

‘Once in a lifetime’

Hundreds from community celebrate total solar eclipse at ‘Eclipse Fest’

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Monday, April 8, 2024 was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Meadville and its residents. Literally.

At 3:16 p.m., Meadville and the surrounding area went dark from a total solar eclipse. For just over two and a half minutes, the moon perfectly masked the sun, casting shadows on the land and chilling temperatures on the Earth below.

As Professor of Physics Jamie Lombardi explained at an educational presentation the night prior, the last time an eclipse passed through Meadville was before Allegheny College existed.

“The last (total) solar eclipse in Meadville was in 1806,” Lombardi said. “If you want to wait for the next total

solar eclipse in Crawford County, you have to wait 120 years — until the year 2144.”

Though eclipses are common — multiple solar eclipses occur every year — their position in relation to the Earth changes, creating a rare experience for those in the roughly 100-mile-wide band of totality. This eclipse was 112 miles wide and curved up from Mexico and through a narrow path in the U.S. before reaching the Northeastern states and the border between the U.S. and Canada.

Since the moon’s orbit is predictable, Lombardi explained, eclipses well into the future or past can be calculated with incredible detail.

“These eclipses happen on predictable patterns,” Lombardi said. “Scientists can tell you down to the second when it’s going to start tomorrow, or at our location, or at any other given location, and you can predict eclipses into the future.”

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The total solar eclipse passed over Meadville at 3:16 p.m. on April 8. Though there have been partial eclipses in the area — most recently in 2017 — Monday marked the first total solar eclipse in Crawford County in 218 years, the last one being nine years before Allegheny was founded in 1806.



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The scoreboard at the Frank B. Fuhrer Field counts down to the start of the eclipse as attendees gather on the field. The sign was used to measure the time of each eclipse phase.

Winge hired as VP for Enrollment Management

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Allegheny College announced on March 20 that Jennifer Winge, ’96, will be appointed as Vice President for Enrollment Management. In her new role, Winge will provide leadership for offices of administration, marketing, financial aid and communications.

Her innovation and skills will allow her to promote student retention to keep a high graduation rate and eventually fulfill the mission of Allegheny College. Winge will try to engage with alumni, highschool counselors, prospective students and families and other community based organizations as part of a strategic plan to help develop Allegheny as a brand, according to a college press release.

Seeking a diverse set of students from different backgrounds is an important step in carrying out the plan.



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Developing a good understanding of Allegheny’s curriculum as well as the overall message of the college is what is going to help lead to student retention and success.

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ASG passes resolution on Palestine

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The Allegheny Student Government passed a resolution in support of Palestine at their General Assembly Tuesday evening, just over six months after the war began. The resolution calls for a ceasefire and for the college to make a statement acknowledging the pain caused by the Israeli invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Israeli forces have killed more than 33,500 people and injured another 76,049 in the Gaza Strip since early October, according to Gaza’s health agency. Israel has defended its actions, which have been called a genocide by some scholars and human rights advocates, as justified retaliation for an Oct. 7 attack by militant group Hamas that killed just over 1,100 Israelis and took another 200 hostage. Hamas has ruled the Gaza Strip since 2007.

Allegheny community members have demonstrated twice in support of Palestine; in late January, students and faculty gathered on the Gator Quad in a rally to call for a ceasefire, and in mid-February students gathered for a weekend-long vigil to write the names of some of the thousands of children killed in Gaza. The February vigil produced a display that remained in the campus center lobby for several weeks.

Syd Hammerman, ’25, helped organize both events, and advocated for ASG to pass the resolution.

“I know there’s been a lot of criticism of like, ‘Oh, you know, we’re just such a small school, we’re in the middle of nowhere, we can’t really change anything,’” Hammerman said during the constituent comment period. “But when we have motions like this and resolutions that pass that show that we, you know, give a s— about genocide, it kind of means a lot.”

Julia Sonen, ’24, also spoke in support of the resolution.

“Especially at this point, six months in, some of the issue is the silence,” Sonen said. “We need a ceasefire now.”

That last line received a round of knocking from many ASG members, the organization’s method of applause.

No students spoke in opposition to the resolution during the constituent comment period.

The resolution states that ASG “condemns the documented violations of international law committed across Gaza and recognizes that ASG has the responsibility to do so as a representative for all its students, including students who have been personally affected by the occupation.”

Though the resolution does not explicitly call for a ceasefire, it concludes by stating, “ASG advocates for the dignity and safety of individuals in every community, regardless of what crimes its leadership may commit, and that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve this safety and dignity.”

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Parkhurst Dining to return after two years of Aramark

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Allegheny College will be returning to Parkhurst Dining Services as its dining provider in the 2024-2025 school year. This was announced in an email sent on March 28, emphasizing sourcing local vendors and commitment to the college sustainability plan. This comes after a two year long partnership with Aramark Higher Education introduced in the Fall 2022 semester.

“After receiving feedback from multiple stakeholders, most importantly our students, we completed an open and robust process in which multiple

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vendors were invited to provide proposals for campus dining services,” the email stated. “Following this extensive process, we are pleased to share that the College has accepted the proposal from and will proceed with Parkhurst Dining Services to provide the best dining experience at Allegheny.”

The email also mentioned that Parkhurst would be working directly with the Carrden and other local restaurants to implement reliable dining sourced from in and around the campus.

Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington spoke about this change and the process behind it.

“It’s a pretty involved process,” Binnington explained. “Basically, the way

that it works is that the college, us, creates a proposal. And that proposal lays out what we’re looking for, what sorts of requirements we have in some great detail, and we advertise that proposal. Then we invite vendors to bid.”

Binnington noted that this is a standard procedure that most colleges go through when deciding dining providers. After multiple vendors have responded to the proposal, students and faculty were then invited to listen to vendor presentations and ask questions based on the information.

“We got all of the feedback from everybody who had participated in the meetings, which was, probably all told, 20, 30, 40 people,” Binnington said. “It was a lot of individuals who heard what

they had to say and ask questions.”

He expounded on what factors were considered in this decision. Food quality was named, as well as food cost, sustainability and what the future might look like with each dining provider.

Student input was and is still integral to this process. Some of the individuals who were present at these meetings included the Allegheny Student Government’s Co-Directors of Student Affairs Iris Styers, ’26 and London Dejarnette, ’24. Styers attended the interview sessions and provided feedback, noting the importance of communication between students and dining providers.

“Specifically with getting back Parkhurst, because we had them before, they know our campus already, so the

transition back to campus is gonna be a lot smoother,” Styers said. “Since they know we have so many concerns, we can kind of communicate better with them now about what we want fixed and what we want different.”

Styers worked along with ASG to bring student concerns to those who facilitate these major changes, such as Binnington and Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckley.

“We were able to go to the interview sessions and they asked for our feedback,” Styers said. “We were really happy about that because, last time we changed dining providers, I guess there was no student input, but this time we were invited.”

