us," Kinder said. "These are people … this is a human rights issue."

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine agreed to negotiations with President Vladimir Putin of Russia on Sunday, Feb. 27. Delegates from the two countries met in Belarus on the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 28. Although the talks lasted for hours, according to a CBS article, no concrete agreements were made.

Professor of History and Global Health Studies Kenneth Pinnow spoke about these developments. That these discussions occurred in the first place took him by surprise, but does not have much optimism regarding potential settlements.

"I think any time that the parties are talking is a good thing," Pinnow said. "We just have to be very realistic about the likelihood of there being an agreement in the near term."

Pinnow believes that Monday was not the last day that Russia and Ukraine would try to come to a compromise, and he expects that between now and the next round of negotiations, the fighting will only increase — perhaps to persuade the other side to reconsider their positions or to gain an upper hand in these negotiations. He does not see either party, specifically Russia given that the country has committed itself to the invasion of Ukraine, giving in without a fight.

"My understanding is that the Russians are still holding onto their basic … demands in terms of recognizing Crimea, a neutral Ukraine," Pinnow said. "The Ukrainians obviously are worried about sovereignty, and they may be willing to talk about their military neutrality, but that's going to become harder and harder the longer the war goes on."

As for Shafran, she was not surprised at the lack of compromise that resulted from Monday's discussions.

"The guy who was representing Ukraine at this meeting, I know him really well, because he's lowkey close to my family, because that's how it works in Ukraine," Shafran said. "You probably know every politician in person … I knew what his intention was, so it was kind of easier for me, but I also realize that his intention is (the) same as mine, but it's not something that will satisfy Russia or Belarus."

Bringing Pinnow's fears into fruition, Shafran has noticed a definite increase in Russian attacks, but she is trying to see the positives in these developments.

"At some point, (Russia) will just run out of money, and including all the sanctions … we can just make a conclusion that this is going to have an ending point," Shafran said.

Shafran compared Putin to Hitler in terms of his actions and speeches and speculated that the Russian president will meet a similar end as that of the German dictator, dying either in the same fashion or assassinated by the order of a group of rich Russians.

Shafran attended a private high school in Kyiv and formed close bonds with other students and teachers. Currently, she is making use of those bonds by supporting initiatives to continue the education of Ukrainian children. On Monday, she encouraged the forming of a school, which would run from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Activities the children would engage in included playing Kahoots and painting.

"Half of the classes were like how to fight your fear, how to deal with panic attacks, how to help your younger brother or sister, how to help your children in this situation," Shafran added. "I was basically just giving some classes to the children today and yesterday."

In addition, Shafran is working on what she described as an "emergency line," where children can text or call her if they are feeling scared.

When asked if she had anything else she would like to say, Shafran's response was simple: "f— Putin."



ROMAN HLADIO/THE CAMPUS
A wide view of the demonstrators, who braved snow and frigid air to stand in solidarity with Shafran and Ukraine.

TIPPIE

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"Mrs. Tippie loves to tell the story that her first gift to the college was $5," Stinson said. "The college has a great number of endowments that (the Tippies) created benefiting students, programs, faculty, facilities. Because those are endowed funds, that support will go on in perpetuity."

According to Stinson, Susan F. Black-Keim was the major gifts officer that originally reconnected Patricia Tippie back to the college after her graduation. Stinson cited this connection as the Tippie's point-of-entry so to speak.

The generosity of the Tippie family has taken many different forms throughout Allegheny College. Their donations have created many opportunities for students and faculty members for whom Allegheny was previously financially impossible.

Their mark has also been left on buildings across campus, the most notable being the renovation of Cochran Hall in 2005, which now houses the Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center. The Tippie family were also large contributors to projects such as the renovation of Bentley Hall and the establishment of the Richard J. Cook & Teresa M. Lahti Student-Faculty Research Fund, according to a press release by Allegheny College.

Stinson referred back to Tippie's book, stating that Tippie had a strong and ongoing philosophy to pay back for benefits he had received.

"(Tippie's) whole life, after creating wealth, was strategically paying it forward, repaying for benefits received, again Allegheny is one of those places," Stinson said. "He exemplifies everything about the greatest generation. His service to his country, his work ethic, his family, his faith — a remarkable individual."

Stinson will visit the Tippie family over the weekend of March 11 for Tippie's memorial service in Austin, Texas.

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Mandy Prusia retires from athletics

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Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and Operations Mandy Prusia served at Allegheny College for 36 years. Prusia served in her most recent role for 10 years.

According to the official Allegheny College Athletics website, "prior to her tenure in athletics, Prusia spent seven years in the Business Office as the purchasing manager and insurance coordinator, during which she implemented the College's first online purchasing system."

Pursia announced her retirement on Monday, Feb. 21, and left Allegheny on Monday, Feb. 28.

Prusia was a member of the senior management team and was responsible for ensuring compliance with NCAA guidelines in athletics.

The official Allegheny College Athletics website also states that "Prusia monitored, documented and evaluated NCAA compliance policies and procedures through rules education for coaches, student-athletes and various campus-wide constituencies."

Prusia's responsibilities also included roster management, schedule coordinating and communicating with the dean of students, registrar and the academic standards committee to monitor student-athlete academic progress.



PRUSIA

Director of Athletics and Recreation Bill Ross described Prusia as a liaison between the college and NCAA.

"(Prusia) was instrumental in ensuring compliance with mandatory NCAA collegiate regulations," Ross said. "The NCAA regulations are very precise and are continuously changing and (Prusia's) main role was to understand and keep up with them."

Ross reflected over his time working with Prusia as a colleague.

"I've been at Allegheny for 26 years and (Prusia) has been there with me since my first day here," Ross said. "I've also held a few positions during my time at Allegheny but (Prusia) and I had been working closely together, particularly over the last three years in the athletics department."

Assistant Athletic Director for Communications Sean King mentioned that Prusia was known across the athletics community for her professionalism.

"Although I only started at Allegheny four years ago, I had known of (Prusia) long before," King said. "(Prusia) was known for working as long as she did and for being great at her job."

Ross also mentioned that Prusia was recognized across the athletics community as being an outlier in her position.

