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Environmental science and studies combine majors

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Environmental science and environmental studies will no longer be two separate majors starting in the Fall of 2018.

The department of environmental science and environmental studies will be joining together to create one major called environment science and sustainability, according to Professor of Environmental Science Richard Bowden.

"The new major is really just an alteration of what we have now so it's not entirely new," Bowden said. "Presently, there are science students who take a lot of social sciences and social science interested students who are studies majors and take a lot of natural science classes so the reality of the field is that it becomes much more interdisciplinary."

Bowden describes environmental science and studies as a triangle with three parts. There are the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. All three areas deal with environmental issues and are needed to do environmental problem solving. Since students work anywhere within the triangle of environmental science and studies, combining the two majors was not a difficult decision.

"There's so much overlap between the science major and the studies major that it doesn't make sense to have two separate majors anymore," Bowden said.

Combining the two majors has been in the works for the past six

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Top: Students climb a rock wall placed outside of the Henderson Campus Center during Springfest on Saturday, April 21, 2018. **Above:** Cedric Gegel and Plaid Brixx band member Chris Duggan hold a lightsaber duel in the Henderson Campus Center lobby during Springfest on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Dormitory rooms to receive new appliances

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Allegheny Student Government announced new plans for dormitory rooms that will be implemented for the 2018-19 school year and discussed the start of the search for a new Allegheny College president during its meeting on Tuesday, April 24.

Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs Akeem Adesiji, '20, said each traditional dormitory room will be outfitted with a mini fridge and microwave combination. Living areas with their own kitchen, such as the North Village apartments, will not be given the mini fridge and microwave, according to Adesiji.

"They're really actually decently sized," Adesiji said. "They've got the separate compartment fridge and freezer. They've got USB charging ports for your electronics … They will be a great addition. I'm sure everyone will love them once they're there."

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> Maureen Muckinhaupt
> *Associate Director of Housing and Operations*

Along with being 33 percent more efficient than most refrigerators and microwaves, each unit includes a built-in smoke detector, according to Adesiji.

"The way it works is when it detects smoke, it shuts off," Adesiji said. "It doesn't call 911 or [the Office of] Public Safety, it just shuts off so hopefully it doesn't catch fire."

Class of 2018 Vice President Zach Javorsky, '18, talked about his concern over the publicity of the college's new plan.

"I would just say make sure that's starting to spread around because I know seniors are starting to post in underclassmen [pages] about selling mini fridges, and we don't want younger kids to be upset," Javorsky said.

Adesiji said he is working with First-Year Liaison Matthew Steinberg, '20, to make sure students know about the appliances and will not buy either for next year.

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Associate Director of Housing Operations Maureen Muckinhaupt said the rule preventing resident assistants from looking into students' refrigerators will still apply to the Allegheny-owned mini fridges and microwaves.

Alex Reganata, '18, voiced his concern over the addition to the dormitory rooms.

"We've talked in the past that the dorms … are definitely in a dire state of needing repairs and other things," Reganata said. "I definitely think it's a good investment, but I just wonder if it's coming before other things" Reganata said.

Muckinhaupt said part of the decision was made because of the amount of energy the appliances will save.

"Part of it is going to be an amenity of the room, so this is great for those rooms," Muckinhaupt said. "It's also so folks don't have to lug just [to go] back and forth. I know that with on-campus storage not being a thing, that was one of the big things that students had concerns about, so we are able to address that by providing that amenity in those spaces."

The mini fridges and microwaves will be in the room when students arrive in the fall, according to Muckinhaupt. The mini fridge and microwave will have to go into an outlet, but there will not be a specific outlet in each room they will need to be near, so students will have the freedom to organize their room the way they want, Muckinhaupt said. She also said students cannot request to have the mini fridge and microwave removed.

Following Adesiji's announcement, Chief of Staff Camila Gomez, '19, talked about another change coming to Allegheny.