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TIKTOK BAN ROOTED IN FEAR

Contributing Writer Alyssa Gent, ’27, discusses how the push for TikTok’s ban is influenced by the fear of American’s data going into the Chinese government’s hands.

WARC’S SPRING CONCERT PLAYLIST

Opinion Editor Sam Heilmann, ’26, shares how Allegheny’s radio station created a playlist to get students excited about this year’s Spring Concert.

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Staff Writer Evelyn Zavala, ’24, explores the Allegheny students that volunteer at the West Mead Fire Department and their experiences as firefighters.

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“There are patterns to that motion that lead to there being eclipses that are in the same cycle as one another — the so-called Saros cycle — every 18 years and 11 days,” Lombardi added.

A total eclipse happens when the moon passes in front of the sun, such that only the corona, or outer edge, of the sun can be seen. Lombardi explained that the difference between a total eclipse and a partial eclipse makes all the difference when it comes to experiencing the full effects.

“The difference between a total and a partial eclipse is the difference between night and day,” Lombardi said. “There’s a difference between 99% and 100% that’s qualitative, and we’re in that zone.”

The rarity of an eclipse passing through Meadville, along with the unique experience of totality, brought hundreds of people from around the country to Robertson Athletic Complex. Events at the complex’s Frank B. Fuhrer Field took place from noon to 4 p.m., when the second partial phase of the eclipse ended.

Shuttles transported students and visitors from Allegheny’s campus to the field. There, “Allegheny Eclipse” T-shirts were available for sale to the public, and available to the first 300 students for free. Food was also for sale and included Moon Pies and Sun Chips to celebrate the occasion.

The Society of Physics Students and Astronomy Club were set up to teach visitors about the science of the eclipse, demonstrate different ways of viewing the eclipse leading up to totality and help kids make eclipse-viewing goggles of their own.

Charlie Gibson, ’25, is president of Astronomy Club and was set up with a variety of ways to view the eclipse. Visitors could look through telescopes equipped with a film similar to that found in eclipse glasses.

“The telescope has the same filter as these,” Gibson said, holding up his standard eclipse glasses. “The only difference is the telescope gives you the option to kind of get a more magnified, more detailed view of the sun.”

Gibson also demonstrated an indirect way of viewing the eclipse. A poster board with small holes punched throughout — spelling out “Allegheny” and outlining the image of an alligator — allowed viewers to see circles from the pinpoint of light, then the various phases of the moon passing over the sun.

“When the eclipse begins to happen, it’s not going to be circles; it’s going to be starting with the phases of the moon, like a gibbous and then a crescent and then completely dark,” Gibson said.

Colanders served a similar purpose leading up to totality, and makeshift

viewing devices made out of cardboard boxes, styrofoam plates with lenses and Pringles cans were also seen throughout the crowd of people gathered on the field.

Family and friends of students, along with those who have no affiliation with the college, spanned the entirety of the football field. Gathered on blankets and in folding chairs, visitors from different states had made the journey to see the eclipse.

One visitor, Erin Slezak, traveled several hours with her father, grandmother and a family friend.

“I saw the one in 2017, it was my first time,” Slezak said. “I’m actually from Rockville, Maryland — I came up here specifically to see it here.”

Terry Belles, ’93, made the pilgrimage from his home in Kittanning to see the eclipse, driving nearly two hours with his wife and daughter.

“I went to college here for chemistry,” Belles said. “But I loved astronomy.”

Belles was unable to make it to Meadville for the partial eclipse in 2017 because he was at work that day.

He brought his own telescope to the event, spending a large portion of the afternoon allowing people to catch a magnified glimpse of the sun during the buildup to totality.

Belles described the view through his telescope as people looked through

it.

“You should be able to see some of the sunspots,” Belles said. “There’s two of them right in the center that are almost right beside each other.”

Belles described the sunspots as being more visible due to them being colder than the rest of the surface of the sun.

“I’ve been preparing for this a while,” Belles said. “This is a sun filter on here. Even binoculars will burn your eyes.”

Belles’ daughter ran onto the scene while he was describing his telescope.

“There’s my other main reason for coming here,” Belles said. “My daughter.”

Belles continued to allow a wide array of people to observe the sun through his telescope, including Assistant Professor of Business and Economics and International Studies Chris Finaret. Finaret was there with his wife, Associate Professor of Global Health Studies Amelia Finaret, their kids and several extended family members.

“The last one — I mean that was really fun and that was just partial,” Amelia Finaret said, referencing the 2017 partial eclipse that passed over Allegheny. “I’m pretty excited.”

Her aunt traveled from New York City to see the eclipse.

“2017 — I went to South Carolina to be in totality,” Mary Fischer said. “Which is why I made the six-, seven-hour trip here.”

When asked what she thought totality would be like, Finaret’s daughter Lorien, 6, said it would be “probably really dark.”

And she was right; at just after 3:16 p.m., the increasingly-darkened sky turned even darker. Many in the crowd screamed out in excitement, as did some kids who ran around the field thrilled. Many still chatted among their groups in quiet awe. Temperatures — which began to drop even as the moon partially covered the sun — were noticeably lower. The sky became a deep purplish gray, and clouds from earlier in the day were no obstruction; the entire visible horizon turned to dusk in the middle of the day.

“I got chills,” Belles said. “And not from the temperature drop.”

Belles was not alone in his reaction.

“I understand why people used to worship the sun,” Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington said, as light returned and people started to leave.

“Holy f—,” added Professor of Political Science Sharon Wesoky.

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SAM HEILMANN/THE CAMPUS
Above: Astronomy Club President Charlie Gibson, ’25, explains what Erin Slezak (middle) of Rockville, Maryland sees through the telescope. The telescope had a film similar to that found in eclipse glasses and offered a more detailed view of the sun.

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Right: Terry Belles, ’93, spent the afternoon allowing people at the Frank B. Fuhrer Field to look through his telescope.

SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Below: Chris Finaret, who teaches economics at Allegheny, looks up at the partial eclipse. The partial phase before totality lasted approximately 75 minutes.



SAM HEILMANN/THE CAMPUS
Above: Allegheny students watch the sky in anticipation of the total solar eclipse.

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Below: College President Ron Cole, ’87, poses with Angie Bawek, ’27, and Sarah Degnan, ’27, to demonstrate the “Ron Cole-ar eclipse.”



SAM HEILMANN/THE CAMPUS
Left: The crowd at Robertson Athletic Complex watches the sky turn dark. Clouds interfered with the ability to see some of the partial eclipse, but ultimately did not affect the experience of totality.

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Below: People from all over the country gathered on the field to witness the total eclipse. Many in the crowd screamed in excitement and clapped in awe as the moon blotted out the sun.



