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An International Affair

International bazaar celebrates cultural diversity

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The annual International Bazaar was a celebration of different cultures and was held in Schultz Banquet Hall on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018. The event consisted of food, dance and musical performances.

Food has been known to bring people together, and that was just the case at Allegheny's annual International Bazaar. Regardless of nationality, religion, skin color or language, everyone has to eat.

Students gathered in Schultz Banquet Hall on Nov. 18, to try different foods and learn about a number of cultures.

The event was not limited to students. Faculty and staff, as well as member of the community were also encouraged to attend.

For a $7 ticket, students and members of the Meadville community were able to sample foods from over 20 countries, while also learning about different cultures.

"Whatever the situation might be, food always connects people," Erblin Shehu, '19, said.

Every country represented at the bazaar served a traditional food from their country. In addition to food, each country also presented a tri-fold board of information about the country's culture.

The event was not limited to just food. The International Bazaar also included dance routines and an opera performance by Noah Dawgiello, '19.

"I sang an aria from an opera and then a little yodel tune to lighten things up," Dawgiello said.

Dawgiello represented Italy at the International Bazaar, though there was no official Italian booth at the event.

The International Bazaar offers students a chance to get involved on campus and learn about different cultures. Everyone was encouraged to participate regardless of their nationality. Students were welcome to explore and represent any country.

For many, the bazaar was only a few hours. However, many students put in a number of behind-the-scenes hours to make the event possible.

Japan made takoyaki, a traditional Japanese street food made of fried octopus. Takoyaki is often referred to as a Japanese dumpling.

"(Takoyaki) is a traditional dish for Japan based in the southern part of Japan," Miharu Koh, '20, said.

Koh described takoyaki as a flour bowl containing octopus, green onion and red ginger.

"For the preparation, we made the batter by first adding some flour and cornstarch, eggs and we added some dashi, which is like fish broth," Koh said. "We added baking powder as well."

After making the batter, the students had to use a specific takoyaki pan to prepare the dish. Koh explained that a takoyaki pan contains half sphere molds and that you must continuously turn the skewers as the batter hardens to prepare the dish.

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Sze concludes lecture series with climate justice talk

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As the semester comes to a close, with it comes the final installment of the Energy and Society lecture series — three lectures linked to Energy 190, a course affiliated with the energy and society minor.

Professor Julie Sze, founding chair of American Studies at the University of California, Davis, presented a talk titled "Environmental justice in a moment of danger: Redefining health, the environment, and crossing borders" at 7 p.m. in the Tillotson Room of the Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center on Nov. 27. The Energy and Society lecture series was sponsored by Allegheny's Law and Policy program and the Center for Political Participation.

Throughout her talk, Sze connected the difficulties faced by environmental justice movements to the rise of globalized neoliberalism. She defined neoliberalism as a doctrine which heavily prioritizes economic privatization and the reduction of the public sector as a facet of economies.

For Sze, one of the most concerning elements of modern global economic and political systems is that neoliberalism has become a truth of its own right, free from the need for proofs or justification. She said environmental and social justice movements like the Standing Rock oil pipeline protest and the Black Lives Matter movement were a reaction to the sustained run of neoliberal dominance.

"These examples of mobilization, these struggles for justice in the face of all of these changes, are just a little snapshot of the hundreds, if not thousands, of protests in the United States that have foregrounded the convergence between environmentalism and social injustice and social inequality," Sze said.

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Allegheny continues search for director of public safety

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Allegheny College is currently searching for an individual to serve as its public safety director.
As with other hiring initiatives the college has conducted, finalists for the position are asked to deliver a presentation to the campus community as part of the job application process.

On Nov. 16, Ray Collins stood in front of a group of staff and administrators in Quigley Hall's Henderson Auditorium to take his turn at a presentation.

Gilly Ford, Allegheny College's Title IX coordinator introduced Collins by describing his career background. Ford said Collins served for 27 years with the Pennsylvania State Police and has investigative experience and experience as a station commander.

"He rose to the rank of lieutenant within the state police," Ford said. "He's extensively trained in all aspects of law enforcement, and in the Federal Emergency Management Incident Command System."

Collins, who retired from the Pennsylvania State Police in August 2018, said he wanted to do something else with his life.

"The one thing I did find out about myself is that I'm not very good in retirement," Collins said. "Three months into this, I'm already looking for a new job."

Collins said the last job he held with the state police was as a station commander in Meadville. As commander of the Meadville station, Collins was responsible for 20 municipalities and jurisdictions, and he commanded 49 officers and civilians.

"That's a fancy term for a police chief, that's what that is," Collins said.

Before becoming a station commander, Collins said he was a sergeant supervising criminal investigations units. Collins has also been an instructor and the acting commander for both the northwest and southwest regions of the state police.

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> —JULIE SZE
> Founding chair of American Studies
> University of California



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Julie Sze, founding chair of American Studies at the University of California at Davis, presented her talk on environmental justice in the Tillotson Room of the Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018.

One challenge Sze identified with trying to replace the neoliberal system was its prominence in society over the last thirty years. Young adults such as college students have lived their entire lives in a world shaped by neoliberal doctrine, Sze said, and do not know any alternatives.

"Most of you are young, so your entire lives have been lived under market doctrine and neoliberalism," Sze said. "There are some of us, who are a little bit older, who remember a before and an after."

Sze said the term "environmental justice" came into use in the 1980s along with a wave of movements in predominantly low-income areas focused on the idea. Such movements themselves, she said, were inspired by a tradition of activism surrounding the claims of manufacturing workers and indigenous populations. Sze suggested this wide scope of early environmental justice movements have led to the term often being subjectively defined.

These days, the term includes issues as varied as New York City campaigns against asthma from urban pollution and rural movements based on advocating for the rights of farmworkers exposed to pesticides.

"What makes it an environmental justice issue is if people say it's an environmental justice issue," Sze said.

For Sze, environmental issues are directly connected to issues of racism and marginalization of impoverished communities. She used the Flint, Michigan, drinking water crisis as an example of such linkages.

"You should familiarize yourself with what actually happened, which was basically a government-sponsored moving of a clean water system basically to save money and to make money, but then an active deception and cover-up for a year and a half, where there was the active lead poisoning of an entire city," Sze said.

Sze said while there have been felony charges filed in the Flint water case, many people are facing foreclosure for not paying their water bills, and Flint's water is still not fully clean.

"You really have to think about this question of racism, and this question of who gets to live and who gets to die," Sze said.

Sze tries to focus on practical steps to address such problems. For instance, she has tried to work with activists in California to address the issue of pesticide spraying from airplanes.

"This becomes a public health issue, because sometimes if the wind blows in, it will go from the field to over a school, or a field over houses," Sze said.

Sze said her scholarship focuses on the connection between these modern-day movements and the anti-neoliberalism movements of the 1990s.

"What globalization and neoliberalism unchecked for 20 years has done is created a backlash and generated new problems," Sze said.

For instance, while the global economic system is becoming more connected, it is also becoming more stratified.

"Globally, 85 people have the net worth of 50 percent of the planet," Sze said. "So 85 people have the net worth of 3.5 billion people."

Sze said she focused on radical change because she felt like small adjustments would be ineffective.

"I'm sort of at the point in my career where I don't believe in tinkering anymore," Sze said.

Sze emphasized the idea of environmental justice as an intersectional worldview, not just a single issue. The power of social movements, according to Sze, is their ability to imagine a different way for the world to work.

Sze suggested that moving forward, the world needed to develop a concept she called "forward dreaming." She said she was encouraged by her interactions with students, as she finds hope in their interest and engagement in social movements.

"Hopefully, we can start to create a different culture that fights the production of ignorance around environmental injustice and racism," Sze said. "And that we can create a different moment together, to fight the moment we're in."

Sarah Shapley, '20, said she liked Sze's approach to environmental justice issues.

"I thought the idea of approaching it from an intersectional framework, and having that as the main topic in this, was intriguing," Shapley said.

Ethan Woodfill, '22, said he heard about the talk in one of his classes. He said he especially liked hearing Sze's discussion about how college students can lead the fight for environmental and social change.

"I think a lot of people don't recognize how disadvantaged people can be disproportionately affected by climate change and other environmental problems," Woodfill said. "And I think it's an issue that is not given enough thought or attention."