"(Prusia) was someone that compliance directors at other institutions would use as a resource," Ross said. "Especially when a new compliance director was appointed at another institution, they would always ask (Prusia) for guidance."

King mentioned that it was not just Prusia's experience and ability at her job that made her so impactful to the community but also her personality.

"(Prusia) was great to work with because she never made you feel under pressure or that you could not ask for help," King said. "(Prusia) was so easy to talk to and always went above and beyond to develop good relationships with those around her."

King also recalled his experience working under her leadership.

"(Prusia) was so professional but was also such an understanding and patient person," King said. "She always encouraged my ideas and pushed me to work on them rather than being overly critical."

King said that Prusia's absence will be felt heavily in the athletics department and will likely create a gap. Ross also stated that Prusia's absence will be a challenge for the department.

"I worked very closely with (Prusia) and she taught me a lot about what her job entails," Ross said. "However, running a whole department is much more complicated than knowing what to do and I am sure that (Prusia's) ability to be there for everyone will be heavily missed."

Ross confirmed that Prusia had always been sure of when she would retire despite the shock of some community members.

"This was just the right time for (Prusia) to retire as she needed to take care of some personal business," Ross said.

The athletic department will not immediately fill the position of associate director for athletics of compliance and operations, according to Ross.

"For the continuation of this semester, we will spread the workload of (Prussia's) role," Ross said. "When fall comes we will decide on what the best decision is regarding the position."

Ross remarked that Prusia's experience and abilities were invaluable to not only the athletics department but to the entire institution.

"(Prusia) is simply irreplaceable," Ross said. "The amount of knowledge she has for her job, the area, the community, the NCAA, the athletes and the department is immeasurable and irreplaceable."

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process would be observed.

"Candidates must take accountability for themselves to ensure they are aligned with Allegheny's statement of community," Bryant wrote in an email to The Campus. "Should any behavior occur that is not in alignment with ASG's or the institution's policy, the leadership for all involved parties will review any claims and take action based on said policies.

Biniewski declined to provide a full comment. "There is nothing further for us to discuss about us leaving the race," Biniewski said in an email to The Campus.

Also remaining in the race are Veronica Green, '23, and Rudra Schultz-Ray, '23. Green thought that, regardless of the veracity of the accusation, a public Instagram post was not the proper avenue to lodge the complaint.

"I don't know if (the accusation) is true, I don't know if (the Reiser-Biniewski campaign) actually has evidence to support their claim," Green said. "I know, though, that they shouldn't have made it a public accusation because we have certain processes in ASG and in the college in general not to do stuff like that."

According to CNET, the Yik Yak platform allows users to post anonymously to their "herd" — all users within a five-mile radius. The platform's discussion threads, called "yaks," can be upvoted and downvoted, with the most-upvoted yaks getting curated into a "Hot Feed." Yaks that receive a net of negaitve five votes are automatically removed from the platform without needing to be reviewed by a content moderator. Yaks reported for going against the platform's "Community Guardrails" but lacking the net negative five votes are reviewed by Yik Yak itself to determine if they should be removed.

Yik Yak is no stranger to controversy. According to the New York Times, the app has been associated with cyberbulling, mass-shooting and bomb threats, and racist speech. First launched in 2013, Yik Yak shut down in 2017 due to precipitous drops in its user base. In August of 2021, the platform relaunched with a new focus on its effects on mental health and keeping users safe.

According to all campaigns, unfounded rumors on Yik Yak have had a severe negative impact on their mental health. Green noted that many of the rumors regarded serious allegations that should have been elevated to the relevant authorities, not posted on the internet.

"A lot of things that are being said on Yik Yak should be going through other offices if there were to be a complaint to be filed," Green said. "Bias reports or Title IX accusations, stuff like that should never be posted on Yik Yak in any forum. It's because they're anonymous that they're willing to say these types of things, even if they are false. It's just because people don't have to take accountability for what they say, that they feel completely willing to interfere with an election that, in two years, won't have any impact on any of the people running."

One reason the announcement came as a surprise to the remaining candidates was because the three campaigns met Friday to discuss Yik Yak in what Alegre described as a "very friendly room."

Schultz-Ray said that he spent the Friday meeting advocating for the three tickets then in the race to stand as a "united front" in keeping the race focused on the concerns of the student body.

"When we appear to be coherent and we appear to actually be sticking together and working together, this kind of rampant rumor-spreading and mudslinging (on Yik Yak) would die out," Schultz-Ray said. "I made it clear that we cannot make a stance on Yik Yak. The moment we talk about how bad Yik Yak is is the moment that people will start screaming about it on Yik Yak. We just wanted to avoid that being spread and hopefully dampen down the competitiveness between all of the tickets."

Alegre also said that the allegations made by the Reiser-Biniewski campaign were problematic given their account's nature as an official campaign account and the language stating that accusation has verifiable truth behind it.

"To levy something that we're all being affected by (against) one campaign is dangerous and irresponsible," Alegre said. "I'm fighting two campaigns, one about the allegation and one (for president). The impact that it is having on us is outsized. I've been confronted, even interrogated about what has happened, I find myself doubting whether this is a respectful, inclusive community, knowing that (Reiser and Biniewski) have put the full weight of who they are behind that statement."

As ASG's director of finance, Biniewski oversees the approval and distribution of funds to clubs, and as director of environment and sustainability, Reiser works with students to complete projects focused on sustainability. Alegre, who is the president of the ASG-recognized Association for Asian and Asian-American Awareness, said he was concerned about being able to make finance requests now.

"What does this mean for my club's finances?" Alegre said. "What will this mean for sustainability initiatives? I'm trying to work out what this will mean if I want to work with other people. Are their perceptions going to be immediately clouded? … I don't know how to navigate that, because I can't go to anyone else about finances."

Schultz-Ray, who currently serves as an ASG senator for the class of 2023, also thought that the Reiser-Biniewski campaign's statement came with extra power.

"Especially as (ASG) cabinet members, it puts them in a position where they're representing the whole of ASG by saying (their accusation)," Schultz-Ray said.

In an ASG General Assembly on Tuesday Feb. 22, Biniewski announced that ASG bookkeeper Stacey Gerber would be leaving the position after four years and that he would be filling the position until a new bookkeeper is hired. But Doniz said that Biniewski's statement at the Assembly was not true.