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Winge has much experience in the field. She began working in enrollment at Allegheny in 1996, eventually serving as dean of enrollment before becoming vice president for enrollment at The College of Wooster in 2011. Aside from working at the college, she also attended Allegheny, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Education. Having a deeply-rooted connection with Allegheny gives Winge a good understanding of what the overall message of the college entails.

"The values that Allegheny holds speak to me," Winge said about her decision to apply for the role.

Winge also emphasized her excitement to start working with the enrollment department.

"I am eager to begin and spend time with the enrollment division, getting to know team members' individual strengths and collective ideas," Winge said. "I will also prioritize meeting with various campus partners to optimize collaborative efforts."

She aims to utilize different perspectives to achieve the overall goal of the position.

Winge gave some insight into what her first steps will be after filling the position. Her past experiences with the college will help while implementing market research and techniques that she

will use alongside her team.

"I'll combine this new knowledge, my institutional history as an alumna and past employee, and my understanding of the complex market to work alongside colleagues to develop an enrollment and marketing strategy which aligns with the Allegheny Pathway," Winge said. "We have a number of new initiatives that complement signature programs like the senior comp demonstrating that Allegheny is responding to a rapidly changing market. I'm excited to get started to strengthen existing relationships and cultivate new ones to build confidence in the Allegheny brand."

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As the announcement was just made and contracts are still being configured, there is not much more to be revealed on what the immediate future of dining at Allegheny looks like. For now, students can expect very little changes to take place before the end of the semester.

"Once you've selected a provider, then you need to enter into a negotiation about what the contract is going to look like — that's going on right now," Binnington said. "I'm not certain what immediate changes students are going to see. I don't want to overpromise, but I have a lot of ideas. I know that

we have a lot of ideas, and we talked about these ideas in these presentations for things that we want over the next couple of years to roll out in terms of improving the dining experience."

Styers also recommended students who have thoughts or feelings about their current dining experience or the upcoming changes to speak up.

"I would say if you want to see anything different to let people know so it can move up the chain and get implemented, before cabinet transitions happen, because the new cabinet hasn't been elected yet, you can reach out to either myself or London,"

Styers said referring to the hand-off to the new ASG administration.

The goal still remains to improve the overall experience of dining on campus. According to Binnington, kosher and halal food, as well as fresh and healthy produce, being available was a large concern for students.

"We are aware that student satisfaction with dining is really important to the student satisfaction of being at Allegheny," Binnington said. "So, simply asking companies every so often 'What can you do for us and our students?' is really, really important."

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In an email Thursday afternoon, ASG Director of Community Relations Cam Leshner, '24, wrote that, though not explicitly stated, the resolution is intended as an ASG call for a ceasefire, citing the latter passage as well as the tone and content of the entire document. Leshner co-wrote the resolution with ASG Director of Diversity and Inclusion Kaleialoha Froning, '25, and Director of the Treasury Lyndsey Robinson, '24.

The resolution is also intended to influence the college's position as an institution by calling "on the Allegheny College Administration to publish a statement recognizing the collective grief and loss experienced due to the situation in the West Bank and Gaza."

However, the statement is not asking for the college to call for a ceasefire, which Leshner said would have been an unattainable goal. Instead, the statement is part of an attempt to focus the conversation on healing.

"I called for what I did because I want to believe that the college will stand against human rights violations and see the importance of recognizing the grief

that students might be feeling, as we saw them do with previous campus wide announcement/emails like in 2021 to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community and in 2022 for communities from Buffalo, NY," Leshner wrote.

ASG's resolution appears to take aim, in part, at the war-related programming — or lack thereof — provided by the college: One section states that "students have expressed dissatisfaction with the current lack of support and lack of response to the ongoing tragedy occurring in Palestine."

Leshner clarified that the section refers to "people that are meant to be representing their communities," including "college administration in addition to the elected officials that are there to represent them (students)."

Sections of the resolution as approved appear to be out of order, with some sections appearing to reference topics that had yet to be introduced in the document.

"I do agree that some of the resolution are not as polished and cohesive as they could be. The difficulty here was that mul-

tiples of us worked on this at different stages in writing," Leshner wrote. "As the situation in Gaza changed, the resolution needed to be updated to reflect that, but those changes made the resulting resolution less clear than before the additions were added."

For example, in a part of the resolution that appears to criticize the college for differences in the language used to describe different conflicts, the resolution follows up a statement that women and children are the primary victims of the Israeli invasion by stating, "this description of the conflict is interpreted as a rejection to directly name the conflict a tragedy, inhumane, a catastrophe, or otherwise clearly identify it as a traumatic situation claiming thousands of lives."

The next section states, "the announcements for similar panels introduced to detail the conflict in Ukraine used exceedingly more sympathetic language, such as 'invasion,' 'brutal,' 'inhumane,' 'illegal,' 'displacement,' and 'war.'"

This is the first part of the resolution that mentions panels of any kind, and appears to be in reference to the college's only

panel on Gaza, held in November.

The November panel was brought up again two paragraphs later, when the resolution states, "The current extent of Allegheny College's official acknowledgment of the situation in Gaza was present in the form of 'a discussion of the unfolding conflict involving Hamas and Israel' described as a space where '[t]he panelists will analyze aspects of the conflict from multiple disciplinary lenses with the hope of providing information and opening up a space to have constructive dialogue around this complex conflict.'"

After this section, the resolution pivots to discussing the international response to the conflict.

Leshner said their intent was to call attention to the disparities between the college response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Israel's invasion of Gaza.

"It was not intended to be a direct criticism of the space that was created, although I was in conversation with students that felt the response and space was not sufficient, it is more about the avoidance of talking about

the crisis because acknowledging the pain and loss that people are feeling over a humanitarian crisis should not be something that's contentious," Leshner wrote, citing five talks hosted for Ukraine. "The frustration there is the very large difference in the amount of spaces that were created for this conflict in comparison to the previous, and the way that the language used has marked differences."

In an email Thursday afternoon, college President Ron Cole, '87, said that he was "continually proud of Allegheny students' engagement and commitment to advocacy related to global challenges."

"In regard to the ASG resolution, while I personally recognize the collective grief and loss experienced, I believe that a college campus is a place where we engage and learn how to think, not prescribe what to think," Cole wrote. "In these moments, I am grateful for our Statement of Community which upholds an inclusive, respectful and safe

learning community that promotes the free exchange of ideas. I have seen this exemplified on our campus throughout the year — for example, with student-led activities this spring and the faculty-led panel held in November. The College will continue to support this type of engagement and to provide resources in ways that we are able for members of our community."

The resolution was formally introduced during "New Business," towards the end of the meeting, and passed in an 11-0 secret ballot with two abstentions and no debate. Votes were kept private given the sensitive nature of the topic, which Parliamentarian Ankitha Pamula, '24, said is permissible based on precedent set by a November 2022 ASG vote to voice support for abortion rights.

ASG next meets at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

Ask Allegheny

What are your plans for Springfest?