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In his presentation, Collins discussed trends in campus policing as well as his vision for the future of the college's public safety office.

Collins said his philosophy involved viewing campus safety as an integral part of the college selection process, along with factors such as cost and availability of the student's preferred major.

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> Public safety director candidate

"As a parent, can I sleep at night knowing my son or daughter is 500 miles away, and are they safe?" Collins asked. "And I think that's a huge priority. I'm a parent, like most of you in this room, and I know safety's the number one priority."

This philosophy, Collins said, was why the Office of Public Safety was so important to the campus.

"We want to make sure that the first impression of every student, the first day they step foot on this campus, is that they're in a safe, secure campus, and they feel like they fit in," Collins said.

Collins said his idea of a good director of public safety is a trained leader who would create a nurturing campus environment and work to maintain partnerships with students, faculty and staff. One way to achieve such partnerships, Collins said, would be to develop community policing initiatives such as regular meetings with the leaders of student organizations.

"How do we give a voice to the Allegheny College community?" Collins asked. "You express your concerns, your priorities, so the Department of Public Safety understands what is important to the community."

Collins said he viewed his initiatives as an effective way to accomplish his goal of bringing the community together.

"Talk is cheap," Collins said. "You have to be able to convert your dreams into reality."

Collins identified trends in community and campus policing which he felt were leading to a lack of mistrust of the police and decreased effectiveness. For him, one major trend was the manner in which many campus police forces were not out all over the campus, and were not very visible.

"People don't understand our role as an observer and protector, and in this case, champion of students," Collins said.

Collins fears such misunderstandings would lead to a lack of trust in the community and a feeling that police are unreliable.

"If we fail to act in a way that promotes safety and security, that corrects situations that are unsafe, then the message will be to the community that we're allowing it to happen," Collins said.

Ultimately, Collins said, such feelings would make the campus less safe.

"Why say something when you see something if nobody's going to do anything about it?" Collins asked.

Collins also discussed what is an often hostile relationship between officers and the communities they police. Often, Collins felt police officers blamed the community as a whole for the incidents the officers responded to, which made the officers less willing to put in the work to implement sound community policing strategies.

"The community that they police, they see that as the problem," Collins said.

Another area of emphasis for Collins was the challenge of maintaining a strong police force on a tight budget. He suggested one of the best ways to overcome such concerns would be to make the police force especially visible.

"If there are three of us working, there's got to look like there are six of us," Collins said. "We've got to be visible. We've got to be friendly."

Collins emphasized community policing, describing it as a strategy that builds relationships between the officers and the citizens they protect.

"Community policing encourages assistance and support from the community, and allows the community to establish priorities for public safety concerns," Collins said. "They tell us what is important to them, what are their concerns."

Collins offered several strategies for how to improve Allegheny public safety, such as increasing non-confrontational student interactions and helping officers receive training in cultural awareness and how to combat gender discrimination.

"We also want to increase our training in the detection of signs of abuse, and where our obligations are," Collins said. "I'm talking drug and alcohol abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse. I want our officers to be able to observe that and know what they're looking at, the signs."

Collins ended his presentation by offering suggestions about specific initiatives he would enact as director of public safety. He said he would start by sending all individuals with a college email address a community perception survey to discern what people most want to see from their public safety officers.

"The information that we gather from the survey, we'll use it to improve our services and overall performance as a department of public safety," Collins said.

Collins also suggested the office should hold regular and irregular meetings with students, such as a monthly meet and greet which he called "Coffee with Cops."

"We have that opportunity to talk about issues on campus," Collins said. "We could talk about campus life, we could talk about Gator athletics, it's more of an opportunity for us all to sit down and talk and get to know each other as people over a cup of coffee."

Collins proposed expanding links between the police department and the Meadville community through initiatives such as self-defense courses and neighborhood alliances with the Meadville residents living next to campus.

"I think it would be very good to knock on those doors, introduce yourself as the director of public safety, and say, 'hey, problems? Issues? Concerns? What are your priorities? Let us be here to help you, OK?' " Collins said.

Another idea Collins proposed was a program through which officers would be assigned to a specific residence hall, and would be a resource for those residents to approach the Office of Public Safety with any concerns.

Collins also suggested offering students a chance to shadow the public safety officers by riding along with them in their cars. Additionally, he proposed revamping the college's Gator Patrol Service.

"I think it really gives the students an opportunity to be out on campus, be our eyes and our ears, and to help us make sure we have a safe, secure campus environment," Collins said.

Other initiatives Collins identified included safety forums for students as well as a motorist assistance service.

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ASG appoints new members to College Committees Council

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Though the weather remained dreary outside, it did not damper Allegheny Student Government's weekly general assembly meeting Tuesday night, when two open spots on the College Committees Council were filled.

Lauren Trimber, '20, and Natalie Davidson, '20, were approved by ASG to join two of the committees that are a part of the council.

"Tonight we have Lauren Trimber who I'm asking to be appointed to Academic Standards and Awards, and Natalie Davidson who I'm asking to be appointed to the Curriculum Committee," said Jason Ferrante, '20, ASG chief of staff.

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> —CAT LORD
> Director of sustainability and environmental affairs, Class of 2020

In conjunction with the new appointments, Ferrante reviewed a few changes and updates being made to the CCC.

"Starting with code, there's been a change in who's been in charge of code, Dr. Dukes is now one of the people who is in charge," Ferrante said.

Ferrante also explained the Code Committee was going through additional changes including breaking off from the Campus Life and Community Standards committee. Members of the Code Committee are also trying to figure out the committee's place at this moment in time, Ferrante said, while also detailing a few other small updates from the other committees, including the Curriculum Committee making a few possible changes to some class slots.

Additionally with the CCC report, ASG cabinet reports included meeting with the Master Planning Committee to build new parking lots on East John Street, which was discussed in the report from the Office of the Directors of Student Life. The report was given by the co-directors of student affairs, Catrina Stekler, '19, and Tyanna Harris, '19.

Cat Lord, '20, director of sustainability and environmental affairs, brought senators up to date on what was happening with the additions of the new refillable water stations.

"I talked to Kelly (Boulton) just before break," Lord said. "She let me know that we actually don't own the refill stations yet, even though I know a lot of students think we already have them and that's caused a lot of frustrations … so that's why there's been such a delay in those, and we're hoping to get them going in the next couple of months."

For the class reports, while 2019 and 2022 did not have much to report, the class of 2021 reviewed the event it hosted, mentioning plans to have more events in the upcoming second semester, with nothing immediately coming up during finals week. The class of 2020 report, given by George Castellon, president of the class, noted they are looking for a new senator to replace Ferrante after his promotion to chief of staff.

ASG President, Camila Gomez, '19, reminded ASG members about the fastly approaching end to the semester and encouraged senators to finish all planned business.

"Keep in mind that we have three meetings left in the rest of the semester," Gomez said. "So if you want to make a resolution or hold an event, please be aware that, though it may not feel like it, we have a very truncated timeline."

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"The good health and well-being of a community is the responsibility of everyone in the community," Collins said. "Through collaboration, communication, strong partnerships between the public safety department and the students, staff and faculty of Allegheny College, we can ensure a safe, secure, nurturing campus where everyone feels safe and fits in."

Kristin Dukes, dean for institutional diversity, said she wanted to see the college's next director of public safety be an individual who prioritized community policing.

"I believe strongly in a model of community policing, one where there is a partnership between law enforcement and the folks who are in the community, where there's mutual trust, understanding, and goals," Dukes said

Dukes also said she thought it was important for the college's director of public safety to understand the difficulties surrounding interactions between law enforcement and the community, especially community members of color.

"Given the current and past conversations about law enforcement and their interactions with people of color in particular, I think it's important that we have a public safety director who recognizes that tension, and is open to reaching out to those student populations, and also the faculty and staff of those populations, to kind of heal that hurt," Dukes said.

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Dukes said she liked the extent to which Collins focused on the supportive, instead of merely the prosecutorial role, of police.

"There was a recurring theme of ensuring that the campus is a nurturing, safe environment that everyone fits in, and I think that's definitely in line with what we are and with what our priorities are as an institution as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion, and just excellence for everyone," Dukes said.

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Oct. 28, 2018
Delta Tau Delta
Rape.

Nov. 18, 2018
Caflisch Hall
Drug/alcohol violation.