"Someone else in (the Office of Student Life) is covering that position," Doniz said. He's just saying that because he wants that authority given (to him). He thinks he has so much power, which is why he did this (accusation), and pulled out of the election so that there was no (election infraction) to be had on him."

The Campus has not been able to independently verify Doniz's claim.

Because Reiser and Biniewski have dropped from the race, Alegre and Doniz cannot file a complaint against their Instagram post as negative campaigning, but Doniz said that they have thought about other ways to sanction Reiser and Biniewski for their accusation.

"Through ASG, we can impeach them from their positions, but that is a very lengthy process and it will have a lot of public fallback and pushback … even for that decision to pass, we need a majority vote (from ASG)," Doniz said. "That's something we're not completely sure that we (have). And the other thing we could do is file with an office of the school for harassment and for slander, because that's basically what they did."

Alegre said that, no matter what, he thought something had to be done.

"I don't think doing nothing is an option, because then they're still able to do this to other people," Alegre said, referring to the statement's allegations. "I just honestly never thought anybody would have done that, especially someone that I considered friends."

Moving forward, Green is hopeful that Yik Yak will not affect the election any further, though that hope is tinged with pessimism. She called on Allegheny students to interrogate what they read on the internet.

"Hopefully people take what is being said in an anonymous forum as an uncredible source, because that's what we learn in all of our classes," Green said. "If you don't know who the author is, you can't rely on that information."

Green and Schultz-Ray will meet with Alegre and Doniz in the ASG Presidential Debate on Tuesday, March 15, in the Quigley Auditorium.

ASG hears proposal for 'Fishing Club'

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Allegheny Student Government commenced this week's General Assembly at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

Director of Finance Lucas Biniewski, '23, reported that he is in the process of revisiting and revising financial guidelines, and that information about budget applications will be released Friday, March 4. He would be presenting to the Finance and Facilities Committee Wednesday, March 2, regarding ASG's annual expenditures.

A motion to approve $2,970 from the general fund and $550 from the Culture, Inclusion, and Leadership Coalition fund was passed.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Jennifer Peralta, '22, reminded everyone of her upcoming event, Rookie Year 101, which is scheduled for Friday, March 4, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m in the campus center lobby. Sophomores and juniors are encouraged to attend.

"The information you're going to be getting, it's useful for all four years," Perlata said.

Peralta also mentioned that she submitted the wishlist for the multicultural lounge.

Director of Communications and Press Ryder Sullivan, '22, said that the biographies for the presidential and vice presidential candidates are now on the ASG website, as well as that she finished a video about navigating said ASG website. In addition, she announced that the organization Why Not Us? would be hosting an event on bystander training on Wednesday, March 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Tippie Alumni Center.

Attorney General Jack Parker, '22, announced that because Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs Andi Reiser, '23, and Biniewski dropped out of the ASG presidential race, primary elections would no longer take place.

Parliamentarian Rachael Harris, '23, said that sometime next week there would be a Title IX bystander training event with Title IX Coordinator Gilly Ford. She also gave details regarding the upcoming presidential debate, which will be occurring Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Quigley Auditorium. Ethan Woodfill, '22, and Roman Hladio, '23, Editors-in-Chief for The Campus, will be moderating.

Furthermore, Harris introduced Travis Dear, '24, to speak on Allegheny Fishing Club, a prospective ASG-recognized club seeking voting for its constitution.

"I think that the fishing club could be a great opportunity for Allegheny Students to … learn more about fishing and what it has to offer and also … create a community around a sport that I love," Dear said. "I think we can create some really good community involvement."

Fishing Club was approved for the first week of voting. The second round will occur at next week's assembly.

Chief of Staff Genesis Pena, '22, announced two students looking to be approved for College Committee Councils: Becca Winton, '23, for the Academic Standards and Awards Committee; and Aja Short, '25, for the Curriculum Committee. Both motions to approve the students passed.

President of the Class of 2022 Dory-Sarah Debrosse said that her class is going to host its first event, featuring cookie decorating and senior letter writing, next Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Blue Lounge in Brooks Hall.

President of the Class of 2023 Olivia Brophy reported that her class will be meeting to discuss this semester's events and is planning on helping the class of 2025 with the upcoming event Gator Con.

Vice President of the Class of 2024 Payne Rizzer announced that his class decided to select Juliana James as a senator and thanked those who purchased carnations for Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Chi Omega.

President of the Class of 2025 Abigail Estrada-Hernandez said that her class is trying to get more students to sign up to present at Gator Con. Speech submissions are due Friday, April 1. Estrada-Hernandez also reported that the class is looking to create a committee for the upcoming first-year formal to help with things such as music selection and deciding on a theme.

According to Vice President Sophie Adams, '22, the Loop ran "without a hitch" last weekend. Adams had heard that given the transportation's popularity with students, every twenty minutes at the Allegheny Commons on Friday got a bit irritating, but nevertheless she was pleased it was running.

"I had had one student ask about weekday running," Adams added. "If you guys have strong opinions or rely on it during the week and want to influence it, let me know."

President Noah Tart, '22, reminded those who participated in Service Saturday to email Director of Organizational Development Crystal Hernandez to make sure that these service hours were logged.

The assembly adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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 Thursday before publication.

February 22-24, 2022
Criminal Mischief
Parking Lot 2

February 25, 2022
Criminal Mischief
Pelletier Library

February 26, 2022
Theft
Tippie Alumni Center

February 25-27, 2022
Theft
Brooks Walk East

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Cringe culture comes at the cost of our humanity

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There's nothing like the internet to bring out the worst in people.

I'm pretty oblivious when it comes to online trends, seeing as how I generally try to avoid social media at all costs, but I'm not a saint. I've seen the YouTube comment sections; I've seen the Reddit posts. Everywhere, all I can see is the same phrase, over and over again like a mantra, spreading like a plague: "that is so cringe."

From what I can gather, the definition of "cringe" is similar to Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's definition of pornography in Jacobellis v. Ohio: you can't quite explain it, but you know it when you see it. Some common examples of online "cringe" include overenthusiasm, underenthusiasm, anger, membership of a fandom outside of the approved list, being too talkative, being too shy, dancing weird, dancing well, posting too much, posting too little and committing the cardinal sin of displaying a wider emotional range than an anthropomorphic zucchini while in public.