Left: Anj Hrycko, '24
Major: Biology
Minor: Psychology
"My senioritis has gotten pretty bad, so I'm planning on going out every night that I can."



Right: Tannaz Latifi, '25
Major: Global Health Studies
Minor: Biology
"Probably hang out with Malia, my best friend, and enjoy the warm weather of course!"



Left: Daphne Womack, '27
Major: Public Humanities
Minor: History
"I'm going to a few parties and I am also going to the concert for Flo Milli and I'm really excited about it!"



Right: Zachary Fry, '24
Major: Biochemistry
Minor: Spanish
"I'm comping, so I'm going to turn in my comp on Friday and then I have my defense the next week, so not much."

CRIME BLOTTER

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Smartphones create issues in a classroom environment

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The decision to ban smartphones has recently been a topic of debate.

People have different opinions about banning smartphones while in the classroom. Some argue that they are essential to learning with all of their technological advances and are often described as boosting your overall intelligence.

On the other side of this debate, some argue they can have a negative impact on your learning.

To me, a smartphone is like a shuriken knife: It can be very useful and get you out of complicated situations, but it can also hurt you if you don't know how to use it properly.

It cannot be denied that a smartphone is one of the essential items in daily life. Modern technologies have truly upgraded our lives due to their convenience and rapid search capabilities.

In a school setting, smartphones have many positive impacts.

They create chances for students and teachers to quickly access information that is not mentioned in the textbook or to find more advanced-level material.

There are also many educational apps, such as Kahoot!, that have been created to help teachers create an interactive and innovative classroom. This would allow students to have more opportunities to approach different study methods and global strategies.

Without a doubt, smartphones do provide very useful tools to the user.

With that being said, there's also many negatives to smartphones being used in the classroom.

Smartphones have the ability to limit the chances for students to learn and build essential skills. They could be considered a distraction, go against academic integrity and affect a student's overall desire to learn.

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—TANNER FRANKENSTEIN
Class of 2025

This is why I believe that phones should be banned in a classroom setting.

With there being constant access to information outside of the textbooks, this could in turn discourage students from critically thinking and having a deeper understanding of the material they are learning.

Banning phones would encourage students to be more creative and explore different techniques to solve the problem that is being presented to them.

Having phones in the classroom allows students to rely more on their phones when taking a test or an exam and may make the students not want to study.

If phones were not allowed during the class, not even on their person, that would limit the desire to cheat and students would study more and give them

more of a capability to learn.

The educational apps could create a very active learning environment. They could also cause a negative impact to the students learning capabilities. While these apps could give the correct answer, most of these apps don't explain the reasoning behind this answer, which leaves the students to not fully understand the question.

With technology advancing, artificial intelligence writing has become more of a tool for students. AI detectors were then created to stop this measure but in some cases, could falsely accuse writers.

Keeping devices out of classes would limit this accusation and would not result in punishment.

Also, when phones are not introduced into the classroom, it allows students to be more open and social towards their peers and teachers. Students will then be more encouraged to engage with each other face-to-face, and be able to work more on their communication and collaboration skills.

Phones also can cause a major distraction while in the classroom. With such a wide span of activities on a

phone, there is more attention towards the phone rather than the teacher.

With music and games being accessible at any time, students often put their earbuds on and listen to music or scroll through social media and not participate in the discussions and lectures.

Prohibiting phones would also give more respect to their teachers and give the teachers more passion about the material they are teaching. Which, in return, would make the students have a better relationship with their teachers.

Also ,banning phones would prepare the students for the real world. Many businesses and professional settings prohibit the use of phones. If phones were restricted while in the classroom, it would allow the individual to garner qualities of “adulthood” and produce more of a professional mind.

In conclusion, the smartphone has many commendable attributes, like giving external information and more studying methods, but I believe that phones should not be allowed in the classrooms. There are too many negative repercussions that come with allowing phones in class.

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As we exist in an age of surveillance, our online habits are meticulously recorded so that marketers can package and then sell them back to us in the form of targeted advertisements to maximize profit for corporations. Unfortunately, in America, this is standard practice for social media and tech companies. If that surprises you, then you — like the overwhelming majority of people — have never read a social media app's “Terms of Service” when signing up, as almost all include the caveat that they're allowed to collect and distribute your data however they see fit. One such app with this permission is TikTok. TikTok is owned by the Chinese parent company ByteDance and the app itself boasts over 1 billion monthly users worldwide. It's become a significant pillar of modern culture both on and offline.

In March of this year, a bill was proposed in Congress that could potentially shut down TikTok's operations in America. Lawmakers are insisting that ByteDance hand ownership of TikTok over to an American corporation, lest it be banned from the country altogether. This crackdown seems to have come out of nowhere, so what are the proposed reasons for banning this social media monolith?

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When Americans are raised to believe that nothing short of absolute capitalistic profitism is the only way to freedom, seeing their kids on a Chinese app gives politicians something to latch onto.”

—ALYSSA GENT
Class of 2027

The bill itself suggests that TikTok is selling users' data not only to advertisers, but to the Chinese government. In addition, purposely vague claims of “Chinese propaganda” are a driving factor. ByteDance representatives deny this claim, and have a long history of speaking out against collaborating with the Chinese government on the ownership of American data. They even take precautions to not store the data of casual users in China, with the exception being the data of TikTok influencers who get paid through the Creator Fund.

Other than the location of the creator fund servers, nothing has been found or suggested that should lead investigators to believe that Americans' search histories are falling into the wrong hands. So what's the big deal? In 2022, Facebook — an American-owned company — fell into hot water when they were found to have illegally allowed a company tied to Donald Trump's presidential campaign access to user data. A class action lawsuit against Facebook ended with the company paying out almost \$1 billion to users whose data had been breached. Why was Facebook allowed to settle in court over a case that was confirmed to have a political agenda when TikTok is nearing an outright ban for unsubstantiated speculation? From my vantage point, there are two probable reasons that go hand-in-hand.

First, TikTok is a relatively new app

populated mostly by youth. This includes young adults all the way down to the app's minimum user age of 13, although it is infamously easy for children under that age to make an account despite it being an alleged requirement.

It's also no secret that younger people tend to lean towards the left politically. Due to this, the app has garnered a reputation of being host to many pro-queer, anti-racist, anti-capitalist etc. communities that conservative lawmakers have spoken out as not being fans of. Aside from just lawmakers, many older — and often conservative — Americans know of TikTok second-hand from sensationalized news stories of dangerous challenges. This demographic may already distrust it because of political leanings and the trend of older people disliking new technology. This distrust makes them susceptible to misinformation, including exaggerated claims about the app's impact.