Nov. 18, 2018
Schultz Hall
Alcohol violation.

Nov. 24, 2018
Edwards Hall
Burglary.

Nov. 26, 2018
Carneigie Hall
Criminal mischief.

CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 31, 2018, edition of The Campus, David Roach, '21, was referred to as the Class of 2021 President; however, Roach is the Director of Communications and Press.

In the Nov. 16, issue of The Campus, Vicquaja Mangal, '19, was incorrectly said to portray Sabrina Daldry in the Playshop production "In the Next Room, or the Vibrator Play." Mangal portrayed Elizabeth in the production.

In the Nov. 9, issue of The Campus, Breanna Garcia was incorrect referred to as "Breanna Lizette" in the article "Educated & Engaged: Community celebrates midterm election night.

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Tens of thousands sit in prison for what is now legal

Weed should not be legal before nonviolent drug offenders are released

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Despite the many crucial political topics floating around today, for some time, one of America's favorite policies to discuss is that of legal cannabis.

Currently a Schedule I drug along with heroin, cannabis is steadily being legalized state by state. In 2012, Colorado, Washington and Alaska legalized the plant for recreational purposes. Since then, several other states have followed suit, with over half legalizing cannabis for medical purposes and nearly one-fourth of them opening doors for recreational use.

Federal law has stood by its scheduling of the plant, however, its schedule severely limits its availability for research, putting the entire industry into a precarious situation. Federal officials have largely held onto antiquated views regarding the subject, despite polls showing that over 60 percent of Americans support full legalization.

Several arguments are intertwined with the discourse surrounding cannabis. Naturally, citizens must consider to what extent the government may dictate what can and cannot be consumed by citizens. Similarly, they must also determine how comfortable they are with the government's limiting of psychoactive substances. Finally, regardless of safety, it must be noted that there is an argument pertaining to a person's choice to engage in risky or dangerous behavior. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that alcohol leads to about 88,000 deaths each year and nearly 0.5 million deaths from tobacco annually.

Federal agencies do not reschedule marijuana due to limited research and simultaneously limit research by not rescheduling it. And Schedule I drugs have been determined to have a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical uses.

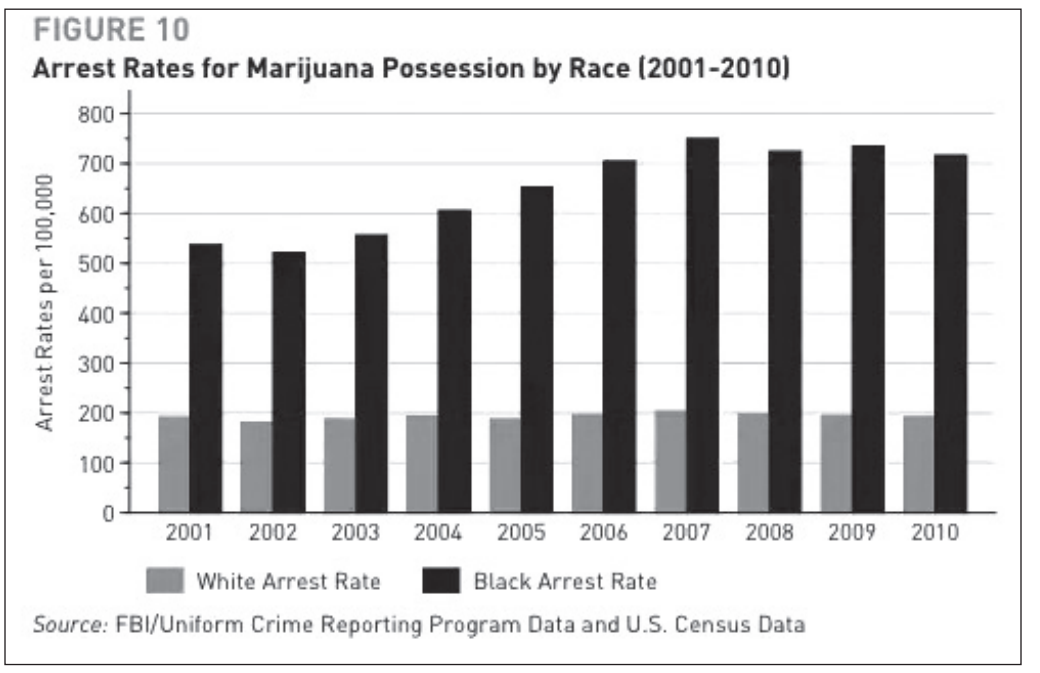
But the most troubling aspect of cannabis is certainly the massive number of incarcerated individuals for nonviolent drug offences. Approximately 600,000 Americans were incarcerated for possessing some of the plant in 2017, not including those with more severe charges such as distribution, according to the Drug Policy Alliance. The Washington Post reports that all states arrest black and latino offenders at much higher rates — up to over eight times as often — than white offenders, depending on the state.

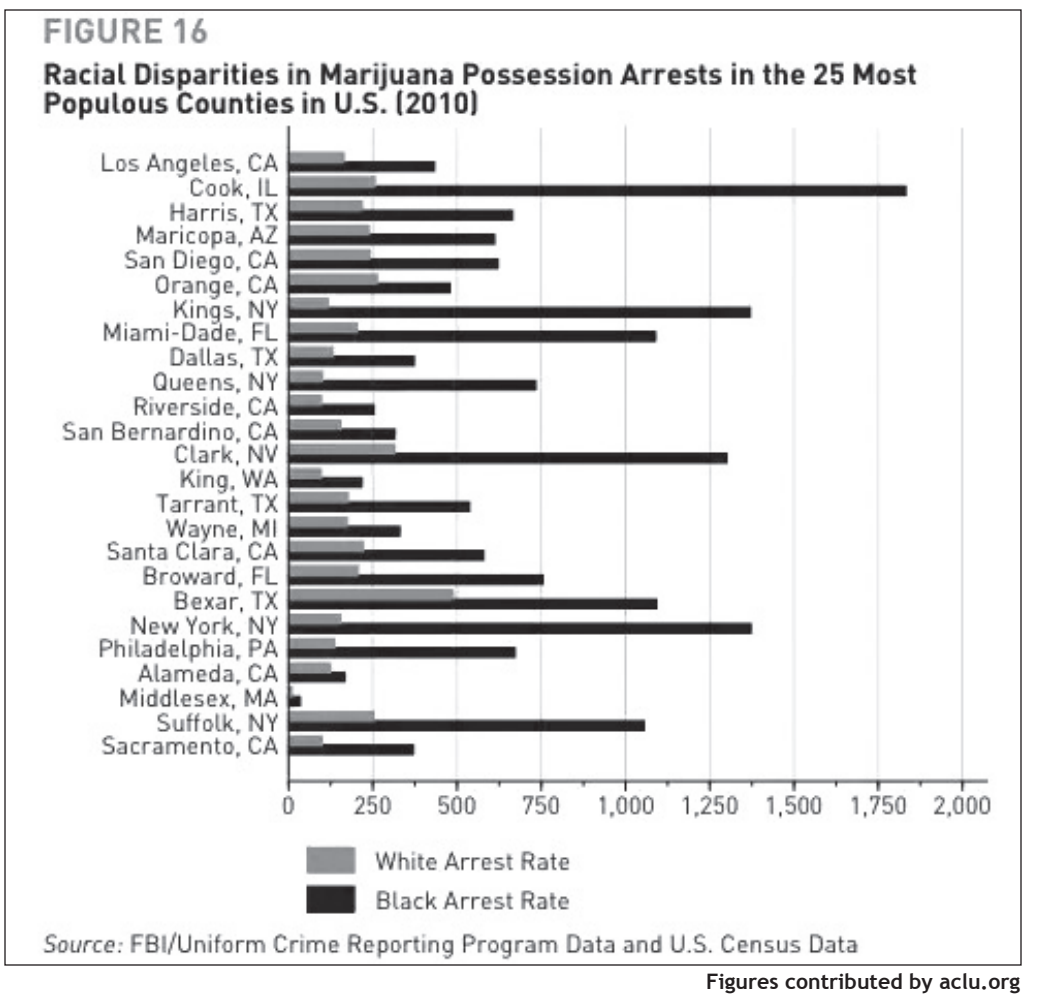
Because cannabis is so common, police have lots of leeway in proceeding to charge or not charge an offender. Courts similarly have much power in determining the extent to which the offender is punished, ranging anywhere from a warning to life in prison with no possibility of parole. Many of these individuals were given life sentences for possession and are still sitting in prisons across the country, even in states where the plant has been legalized.