The cool-to-cringe pipeline seems more like a Slip 'n Slide — something can go from publicly adored to the pits of fashion in a nanosecond. Let's do a case study. Take a look at Hamilton, or more specifically, its creator. Lin-Manuel Miranda, composer and star, went from internet darling to Twitter pariah within a span of two years. I noticed the shift, disengaged though I may be. After a grace period, the internet began to view Miranda's earnest enthusiasm for his work and, well, life in general, to be embarrassing. His boundless energy became a target rather than a trait to be admired. (For the record, some of Miranda's cringe offenses include his motivational good morning and good night Twitter poems, his outspoken love of his work, his public support of his friends, starring in his own musical and acting like a Broadway fanboy around personal heroes.)

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I struggle to understand this leap to condemnation. There are plenty of things which one could constructively critique about "Hamilton" or Miranda — the treatment of slavery in the musical and some of Miranda's personal politics, for instance. It's important to voice reasonable, well-thought-out dissent; that's how important conversations and collective growth happen. Unfortunately, the internet is quite possibly the worst venue imaginable for important conversations and collective growth, and we consequently seem to have collectively lost our ability to rationally deal with anything through a computer screen.

Anonymity is the lifeblood of the internet. The reason that cringe culture (or, let's call it what it is: weird group bullying) has become so prevalent is because it's a faceless form of projecting your own insecurities or anxieties onto other people. People think the books they read in middle school are "cringe" because they have matured past the target audience age. They think overly happy or earnest people are "cringe" because they are too afraid to confront strong feelings or publicly emote. They think that caring too much is "cringe" because we live in an era that preaches apathetic cynicism alongside performative involvement, an era in which displaying support or solidarity often goes no further than Instagram stories.

And that's what worries me so much about cringe culture — it's not mindless internet mockery. It's a mirror that shows us just how ill-equipped we are in the internet age to reckon with ourselves as humans rather than machines.

The most disturbing part of the modern social internet is the extent to which it seeps into the real world. Politicians rave about cancel culture. Brands advertise with memes. It's no wonder we've brainwashed ourselves into thinking that the internet and real life are the same place, and what's more, that we can act the same way in both venues. I very rarely see "cringe" online because I've almost completely disengaged from the social internet. Yet, I know about it. How can this be?

Easy: it's not just a Twitter exclusive anymore.

Somewhere along the line, we gave ourselves permission to act like this all the time — not just behind a Twitter handle or YouTube account. I've seen people interrupt someone who is talking about their interests to inform them that this topic (and, as it is implied, their behavior) is "cringe." Even worse, I've seen people self-censor in the fear of being deemed "cringe," cutting themselves off from a discussion for fear of others finding their ideas or interests embarrassing. Whether we want to or not, we are all subscribing to cringe culture in an alarming way.

This is how we become a one-thought society, a herd. It's also how we finally throw off the yoke of emotion — joy, sadness, love, all of the things that make us human — and become automatons. It all seems terribly dangerous to me. Why should we cower from earnestness? Why should we run from freely expressing our thoughts and opinions and sharing them with others? Is this not the sole basis of human connection? Ironically, it seems that the more we rely on the social internet, the more distant we become.

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On a recent episode of the podcast "Dear Hank and John," Hank Green, longtime online personality, briefly examined cringe culture after a young listener wrote in asking how they can stop being called a "try-hard" in school. Here was his reply: "I think that 'try-hard' means, 'I would be embarrassed to try that hard; it is cringey to care that much.' That is about them, not you. Don't kill the part of you that is cringey, kill the part of you that cringes."

I, for one, think that's pretty good advice. The world is a tough enough place as it is. Cringe culture, however entertaining it may be to a certain breed of internet-dweller, only compounds this harshness, villainizing individuality and promoting a cruel civilization. I am certain that this is not who we are, but my certainty is not what matters. It is not until we can embrace our perceived flaws as humans — passion, awe, and even bad dancing — that we can escape this trap.

Winter is the worst

A Pennsylvania native laments the frigid tempera-

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I have never been a particularly outdoorsy person. Growing up in northwestern Pennsylvania, I did of course spend a lot of time outdoors, but it was never really my thing. I did play outside with my siblings often, but I was usually much happier to sit inside and read.

The indoors are where I thrive. The temperature is relatively controlled, I can snuggle up however I want without worrying about bugs or wild animals, and most importantly, my comfort and activities are not limited by what the weather is like outside. Rain or shine, sleet or snow, I can always do my favorite activities indoors. There is something I find calming about nature, but not for excessive periods of time. I enjoy a good camping trip, albeit not in tents, and I enjoy sitting outside underneath a nice tree.

That being so, I hate winter with every fiber of my being. It is by far my least favorite time of year and I almost wish I could hibernate until it is safe to go outside again. Virtually everything about it is terrible. First and foremost, I hate being cold. In some ways, I can understand why some people prefer being cold to being warm, and in most ways, I agree. When you are too cold, you can put on a blanket. When you are too warm, there is only so much clothing you can remove before it becomes illegal, and unfortunately it is not an option to rip off my skin. However, I find that it is much harder for me to get warm than it is for me to cool down. Once my toes are cold, it is virtually game over. They will not be warm again, no matter how many socks and slippers I don the rest of the day. For whatever highly unfortunate reason, I do not warm up easily, and it is endlessly frustrating.

Furthermore, I would argue that it is harder to get things done when too cold than when too warm. While I see that it can be hard to focus when you are trying to look through sweat on your face, it is near impossible to do anything when your fingers are cold. In my North Village II apartment, the heating is sort of wonky. The vent in my room is directly over my bed, so in the winter, it blows a constant stream of hot air into my room and makes it impossible to breathe at night. As such, I have to have my window cracked open constantly so some cool air can get in and I don't suffocate. However, because of this, it is near impossible for me to get work done while sitting at my desk, which is right next to my window. After just 30 minutes, my fingers are cold to the point that they physically hurt, and I can no longer type, or sew, or play Minecraft. I am left sitting on the couch in our living room desperately trying to warm up my hands. As we have established, this does not happen quickly, and it essentially ruins any plans I may have had for the next few hours. Winter is painful for my poor little hands.