Secondly, and even deeper, is the psychology of the Red Scare. America is petrified of communism. We have fought wars, trained spies and sent men to the moon in the name of our golden boy: capitalism. So much of our culture is founded on this blind, panicking fear that still exists today, mostly in the older, more conservative demographic. China is a communist country. Nothing will usurp that in the eyes of the public, not even the fact that China is our third-biggest trading partner and has been for decades. They are painted as deplorable despite our constant association and outsourcing of labor to their citizens.

Even though TikTok is a privately-owned billion dollar company — the concept of which already isn't very communist if you ask me — the fact that it

is Chinese makes many in the generations brought up before the 90s struggle to come to terms with its prevalence. When Americans are raised to believe that nothing short of absolute capitalistic profitism is the only way to freedom, seeing their kids on a Chinese app gives politicians something to latch onto. The presidential election was only eight months away when this bill was introduced. If the Biden administration can get baby boomers' grandkids off of the “communist app,” then the concerned but confused centrists may just give him a shot at another four years. Now congressmen can fearmonger and point

the finger at a corporation in hopes of retaining their cushy seats though the next election cycle.

Banning TikTok is meaningless “security theater,” in the words of Calli Schroeder, Senior Counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center, that allows for the illusion of lawmakers protecting the public. We allow American megacorporations to steal and illegally sell the information of citizens for political gain with mere slaps on the wrist, but a Chinese company is banned for mere speculation. America operates in a free market until they catch a glimpse of Red.

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The Comedy Corner

NFTs, Detroit Tigers and the Solar Eclipse

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Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. criticized CNN on April 3 for allegedly cutting a quote he made about President Biden being a threat to democracy.

“I never said that,” Kennedy said. “But that’s the way it made me look crazy to liberals.” (Real Quote)

He said with the addition of context the quote makes much more sense.

“If they would have kept the quote in its entirety,” Kennedy said. “It would have made much more sense and I would have come off crazy to liberals and conservatives alike.”

USA Today reported on April 3 that a Burger King customer in Willowick, Ohio pulled a gun on an employee

after receiving a discount on his Easter morning breakfast.

“I was just trying to help the guy save a few bucks,” the employee said. “It’s bad enough I had to work on Easter, but then having a gun pulled on me. This kind of thing never happens at the Arby’s next door.”

While most NFT brands have fallen on hard times after a collapse of the market last year, there is one outlier.

The brand Pudgy Penguins and the company that peddles them, Miami-based The Igloo Company, are now thriving.

They have survived by selling physical versions of their NFTs, according to Forbes on March 30.

Who would have thought that when people buy something, they prefer to be able to physically touch it.

Reuters reported on April 4 that New York City Mayor

Eric Adams is defending the city’s use of an artificial intelligence chatbot that gave business owners advice that, if followed, would involve breaking the law.

“I don’t see the issue — it’s giving the same advice I’d give to anyone who owns a business,” Adams said. “There’s no issue with an employer taking a cut of their worker’s tips or for not giving notice on schedule changes.”

Ty Cobb predicted on April 3 that the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals could ultimately decide to remove Judge Aileen Cannon from the mishandling of a classified documents case involving Donald Trump, according to The Hill.

This begs the question: Why in the world should anyone care what a Baseball Hall of Famer and former center fielder for the Detroit Tigers

from 1905-1926 has to say on the matter?

Violinist Nicholas Kitchen believes he has unearthed a code that was hidden inside the original musical manuscripts of Ludwig van Beethoven, according to The Atlantic on April 4.

“It’s so hard to get your hands on these manuscripts. I can’t believe what I’ve found,” Kitchen said. “I’ve successfully identified numerous degrees of dynamics.”

Dynamics are the range of volume that music notes can be played.

“I believe these degrees can help musicians perform Beethoven’s work as he wrote it,” Kitchen said. “So far I’ve discovered 23 degrees with the help of a key, not unlike those used to solve ciphers, that is as follows — 867-5309.”

The San Francisco Chron-

icle reported on April 4 that Stanford University has named their new president nine months after the predecessor’s resignation.

“We’ve decided to finally name our new president,” said a representative of Stanford. “We understand the delay was a long one, but it’s an important decision to name someone.”

The president will be named President McPresidentface.

“I would have never put my name in the hat had I known I was being named like this,” said the man formerly known as Jonathan Levin. “I don’t see the issue with my name. This seems quite odd, but as long as I can cash my paycheck I suppose it’s alright with me.”

A total solar eclipse transpired on April 8. Meadville was fortunate enough to be within the path of totality.

There was worry from residents about their pets looking at the eclipse and damaging their eyes.

“I was worried about my dogs catching a glimpse and hurting themselves,” said a Meadville resident. “Thankfully, I was informed that dogs can’t look up.”

Experts from the college corroborated the idea.

“Hopefully people weren’t overly worried about their pets,” said an Allegheny professor. “They physically cannot look up. The only worry pet-owners most likely had is that their pets may have prematurely gone to sleep during the peak of totality.”

DISCLAIMER: All quotes are fictitious unless noted otherwise.

This week in Allegheny history, as told by The Campus

April 12, 1956
- It is announced that Dr. Lawrence Lee Pelletier will be inaugurated as Allegheny College president on May 11.
- At 8:15 p.m. in Ford Chapel, Louis Fischer gave a speech on Soviet foreign policy
- Local fraternity chapters on campus submitted a proposal for a multi-fraternity house, located on the “plot above George Street.” This was meant to help alleviate housing concerns happening on campus.

April 12, 1977
- In an editorial written by staff members, The Campus calls out its critics, encouraging them to actually do something about the paper’s quality rather than complaining. The editor encourages students, faculty, and staff alike to either apply to help create the paper or share their opinions with the paper professionally, rather than just gossiping on campus.
- WARC plans on creating a survey to be distributed amongst students to create a new, revised program guide.
- It is announced that the Playshop Theatre is going to be performing “Bus Stop,” a play by William Inge. The performance was announced to begin on April 28 in Arter Hall.