"The beginning of the presidential search is happening," Gomez said. "As you guys know, President Mullen will be retiring in May of 2019, so the search process for the new president is starting on May 2, which is study day. The firm that is going to be helping us in the search process will be on campus."

Gomez said the firm that will be helping the college find a new president is looking for 12 students to help in the search.

After discussing changes that will be coming to Allegheny, ASG President Mark MacStudy, '18, suggested doing a year in review to highlight major successes and projects ASG has undertaken. Two ideas MacStudy said he and the rest of the ASG cabinet discussed were the Title IX resolution and the McKinley's takeout container vending machines. Once he offered his suggestions, MacStudy opened the idea to a discussion with the rest of the senators to find new ideas to include in the year in review project.

Suggestions from senators included the work ASG does with the Loop, the ASG-sponsored shuttles and the new water fountains across campus.

At the end of the meeting, ASG reopened the discussion about the possibility of removing the Judicial Review Board from its constitution. MacStudy said the official decision has been to keep JRB in the ASG constitution and to discuss ways to make it stronger.

When the possibility of giving the power to remove members of the Senate to JRB rather than Senate members, Class of 2020 President Jason Ferrante said that while he believes more power for JRB is good, he disagrees with that option.

"I know that would give JRB more power, but I think that that's a line that we have to draw in that the power to impeach lies with the Senate," Ferrante said. "I just think that that's something that we have to give to ourselves."

Gomez said her work with the College Committees Council made her realize the advertisement for the position was important.

"These positions need to be widely publicized," Gomez said. "We need to publicize them CCC style and show people how great it actually is to have that position and to be able to work with ASG in that capacity. I think there's a lot of people out there who would be interested if we just got the word out more."



LAUREN TRIMBER/THE CAMPUS



Above: Members of Allegheny Student Government discuss upcoming additions to dormitory rooms during their meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. **Below**: The members of Allegheny Student Government pose during the end of their meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Allegheny president announces plans for upcoming retirement

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Allegheny College President James Mullen has announced his plans to retire at the end of the 2018-19 academic year.

Provost Ron Cole said the college's Board of Trustees is spearheading the search for Mullen's successor.

"It's the Board of Trustees that runs the search and hires the next president," Cole said.

The Board of Trustees has employed the firm Storbeck/Pimentel and Associates, based in Media, Pennsylvania, to assist in the search.

"This specific search firm has been used in the past," said Eileen Petula, executive vice president of the college.

Mullen said he made the decision to retire after discussions with his family and after reflecting on his career as a college president.

"When I retire, it will be eleven years as president of Allegheny and twenty years as a college president, which is about a third of my life as a college president," Mullen said.

Mullen decided to announce his retirement in advance, so the college would have time to prepare for his successor.

"The reason I wanted to do it eighteen months ahead of time was to ensure that Allegheny could have the opportunity for a thoughtful search and a very smooth transition to the new president," Mullen said. "I will retire on June 30 of 2019."

Mullen said he will devote the remainder of his tenure at Allegheny to fundraising, professional responsibilities and interacting with students.

"There are several areas that I will continue to put focus on," Mullen said. "The first and most important to me is the relationship that I have with our students. I want to spend as much time as I can over the next year here on campus in the company of students."

Mullen said he also wished to help the college's "Our Allegheny: Our Third Century Quest" fundraising campaign work towards its completion. He said the campaign, which is hoping to raise 200 million dollars, had raised roughly 155 million dollars.

"I'll be spending a good bit of time on the road with alumni and with donors, pursuing that campaign, which is going very, very well," Mullen said.

Mullen said the campaign is attempting to raise money for provisions such as scholarships, endowment and student programming.

"Not really salaries but professional development opportunities, opportunities for research, endowed chairs are where you would see some salary support," Mullen said.



Mullen

Additionally, Mullen plans to work on fulfilling his responsibilities on various associational boards related to Allegheny College and the broader higher education landscape.