Not only is winter painful for my hands, but also for my rear end. It is no secret that I am a very clumsy person. I actively trip over nothing, fall up stairs and run into door frames almost daily. Icy sidewalks are the bane of my existence. Even with good boots, I manage to slip much more regularly than I would like to. I do not always fall on my butt, or even always to my knees, but the panic that I feel slipping on ice is incomparable to any other anxiety I have ever felt. The idea of the weather outside causing me to fracture my cranium is frightening, and I hate everything about ice.

Another issue with ice is, of course, icicles. When I was young, I used to watch "Grey's Anatomy" with my family every week. I have always been a squeamish person, so I was never able to get into it, but of what we did watch, a few especially grotesque scenes remain burned into my memory. I do not remember the exact details of the episode, but from what I remember, a person slipped on ice, and then an icicle fell from the building's awning and fell into her stomach. She then laid on the sidewalk until someone came out and found her there. Then, when they brought her inside, they had to decide whether to remove it or leave it in; if they removed it, she might bleed out, but if they let it melt, it might cause problems because icicles are not particularly clean. While icicles are aesthetic and sometimes beautiful, they are also literal water knives that hang off of buildings. Icicles are terrifying.

The ice that comes with winter is altogether terrible, but arguably worse, the only way to minimize the hazard is to salt the sidewalks. I hate sidewalk salt with a burning passion. Firstly, it absolutely wrecks boots. Even high-quality boots will end up getting stained with salt spots, which do not necessarily ruin them in terms of function, but aesthetics. I hate when black boots have large white spots. Worse than that, salt gets stuck to boots and inevitably gets tracked inside. I got new slippers for Christmas; they are Bearpaws slippers. They are soft and warm, with very nice soles. While the salt has not destroyed them, it has turned them slightly white. Additionally, there are a few terrible white salt spots on my new slippers. It is not that they were expensive, or that they were new; the simple fact that it is entirely winter's fault is what makes me livid.

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Ultimately, there is nothing I can do about this. While I would very much like to hibernate, that is not an option. It is not that I am incapable of sleeping that long, as I am certain I could accomplish it, but I do not have time to hibernate for three months. I think what makes me hate winter is how much it impacts my ability to be productive. I am significantly less productive when it is cold outside, and it bothers me that it is not my fault. While there is the obvious lack of vitamin D, there are plenty of other things about winter that make me miserable and altogether unproductive. I have lived in the Pennsylvania Snowbelt my entire life, and while I sort of hope to someday move away from this wintry nonsense, I think a part of me might always miss having so much to complain about from Thanksgiving to Easter.

Oxon scientists generate largest human family tree ever

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For decades, evolutionary biologists have done research to learn more about the genetic and physical relationship between the humans that live on Earth today and those that lived millions of years ago.

From the time that the process of genomic generation was developed in 1986, thousands of human genomes have been generated in order to learn more about these relationships.

The recent publication in the journal Science titled, "A unified genealogy of modern and ancient genomes," outlined the conclusions that were drawn from a study completed by a research team at the University of Oxford Big Data Institute led by Anthony Wilder Wohns.

One of the outcomes of the study done by Wohns et al. was the successful application of a tree recording method to ancient and modern human human genomes, as a way of computationally generating a unified human genealogy.

By completing the genome generation through this manner, they were able to use ancient genomes to calibrate the genomic coalescent times.

Learning more about whether or not genetic variation matched in modern humans and ancient human relatives, these researchers were able to draw the theoretical lines of descent between different genomes and were able to determine which alleles present in today's human genomes were carried by human ancestors.

In ScienceDaily, the authors spoke about the integration of data on genomes that come from modern and ancient humans.

It was reported in this article that this study included 3,609 individual genome sequences from 215 populations, and genomes that came from ancient humans range from 1,000 to 100,000 years ago.

The first author of this article, Wohns, spoke with a journalist from Live Science about the way that this research can explain the relationship between today's humans and ancient human relatives.

"The way that we've estimated where ancestors live is, in particular, very preliminary- we definitely see overwhelming evidence of the out-of-Africa event," Wohns said.

The out-of-Africa event mentioned in his quote was the initial dispersal of Homo sapiens from the eastern region of Africa into Eurasia and other regions around the world.

According to The New York Post, the research team was able to successfully create a phylogenetic tree, linking 27 million humans to this out-of-Africa event.

Ron Mumme, Allegheny professor of biology, spoke about how the information documented can be used as further support for the out-of-Africa model.

"It was pretty much what we expected, what we already knew from other studies that mentioned that modern humans arose and started to move out of Africa and colonize the rest of the world," Mumme said.

Aida Andrés, associate professor in the Genetics, Evolution and Environment Department at the University College London Genetics Institute, and Jasmin Rees, a doctoral candidate at UCL Genetics Institute spoke about how the research could be used in the future in a commentary published in Science.

They mentioned that the method used in the research "works well to refine known ancestral locations and, as sampling improves it has the potential to identify currently unknown human movements."

In the online newspaper, ScienceDaily, it was mentioned that the research group at the University of Oxford's Big Data Institute made major progress in mapping out the entirety of the genetic relationships between humans today and our ancestors, which shows that there is a single genealogy that traces the ancestry of all living humans.

Evolutionary geneticist at the Big Data Institute and one of the principal authors of the paper, Yan Wong, talked about the research, and what the outcome of the research was.

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"We have basically built a huge family tree, a genealogy for all of humanity that models as exactly as we can the history that generated all the genetic variation we find in humans today," Wong said. "This genealogy allows us to see how every person's genetic sequence relates to each other, along all the points of the genome." Wong also spoke more about how this information can be used in the past in an interview with ScienceDaily.

"While humans are the focus of this study, the method is valid for most living things; from orangutans to bacteria," Wong said. "It could be particularly beneficial in medical genetics, in separating true associations between genetic regions and diseases from spurious connections arising from our shared ancestral history."

While there is more evidence to support the out-of-Africa hypothesis, it is still debated.

"There's still a lot of disagreement with the peopling of the Americas," Mumme said. "Whether people were coming across the Bering land bridge or seafaring."