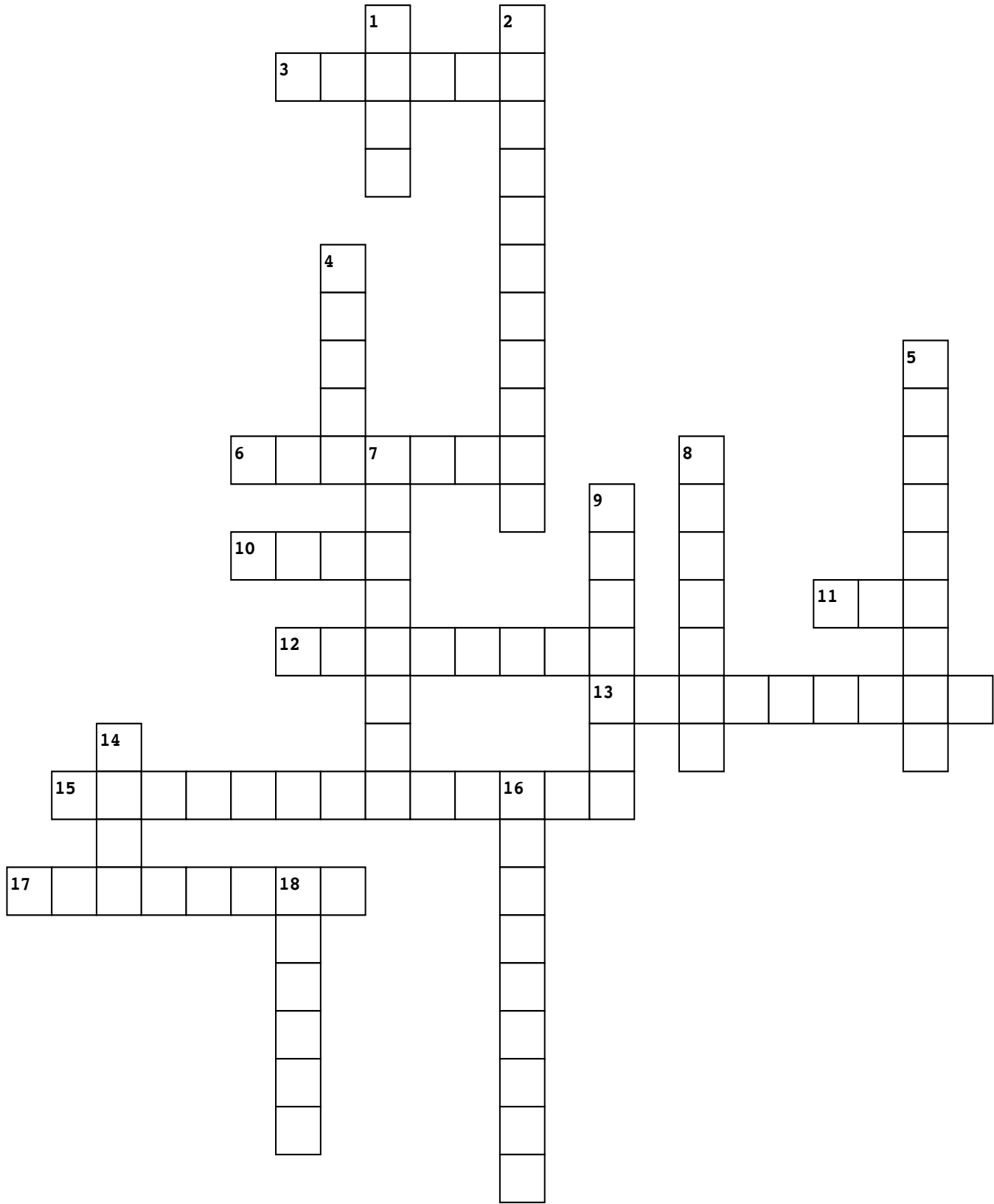
April 12, 2001
- It is announced that an anonymous donor gave money to renowned artist Danny Lane to create a piece of artwork for Allegheny College. The artwork, inspired by Lane’s “Pantheon,” is located now at Allegheny’s Senior Circle, though Lane had expressed interest in spaces near Pelletier Library.
- In a Letter To the Editor, A5 president writes to the campus body, announcing the theft of A5 decorations from the Henderson Campus Center.
- On Friday, classical Indian musician Shafaat-ullah Khan performed in Quigley Hall for almost three hours.

April 12, 2014
- ASG announces its resolutions and future Town Halls in The Campus, encouraging students to participate and give their feedback on their ideas.
- A lunar eclipse will be visible in the early hours of April 15 in the Western Hemisphere.
- On April 5, the African Students Association hosted its third annual African Dinner.

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Star-Crossed Words

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- Across**
- 3. The Baltimore ____ collapse
 - 6. Local food source (garden)
 - 10. The fire station is located on 20607 ____ Road
 - 11. Don't look right at it or your eyes may burn
 - 12. MEC performer (two words)
 - 13. Allegheny's new dining service
 - 15. The new vice president of enrollment management is (two words)
 - 17. Meadville was in the path of ____

- Down**
- 1. ____ fighters
 - 2. The biggest challenge for the firefighters
 - 4. Not a lunar, but a ____ eclipse
 - 5. America's ever-present fear of ____
 - 7. Eclipse nickname inspired by our beloved president
 - 8. Allegheny's current dining service
 - 9. It was a total ____
 - 14. Spring ____
 - 16. MEC opener (two words)
 - 18. Congress takes action in banning this viral app

- Answer Key**
1. Fire 2. Recruitment 4. Solar 5. Communism 7. Koncolar 8. Aramark 9. Eclipse 14. Fest 16. NLE Choppa 18. TikTok
3. Bridge 6. Cariden 10. Ryan 11. Sun 12. Flo Milli 13. Parkhurst 15. Jennifer Wingé 17. Totality

Student firefighters talk about their experience

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Every college student balances studies and work with life. Some at Allegheny balance studies and work with saving lives.

Alexander Vincent, '27, compared the West Mead #2 Volunteer Fire Department to a sports team because of the support members give each other.

“You go, you train, you practice, you work as a team, you work as a unit,” said Vincent, who also plays lacrosse at Allegheny. “If one person on your team isn’t holding up to the standard, just like a team you help get them to that standard.”

According to Vincent, his motivation to volunteer at the fire department stems from his passion to give back to the communities he resides in.

“Allegheny College is where we go to school but for a lot of us it is not our home,” Vincent said. “We are very much guests here and being able to give back to the community you are being introduced to is very much something I believe in a lot and the fire department is a great opportunity.”

While the fire department can be a big commitment for some students, Alizcelie Romero, '27, said the program is supportive and understanding of students’ limitations and of those who may not have as much time as others to volunteer.

“It’s all about expressing your limitations and expressing what you aren’t comfortable with,” Romero said.

“For me, I’ve been working on getting better upper body strength because I felt some of the things I have had to carry are a bit heavy, but there are always other people there who are willing to give a helping hand.”

The fire department is a place where some students have been able to receive support and advice for matters outside of firefighting such as for school and stress, Romero said.

“It is something that for me feels like a de-stressor as someone who has been very busy for both of my semesters as a freshman,” Romero said. “The firefighter program as well as the volunteers at the firefighter program have all been very welcoming and very supportive and have shown me different ways to not only grow in my role as a member there but also different situations that I have dealt with in school.”

Similarly, Harlan Ogden, '27, who has committed to volunteering at the fire station said he has received aid from other members of the fire department in matters outside of firefighting.

“It might be a little bit surprising but the biggest stress for me is balancing school and the fire department,” Ogden said. “I am at the station six days a week for five hours a day which makes getting your work done hard. So we will all study together and get our work done together.”

Some students at the fire department have experienced high-stress calls, but the fire department team has emotionally supported those who have experienced such calls,

according to Ogden.

