

Memorial held for one-year anniversary of Pittsburgh shooting

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Sunday, Oct. 27, marked the one-year anniversary of the deadly shooting that took place at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill neighborhood.

In less than 11 minutes, 11 people who had gathered for Sabbath services in the three separate congregations housed within the synagogue were killed.

Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered in Tippie Alumni Center at Cochran Hall on

Sunday to remember the victims of the Tree of Life Shooting and have a conversation about anti-Semitism in the United States.

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Jewish Life Adrienne Krone and members of Hillel led the memorial.

“We just wanted to make sure we mark the anniversary of this event that happened so close to us, so close to some of our hometowns, in our hometowns and to the Jewish community,” Krone said.

Astrid Mueller, ’21, began the memorial with a reading of “After a Deadly

Anti-Semitic Attack.”

The reading was originally titled “For the Jews of France,” and was written following the violence in Toulouse that took place in 2012. Since, the reading has been adapted in response to individual situations involving antisemitic terror.

Sarah Teel, ’21, followed with a reading Barak Levin, ’19, shared at the Nov. 1, 2018 vigil titled “We Remember Them.”

“For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as we remember them,” Teel read.

A Yahrzeit candle was lit for each

of the 11 men and women killed in the attack — Joyce Fienberg, 75, Richard Gottfried, 65, Rose Mallinger, 97, Jerry Rabinowitz, 66, Cecil Rosenthal, 59, David Rosenthal, 54, Bernice Simon, 84, Sylvan Simon, 86, Daniel Stein, 71, Melvin Wax, 87, and Irving Younger, 69.

“Traditionally, you light (Yahrzeit candles) for 24 hours on the anniversary of a Jewish person’s death, so as not to leave fire hazards in Tippe, we will be blowing them out somewhat unceremoniously when this is over,” Krone said.

An additional candle was lit for “all

other victims of terror in this past year.”

The readings and candle lighting were followed with the reading of the Mourner’s Kaddish.

“For Jewish folks, there are copies of the Mourner’s Kaddish,” Krone said. “Some folks have the tradition of always reading it because you never want to get to a place where you have said it enough that you have memorized it, even though most of us have.”

Following the reading of the Mourner’s Kaddish, Krone led a conversation on anti-Semitism in the United States.

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Alfredo Corchado delivers a lecture as the keynote speaker for Gator Day at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, 2019 in Quigley Auditorium.

Migration, Journalism and Tequila

Corchado shares reporting experience with students

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Few students have the opportunity to speak at high profile events on campus, and even fewer have the opportunity to introduce their own, world-renowned relatives. Genesis Pena, ’22, however, was able to do just that.

“He’s a Mexico border correspondent for the Dallas Morning News, and he’s written two books, ‘Midnight to Mexico,’ and most recently, ‘Homelands,’” Pena said. “He’s a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, he’s been recognized by Columbia University with the Maria Moors Cabot Prize, which honors journalists who cover the Americas. He was also awarded by Colby College for courageous journalism. To me, he’s just my uncle. He is the guy who will take me to Starbucks to get me a pumpkin spice, to talk about my life, my dreams and my future.”

Pena welcomed her uncle, Alfredo Corchado, Mexico City bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News, to speak at the Gator Day eve keynote address, “The Great Mexican-American Migration” at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, in a packed Quigley Auditorium. The talk was co-sponsored by the Allegheny College Career Education Office and Law and Policy Program.

“I enjoy visiting colleges and universities because these are the places where you meet people from all over the world, you form friendships, you build bridges and when you leave, you spread the message that you don’t fear one another,” Corchado said. “This is where you learn about tolerance, something that I believe is sorely lacking today.”

As a resident of El Paso, Texas, where people are still reeling from the Aug. 3 mass shooting in a local Walmart, Corchado took a moment to remember the one-year anniversary

of the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh. Corchado explained that El Paso has learned a lot about how to heal and grieve from Pittsburgh.

Corchado’s family immigrated to the United States when he was 6 years old. His mother and father worked the fields and were both members of the United Farm Workers Union. His family benefited from the Immigration-Nationality Act of 1965 signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This act repealed an earlier quota system based on national origin and was based on reunifying immigrant families and encouraging skilled laborers to come to the United States.

“Like my parents, I too came of age in the fields, in the biggest agricultural valley in the world, the San Joaquin Valley,” Corchado said.

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Allegheny administration to change current message, ‘Unusual Combinations’

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A process that happens every so often at Allegheny that many might not be aware of is the administration looking at the way the college presents itself to the world.

A college’s marketing message is the message that it sends to the world, mainly prospective students, to generate interest and grab their attention, according to Vice President of College Relations Susan Salton. Since the 2000s, Allegheny’s message has been “unusual combinations.”

Salton described how every few years the college will look at this marketing message and decide it is time to “refresh” it, and look for a new message.

“Something that students and prospective students have probably noticed is that most college materials look alike,” Salton said. “It is very important for us to differentiate, and to show the market what makes us unique.”

There are many important points of figuring out this differentiation, and the main point is the evaluation.

“Our brand, or message, is the total experience,” Salton said. “It’s everything that we do here as an institution; everything our institution does and says. A lot of research goes into finding the specific points (that we want to present), and this research takes time.”

According to Salton, the departments of the administration who have been working on this project are hoping for the research on what the new message should be, to be essentially done by January 2020.

Provost and Dean of the College Ron Cole reiterated this, adding that a lot of things are still being planned at this time.

“A lot of this is still in the works,” Cole said. “We really just want to be able to develop an authentic message and provide that in a clear way to our prospective students.”

Due to traveling for the college Cole was unavailable for further comment.

Salton described the different steps being taken at this point in the project, which included more steps than just preliminary research.

“This new brand has its own timeline,” Salton said. “First we have to do the research, then we have to find the points that we want to focus on. We then have to validate those points. It’s only then that we can move into what we want the message to be. Then we test that message, and then we can fully execute it.”

Salton added that a lot of how the new messaging campaign will be implemented is through print, videos and social media, describing how it is not about the phrase of the message but the visibility of the college.

“We really want our college’s visibility to be clear to what our institution is about,” Salton said. “Typically with a new marketing message visibility is raised, because that’s what a strong marketing program is designed to do.”