Putting aside the fact that it costs taxpayers between $30,000 and $60,000 a year to keep a single inmate in minimum-security prisons, totalling to $63.4 billion on all cannabis offenders annually, we have a monumental moral dilemma on our hands.

Canada recently legalized cannabis for recreational use on a national level and is already working to release prisoners held on nonviolent offenses. In America, 208,000 are incarcerated in federal prisons and nearly half are for nonviolent drug offenses. In 2015, nearly 6,000 prisoners were released to begin to reform incarceration policies, shortening their sentences by an average of two years. There has been little attention or action since then.

To me, it seems like at this point in time, legalizing cannabis is a no-brainer. But with that being said, it should not even be considered until every nonviolent possession offender is released. It is unfortunate how willing progressive efforts are to push for legalization while allowing so many to continue to sit in prison for something that is hardly criminal.





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The 'Dark Age' of Allegheny's history department

For many Allegheny students, the history department lacks options

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Looking around during my last semester here on campus, I am reminded of what Allegheny's history department is severely missing: Professors specializing in certain time periods, specifically, the Middle Ages.

In my first year at Allegheny, the only medieval historian, history professor Stephen Lyons, retired. And with him, any last hope of taking a true medieval history was lost. Since his retirement, the history department, as I know of, has not made any moves to hire a new medieval history professor.

You cannot have a full and exceptional department when you are missing a huge chunk of history, so the absence of medieval history studies is infuriating. History from 476 to 1500 A.D. is missing in the department, a time period in which my senior project is based.

In my current History 600 class, I am the only medievalist in the room. One student out of 21. My professor has mentioned it too, saying that I could be the last medievalist to pass through the senior project classes.

I do not know which is sadder, the fact that I may be the last medievalist for quite some time at Allegheny or the fact that the department does not seem to want to fill this gaping hole.

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> Senior opinion editor

Students miss out on important events that have been proven to influence later historical events. Not to mention, the amount of amusing and fascinating stories within this time period are so enjoyable to learn about. The Crusades, Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire, the Hundred Years' War, the Black Death, and so much more existed within this immense time period.

This list is not exhaustive and does not even include any literary works which are still influential today, the works of Chaucer, Dante or St. Augustine, for instance. I do not know how many times I need to reiterate it, but medieval history is important.

The lack of medieval historians in the history department is also reflected in the medieval and renaissance studies minor. I have a MEDRN minor but am missing many of the requirements because there are no professors teaching classes for it. Exceptions have been made for coursed to fulfill requirements, but the fact that exceptions need to be made is ridiculous.

If you do not know already, the MEDRN minor is more than likely going to disappear in the next five years, maybe even sooner. It is still being offered to students, but professors insist that students declare it sooner rather than later.

But why try to attempt a minor you will never be able to fully finish?

It frustrates me that the minor is offered when students cannot fully finish. I am all for students becoming interested in medieval history and potentially declaring a MEDRN minor at Allegheny and having more students attracted to this specific history is good. But with so few classes to inspire that curiosity into medieval history, how can we expect to bring it back if there are no classes to appeal to students?



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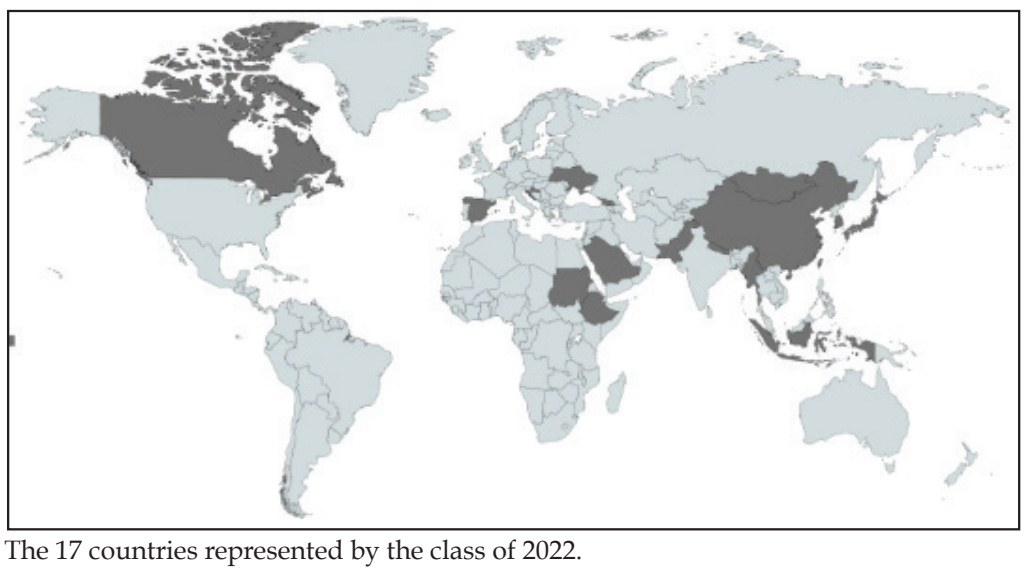
How can we bring medieval history back if no one is advocating for it? Professors I have talked to agree that it is sad to see the MEDRN minor and medieval history disappear from the curriculum, but nothing official has been done. I know it may take time to fix this problem, but Allegheny needs to act soon, or there may not be anything left to salvage.

For Allegheny's history department, it seems that it has reached its "Dark Age."

Gators, best of luck on finals!
And happy holidays!

Class of 2022 represents largest international class

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The 17 countries represented by the class of 2022.

In a sea of likely nervous first-year students, chatter filled Shafer Auditorium in August for the matriculation of the 494 students in the class of 2022. Among these 494 students were 28 international students, who represent the largest class of international students in Allegheny College history.

Together, these 28 students represent 17 countries, with nine from China, three from South Korea, two from Canada and 15 individuals from other nations around the world.

"The very first thing that I noticed was that everyone was smiling," said Teona Bagashvili, '22. "That's something that doesn't happen in Georgia."

An international student from Tbilisi, Georgia, Bagashvili said she remembers how welcomed she felt the day she first arrived at Allegheny to move in, which was also the first time she had been to the United States.

Bagashvili, who is thinking about majoring in physics, applied to other colleges in the United States, as well as schools in Germany and England, and said she decided to come to Allegheny because of the programs and internship opportunities it offers and because of the close connections students develop with faculty.

"When college's focus on diversity, I think racial diversity is probably the first thing that comes to mind, but I think it's so important to have people who are location-wise from a different place," said Gabrielle Dorsey, president of the class of 2022. "As a part of people's college experience, it's healthy to be around people who are from a different place, who have different opinions, different views on issues because you have to be challenged and you have to be uncomfortable at times, and being around students who are from the international community will definitely introduce that aspect into classrooms at Allegheny."

Dorsey, who is from Akron, Ohio, said she became involved with Allegheny Student Government as class president to connect with her class and the Allegheny student body and "have a bigger hand" in campus changes and campus life.

Dorsey also serves on two Allegheny Student Government committees — one that focuses on policy change for how the college handles discrimination based on race, sexuality, gender identity and religion, and a committee that aims to work toward changing academic policy that would allow the college to accept more than 32 credits from incoming first-years.

Taking classes with international students, Dorsey said, has provided new perspectives into the journeys of international students and has inspired her to think more proactively about ensuring international students do not feel isolated in the campus and Meadville communities.

As a representative for the class of 2022, Dorsey said she hopes to work with the college to offer more ways to connect international and domestic students through peer mentoring programs.

The Culture 2 Culture Peer Mentoring Program, organized by the International Education Office, pairs incoming international students with current Allegheny students, and Bagashvili said through the program she has been able to get to know the campus and better understand other cultures — American and international cultures.

"I've gotten to know people from all over the world, from South Korea, from Japan, from Pakistan, from India," Bagashvili said. "It's very exciting because I have learned a lot from them, from their perspective and about their cultures and that is very important for me."