“Your department cares about you after any high-stress call and if you are in need nobody is going to leave you hanging,” Ogden said. “They will stay and get you whatever help they can get.”

New Media Designer Derek Li volunteers at the fire station, and said that Meadville is largely served by volunteer firefighters like himself.

“I would say the biggest challenge probably for every fire department is just recruitment, making sure that we have numbers,” Li said. “Not everybody who joins stays in it forever.”

While Li does not work with students at the station on a regular basis, his interactions with students have helped him maintain motivation for both work and firefighting.

“You know, I don’t work with students day-to-day, but when I get to go on stuff like Alternative Spring Break those kinds of things where I get to know students as people,” Li said. “I think that definitely recharges me a little bit.”

While many of the firefighting experiences people talk about are those high-stress calls, Ogden said that there is a lot more to the work.

“Something I feel like needs to be brought up more in the fire service life is that everyone’s telling war stories of the most traumatic calls they’ve been on,” Ogden said. “But we do a lot of stuff where you leave just feeling better about yourself and your community like we will do service calls where we help people out.”

Richard Russo, '26, added an example of the kinds of work the fire department does to help the Meadville community outside of crisis calls.

“The fire department takes a big stance on helping older people,” Russo said. “Sometimes we have gotten phone calls because people just want help with setting stuff up or people who just want company which, while it is not the best use of emergency services, it is something that we’re always going to be willing to provide because it makes them happier.”

Russo intends to have firefighting as part of his life while he continues in college and long after he graduates.

“My end goal is to help with my family company and do firefighting because it is something I really love and am very passionate about,”

Russo said. “There is no other experience quite like it on this planet that I have been able to find.”

Russo said that when he responds to a call and arrives at the scene, his muscle memory takes over because of all the practice he has received at the station.

“You have milliseconds and it’s a very surreal experience but it is also a very comforting experience,” Russo said.

Ogden said that firefighting is rewarding and that it is the kind of hard work that has changed him for the better because he is able to push himself in other aspects of his life more than he had before.

“Something fire services are known for is that it will humble you,” Ogden said. “It will break you down over and over again until you are per-

fect. You can be on 40 years and you will still find gaps in your knowledge.”

Russo and Ogden plan on starting a first responders club next semester to bring people to the fire department who may not be able to commit all the time, but are interested in working with volunteer emergency services.

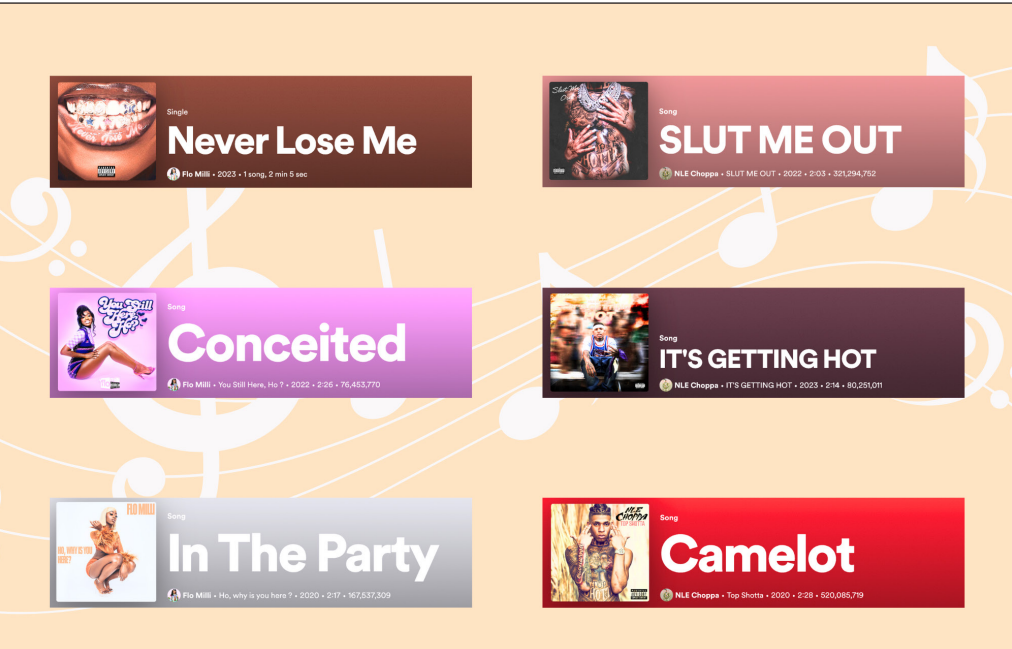
Currently, students meet at the fire department Tuesday nights and respond to calls throughout the week, according to Eric Snider, '27.

“Come down and try it out,” Snider said. “The station is about four minutes away on 20607 Ryan Road, it is about four miles away up North Main Street, come on a Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to around 7 p.m. I loved it when I first went, which is how I first got involved.”



Photo courtesy of Harlan Ogden, Richard Russo and Alexander Vincent
Top row from left: Jacob Zoll, '24, Richard Russo, '26, Will Armitage, '24.
Bottom row from left: Harlan Ogden, '27, Eric Snider, '27, Alexander Vincent, '27.

WARC prepares for major concert with playlist



RAY KRISHTUL/THE CAMPUS
Three songs from each major concert artists that appear on the WARC playlist.

Staff receive Keystone awards



MIKE CROWLEY/THE CAMPUS
From left: Editorial Cartoonist Henry Grefenstette, '25, News Editor Anna Westbrook, '26, Editor-in-Chief Sami Mirza, '24, and Opinion Editor Sam Heilmann, '26, pose with Keystone Student Media Awards received at a luncheon at the WITF Public Media Center in Harrisburg on Thursday, April 11.

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As finals approach and temperatures rise, one thing is in the forecast for the Allegheny community: Springfest. Allegheny’s Major Events Committee announced on March 21 that Flo Milli will be headlining this year’s Springfest concert with NLE Choppa as the opener.

The concert is set to take place on Saturday, April 13 in the Mullen Performance Area of the Wise Center.

Clubs like WARC 90.3, Allegheny’s student-run radio station, are helping students get excited about the concert. WARC’s Director of Public Relations Elle Carpenter, '25, was tasked with creating a playlist of the performers’ hit songs and student favorites.

“I feel like most of the students I’ve talked to on campus know of and know a couple key songs, but don’t really know a ton about the artist discography-wise,” Carpenter said. “I thought it would be a good idea to just put together some playlist of recent set lists of them.”

In addition to compiling the artists’ recent set lists, Carpenter polled students and researched Flo Milli and NLE Choppa’s top songs on Spotify to optimize the playlist.

“We did a poll on our Instagram story of songs that people wanted to hear, and added that to that (the playlist) as well,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter utilized both her role as WARC PR chair and incoming vice president of Gator Activities Programming to build hype prior to Springfest. In addition to creating a playlist for the major concert, she was tasked with creating playlists for the “Barbie” and “Ken” -themed Springfest days.