There may be a lot of information surrounding the Out-of-Africa model, but there is still a lot of research that needs to be done in order to understand the origin of Homo sapiens in the Americas.

New IPCC report paints grim picture of climate realities

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As political conflict at home and abroad captivates our attention and energy, the dial of the looming doomsday clock of climate change draws ever nearer to midnight.

Now, despite many new intergovernmental initiatives regarding the issue in recent years, the projections worsen substantially.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — the United Nations body responsible for monitoring and advancing our understanding of climate change, released the second component of its report for the sixth assessment cycle.

Since 1988, the IPCC has used a team of experts to analyze and summarize scientific research on climate change, including thorough independent review, in order to present governments with a comprehensive understanding of the current and future drivers and impacts behind our climate, and to offer possible solutions and mitigation measures.

The IPCC functions on the basis of three working groups and a taskforce, sometimes including smaller task groups on specific emerging issues, that put together its reports on a cyclical basis. The component of the current report finalized this Monday was created by the second working group, whose focus is climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability.

This report paints a grim picture of our earth's future. According to the IPCC's official press release: "The world faces unavoidable multiple climate hazards over the next two decades with global warming of 1.5 degrees C (2.7 degrees F). Even temporarily exceeding this warming level will result in additional severe impacts, some of which will be irreversible. Risks for society will increase, including to infrastructure and low-lying coastal settlements."

The report describes how tedious the line we are towing between the continued destruction or preservation of the planet really is.

Although some of the effects may already be irreversible, the main component of actually ending the decline in our ecosystems is global warming itself.

"We are losing living spaces for species, and for ourselves as well, because with climate change, some parts of the planet will become uninhabitable," Hans-Otto Pörtner, a German climate researcher and IPCC co-chair said in an interview with the Washington Post.

The report warns that as global warming increases beyond the current point, we will be at greater risk of "tipping points" that could lead us towards the end of our civilization. A tipping point is defined by the IPCC as a "critical threshold beyond which a system reorganizes, often abruptly and/or irreversibly".

One of the possible tipping points in this and previous reports is the collapse of the West Antarctic ice sheet, a region of the Antarctic continent. As the sheet is rapidly deteriorating, if it collapses, it could trigger a feedback loop that causes widespread collapse of land ice and raise sea levels significantly.

In addition to grappling with the current and coming effects of climate change, the IPCC is also trying to find ways to tackle the underlying issue that will be the continued responsibility of scientists and legislators around the world.

In an attempt to appeal to the international community, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres spoke candidly about the reports political and social implications.

"Today's IPCC report is an atlas of human suffering and a damning indictment of failed climate leadership," Guterres said. "With fact upon fact, this report reveals how people and the planet are getting clobbered by climate change. Nearly half of humanity is living in the danger zone — now. Many ecosystems are at the point of no return — now. Unchecked carbon pollution is forcing the world's most vulnerable on a frog march to destruction – now. The facts are undeniable. This abdication of leadership is criminal."



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The recent UN IPCC Report issued another dire warning about climate change. U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres cites "failed climate leadership" as a cause of continued global temperature warming.

As communities across the Global South already face the devastating effects of climate change head on in the form of natural disasters, calls for support and reparations from industrialized nations have become more pronounced.

Displacement is a current and growing issue highlighted in the report, and along with it, class inequalities are projected to worsen.

Sarah Kaplan, climate and science reporter for the Washington Post spoke more about where the effects of climate change will be felt the most.

"Roughly 80 percent of those at risk of hunger in the worst-case warming scenarios will live in Asia and Africa," Kaplan said. "People in low- and middle-income countries, especially those in rural areas, are most likely to be displaced by extreme weather … Higher temperatures are linked to increased rates of violence against women and girls. People with disabilities are less able to evacuate from escalating natural disasters. Indigenous communities will suffer disproportionately as extinctions alter sacred landscapes and deplete traditional food sources."

Another issue is the generational disparity and responsibility that exists in fostering climate action. Through the report's timeline, it is clear that those who are currently in positions of power regarding climate action will not see the brunt of the effects in their lifetimes.

The younger and future generations will inherit the brunt of the effects, lending to the frustrations that younger activists feel at what they perceive to be a lack of urgency from the political status quo on climate issues.

Even on the international stage, with the seriousity and validity that the newest IPCC report and previous IPCC reports have carried with them, it remains to be seen how governments and institutions will choose to dedicate themselves to adapting to our coming climate realities.

Go 'Fetch' Me helps student afford diabetic alert dog

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The life of a college student has always been filled with challenges. Today, the added challenge of navigating college through a pandemic has become a difficult reality. In the case of Catherine Wheat, '25, the added challenge of having type one diabetes, Hashimoto's disease and Addison's disease have become a big part of her college story.

Early in January, Wheat's roommate Annabella Zgurzynski, '25, was a few feet away when Wheat suffered a grand mal seizure caused by low blood sugar. At the time, Wheat was unaware of having Addison's disease and had been suffering from adrenal insufficiency for months. Following the incident, Zgurzynski decided to start a GoFundMe for her roommate to pay for a diabetic alert dog.

"We realized how serious her condition was and the experience created a lot of anxiety around going to sleep because it happened while she was sleeping," Zgurzynski said. "She can't just have 24/7 care to alert her in her sleep but a (diabetic alert dog) would be able to alert her of her blood sugar and provide a sense of security. I think a DAD would give her a sense of autonomy."

Leading up to the creation of the fundraiser, Zgurzynski and Wheat were struggling to talk about the experience they had together. The GoFundMe was an opportunity for them to process.

"We hadn't really talked about it since it happened," Zgurzynski said. "We were riding an emotional wave when I went into writing our story because that whole experience was like a trauma bond. It really brought us together and we were just holding each other wondering what to do because nobody should feel this way."

Wheat shared how the event has affected her emotionally and the challenges she wants to overcome to be able to continue being a college student. According to Wheat, returning back home is not what she wants to do now that she has experienced independence in college.

"I want to live a normal life," Wheat said. "You feel like something has been stripped from you after you go through something traumatic. What am I supposed to do now? I don't want to put this responsibility on someone else, but if I have this dog it can give me the independence to be on my own."