Once the overall process is finished, and Allegheny sends out its new marketing message, Salton said she thinks there will be a positive effect on the college overall.

“It’s like President Link said during her speech at her inauguration,” Salton said. “Allegheny really is a ‘gem of an institution,’ and that is not as known as it could be. I think this new message will help that to become more widely known, so I think it will have a really positive impact.”

Beginning with the official inauguration of Link, and now moving into the process of a new message, Salton said she believed the college is currently in the midst of an exciting new chapter.

“This is a very exciting time,” Salton said. “There has been a lot of support and energy around this project. This is a very exciting chapter for the college.”

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“Anti-Semitism is a problem for Jews, but it is not a Jewish problem,” Krone said. “I wanted to go through a little bit of how we got here. Hopefully what we can take with us tonight back out into the world is preventing future events like this from happening or even just preventing people from not understanding what happened.”

To understand the terror that occurred in Pittsburgh, one must look back to the Medieval period, according to Krone.

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Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Jewish Life, Allegheny College

the Medieval period, Jewish people started to work as money lenders, because it was an occupation that was available to them and often the reason they were permitted to migrate to new countries.

“They needed people to money lend because Christians were not permitted to, so the leaders would bring Jews in,” Krone said.

The profession of money lending was useful to Jewish people because it was both portable and profitable, according

to Krone.

“Jews were taxed at higher rates in most places than Christians, so (money lending) allowed them to make money and survive,” Krone said. “This profession was the result of anti-Jewish oppression, but it also created anti-Jewish oppression.”

Another main cause of anti-Semitism is that it hides in plain sight, according to Krone.

“(Anti-Semitism) works best when Jews are successful — unlike other forms of oppression that work best when people are beat down to their least,” Krone said. “Anti-Semitism takes on this invisible identity where it is not easy to see it, because it looks from the outside like Jews are pretty successful.”

Krone also explained that another source of anti-Semitism is the fabricated document, “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,” which first appeared in Russia in 1903 before being translated into many different languages.

“(The Protocols of the Elders of Zion) purports to be this se-

cret document of a Jewish group of leaders who are planning for world domination,” Krone said. “It was published by Russians in Russian and it’s not true.”

“The Protocols of the Elders of Zion” spread the falsified conception that Jewish people were trying to dominate the world and needed to be stopped, which is another stem of anti-Semitism, according to Krone.

Following the spread of these anti-Semetic ideas, universities adopted quotas and would only admit a certain number of Jewish students per year, according to Krone.

“They didn’t want too many Jews to have access to power,” Krone said. “Jews ended up working in clothing, real estate and in the media.”

Once Jewish people began working in the media, the misconception that “Jews control Hollywood,” spread rapidly, according to Krone.

“Again, it was an occupation that (Jewish people) actually

had access to,” Krone said. “All of these oppressive pieces of systems that Jews are living in come in and then get used against them.”

Krone explained that Jewish people were pushed into careers in money lending and the media, and then misconceptions such as “(Jews) are trying to control us with their money lending” and “They are trying to control us with what they are putting out and Hollywood,” were conceived.

“Global white supremacy and Global white nationalism, which is showing up in countries all over the world, relies on, as an essential piece, what is called the great replacement theory,” Krone said.

The great replacement theory is the idea that if the world is becoming more multicultural, it is not because people are equal but because “someone is pulling the strings,” according to Krone.

“The great replacement theory is this idea that this country — whichever country, but we

will talk about ours — is looking more diverse and becoming more multicultural because Jews want it to be, kind of at the opposition of white supremacists,” Krone said.

Krone explained that when white supremacists were marching with tiki torches in Charlottesville, Virginia, chanting “Jews will not replace us,” they were talking about the great replacement theory.

“This great replacement theory is causing people to lash out on Jewish communities,” Krone said. “All of this is how we got to what happened in Pittsburgh. The shooter, who I will not name, identified with this theory.”

Krone discussed how society can move forward and dismantle anti-Semitic misconceptions. Audience members recognized the need to confront misconceptions, intervene, ask questions, vote and ultimately “be stronger than hate.”

ASG discusses possible funding of weight room equipment

Ross, Luteran and Van Alstyne open general assembly with presentation

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The weekly Allegheny Student Government general assembly — for the second week in a row — lasted over an hour, with guest speakers and business as usual.

The general assembly was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center. It opened with a presentation by Bill Ross, director of athletics and recreation, Jared Luteran, director of recreation and facilities and Chris Van Alstyne, director of peak performance and fitness.

They discussed the current renovations of the Wise Sport and Fitness Center, including the addition of a two-story weight room and cardio room in two of the existing racquetball courts, which have now been taken offline for construction. The current auxiliary weight room will be reverted to a racquetball court. Their primary request was \$12,700 from ASG to purchase additional equipment.

“ASG has always been a great partner with athletics and recreation,” Ross said. “When I became athletic director, I wanted to make sure that campus recreation was a priority ... I think, athletic wise, we have the staff and the facility, but on the recreation side, I wanted to make sure we had a little more emphasis on it.”

Ross said that this led to the hiring of Luteran to dedicate a staff member to recreational programming for the entire student body.

“When we added a strength and conditioning faculty position 5 years ago and started having scheduled time for our varsity athletes in the weight room, that created some angst and some lost time for general students to get in and utilize the weight room,” Ross said.

The existing auxiliary weight room is inadequate for usage by the student body, some of whom may be uncomfortable exercising with an entire varsity team, Ross suggested.

“We want to make sure that

we have very similar pieces of equipment and apparatus that are in the current weight room in the new weight room,” Ross said. “That is why we are here, asking ASG if they would help us fund that.”

Ross indicated that construction of the new weight room costs \$360,000, and it falls under the campus master plan. This includes \$30,000 for flooring, and the equipment that has already been purchased has cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

“We want to make sure that this is not only an adequate facility but also a very nice facility,” Ross said. “There are some equipment needs that we simply do not have the money for ... Before we open the doors to that weight room, we would love to be able to have it fully equipped.”

Class of 2023 President Peter Alegre, ’23, asked how much ASG had contributed in the past, and Ross said it was about \$25,000.

“If we don’t have enough money to fulfill the shopping list, we’ll go as far as we can

until we can come up with more money,” Ross said.