“I feel like GAP is— it’s an institution within its own,” Carpenter said. “I thought that if we were to make a playlist for them — because that’s not something they normally do — that would be great.”

As for WARC’s involvement during the actual concert, Carpenter explained that access to the artists is limited, and that WARC may not be able to interact with the artists in the way they’d like. The situation is complicated by the

celebrity status of the artists: Flo Milli has over 20 million monthly listeners on Spotify, while NLE Choppa has over 19.6 million monthly listeners.

“They have certain contracts and stuff where we can’t be as involved as we’d like to,” Carpenter said. “We put out feelers to see if they’d be willing to even say a station ID — like a ‘90.3 WARC’ — so we could use that within our automated track, but they haven’t gotten back to us yet.”

Carpenter expressed that, from her perspective, student reactions to the concert are mixed. Some students are excited for the chance to see such popular artists, while others are not as familiar with the rap genre. Whether or not students have listened to the artist beforehand, though, Carpenter is sure that the concert will be a fun experience.

“I think it’ll be a good crowd,” Carpenter said. “I think everybody across the board is really excited because they think it’ll be a really good environment just to be in, in general, because the two artists have a lot of energy on-stage from what we’ve seen.”

Men’s lacrosse opens conference play with four wins

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The men’s lacrosse team dominated Westminster College on Saturday, April 6 at Frank B. Fuhrer Field. The evening showdown saw an 18-11 Allegheny victory, their first over Westminster since the program began in 2020.

“That was a good win, that was a good team we beat,” said head coach Jeff Roberts, who is in his first season at Allegheny.

The Gators (6-5, 4-0 PAC) came out guns blazing to begin play with a first-quarter surge to an 8-0 lead. Alex Crespo, ’27, put three balls in the back of the net. JP Rakis, ’26, and Gideon Sullivan, ’26, also registered a multi-goal quarter. Jack Cushwa, ’25, joined in on the fun with a goal of his own.

The high-scoring offense is part of the team’s identity, Roberts said before practice Monday.

“We play this kind of up-tempo, take as many shots as possible,” he said.

So far, that’s paid off; through 11 games, the Gators have outscored all opponents 136-115, and conference op-

ponents 80-35.

After their early lead Saturday, the Gators never looked back. Their largest lead grew to nine, and they matched the scoring of the Titans (7-5, 2-2 PAC) the rest of the contest, before taking home the win.

It was a similar story at Bethany College Wednesday night, as the Gators scored eight unanswered goals in the first half en route to a 22-8 victory.

Allegheny will next play at Saint Vincent College on Saturday, April 13, ahead of a home matchup against Chatham University on Wednesday, April 17.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Anthony DeMarco, ’25, leans in for a face-off against a Westminster player during the game on Saturday, April 6. DeMarco won 18 faceoffs over the entire contest.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Allegheny’s men’s lacrosse team celebrates after a goal against Westminster — a common sight in the first quarter Saturday, when the Gators opened the game with an 8-0 run.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Nick Gralewski, ’24, takes a shot during the first half. Gralewski scored a pair of goals in the Saturday victory.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Allegheny players coming off the field at the end of the first half to receive handshakes from teammates and applause from the fans at Frank B. Fuhrer Field.



SAMI MIRZA/THE CAMPUS
Alex Crespo, ’27, moves in towards the net looking for a scoring chance against Westminster College on Saturday.

Golf team reacts to the Masters

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It is the most recognized and beloved event in golf — the Masters tournament is already underway for its annual return to Augusta, and it has one member of the Allegheny golf team buzzing.

“Masters week is my favorite week of the year,” said Carter Hassenplug, ’25. “The game’s best players all gather together to play the most prestigious golf course in the world, it doesn’t get better than this! I am very excited!

As for my plans, all I know is I will be watching as much coverage as possible. We, the golf team, have a couple of practice rounds this weekend, so my phone will definitely be streaming the coverage throughout those rounds.”

Turning 90 this year, the Masters’ thrilling moments throughout its history have gripped the attention of fans and put it on the main stage of major tournaments on the PGA tour.

In 2005, legendary Tiger Woods was 16 feet away from the hole, sitting on the fringe of the 16th hole. Dealing with

a massive slope on the green, he pulled out his wedge and chipped the ball well left of the hole, watching it trickle down towards the cup.

Slowing down right before falling in, the crowd went berserk, and when the ball got the extra rotation to drop for a birdie it was pandemonium. The shot is regarded as one of the greatest of all time in the game’s history.

Woods then sparked a run to deliver a massive comeback in the round, leading to his fourth Masters green jacket at the time.

He has brought more vin-

tage moments to the game as well. At the age of 43, he became the 11th oldest player to win a major, defying the odds and winning his sixth green jacket at the 2019 Masters.

The event brought him to within one trophy of another all-time great, Jack Nicklaus, and ended Woods’ major drought of over a decade. He won the tournament not long after his fourth back surgery as well, producing a historic storyline.

“I watched it in my living room with my family, and I would be lying if I said I didn’t tear up a little bit,” Hassenplug said. “To see him come back from everything he had been through prior, it was truly incredible.”

The 15-time major champion is back to compete once again, but with the injuries he has dealt with over the last several years fans are not expecting him to be a contender.

Instead, Scottie Scheffler came in as the favorite at +400

odds, according to usatoday.com. Last year’s winner, Jon Rahm, is third in the betting odds behind Rory McIlroy. Down the list, as a dark horse, is Max Homa.

“My pick this year is Max Homa,” Hassenplug said. “He’s been my favorite golfer for the past couple of years, and I feel his game fits Augusta very well. He’s able to shape the ball in many ways and can putt the ball like no other. Plus, his game has been in pretty good form this season — all good signs for the week to come.”

Although he has not quite made it to the stage of the Masters yet, Hassenplug is putting together a stellar career at Allegheny.

He was named a First Team All-Region player last year. Finishing first and winning the 2022-23 Presidents’ Athletic Conference Championships, he has a chance to repeat after placing atop the leaderboard concluding the

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The game’s best players all gather together to play the most prestigious golf course in the world, it doesn’t get better than this!”

— CARTER HASSENPLUG
Class of 2025

first two rounds of this year’s tournament in the fall.

Hassenplug most recently finished in a tie for sixth in the Hershey Cup. The Gators’ next event is the Win Palmer Cup, hosted by Wittenberg University on April 15 and 16.

Gearing up for the final two rounds of the conference championships, Hassenplug and the rest of the team will compete for individual and team accolades just three days later, on April 19 and 20.

Editor’s note: this story was sent to the printer as golfers were still participating in Round 1 of the Masters tournament.



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Carter Hassenplug, ’25, sends a putt towards the cup in the fall rounds of the 2023-24 PAC Championships.