The recruitment process for the class of 2022 began in August 2017, around the time the recruitment travel schedule is typically organized each year for the Allegheny College Office of Admissions, according to Chris Segur, senior assistant director of admissions and coordinator of international recruitment.

The process, Segur said, is based on "putting a face to Allegheny" and connecting prospective international students to current students. General recruitment often involves admissions counselors meeting with prospective students, visiting high schools, connecting with high school guidance counselors and making individual and group video calls, especially for international recruitment, Segur said.

"One of the best ways to really enhance education is to ensure that we have different students coming from different parts of the world bringing different perspectives, different experiences, and I think that ultimately translates to a more impactful and enriching experience inside the classroom," Segur said.

International classes at Allegheny have grown in recent years, with 17 international students in the class of 2020, 11 in the class of 2021 and 28 in the class of 2022.

Colleges nationwide, Segur said, have seen a general decline in new international student enrollment, so the increase from two percent international students in the class of 2021 to six percent international students in the class of 2022 is especially significant.

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors research program has administered enrollment surveys to higher education institutions in the United States since 2005, and its annual reports are released each November. The IIE, which seeks to promote the importance of international education, found in its initial survey results that U.S. higher education institutions experienced a 1.5 percent decline in new international enrollment from fall 2017 to fall 2018.

The IIE reports a 3.3 percent decline in new international enrollment in 2016 and a 6.6 percent decline in 2017 nationwide. Though enrollment varies across regions and types of higher education institutions, the 2018 decline was not as sharp as the previous two years and total international enrollment has remained level, the overall trend was still the 1.5 percent decline in new enrollment. The IIE Open Doors full report for the 2018-19 year will be released in November 2019, according to its initial report.

While the admissions office at Allegheny establishes its own recruitment goals each year, Segur said he also sets personal goals for diversifying the student body through international recruitment.

A typical goal for new international enrollment, according to Segur, is to at least meet the number of international students in previous classes, but he hopes to push those numbers further.

With the recruitment process underway for the class of 2023, Segur said he would like to meet or exceed the number of international students represented in the class of 2022 for next year's incoming first-years. As for whether long-term growth in international representation is of interest to Segur, he said, "That's a very strong yes."

Segur recalled attending a recent admissions conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, and described being in a room of about 30 people where a conference organizer asked attendees representing different colleges and universities to raise their hands if they saw growth in their international student populations for this year.

Segur's hand was raised, and he said he remembered about five other people raising their hands.

"Being one of those hands that can say, 'wow, we stayed the same, or we grew,' is an accomplishment," Segur said.

Some important factors for prospective international students to consider, according to Bagashvili, is how institutions treat international students, the programs institutions offer and how they will be assisted with an international transition.

"I'm very proud to be here, especially considering there hasn't been a Georgian student (at Allegheny) for a very long time," Bagashvili said. "I really do feel proud."

Campus celebrates Diwali

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Students light candles in Henderson Campus Center to celebrate Diwali on Nov. 13, 2018.

For Secretary of the South Asian Student Society Rithikaa Sree Jamigumpala, '22, Diwali represents happiness.

Diwali, a five-day festival celebrated by followers of Hinduism, Sikhism and Jainism is known as the festival of lights. Every autumn, millions celebrate light prevailing over darkness with fireworks, decorating candles and putting various lights on display.

"We celebrate the joy of light, taking the darkness out and bringing in the positivity," Jamigumpala said.

Though SASS, in collaboration with the International Club, International Education Office and Spiritual and Religious Life, could not host a full five-day festival, Jamigumpala said the groups wanted to bring the "effect" of the Diwali celebration to campus. Community members gathered to celebrate through rangoli artwork, decorating diyas and other activities on Nov. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Henderson Campus Center lobby.

Co-President of SASS, Medha Nag, '20, said this was the first campus-wide celebration of Diwali since she arrived at Allegheny. In previous years, members of SASS, formerly known as the South Asian Club, would travel to Pittsburgh to celebrate Diwali.

"From what I know, South Asian Club has always done something for Diwali, but it's always been very closed to the members (of the club) or even specifically the board members," Nag said.

Nag said during her first two years at Allegheny, the board members of the South Asian Club traveled to Pittsburgh for the Diwali celebration held at Sri Venkateswara Temple.

"But I really wanted to bring it (to Allegheny)," Nag said. "As a club, we weren't really sharing our culture, and that's kind of our mission statement, is to share our culture … I think this was the first legitimate Diwali celebration on campus."

Traditionally, firecrackers are the most essential aspect of the celebration, according to Nag. As the firecrackers are lit, the light casts over darkness, symbolizing the triumph of light over dark, or good over evil, which is the central theme of Diwali.

Since this was the first year SASS held a Diwali celebration, the club did not include firecrackers because of the special permission required, according to Nag. However, because of its importance to the Diwali tradition, Nag said she hopes it will be incorporated into future Diwali celebrations at Allegheny.

This year, one of the activities community members participated in was rangoli artwork. Typically created on the ground with materials such as colored sand or rice, rangolis are decorative and common of Diwali celebrations, according to Nag.

Instead of crafting them on the ground, the celebration sponsors provided small sheets of paper with varying designs. They also supplied colored sand and glue so people could create their personal rangolis on the paper.

Along with rangolis, community members could decorate their own diyas, another essential component to Diwali celebrations. Nag described diyas as small clay pots that people can paint and place candles inside.

Other activities not necessarily associated with Diwali celebrations were also featured at the event. Toward the front of the campus center lobby, community members lined up to receive mehendi, or henna tattoos.

"We realized that mehendi was one thing that people really enjoyed, and Diwali is about enjoyment," Nag said. "So we decided to have mehendis."

Nag said Diwali is a family and community-oriented celebration. A polaroid photo booth was also featured near the front of the lobby. This aspect of the celebration was a popular attraction as people posed with friends and props, according to Nag.

Last but not least — the food. Amidst the music and activities at the celebration, guests enjoyed biryani, samosas and dessert catered by Erie's Darjeeling Kitchen.

"We were not expecting that big of a crowd," said Co-President of SASS Sweta Rauniyar, '21. "I was genuinely very happy to see the response. It actually motivated me, like, 'OK … we can represent our culture."

Nag also thought the event was a success and said she hopes SASS will do even more next year to continue improving the celebration for community members.

"Next time around, we're going to try to make it more of a celebration," Nag said. "Because we have Diwali parties a lot, so hopefully we could book Schultz Banquet Hall or something like that so we could have more music, a little more dancing and stuff like that."

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"It is really interesting to see," Koh said. Koh encouraged students to watch a video of takoyaki preparations on YouTube.

Japan also prepared a version made with cheese and sausage for students who were too afraid to try the tradition takoyaki with octopus.

"I knew that not many people would like octopus," Koh said.

Takoyaki was served at the bazaar with a traditional takoyaki sauce as well as mayonnaise.

More than just the food preparation went into preparing for the International Bazaar.

"Especially for Japan, we actually practiced before the International Bazaar," Koh said. "I think it was a good bonding experience because we got to know each other even though we didn't know much about each other."

The bazaar pushed students to get to know one another as well as other cultures.

"Through cooking, you get to know other people and their culture," Koh said. "It was interesting to learn about other people as well as the culture because it was so new to me. That is not something I can experience in everyday life."

Koh was not the only one who viewed the International Bazaar as a unique opportunity. Khanyisile Baloyi, '19, a representative for the South African table, was also excited to have the opportunity to learn about new cultures and food.

"Experiencing different cultures, especially through food is really important," Baloyi said. "I feel like if people didn't have the opportunity to experience new things, life would be very boring."

South Africa served malva pudding, a traditional South African dessert that is made from apricot jam and is typically served with ice cream.

"(Malva pudding) is my all time favorite dessert that has ever existed, ever — quote me on that," Baloyi said.

The International Bazaar also provided students who were not representing a country with the opportunity to experience a bite of other cultures.

"It gives you an appreciation of cultures that you wouldn't get otherwise," Sarah Teel, '21, said. "Food is something we can all relate to."

Safe haven

Communication arts students raise funds for local men's shelter

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Down on North Main Street lies a safe haven — a place where people can receive a hot meal, warm shower and bed to sleep. A place where people can breathe and ultimately find a sense of peace.