Luteran added that all of the equipment currently housed in the auxiliary weight room will be moved to the new weight room, but the new space is double the size.

Ross emphasized that, once the space is completed, strength and conditioning staff will be able to schedule team lifting sessions more efficiently.

“If we can get rid of the problem (with) a space that’s just as big, or actually bigger, then we can keep the athletes in one area,” Van Alstyne said. “At the same time, it’s going to open up more space in the larger fitness center.”

Director of Finance Trevor Day, ’20, asked when in the project athletics realized the need for the funds. Ross said that they always knew the need but did not have the “shopping list” until Van Alstyne, who was hired in September, created it.

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Director of Athletics and Recreation, Allegheny College

ment),” Van Alstyne said. “If we don’t want all new (equipment), if we’re happy with what we have, then we can obviously go lower on that. But, that means there’s going to be a lot more sharing, and that’s the whole goal that we’re trying to avoid.”

All of the cardio equipment in the Wise Center is leased for three years, Ross said. Each year, there is some old equipment that is traded in for new equipment.

The flooring is scheduled to be installed by Nov. 25, and Luteran hopes that the new space will be open at the beginning of next semester.

Some discussion arose regarding how additional funding could be raised, such as fundraising from alumni. Ross indicated that the Golden Gator Golf Outing helps to raise additional funds for athletics.

President Jason Ferrante, ’20, encouraged senators and cabinet members to ask their constituents what they think about the proposal. Several senators rose concern over timeline, and Ferrante said that ASG will not make a decision for several weeks.

During regular cabinet reports, Ryder Sullivan, ’22, was appointed as an ex-officio for the communications and press committee. Pamela Marquez, ’22, and Balnur Yerezhap, ’23, were appointed to the study away and campus internationalization committee.

Director of Community Relations Gabby Miller, ’20, said that on Monday, Nov. 11, her committee will be holding a community conversation on campus with students as a precursor to an in-town dialogue on Monday, Nov. 18, between Allegheny College and Meadville at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

In his president’s report,

Ferrante reminded the assembly that a form was published on MyAllegheny that asks students to rank their top genres for the major concert in the spring. Voting is open until Nov. 13. The results will be used to help ASG and the Major Events Committee, as well as their booking agent, find potential artists for the spring event.

Ferrante announced a new initiative to recognize ASG members for their hard work. Director of Organizational Development Hannah Schaffer, ’20, was recognized as ASG’s cabinet member of the month and Danielle Clarke, ’20, was recognized as senator of the month.

Ferrante also reminded the assembly about Blue and Gold Weekend festivities. The activities kick off today at 12:15 p.m. with a pep rally in the campus center lobby. There will be a carnival from 8:30 to 10 p.m. tonight in the campus center lobby after Battle of the Muses. On Saturday, the student cheering section at Robertson field will return after a few years of being dormant, complete with gator clappers and a T-shirt giveaway.

“A couple of years ago, we had the swamp,” Ferrante said. “If you go to the University of Pittsburgh, they have the ‘zoo.’ This is like a similar thing, but for a school that’s 10 times smaller.”



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Bill Ross, Jared Luteran and Chris Van Alstyne talk to Allegheny Student Government and answer questions regarding the need for funds from ASG to help renovate the David V. Wise Center, during general assembly at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019 in the Henderson Campus Center.

CORCHADO

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“I learned English by listening to songs by Michael Jackson and ‘I Think I Love You’ by the Partridge Family.”

Corchado dropped out of high school to work, and said at the time he did not understand why education was important.

“My mom, however, had other ideas,” Corchado said. “She said that she sacrificed everything she knew in Mexico for her sons. Quitting high school was not part of (her) plan (for me). She tried convincing me to go back to school. She even bribed me with the promise of a new car.”

At that time, Corchado’s dream was to own a 1977 Chevy Camaro.

“My mother’s eyes lit up,” Corchado said. “We will sign the paperwork so you can get that car, (she said). ‘But, you must do three things. One, you need to promise that you will leave California, because all you’ve seen here are farm workers and fields. Two, you must get an education. ... Three, you must promise that you won’t get married until you get an education.”

At El Paso Community College, where he was trying to figure out his future, a counselor helped Corchado take an aptitude test. His results indicated curiosity, specifically in the areas of politics and geography. His counselor suggested becoming a foreign correspondent.

This instance reminded Corchado of when he had to pretend to be older while working in the fields to avoid getting in trouble with the union as he needed to be at least 15 to work. Wearing large clothes to hide his true age, Corchado was reminded by his mother to never tell anyone that he was only 13.

One day, a reporter came and asked, “How old are you?” to which Corchado responded, “13.”

“My mother looked at me and said, ‘we’re going to get deported,’” Corchado said. “Even though we had green cards, she was that afraid of the situation. I was very intrigued (after this) that anyone was curious enough to ask me about anything. Someone actually cared about how I felt, someone actually wanted to give me a voice. I was inspired by this thing called journalism, by this idea of bearing witness, of speaking truth to power, of holding the powerful accountable.”

Corchado began his career in journalism at his college newspaper, where he covered school events during the day and the U.S.-Mexico border at night.

“You would cover these massive movements, ... I was literally on top of the world,” Corchado said. “I knew what I wanted to do with my life was to report. I wanted to shine

the light on issues that matter for (the U.S. and Mexico), and maybe even build bridges of understanding. ... I am not a complete human being without telling stories in each country.”

When he reported for The Wall Street Journal, Frank Allen, a former editor for the Journal, offered Corchado a job in Philadelphia. But Corchado was reluctant to accept it. He said that, while he tried to brush off the offer, his mother persisted that he took the job because his family had worked so hard in the fields for so long.

“(Allen) saw a change in America, in the need for a more diverse newsroom,” Corchado said. “He recruited me, a bilingual, bicultural reporter to go out and tell our story; the story of innocent people on both sides of the border.”

After accepting the job, Corchado began to call different people asking if they knew of any Mexicans in Philadelphia. This is where the inspiration for his 2018 book, “Homelands,” began.

“Homelands” tells the story of the great Mexican migration, where the Mexican population of the United States exploded from 700,000 people in the 1970s to more than 35 million today. It is a culmination of Corchado’s personal life blended with politics. The book tells the story of when Corchado was a young journalist at The Wall Street Journal. As a Mexican-American, he felt isolated in America. But he met two Mexicans and one Mexican-American at a restaurant called “Tequilas” in Philadelphia, where they continued to meet for three decades discussing their Mexican roots and challenges of living as Mexican-American in modern America.