According to Wheat, she had considered getting a DAD but her financial background has not made that feasible in the past. With the support she has received from the fundraiser, the possibility of obtaining a DAD could become more realistic.

"Coming to a small liberal art school, all these people care for me and want to help me," Wheat said. "You just feel so blessed and cared for. I was flabbergasted by the amount of support and just love and care that I received."



Photo contributed by Catherine Wheat
Catherine Wheat, '25 (left) sits with roommate Annabella Zgurzynski, '25. Zgurzynski helped Wheat set up a GoFundMe to help her afford a diabetic alert dog.

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With all the support Wheat received, her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, has become a part of her ability to return to a sense of normalcy and belonging at college. AXO member Catherine Wallace, '25, shared how the sorority has supported Wheat.

"(The sorority sisters have) been really accommodating and were accommodating when she had to miss recruitment and everything," Wallace said. "They have all reached out and put money in to get her flowers and have them sent to Texas. We all care for her and there are no lengths we won't go to make sure she's gonna be okay."

Since the seizure, the bonds Wheat had formed strengthened and her support system has widened. Wheat enthusiastically encourages Zgurzynski to share how the experience they had has given her the confidence to continue pursuing a pre-med track.

"The night before (Wheat) had her seizure, I told her I thought she had Addison's disease then she had her seizure and when they did her bloodwork it turned out she did," Zgurzynski said. "Knowing that I did the right thing and knowing that I have the capability and the instincts to react in a crisis reassures me that I am going down the right path."

Wheat said that she can succeed in college and surmount any obstacles she may face pursuing her career.

"College is hard but it is hard for everyone," Wheat said. "This is just another thing that tried to knock me over. It is like those rides at carnivals where they knock you down and you just dodge and keep going. I am just gonna get back up and keep going."

ASK! an editor

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The new column where you can ask us anything



How do I memorize grammar rules?

The basic answer: read and practice. One of the best ways to start noticing mistakes in your writing is to watch the experts do it correctly. The more you read, the more your brain will be in tune with the correct way to organize a sentence. It's kind of like how athletes watch professional games, or even watch their own games back. Each time, they pick up on subtle things — slight body movements, positioning on the field, the places their opponents slip through — and improve based on that feedback.

My answer: stop trying. In my opinion, you have to make a mistake a thousand times before you truly know how to fix it. Keep making mistakes. Keep getting called out by your professor. By the time you turn in your comp (or at least by the time you die), you'll figure out how to make nouns and adjectives agree, or which writing styles require the use of the oxford comma.

How do we build a sense of community on campus?

I'm going to be honest, being on campus sucks right now. Everyone looks like they are about ready to stab someone for innumeral reasons. It feels like we're all trying to pull the wool over each other's eyes and we're all ending up blind. I think we need to have some open, honest and genuine conversations. I'm not talking about sending President Link and Provost Cole back to ASG just for the student body to roast them in an anonymous message board. We need to drop our pretenses of the "other side" and recognize that we're all reacting sporadically because this community that we are all attached to is going through a troubling time.

What are your thoughts on the academic program review?

Oh boy. As a student that is in a program to be reduced or fused or whatever, I am rightfully upset and unnerved. My minor has been reduced to independent study courses for the immediate future, and the prospect of major change after two years of uncertainty is scary as hell. In addition, many students feel marginalized by some choices made — specifically in reference to the Chinese minor — and I think those feelings are justified. That being said, I want Allegheny College to succeed — no matter how much I roast it, no matter how many administrators have an aversion to me for my position at this institution — and I have a certain amount of respect for how they tried to keep the core of Allegheny College the same.

People keep hitting on my boyfriend? Help?

That's on you, boo. Go date a frat boy or something. In all seriousness, it truly is something you just have to get over on your own terms. If you trust and respect your partner, a situation like this shouldn't phase you. It actually might be affirming to know you made a good pick. I guess if that's not cutting it for you, there always is another option: threesome.

How do I submit a question?

Great question! It's easy! DM your question to @accampus on Instagram or email us at newspaper@allegheny.edu.



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A piece by Hiromi Moneyhun, the piece is influenced by the isolation that she felt during the pandemic.



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A wider view of the gallery showing work by Sharon Norwood and Hiromi Moneyhun.







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Top: In this piece based on West African mythologies, heroes and culture by Stephon Senegal, words in West-African languages can be found in the work as a way to reclaim space in the gallery from a Eurocentric paradigm.
Middle: A work by Gonzalo Hernandez created through Jacquard weaving using Peruvian textiles, invoking the famous work by Felix Gonzalez-Torres with its dual timepieces.
Bottom: Sharon Norwood's art deals with abstraction and the mythology of the African-American experience.

MAKING SPACE

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The Allegheny Art Galleries are showcasing the work of four artists in the recently opened "Making Space." The gallery is located in the Doane Hall of Art and opened on Tuesday, March 1, and will continue to be open to the public until April 2.

"This is an exhibition that is a little bit of a departure from what we often do," said Assistant Professor of Art History Paula Burleigh, who worked with the director of Erie Arts & Culture, Patrick Fisher, to get in touch with the artists and to get their work in the gallery. "(This gallery) was an effort to kind of recognize the really exciting work that's being done in Erie right now by Erie Arts & Culture." The artists featured are all alumni of the Erie Arts & Culture month-long residency program. The program is designed in partnership with the Florida based arts non-profit Long Road Projects to put contemporary artists from all over the country and the world in the Erie community and give them a month of "dedicated time and space to reflect, research, and create new bodies of work — outside of their usual environments," according to their website. The four artists whose work is featured in "Making Space" are Gonzalo Hernandez, Sharon Norwood, Hiromi Moneyhun and Stephon Senegal, each artist coming from a different cultural background that influences the work being shown in the gallery.

Hernandez is originally from Peru and uses his familiarity with Peruvian textiles in his work. Norwood is African-American and her work centers around that experience and the folklore that surrounds that experience both historically and contemporary. Moneyhun was born in Kyoto, and despite moving to Florida in 2004, references her background in her art, with many of her illustrated work being a combination of more traditional Japanese art with the heightened contemporaneousness of modern age Japan. Senegal is focused on West Africa, taking influence from the stories and mythologies found there for his art.