At 779 North Main St., approaching the heart of downtown Meadville, St. James Haven is a temporary shelter for men. As an outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, St. James has provided shelter to hundreds of men in Crawford County. Between 2016 and 2017 alone, it provided temporary shelter to 188 men, according to its website.

As a nonprofit, every donation helps, according to Samantha Stump, executive director of St. James Haven. Through much of the fall 2018 semester, Allegheny students currently enrolled in COMRT 276: Media, Theory and Practice have been fundraising and raising awareness for the outreach ministry.

"What Allegheny students are doing (for St. James) is going to make a difference," Stump said.

Ishita Sinha Roy, associate professor of communication arts/theatre, teaches COMRT 276 and first met Stump at a rotary meeting. Sinha Roy first approached Stump about a class project involving St. James at the meeting, according to Stump.

Toward the beginning of the semester, Sinha Roy invited Stump to speak with the COMRT 276 students about St. James, according to Ben Bachik, '20.

"Not many people were aware of what St. James was," Bachik said. "She told us about the organization and kind of approached us to get the word out there, along with raise some money along the way."

Bachik said the class as a whole has fundraised for St. James in a number of ways.

"We started with just dorm storming, and just had a lot of kind members of the Allegheny community help us out with that," Bachik said. "As we've had more time to learn about the organization and get on our feet, we've started to have more events now."

By dorm storming, Bachik meant that members of the class visited multiple dorms on Allegheny's campus and asked residents to give to St. James.

The class held a bake sale on Nov. 16, in which they spent that morning baking a variety of goods and sold them in the Henderson Campus Center from 7 to 10 p.m, according to Bachik.

The group is now planning to hold a dodgeball tournament on Dec. 1, at the David V. Wise Center, in which teams pay $24 to participate as part of their fundraising for St. James. Overall, the students have a $3,000 fundraising goal they are trying to meet by the end of the semester, according to Jackson Sandusky, '20.



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Ben Bachik, '20, prepares for a bake sale by pricing cookies and cookie sets on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, in the Henderson Campus Center. Proceeds generated from the sale supported St. James Haven in Meadville.

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> —SAMANTHA STUMP
> Executive director, St. James Haven

Sandusky is one of the two team leaders in the class for the St. James fundraising project. As a team leader, he said his biggest responsibility has been delegating tasks to the rest of his classmates.

"Everybody in our group has done a lot of work, and it's a big team effort," Sandusky said.

From the beginning of the project, the group has been excited to work together and raise money for St. James, according to Sandusky. The class recognizes the difference that donating can make for this local cause, and Sandusky said each class member has dedicated a significant amount of work to make the project a success.

For him personally, Sandusky said fundraising for St. James goes beyond receiving a class grade.

"I want to be able to say that I did something else," Sandusky said. "Like I raised $3,000 for this charity in a few weeks with my class because I wanted to, and I'll have that to say for myself. There's that, but the main thing is that you get to see the money that you raise go directly to something that's right down the street."

Stump said any amount of fundraising will help St. James, since it relies on contributions from the community.

The shelter can accommodate 14 men per night, according to its website, and 365 days a year, it provides food, showers, a bed and access to housing and mental health agencies for each guest.

"Every area will be aided (by fundraising)," Stump said. "Any kind of donation, monetary; whether it's paper products, whether it's hygiene products, cleaning products, etc., is solely provided through donation to the haven."

Money coming in may also help St. James pay electricity, gas and water bills, according to Stump.

The overall mission of St. James is to be a temporary safe haven — a "landing place" for homeless men while they work to improve their lives. It partners with other organizations and agencies in the community to ensure each guest will ultimately better their living situation for the future.

"(The majority of these men) want to have a home, they want to get their life back together, they want to get a job, they just need help," Stump said. "My favorite part is, once they say 'I've got an apartment,' to load them up in the car, grab their things and take them to their apartment, because it shows that we've been a small part in being able to help them get there."



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As the executive director, Stump said her main responsibility is "to make sure that St. James Haven operates on a daily basis." She makes sure the shelter has enough food for the guests at any given time, manages the ministry's budget and hires staff, among other responsibilities.

Despite all that Stump does for St. James, she emphasized how much of an impact the guests at St. James have had on her.

"You think you're the one that's giving, and you're really not; you're the one that's receiving," Stump said. "It's a gift to be around these guys. When I first started here, I thought 'wow, I could make a big difference,' and although there are things I have done that have made a difference, the biggest difference has been in my heart — in what I have received from being the executive director here. It's been a gift."

Pushing the envelope of Rowling's Wizarding World

'Fantastic Beasts' welcomes back loveable characters, adds questionable twists

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Get your wands out because it is going to take more than one "Reparo" spell to fix the holes in this plotline.

Director David Yates brings a new addition to the magical world created by author J.K. Rowling in "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald," the sequel to the 2016 film "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." And for the sake of my sanity, I hope there is a third installment.

While this film is cinematically stunning in the way that it captures Rowling's magical realm, it does not exactly have the most straightforward story structure. Rather than provide answers for the questions brought up in the first film, "The Crimes of Grindelwald" busts open a whole new set of them.

The first of many questions lies in the mysterious relationship between beloved character Newt Scamander, played by the adorably nerdy Eddie Redmayne, and Leta Lestrange, played by Zoë Kravitz.

Within the first 10 minutes, we learn Leta is engaged to Newt's brother Theseus, which was a shock to me since it seemed evident in the first Fantastic Beasts film that she and Newt shared a long history. Their interactions in "The Crimes of Grindelwald" only strengthened my unconfirmed assumption, especially with the addition of some very well-crafted flashbacks showing Leta falling in love with Newt while they were in school together at Hogwarts.

Kravitz's acting brought that undying love and admiration for Newt to the front of the story, making it a mystery of how and why her character ended up being engaged to Theseus.

Luckily for us, this was not the only problem to be brought up with Leta's presence in the film.

Enter Credence Barebone. Yes, who?

If you journey back two years to the first Fantastic Beasts film, you will remember that he was the strange, creepy boy from the anti-witchcraft group. Apparently he is more deeply connected to this story than I previously thought.

Credence is played once again by Ezra Miller, who gives an exacting performance as a deeply saddened and troubled young man. His motivation for the entire length of the film is to find out who he is and where he comes from. As a viewer, this is all I wanted too. Maybe it would answer the question of why Grindelwald thinks Credence is the only one who can destroy Albus Dumbledore?

The most likely answer to Credence's identity crisis was that he was Corvus Lestrange, Leta's assumedly dead younger brother. At least, that is what I was led to believe for 90 percent of the film.

It is then that I learned J.K. Rowling decided to take up the art of soap opera writing because, plot twist, Leta accidentally killed her brother when they were children. Their father had put them on a ship destined for the United States, but when her brother would not stop his insistent crying, Leta swapped him for another child. Unfortunately, she was unable to swap them back before their ship began sinking and her brother drowned at sea that day.

When Leta tells this story to Credence and the rest of the cast, it takes away the only saving grace the boy and I had. Oh for all that is good in the world, just tell me who Credence Barebone is.

It is not until the very last sliver of the film, after Credence has chosen to align himself with Grindelwald, that we finally learn who he is: Aurelius Dumbledore, brother of Albus Dumbledore. A character that, up until this point, readers and viewers did not know existed in the Wizarding World.

This explains why Grindelwald believes Credence is the only one who can fight Dumbledore, but this truth bomb completely destroyed everything fans ever thought they knew about their beloved professor and headmaster of Hogwarts. My head hurts just thinking about all the possibilities of how this could have happened. How could Grindelwald know about an extra Dumbledore when the Dumbledores' themselves did not know?

And then just in case you were not deep enough down the rabbit hole already, there is also a new "beast" in town, and her name is Nagini.

If she sounds familiar, that is because she is Voldemort's pet snake and final Horcrux in the original Harry Potter series.

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GET TO KNOW A CLUB

AERO offers pre-med experience, opportunities to students

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When medical emergencies interrupt daily life in the Meadville community, members of the Allegheny Emergency Response Organization are on the scene.

AERO is a student-led group that aims to promote community medicine on campus and in the Meadville area, according to AERO President Monessha Jayabalan, '19.

In 2016, Drexel University was featured in USA Today for its support of its student-run, emergency medical service organization. Drexel is home to 65 dedicated campus members who are licensed to provide first responder services on campus, according to the USA Today article.