Corchado then read an excerpt from “Homelands.”

“We were the sons of a failed and incomplete revolution in Mexico now living in Philadelphia, which was supposed to embody the best of a revolution and where the nation’s Founders drew up a constitution that would be the envy of the world for centuries over,” Corchado read. “We were testing the tolerance of a city built in 1691 by William Penn, an aristocrat turned rabble-rouser who saw in his new landholdings a haven for refugees fleeing religious persecution and immigrants looking to reinvent themselves.”

After reading the excerpt, Pena held a question and answer session with her uncle. She asked about the risks that forced Corchado to leave Mexico. Corchado replied that he went to Mexico to focus on the U.S.-Mexico relationship including immigration and NAFTA. Corchado never thought he would be-

gin to cover drug trafficking, but that all changed with the violent killing and rapes of hundreds of women in Juárez since 1993.

In 2007, Corchado wrote a story about how drug cartels were meeting with the Mexican military and government officials.

“Nothing happened (when the story was released),” Corchado said. “And then a day later, the Mexican magazine picks up the story and features it prominently. Within minutes, I get a call from an FBI Agent who called me from the border and said ... ‘Where are you?’ ... He said, ‘I have information that the cartel is going to kill an American journalist within 24 hours, and I think it’s you. I would get out.’ I’m looking at the buildings outside (my apartment), and suddenly I feel like I’m falling.”

Corchado was supposed to go to a special dinner with colleagues to celebrate his Maria Moors Cabot Prize from Columbia University, but he wanted to cancel it due to the threat.

“My friend said, ‘no we need to get together, now more than ever,’” Corchado said. “If they’re going to go after you, they’re going to have to come for us. We need to have enough tequila, so we’ve got to get together.”

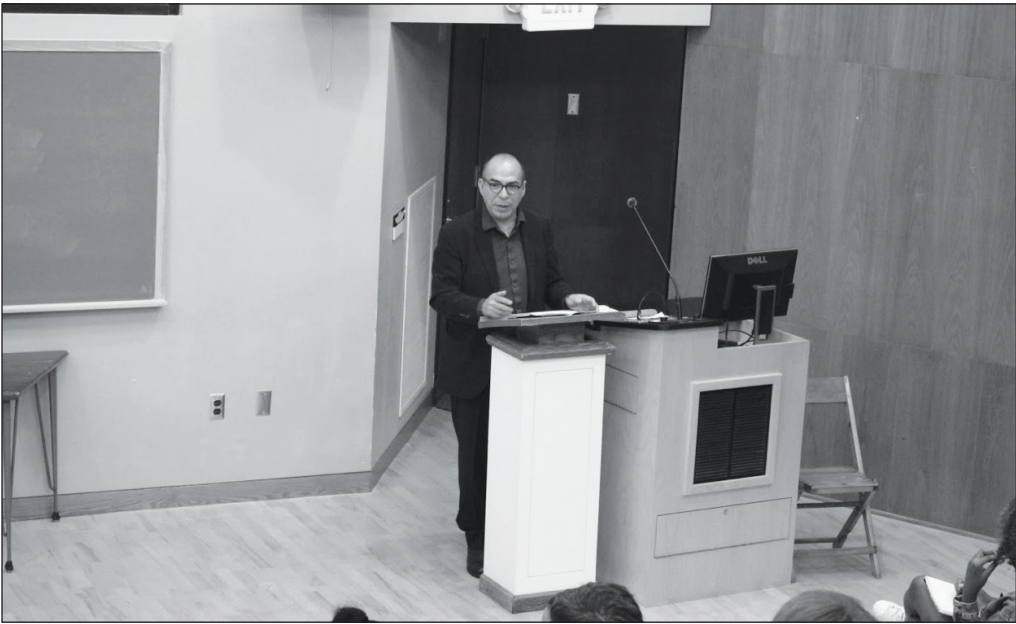
The next day, a statement came from the U.S. Government saying that no one can make a threat against an American journalist.

“That was incredibly important that your own government will stand up for you,” Corchado said. “That also gave me a sense of responsibility because I thought, there are many places in Mexico where journalists are (threatened) by the cartel. As a journalist, you have a responsibility to go out and write and tell these stories, not because you’re more courageous than they are, but because you can.”

Corchado is based in Mexico City, but his apartment is under repairs from a 2017 earthquake. He has been all over the continent, but he has also covered Hungary and West Africa. As of late, Corchado spends his time on the road and in El Paso.

“Much of Latin America is on the border. There’s thousands of migrants from Central America but also Cuba and Africa, (all seeking) asylum,” Corchado said. “The measures like family separations, (the) return-to-Mexico policy that forces asylum seekers to wait south of the border, and nowadays, we’re seeing more and more people coming illegally as a result, and through much more dangerous routes, which means many more deaths along the border.”

Corchado said that the situation at the border leads



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Top: Alfredo Corchado discusses his experiences as a journalist during his lecture on Monday Oct. 28, 2019 in Quigley Auditorium.
Bottom: Genesis Pena, ’22, and Alfredo Corchado have a conversation during his lecture on Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.



to heated rhetoric as President Donald Trump and his supporters call for a border wall to be built along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Responding to a question about biases in the press, Corchado said that he, as any other human, is biased. As a reporter, he strives to present facts and allow people to realize the truth.

“I don’t pretend to be an unbiased reporter,” Corchado said. “I believe in justice. I also believe that we have to give as many people as possible a voice in a story and let the reader decide what’s truth.”

Jacqueline Reiser, ’22, asked whether Corchado would do anything other than journalism.

“I have no doubt about journalism,” Corchado said. “I think, if I did it all over again, I wouldn’t have dropped out of high school. It did take me awhile to catch up, ... to grasp English, ... not just speaking but also writing.”

When discussing with Pena about how Mexicans fit into the United States, Corchado brought up the El Paso shooting again. He said that it happened on his father’s birthday.

“If anyone believes in the American Dream ... it is my father,” Corchado said. “This

was very hurtful. ... For many Mexicans, El Paso has always been a haven, a place to seek refuge. Every immigrant gen-

eration faces challenges. The only way they can respond is by participating.”