"I think all the artists in the show are really thinking about the space of the gallery and trying to disrupt what Sharon Norwood calls 'the historically white space of the gallery,'" Burleigh said.

Burleigh said that the pieces thread together throughout the gallery.

"We can think about the gallery as a white cube, you know, we are very resolutely white walls," Burleigh said. "Historically, it's been a kind of a racially monolithic space that was exclusionary, and I think all of these artists are really thinking explicitly about that in the way that they are making space in their work. For stories, narratives, new mythologies proliferate from a range of communities and cultures. And so, they're all now based in the United States, but in many instances, they're working from communities that connect to their own Heritage's." The next show that the Allegheny Art gallery will be hosting is the annual open student show. Unlike the other student shows that take place during the year which are tied to course work like the junior seminar or the senior comp, the annual open student show is open to all Allegheny students. Students' major and whether they have taken an art class before are not factors, however just because a piece of art is submitted does not mean that it will be put in the gallery. After two days of "intake," when the art is submitted, a third-party judge not affiliated with the college comes in to evaluate the works.. The student work that is not accepted into the gallery is not discarded or disregarded, but collected by the Student Art Society and is shown in the Box Gallery. There are also the two other student shows happening in the spring semester.

"Making Space" will also serve as a gathering space for a music event featuring Douglas Jurs, assistant professor of music, as well as a visiting artist on March 11. A virtual panel discussion featuring all four artists will take place Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Track and field shines at NCAC Indoor Championships

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The Allegheny men's and women's track and field teams wrapped up their conference weekend series at the 2022 North Coast Athletic Conference Championships last Saturday, Feb. 26. The men finished in 8th place overall earning 47 points, while the women finished in 7th place overall earning 58 points.

One of the top performers of all the Gators was Mihaela Toader, '23, who competed in six different events and earned all-NCAC honors in the 400-meter dash.

"In my individual performances, I'm pretty happy with them," Toader said. "I'm just excited for all of us to get refocused, remotivated and to go and kill it."

Toader, a Pittsburgh native, has been putting up great numbers all season, especially as of late. Just last week she was named NCAC Sprinter of the Week, as her hard work continued to pay off moving through conference play. She competed in six events, placing in at least 6th for each of the contests. Her best times came in the 400-meter, both as a team and individually placing third in each race. Toader said she dedicated herself to track during the offseason, which is why she is able to compete at the level she does.

"I usually do two or three practices a day," Toader said.

Toader has also been working with Head Coach Justin Linzy on the importance of rest and nutrition. Toader said it is important to be able to incorporate the rest days when needed while still being able to put in the proper amount of work to stay consistent.



Photo courtesy of North Coast Athletic Conference
Anthony Steinpreis, '22, edges past Wooster senior Harvey Briscoe at the NCAC Indoor Championships at Kenyon College.



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Julieta Schworm, '24, takes the lead in the 4x200 relay at the NCAC Indoor Championships at Kenyon College. The women finished fourth at 1:46.51, the fastest 4x200 time for the Gators in the last decade.

GATORS IN ACTION



TOADER
PLACED 3RD
IN 400 M (1:01.44)



SHANNON
PLACED 2ND
IN 200 M (22.36)



MEYER
PLACED 2ND
IN 3000 M (8:39.50)
AND 5000 M 14:59.82

Alongside Toader was another impressive runner this past weekend, Julieta Schworm, '24. Schworm competed in four different events throughout the weekend, where she and three fellow teammates (including Toader) broke the school's best time in over a decade for the 4-by-200 meter relay, with a time of 1 hour 46 minutes 51 seconds, good for 4th place.

Schworm also earned all-NCAC honors in the distance medley, clocking in a team time of 12:45.41 as the quartet finished in 4th. Running is not something new to the sophomore out of Newark, Ohio, as she was also a bright light this season for the women's soccer team. Playing forward for the Gators this season, she claimed running the pitch also helped her stay in shape for running the track. Being a two-sport athlete, Schworm said organization allows her to be successful at both of her crafts.

"I am very organized and I think that's a really important tool to have," Schworm said. "If I'm not organized, things will get out of hand very quickly."

Schworm utilizes Google Calendar to keep track of classes and training schedules.

Along with organization, Schworm has put a lot of work into the offseason trying to perfect her running. After missing the Conference Championship in her first year, her expectations rose as she had one thing on her mind, making it to this past weekend. She claimed it was an exciting experience being there and earning the bid to compete, as well as seeing that hard work pay off.

On the men's side, it was Logan Meyer, '22, leading the charge as he was able to narrowly run a sub 15-minute pace in the 5,000 meter run, with a time of 14:59.82 earning the runner-up position.

A lot of off-season training went into Meyer's success, as training at high levels of altitude was a big component of his regime during the summer. Training above sea level increases the amount of red blood cells circulating through the body. As a runner makes their transition from elevation back to sea level, it is much easier for the oxygen to flow throughout their bodies and allows them to run at greater speeds with more control of their respiratory system. It is a phenomenon used by many cross country and track runners, and can be seen in other athletic training as well. It helped Meyers achieve his goals, as he boasted that running a sub 15-minute pace for the 5,000 meter was something he has wanted for a long time.

"If you told me in high school that I would be breaking 15 minutes, I mean that's what some of the really good guys are doing, I would've said 'no way,'" Meyer said. "I was really excited to do that."

With nationals right around the corner, Meyer said he will look to better his time once again aiming for a 14:30:00 pace, as he and the rest of the Gators prepare to potentially take on some of the best track and field athletes in the country at the Division 3 level. Less than two weeks out, that event will take place Friday, March 11, in Indianapolis, Ind.

GATOR UPDATER: FINAL SCORES

Baseball
Saturday, Feb. 26 at Alfred State
Final Score: 3-2

Men's Lacrosse
Saturday, Feb. 26 against Marietta
Final Score: 11-8

Baseball
Saturday, Feb. 26 at Alfred State
Final Score: 5-3

Women's Lacrosse
Saturday, Feb. 26 at Baldwin Wallace
Final Score: 14-7

Women's Lacrosse
Wednesday, March 2 at John Carroll
Final Score: 12-9