While they are unable to provide transport, student first responders at Drexel will arrive at a scene and provide medical support. Then, volunteers can call the community ambulance or fire department to provide further care, the article explains.

More than 10,000 student volunteers on more than 250 college campuses across the country serve as emergency medical technicians or provide emergency response-related services for their fellow students, Scott Savett, spokesman for the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation, told USA Today.

For Allegheny students, AERO provides a similar opportunity to gain exposure to emergency medicine.

Because AERO is an Allegheny Student Government-recognized club, it is open to all students who display interest. This means students interested in emergency response and emergency medicine do not necessarily need prior EMT experience or certifications to participate in AERO events and classes.

Next semester, AERO plans to work with Butler Community College to bring EMT classes to Allegheny. If participants take the class and meet the course requirements, they will receive an official EMT certification, Jayabalan said.

Additionally, AERO provides an opportunity for students interested in careers in medicine to gain on-the-job experience.

"Not everyone has the opportunity to get involved in patient care," said Matt Kim, '19, AERO equipment manager.

Kim began as an EMT and received training at the Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department. As AERO equipment manager, Kim ensures equipment is up to date and helps coordinate efforts to connect Allegheny College with the Meadville community.

While the club hopes to eventually provide emergency response services on campus, its board members aim to continue providing educational skills clinics and courses for Allegheny students. These courses include CPR classes, wilderness certification and continued education for EMTs.

The club would also like to implement a Quick Response System on campus.

This system would help facilitate the connection between EMT student volunteers and the Meadville Area Ambulance Service and improve response times and resource efficiency.

MAAS would employ EMTs from Allegheny, who would operate within the bounds of the Allegheny College campus, according to Jayabalan.

In theory, QRS would improve efficiency and limit unnecessary ambulance calls, according to Jayabalan.

"This would help with better access to patient care … quicker response time (and) also helps with resources," Jayabalan said. "We would be there to help make that decision if you need to go to the hospital or do you not need to go."

In order to work as part of the QRS System, licensed student EMTs should also have valid CPR certification, hazmat certification and certification to drive an emergency vehicle.

Right now, the club is working with Associate Dean of Students for Wellness Education Gretchen Beck as well as the Office of Financial Aid to work out the legalities and logistics of employing student EMTs.

In the future, Jayabalan said, AERO hopes to implement the QRS System and continue to maintain and improve their medical presence on campus.



Contributed by Matt Kim

Members of the Allegheny Emergency Response Organization study pig lungs and heart to learn about proper ventilation and anatomy at an emergency medical technician course last spring.

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It is in "The Crimes of Grindelwald" that we learn she was once a woman, born with a blood curse that would give her the chance to transform between a snake and a human, until one day she would be stuck as a snake.

However, in the film, it does not become clear how she makes her way over to the dark side, nor how she becomes one with Voldemort.

In fact, she seems to be opposed to the dark side completely, despite her love for Credence and apparent disdain for his ultimate decision to join Grindelwald.

Yet somehow, between the worlds of Fantastic Beasts and Harry Potter, she decides to change sides, and I was left not knowing how or why.

All of these issues, and even more, left me feeling emptier than before the film was released, which, considering how long it will take to produce another one, is a real tragedy.

Thank goodness for quirky little Newt and his magical creatures — they were the only thing pulling me through this film and putting a smile on my face.

Sorry J.K. Rowling, but I think it's time to hang up your sorting hat and say "Avada Kedavra" to your Fantastic Beasts franchise before its convolution leads to the destruction of everything we know and love.

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How 'The Grinch' stole hearts this holiday season

Greener, cleaner, with a slightly nicer demeanor

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Move over Jim Carrey because there is a new grouch in Whoville.

He is greener. He is cleaner. He has a slightly nicer demeanor.

Thanks to directors Yarrow Cheney and Scott Mosier, audiences can travel to Mount Crumpit to bear witness as Benedict Cumberbatch steps into the role of the meanest, greenest villain in town: The Grinch.

The movie kicks off with a rendition of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." Sung by Tyler, the creator, the rap version sets the scene for a familiar story, but with a fresh take.

With a soundtrack consisting of Nat King Cole, the Supremes, Pentatonix and Run-D.M.C., this film is the perfect musical blend of classic cheer and holiday hip.

Seriously, this movie score is sure to put some Bailey's in your coffee and will have you dancing under the mistletoe.

As the introductory song plays, audience members are taken into the Grinch's home: a semi-organized, technologically innovative lair filled with contraptions designed to help Max the dog make coffee, cook and clean for his master.

After sliding into his green slippers and pants, the Grinch is greeted by an empty-pawed pet, who has to break the news to his master that they have run out of groceries. Bitter and cranky, the pair venture down the mountain to restock their pantry and wreak havoc in Whoville.

The Grinch's shenanigans are not new to this story; however, in this version, his actions are not as crude, violent or hateful. In one scene, the Grinch comes across a woman who cannot reach the last jar on the tallest shelf at the grocery store. The Grinch reaches above the woman, picks up the jar, examines it and, to her dismay, puts it back on the shelf — still out of reach. Before walking away, he knocks the shelf and sends the jar crashing to the floor.

I did not miss the pick-pocketing, fiendish Grinch who wrapped Cindy Lou in paper in the back of the post office. Honestly, I chuckled as the scene reminded me of something an older sibling might have done to me as a kid. Despite his hatred of Christmas, the Grinch was not as cruel in this film.

A contrast to the Grinch's organized morning schedule, the Who household is not a well-oiled machine.

Donna Who, a single, working mother, constantly on the go, works the night shift at the Whoville hospital. During the day, she cares for her rambunctious twin boys and her sweet, pink-loving daughter Cindy Lou.

Cameron Seely gives voice to the adorable, spunky and innovative Cindy Lou. Amidst the craziness of the holiday season, her mother's hard work and stress is not lost to Cindy Lou. Recognizing how much her mother does, Cindy Lou decides to send Santa Claus a letter asking for extra help for her mother.

While Cindy Lou sled rides across town to mail her letter, she crashes into the Grinch and Max, losing her letter in the process. After the Grinch goes on a rant about how the children of Whoville are entitled, selfish brats, Cindy Lou shakes off his negativity and hatches a plan to meet Santa on Christmas Eve.

The Grinch's story began in 1957 when Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel published the children's book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." This story is no stranger to adaptation — films, musicals and a live-action movie. However, this version is not lacking in charm or originality.

The movie has a fresh perspective as it puts more focus on Cindy Lou's effort to help her mother, this film does not waste too much time on the relationship between the Grinch and the Whos or his upbringing. In fact, this version is more wholesome, but it still gets the job done.

In one scene, a group of Christmas carolers corner the Grinch throughout the town. The scene was dramatic and comedic — a reflection of the film's atmosphere as a whole.

> "'The Grinch' is pure, wholesome and offers a fresh take on a classic holiday story."
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The Grinch still hates Christmas. The Whos are nothing but holly and jolly as they prepare for Christmas Day. But, there is less destruction, rudeness and rivalry compared to the 2000 live-action version.

This Grinch is sympathetic. As a kid, he was abandoned in an orphanage, and while everyone was celebrating Christmas in town, the Grinch was left alone — giftless, friendless and without cheer.

Burdened with this memory, the Grinch believes all Whos are selfish; however, Cindy Lou proves him wrong as she shows him there is more to Christmas than material items.

The strongest feeling found in this film: love.

Cindy Lou's determination to make her mother's life easier will inspire those even with the smallest of hearts, and that is the real story to focus on.

The Grinch's mission to steal Christmas obviously falls flat. There is no surprise there, and love proves to conquer all.



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The Grinch's love for Max, Cindy Lou's love for her mom, Donna's love for her family and the Whos' love for each other will bring a tear to your eye as you find your inner-child.

A nervous, tie-wearing Grinch shows up at Who's house for a Christmas dinner, and immediately, he is welcomed with open arms. As he carves the roast beast, he thanks everyone for inviting him into their home, offering a special thanks to Cindy Lou.

"Your daughter's kindness changed my life," the Grinch said.

In that moment, my heart grew three sizes, and anyone who goes to see this film is sure to feel the same way.

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Cross country closes season with national meet

Forner, Hevener bring home national honors

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The Allegheny women race in the 2018 North Coast Athletic Conference Cross Country Championship on Oct. 27, 2018. The Gator women finished second in the team standings by a one-point margin.