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Oct. 25, 2019
Alcohol Violation
Shultz Hall

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Brooks Walkway East

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Criminal Mischief
College Court

Oct. 25, 2019
Criminal Mischief
Baldwin Hall

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Criminal Mischief
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Harassment
Baldwin Hall

Being a team player: Building your resume 101

How athletics benefit on and off the field, teaching hard work, resilience

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Age 21 — we are obsessed with “building” our resumes. We get involved with countless amounts of clubs and activities and spend every waking hour of our free time studying, in the hopes that our resume will stick out in the crowd. In reality, we are selling ourselves to our future employers in hopes of presenting ourselves in a manner that seems attractive in the job market. We aim to differentiate, yet do we really know what separates us from the hundreds of other applicants fighting for the same position? Probably not, but if you are a part of a team, you have already prepared to stand out in a crowd.

As an active member of the Allegheny College Women’s Soccer team, I have had the privilege to play alongside numerous dedicated, driven and confident women, all of whom have the intrinsic motivation to succeed

at everything they do. I have watched teammates come and go, becoming doctors, nurses and businesswomen, reaching and exceeding their goals against adversity higher than mountains. Some have battled illness, and others have been challenged with huge amounts of loss, yet one thing remains the same — consistency.

There is nothing like watching those around you, those who you consider your closest friends, grow throughout the years into strong young adults. That strength is what being a part of a team supports and encourages growth, and that is exactly why I consider it to be the biggest “resume builder” you could have under your belt.

I have been on countless numbers of sports teams throughout my athletic career. From the age of 6, my parents had me involved in every athletic activity they could afford. From Pee Wee T-ball to karate, and every sport that involves some type of ball, I have had the op-

portunity to meet and play alongside hundreds of people, some of whom I am still very close with, and some of whom I still play alongside to this very day.

What I have learned throughout the past 16 years of athletics, through self-reflection and through watching my teammates around me, is that being a part of a team teaches you important and crucial life lessons that benefit you outside the realm of athletics. It is important to note that these lessons are the same for any team, whether it is a sports team or not — the mentality is the same.

Being a part of the team teaches you the obvious, stereotypical lessons of hard work and resilience, but it also teaches you much more than what is visible on the surface.

First of all, being a part of a team gives you a sense of identity and a firm foundation in which you can grow into your individual self. For many athletes, myself included, it is impossible to remember a

time when you weren’t rushing from practice-to-practice, changing in the car from one uniform to the other. It is hard to remember a time where you woke up in the morning without bumps and bruises, and some type of body ache forcing you to question why you play sports to begin with — I say that jokingly, but when we are 50, we are really going to be questioning our adolescent decisions when it hurts to walk up and down the stairs.

Through the daily practices and weekend games, we fell in love with the grind of the process — we fell in love with being athletes. That is something no one can ever take away from you: The communal love for the process in which those around you coexist in the struggle to succeed and excel in whatever sport or activity taking place. Even after you hang up the cleats for the final time, you will always consider yourself an athlete — it is a huge part of your identity. Being an athlete means working through

the grind of everyday life, the ups and downs included, and it will never cause you to waver — you will be consistent through it all, embracing the struggles along the way.

Being a part of a team, as obvious as it may sound, creates the innate ability to perform as a member of a team in every aspect of life. Whether in the realm of athletics, schooling or in the workforce, being able to bring individual efforts to the table to bolster the performance of a collective group is a necessary quality to have in any successful team atmosphere. Athletes are programmed to give 100% effort so that others will be inspired to reciprocate the same effort.

Out of the many lessons that athletics has taught me, I believe the most important one is that you aren’t always going to win, and that feeling of loss is supposed to ignite a fire inside of you to demand success the next time around. The feeling of loss evolve into a sense of competitiveness that forces you to demand

more of yourself and of those around you. That exact competitiveness is what creates a strong team — a team that is constantly desiring more.

With the end of my athletic career looming around the corner, it’s time for me to sit back and reflect on my time as a member of a team. It feels like the end of a beautiful era where I have looked forward to displaying every ounce of talent and competitiveness I have picked up along my long 16-year journey in the athletic realm. It’s bittersweet, but I know that I have gained so much more from that journey than just bumps and bruises. I have gained life-long friendships that inspire me to constantly work toward bettering myself, as well as qualities that will help bolster me in whatever my future endeavors may have in store.

I am forever grateful for everything athletics has taught me, and I look forward to watching those under me blaze the trail for young aspiring athletes to follow.

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Learning to embrace the ‘Mondays’ of life

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It has hit that point in the semester — you know how this story goes. It’s late Sunday night, and Tom Brady and the New England Patriots have just won yet another game on Primetime football. You just finished up your last “unhealthy” meal of the week, because as we all say, “my diet starts tomorrow,” and the laundry that has been piled high for the last seven days finally gets thrown in the washer. At this point in the year, everyone is counting down the days until Thanksgiving break.

Everyone looks forward to the weekend. It’s a time to relax and unwind from the stresses that have built up all week. Weekends are for football, family, friends and fun — or, as I refer to it, “the four Fs.” We look forward to the weekend every week because it is finally a break from the craziness of life, and yet every Sunday night we find ourselves cramming, worrying about the work that is coming in the next five days.

If you are a student, you are probably starting a 10-page paper that is due bright and early Monday morning, and if you are an adult, well, it’s yet another five days of 9 to 5 work. Life turns into a cycle, and slowly but surely days turn into weeks, and weeks turn into months. We lose track of time without even realizing it. Yet, even when weeks start to run together, we still have the same feeling every Sunday night — stress. As a college senior, this stress is amplified.

Midway through senior year of college the anxiety and panic really

amplifies. The process of searching for a job begins, with the hopes that post-graduation employment will be lined up. There are decisions on where to live post-graduation, who to live with and the feasibility of affording student loans and ordinary expenses, because realistically no one wants to move home after college even though many are forced to.

For the past 16 years of our lives, there has always been another school year to look forward to — the picture was already painted for us. Now, the future is a mystery and in just a few months, we are headed into the “real world,” and with the real world comes responsibilities and stresses that we have never been faced with before in our 21-year-old lives.

When you are 18 and decide to attend a college or university with a massive price tag, you are too young to realize the impact that student loans are going to have on your life four years later. Personally, taking out loans at the age of 18 felt like attending college for free, but now just a few months away from college graduation, I realize why college seniors have anxiety over obtaining full-time employment: finances.

Does my career choice support me financially? Will I be able to pay off my student debt in five, 10 or even 15 years? Does it make sense for me to take on larger student loan payments or should I start saving funds for retirement? This is just the tip of the iceberg and I haven’t even considered how I will get to work without owning a car.

From my perspective, I have spent countless

amounts of time and money for a diploma that helps me start the journey of life. It allows me to pay off my debt, purchase a car and save for retirement — or at least I can hope. I don’t know much about what my future may hold, but what I do know is that I am not the first 21-year-old woman graduating from college with the fear of the unknown, and I definitely am not going to be the last. I have watched plenty of people before me enter postgraduate years and figure their path out, so my hope is that I, as well as my fellow frightened senior classmates, will find our way as well.

Every senior goes through this process, it’s inevitable — the feeling of doubt and insecurity of what the future will hold. Often I find myself run down and sick to my stomach because the anxieties of making it post graduation have taken their toll.

This is a time in your life when you are not completely sure of what is next and how exactly you are going to get there. It is a time when you are unsure of how you’re going to pay for your apartment, groceries, or even a drink at a baseball game. It literally makes you queasy just pondering it.

However, as I have been told, there is no better way to learn than being thrown into the fire. So, I guess this chapter of life will be full of great decisions and an abundance of terrible ones to balance it out. It is a chapter of trial and error and if we are lucky we might just get the hang of it. Someday we can let go of the insecurities of “Sundays,” and embrace the “Monday” feeling.

Green Living house promotes student sustainability

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Allegheny College offers various special interest housing options for students and organizations wishing to live together in a more self-sustaining environment. One of these options is the Green Living house on Loomis Street. The house has several key features that make it one of the most environmentally friendly living options on Allegheny’s campus.

One of the most popular aspects of the property is the small chicken coop in the backyard. While the number of chickens is not large enough to provide a large quantity of eggs, the chickens provide enough for the residents of the house.

“We only are allowed to have a few chickens on campus, so (their eggs are) just for our personal consumption,” Akeem Adesiji, ’20, said. “If we were allowed to have more and had a massive flock of chickens back there, then maybe we would look at something else, but we also have like seven or eight people in the house.”

Freddy Smith, ’20, who has been living in Green Living since the fall semester began, said the chickens are his favorite feature of the house because of how they reduce the residents’ carbon footprint.

“They save eggs (other than from) a mass produced source, so if we source them sustainably here, that saves a lot of energy from eggs being transported to the grocery stores or maybe less sustainable practices than the eggs being produced (in large amounts),” Smith



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The Green Living special interest house, where students interested in a more self-sustaining environment can gather, sits at 296 Loomis Street.

said. “It’s kind of the option of an organic farm, just a really small scale.”

Other than the chickens, the house works in tandem with the Allegheny Bike Share program, which stores bikes in the basement of Green Living. Adesiji said his next project is to create a bike-washing machine for their laundry.

“The bike washing machine is my project that I would like to get done like this semester ideally,” Adesiji said. “I think that would be fun, and then I wouldn’t have to walk to Schultz (Hall)

to do my laundry.”

Fellow Green Living resident Sam Williams, ’21, also noted the walk to Schultz to do laundry. She said that all the house needs now is a physical washing machine.

“I like the bike washing idea because (then) we don’t have to go up to Schultz to do our laundry, which would also help with all of the rags we use,” Williams said. “Plus it makes sense to have it, (Adesiji has) wanted it for a couple years now, Kelly (Boulton, sustainability coor-

dinator, is) all about it. We just need a washing machine at this point.”

Adesiji said the group is actively working on acquiring a washing machine.

“If anyone has any extra washing machines they’re getting rid of, we’d like to hook one up to a bike so we can just pedal our laundry,” Adesiji said.

The house is also sustainable when it comes to waste management. Not only is the house paper free, but it also has a compost box

in the backyard near the parking lot that is open to anyone on campus to dispose of food waste, according to Williams.

“Meadville does recycle — they changed their policy a little bit last year, but it’s really not that much different,” Williams said. “I think it confused a lot of people, so I think staying up to date with the trash laws and the recycling policies, and all of that stuff is important because otherwise it just all goes in the landfill.”

While Green Living prides itself on its eco friendliness, there is always more the house can do to strive for carbon neutrality. One thing the residents said they wished they had was a small garden.

“I would add a front or back garden, change some of the lawn space to growing vegetables and such,” Smith said. “We make a lot of food at this house, so if we could use that compost to have some raised beds in the front or back, grow our own vegetables, that would save a lot of money, time, carbon.”

Although it is something the group desires to have, Adesiji said they still need to work out logistics to make their dream a reality.

“I would like to see some sort of garden, but that’s tough to do because of timing,” Adesiji said. “You need people here over the summer to take care of it.”

Through producing their own supply of eggs, changing laundry habits and being mindful of waste management, the students at Green Living work to live sustainably, and are always thinking of more ways to do so.



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Above: Green Living’s compost bin, located in the backyard, is open to all students to dispose of food waste.

Left: Chickens wander in their coop on Oct. 29, 2019, located in the backyard of the Green Living special interest house. The residents get eggs from the chickens for their meals.

Historic landmark, Bentley, to become LEED certified

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As Allegheny College renovates its flagship Bentley Hall, the college is attempting to balance various considerations. One significant goal is achieving a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The council is a group of architectural firms and nonprofits dedicated to sustainable building practices, which they reinforce through their flagship initiative of LEED certification.

Executive Vice President Eileen Petula said LEED certification was part of the college’s climate commitment since the mid-2000’s, when former college president Richard Cook signed a set of climate-related goals for the college to meet by the year 2020. Petula said the standards were an important aspect for the college’s building plans overall.

“Sometimes we haven’t sought after LEED certification, but we build to LEED standards,” Petula said.

Among other aspects, the age of Bentley and the extent of the necessary renovations added difficulties to achieving the certification.

“It’s challenging, but doable overall,” Petula said.