Allegheny Cross Country raced to the end of its season at the 2018 NCAA Division-III Championships Saturday, Nov. 17 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Gator women raced as a team and finished 13th overall, with notable performances by Emily Forner, '19, and Sarah Hevener, '19. Both earned All-American honors, finishing eighth and 39th respectively. Forner's 21:16.7 six-kilometer time was enough to place her 34 spots higher than her finish the previous year and 254 spots above her finish in the national meet her freshman year.

"It was something that coming into college, I never would have thought was a possibility," Hevener said. "This weekend has kind of just been a dream come true."

Matt Svetz, '19, ran as an individual for the men. He finished in 80th place in his second appearance at a national meet, finishing the eight-kilometer course in 25:28.7. He earned First Team All-NCAC honors for the second time in his career, having earned Second Team All-NCAC honors in his sophomore year. This national race was his third-ever trip and his second trip as an individual qualifier.

"Matt's a very determined person, and he does everything in his power to make sure he's ready to compete at his highest level, which is awesome," Assistant Coach Kimberly Gallavan said. "He didn't end up where he wanted to be, but I also know that he's the kind of person who will be able to bounce back really well and get at it during track season."

Svetz has been building to his national performance with several career runs, including a 59th place finish at the 2017 NCAA Division-III National Cross Country Championship. The championship provided a strong conclusion to his junior season that included four top-ten finishes.

Svetz built on this success with a strong senior season that opened with an individual and team victory in a dual meet against Chatham on Sept. 1, 2018. A fourth-place overall finish in the 2018 Allegheny Classic at the Robertson Athletic Complex helped to lead the Gators to a third-place team finish. A ninth-place finish at the Rowan University Inter-Regional Border Battle was followed by Svetz's fourth 2018 top-ten finish at the 2018 Great Lakes Regional Championship Nov. 10, 2018.

His time at the Regional Championship was sufficient to automatically qualify for the 2018 NCAA Division-III Championships and an example of the way in which Head Coach Ben Mourer, '07, primes his athletes for the later season, according to Hevener. Mourer declined an interview.

"You want everything to kind of align the right way and be as fast and as fresh as possible at regionals when you're trying to qualify," Hevener said. "It's something you have to plan very strategically, but we're always lucky."

Hevener said this strategy does come with "trade-offs" as the team saves its better races by having a "good but average" early season.

"It's always kind of nail-biter, I think, mid-season, because our coach invests as much as possible in making sure we're ready later on in the season and not wasting too much or doing too much too soon, even though it seems beneficial to make yourself look good on paper," Hevener said. "That's not something that the people selecting what teams get to move on to nationals always see."

The lady Gators made their late-season improvement clear with a second-place finish at the 2018 North Coast Athletic Conference Cross Country Championship, losing to rival Oberlin College by one point. The margin was the slimmest since Allegheny topped Oberlin 59-58 in the 2007 NCAC Championship.

"(The loss) was a little heartbreaking, but everyone did what they wanted to do, so that was big," Gallavan said.

Forner's impressive showing in the 2018 season began before the Championships. Forner took gold alongside Svetz at the Chatham University dual-meet season opener, followed closely by teammates in third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Forner went on to take first at the Allegheny Gator Classic and fifth at the Paul Short Run at Lehigh University — with a three-minute improvement over her time in the 2017 Short Run — in a field that included Division-I runners. It was her race at the Rowan University Inter-Regional Border Battle that hinted that she was bound for success, according to Forner.

Her time at the Border Battle, her third victory out of the first four events of the season, helped to lead her team to an eighth-place finish.

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Forner took second in the Great Lakes Regional Championship held by Franklin College, earning All-Region honors for the third time. The Regional Race was Hevener and her teammates' final race before the Division-III Championships. Forner said the team members rest their bodies between the two performances.

"Going into nationals, we taper off as far as mileage and workouts and things go," Forner said. "We're looking at trying to fine-tune speed work and less so than getting a lot of miles in — trying to save our bodies."

Hevener said the race is difficult to prepare for, particularly for younger team members who have never competed in this particular race.

"We had run some really huge races before, and they had an idea in theory of how important the race was, but you don't really get how competitive it is until you're actually there because everyone there has run a good enough time to qualify and so they're all running about the same times," Hevener said. "You're just in that pack the entire time really needing to stay aggressive throughout the race and stay on your toes. That for them is something that you can't truly be prepared for until you've had a race like that under your belt."

Forner said having experience as a senior helped her to appreciate her success at her final cross country race as a Gator.

"For me, I looked at my results from my freshman year, and I finished 18th from the back, and it was at that same course," Forner said. "For me, it was just really emotional to be able to literally come full circle on that same course from freshman year to senior year."

The conclusion of her career, according to Forner, was made even sweeter by teammate Hevener's success.

"It was incomprehensible, and then to also have my teammate and classmate Sarah Hevener also finish All-American and then to realize that that was the first time in school history that two ladies have finished All-American was just the perfect way to end our senior season," Forner said.

"They've been pushing each other all year," Gallavan said. "They set their goals, I think, really well at the start of the season."

Hevener had a similarly impressive showing in the regular season leading up to the national race. She followed Forner's victory in the Allegheny Gator Classic with a second-place finish and took 12th in a 362-runner field in the Paul Short Run.

Her third-place finish in the NCAC Championship led Hevener to her third First Team All-NCAC cross country honors. An eighth-place finish at the Great Lakes Regional Championship made the lady Gators the only team with two top-ten finishers.

Her 39th-place finish in the national race was 41 places higher than her 2017 finish. Hevener said the race was a chance for her and the team to display months of effort.

"It's like 'okay, this is time to really show off all that work we've been putting in,'" Hevener said.

Hevener and Forner led a young team that followed them closely in several in-season races and rounded out the overall score in the national race.

Gallavan said the seniors offered their expertise to their teammates.

"The national meet is something that you can't explain to underclassmen very well, just because of the magnitude of it," Gallavan said. "But I think that Sarah (Hevener) and Emily (Forner) both did an amazing job of making sure that they knew, especially for the athletes that hadn't been there before, I thought they did an awesome job of making sure that those underclassmen knew that it was just another meet, and they didn't have to do anything spectacular."



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The Allegheny women celebrate after running in the NCAA Division-III Championships in Oshkosh, Wisc. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018.

The Allegheny team is always particularly receptive to the messages offered by senior team members and coaches, according to Hevener.

"Every year we have freshman and younger runners who are always so willing to work hard and very mature and doing whatever they can to build each other up and really test themselves," Hevener said. "It's a privilege to be able to work with everyone."

Mica Hanish, '21, had a 22:09.3 time that earned her a 50th-place finish — 155 places higher than her rookie finish in the 2017 NCAA Division-III Championships. Hanish has earned All-NCAC honors in both of her seasons and earned her first All-Region honors at the Great Lakes Regional Championship.

Sarah Lucas, '21, and Molly Tarvin, '22, took 186th and 233rd, scoring points for Allegheny in their first-ever appearance at nationals.

Claire Morrison, '21, and Jacelyn Roberts, '20, also raced for the Gators.

Forner said the team is capable of further improvements in future seasons.

"They might not have been super satisfied with their first race, but hey, I finished 262nd my freshman year, the first time I raced there, so anything's really possible, as far as getting better and improving," Forner said.

Hevener said the team is likely to bring a competitive edge, along with more experience, to next year's race.

"They had a little fun and were a little shocked, and are probably going to be back and stronger and hungrier next year," Hevener said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRACK AND FIELD
SAT., DEC. 1, 2018 @ 11 A.M.
@ CASE WESTERN RESERVE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
SAT., DEC. 1, 2018 @ 1 P.M.
@ OHIO WESLEYAN

MEN'S BASKETBALL
SAT., DEC. 1, 2018 @ 3 P.M.
@ OHIO WESLEYAN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
WED., DEC. 5, 2018 @ 5 P.M.
@ WOOSTER

MEN'S BASKETBALL
WED., DEC. 5, 2018 @ 7 P.M.
@ WOOSTER

SWIMMING & DIVING
THURS., DEC. 6, 2018, FRI. DEC 7, 2018
& SAT., DEC. 8, 2018
@ FREDONIA BLUE DEVIL INVITE