Kelly Boulton, sustainability coordinator, said there are four levels of LEED certification: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The college intends to make any new projects meet the certification requirements for LEED Silver or higher.

“We are going to try and shoot for that with Bentley, with the understanding that if we can get more, we will go higher,” Boulton said. “And if it’s really tricky because of the historical nature, we’ll be satisfied with Certified.”

The Bentley renovations are not the first time Allegheny has worked to achieve LEED certification for its campus buildings.

“North Village Phase I was the first LEED-Certified building on campus,” Boulton said. “After we built that building, then we made the commitment that they would be Silver. North Village Phase II is Gold Certified, and then

the renovation in Carr Hall is also Gold Certified.”

One way in which the college is working toward LEED certification for Bentley is by attempting to use geothermal heating and cooling in the building. Geothermal temperature control is a feature used in other campus buildings, such as both phases of North Village and the 454 House, which contains the Office of Admissions.

“That’s something that’s worked really well for us,” Boulton said. “It allows buildings to be air-conditioned and heated, but in a way that’s not super energy-intensive.”

Boulton said that one challenge of the LEED process was merging the modern, environmentally-conscious aspects which LEED incentivizes with the realities of a building over 200 years old.

“If we were to put a lot of insulation on the interior portion of the walls of Bentley, we could get more points,” Boulton said. “However, because of the construction of 200 years ago, you don’t want to do that because it would cause moisture buildup, and would not be as good for the struc-

tural integrity of the building. So we’re having to make a lot of informed choices about how do we balance the historic look of the building and the structural integrity with our desire to be as efficient — as sustainable — as possible.”

Cliff Willis, director of major capital projects, said LEED has existed since before he arrived at Allegheny in 2008, though the standards have been updated over time.

“Each time, it’s become a little more difficult — (USGBC requires) more to achieve the respective levels,” Willis said.

Willis said the renovations were designed with specific items in mind to attempt to maximize the certification potential throughout the building.

“For example, we’re using LED lighting throughout the building,” Willis said. “Our heating and cooling source will be geothermal. We’re replacing third-generation windows with much more energy-efficient windows.”

Other features the college will incorporate into Bentley are decreased light pollution and reduced water usage, according to Willis.

“So we’ll put aerators all in the faucets, we’ll have low-flow toilets and urinals, think things of that nature,” Willis said. “We will have to install water metering, specifically for Bentley, that tells us what water use we’re going to have. And then we have reporting requirements, we’re going to continue to do that.”

Willis said LEED certification impacted many parts of the renovation process, from design to construction to the actual operation of the building itself.

“We don’t want to just throw stuff away,” Willis said. “So everything we dispose of is weighed, and that record is kept. That gets submitted to the USGBC.”

Even when the construction is finished, the granting of LEED certification requires a few extra steps.

“One of the things that we do as part of the process when we’re done, we have a commissioning agent,” Willis said. “The commissioning agent will come in and evaluate, first of all, the equipment that was chosen for the project, but they will also observe how it’s operating to make sure

that it’s operating properly and efficiently and controlled properly.”

Willis said the funding for many of the additional procedures came from private donations other than the initial challenge gift which the college had used to begin the renovation process.

“We’re taking some steps above and beyond the project specifically for LEED certification,” Willis said. “And the cost for those will be donated by outside donors.”

Willis also discussed trade-offs the college has been forced to make when attempting to get LEED certification for Bentley. For example, Willis said one typical concern for organizations attempting to achieve LEED certification was the cost of the requisite paperwork.

“What we have tried to do when we do capital work on campus is incorporate sustainable features as a matter of practice into our work,” Willis said. “So a lot of times, we’d rather take the cost of doing the documentation and put it into the building itself.”

COMEDY COLUMN

By KALEEL VAN VOORHEES/THE CAMPUS

In an experimental release, tech companies are now testing out self-driving scooters in the Atlanta, Georgia suburbs. This involves scooters uprighting and returning to their stations after customers finish their time using them. I bet at the end of a long day, those scooters are wheelie tired.

After an interview with The Atlantic, Senator Mitt Romney admitted to masterminding an alternative Twitter account under the name “Pierre Delecto,” in which he referred to as his lurker account, where he’d criticize Trump’s choices and defend himself (Mitt Romney) to Twitter haters. The senator confirmed alle-

gations by responding, “C’est Moi” (it’s me) to the reporter. Yeah, his midlife crisis a bit ‘Le Pain-ful’ to watch.

Aboard the Royal Caribbean ship of Allure of The Seas cruise, a woman was removed from the ship and banned for life from the cruise line, after reportedly climbing over the edge of the ship’s balcony railing to take pictures, channeling the Titanic aesthetic. Who could blame the woman? She was ‘allured’ to do so.

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advertisement of the line, and consists of a turkey breast cut, molded, and rolled in dried carrot juice powder to look just like a regular carrot. As the clientele of this product have incredibly short life spans and I.Q. numbers, experts say Megetables sales will sky-rocket with the masses of America.

In Des Moines, Iowa, a family was horrified to discover that their basement slowly started seeping up with bright red blood. The source, they discovered, came from a backed up pipe the house shared with a nearby slaughterhouse and meat locker. The family was told to evacuate, due to the danger of the biohazard.

However, in most recent news the house is now under a fiery custody battle: Mosquito vs. Vampire.

Docked as the largest indoor theme park in North America, “Nickelodeon Universe” will be opening this week in East Rutherford, New Jersey next to the American Dream Mall, covering 8.5 acres of territory. The theme park includes around 35 different rides, but in November, will open an additional 40 water slides and 15 attractions, with general tickets costing only \$40. In its most recent predictions, the park is likely to soon break the record as the biggest orphanage in North America too. Bye forever Mom and Dad!

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Gators to face off against Hiram for upcoming Homecoming game

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Allegheny College will host its annual Blue & Gold Weekend from Friday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 3, which will feature a Gator football game against Hiram College at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at Frank B. Fuhrer Field. The Gators enter the game with a 1-6 record on the season, while Hiram is still searching for its first victory at 0-7.

While the team's 1-6 record in 2019 has fallen short of last season's 6-4 mark, players like quarterback Nazareth Greer, '21, Alex Victor, '20, and Kyle McGee, '20, remain hopeful for the season.

Head Coach Richard Nagy said before the season that although his expectation was to win every game he coached, the team would be content with its season regardless of the record if they showed effort and determination in every game. Despite the team's struggles, the players seem to have adopted this philosophy as well.

"Our plan is to go 1-0 every week," Victor said. "(We're) taking it one week at a time, a win this week would be good, and (we plan to) finish out strong so that we can at least give the underclassmen something to look forward to and to uphold."

The Gators dropped their last game against DePauw University 6-8 on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Greencastle, Indiana. The Gators surrendered eight points through a touchdown and a safety in the second quarter, and although running back Tonye Hamilton, '20, was able to rush for a 2-yard touchdown to start the fourth quarter, the Gators failed to convert their two-point conversion and were held off the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

Allegheny kicker Nick Leinenweber, '22, missed field goals of 44 and 41 yards on the day. The Gators committed seven penalties that totalled 70 yards, including an illegal block-in-the-back penalty that erased a touchdown.

Hiram remains winless on the season, and the Gators will look to rebound this week against the struggling Terriers squad. While confident that the team can emerge victorious, players understand that they have to execute their assignments and that no opponent can be taken lightly.

"It all comes down to preparing for the game," McGee said. "Just because they're 0-7 doesn't mean it's going to be an easy win. We have to go out there and prepare the best that we can and play the best that we can. Because it's Homecoming, we'll

have the adrenaline on our side and a lot of people in the stands, so it'll be a good game."

Victor said the team's game plan has been sound throughout the season and that players need to take it upon themselves to execute what they have practiced.

"Our coaches do a good job with the game plan for each week," Victor said. "We just didn't execute as well as we should have. If we execute our game plan, usually it tends to work, so I feel like that will be the key to success this week."

While fans of Gator football have not been treated to as many wins this season, Victor has continued to produce as a receiver in his senior season. He needs five receptions over the last three games to break his career high 57 receptions from 2018, and although his yards receiving per game has dropped from 102 in 2018 to 72 this season, he remains the top target for the Gator offense, according to Greer.

"He alone will draw two or three guys on him every play, so he's drawn a lot of attention from the defense, which helps open up a lot of the other guys," Greer said. "Just having him on the team completely changes the offense."

Victor was featured in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" section in 2018 following a six catch, 199-yard performance in which he broke Allegheny's all-time mark for yards receiving, according to the Meadville Tribune. Victor has big plans for his last Homecoming game on Saturday.

"First and foremost, as long as we win, it will be (a good game)," Victor said. "Magic number three is my favorite number, so maybe three touchdowns and over 100 yards (receiving)."

The game will be preceded by a TailGator Luncheon at the Robertson Athletic Complex. The luncheon is free to all alumni, family and friends, and students will be charged one Brooks Dining Hall swipe to attend, according to the Blue & Gold Weekend itinerary.



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—KYLE MCGEE
Class of 2020

Allegheny Ice Hockey brings in strong first-year players

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The Allegheny College Ice Hockey Club opened their season on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Meadville Area Recreation Complex with a 10-5 win over the University of Pittsburgh Greensburg. The team looks to defend its back-to-back College Hockey East Division 5 championships with another strong season, according to Coach Atlas Besenfelder, '21.

"Being honest, coming off our second straight championship, our expectation is to win the championship again for the third time in a row," Besenfelder said.

The team received its first victory against Pitt Greensburg and followed their opening win with a 7-3 win over Duquesne University on Saturday, Oct. 26. Captain Cameron Fisher, '21, leads the team with 12 points through its 2-0 start — he has four goals and eight assists, according to the team's Instagram page.

The Gators will face tougher competition this season, as they were moved from CHEs Division 5 to Division 3 because of their success at the Division 5 level, according to Fisher. He said members of the team are confident entering the season and expect their success to continue.

"(Our only expectation is) just to win," Fisher said. "I don't really have any other expectations. We're at the point now where we've won the last two years so there really is no other expectation."

Besenfelder said that the upperclassmen on the team may become complacent throughout the long season after winning back-to-back championships, but the first-year class helps to keep the team motivated and energized.

"What's nice about our team specifically is that it seems each year, starting with (the 2021) class, we have very motivated (first-years)," Besenfelder said. "Two of our top four-point holders are members of the (2023) class. A motivated (first-year) class really helps because (we've) been there and done that"

The team leaders in points through the first two games are Fisher with 4-8-12, Richard Froehlich, '23, with 3-5-8, Logan Koontz, '23, with 5-2-7 and Colin Deubell, '22, with 2-2-4, according to the team's Instagram page. Goalies Max Savino, '21, and Trent Faulkner,



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Above: The Gators celebrate a goal in their 8-3 win over Edinboro University on March 9, 2019. The victory marked the team's second consecutive CHE Division 5 title.
Below: The Gators lift the cup they won for their victory over Edinboro University on March 9, 2019.



'20, have both collected a win on the season.

The Gators top line features Fisher, Koontz, and Froehlich, the team's top three scorers, which highlights the infusion of talent brought by the class of 2023. Besenfelder said that the first-years boost the team's competitive energy, which inspires the team to attend practice throughout the fall and spring semesters.

"It's really good that the (first-

years) are thirsty because they haven't hoisted the (championship) cup up twice, they haven't been there for the championship or the playoffs," Besenfelder said. "It's something they really want, so their desire keeps everyone going."

The class of 2023 may be inexperienced in the CHE playoffs and championship, but members like Koontz understand their importance to the top line. The young mem-

bers play a role in generating the motivation that the team hopes will carry it to a third championship in a row.

"The top line has some really good players," Koontz said. "Everyone moves the puck well which creates (scoring) opportunities, and I think we're all working well together. ... All the young guys are committed and working their hardest, and it's really helping the team dynamic. It's a pretty close-knit group."

As the team approaches the end of the season, and the class of 2020 enters the twilight of their collegiate football careers, the significance of the final three games is not lost on the senior class.

Victor and McGee will play in their last Homecoming football game during the Blue & Gold Weekend, and both seniors are hopeful that the team can win its remaining three games. McGee said that the seniors will bring extra intensity and energy to their last football games together.

"We have a big senior class, so for these last three games, expect us to play as hard as we can because it's the last three games we have," McGee said. "Some of us have been playing all of our lives, so these last three games really mean a lot to us."