"I also will continue to have some national responsibilities. I serve on the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or NAICU, and also on the American Council on Education, or ACE boards, and I'm currently chair of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, and am also on the board of our athletic conference," Mullen said.

Mullen talked about what he has learned and felt during his time at Allegheny in preparation for his departure.

"I am very grateful for what Allegheny has meant to me and to my family," Mullen said. "It's been a privilege to serve here, I've had this chance to serve this college at the time of its bicentennial, I have had the great joy of knowing so many tremendous students, and I will always cherish the friendships that have been developed here."

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years, according to Professor and Chair of Environmental Science Eric Pallant.

"The reason we have been working on it began with a dissatisfaction between these majors and how the best experiences for students came from integrating everything from philosophy and religion all the way over to biology and chemistry and everything in between economics and government and so forth," Pallant said.

Another reason the departments decided to combine into one major was to reflect the reality of its current situation, according to Bowden.

Many science students want to take more courses in environmental policy and environmental literature and those working on environmental law and policy want to learn more about the science aspect. The current constraint within the two departments separated students from what they wanted to learn and would not enable them to have a breadth of experiences.

"If students want to focus on only one particular area they still have that ability within the flexibility of the new majors," Bowden said. "Students will gravitate towards their own major sphere of influence and we're giving them that flexibility."

In order to create a new major, professors must create and design a proposal that is then sent to the curriculum committee which is made up of professors across different departments. The proposal goes back and forth between the creators and the committee before it is finalized and brought to the faculty at a faculty meeting. This meeting is called the first reading where faculty are introduced to the proposal and are able to make any comments good or bad. If there are comments that require adjustments then those who are proposing make changes with the curriculum committee before if reappears at the next faculty meeting for its second reading.

"If the faculty approves the proposal in a full vote it becomes the law of the land," Pallant said.

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> *Professor of Environmental Science*

One part of the proposal that did not make it into the final cut was the use of the United Nations 17 sustainable development goals which focused on ending world hunger, poverty and finding solutions to end climate change, according to Pallant. The department agreed however, that their students should still learn how to solve these problems.

"These are tall tasks and it's not going to happen in 12 years," Pallant said. "But this is what we are training our students to figure out how to do, and you can see it involves the communication and justice studies major and the education minor, and we're happy to see everyone participate to help solve the world's problems."

The combination of the environmental studies and science major will go into effect following the matriculation of the fall 2018 class. Students who matriculated before the fall of 2018 will not be able to declare environmental science and sustainability as their major, according to Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Curriculum Committee Josh Searle-White. Students who matriculated earlier however, will still be able to take any of the classes offered by the new major.

"We periodically revise all of our majors, it runs for bunch of years and then tides change and the world changes and maybe we need to re-do things," Searle-White said. "Revising majors is nothing new."

Students present their projects at annual Biology symposium

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The 21 annual Biology Department Senior Project Symposium gave seniors the opportunity to present their senior projects. The symposium, which took place from April 23 to 25, is an essential part of the senior project process. Other components for the senior project include a written project and an oral defense with advisers. Biology, biochemistry, neuroscience, environmental science and global health majors participate in the symposium.

"Students need to explain the background, structure and overall significance of their work to a general audience of biologists," Professor of Biology and Biochemistry Margaret Nelson said.

Students train for their respective disciplines in the first-year and junior seminars. The senior project serves as a culmination of the disciplinary skills students gain over the years.

"It is something that most of the biology faculty enjoy," Nelson said.

According to her, attendees "get a sense of the variety of projects. It spans a considerable breadth of topics."

The annual symposium began in the spring semester of 1998. It was also the same year Nelson began working at Allegheny College.

"The overall quality of the talks is generally pretty impressive. That's encouraging to the faculty: a point of pride to see how well our students can speak about their findings," Nelson said.

Nelson said she hopes the symposium can be a source of inspiration to younger students.

"If you come to these, you find out that people are sometimes having to speak effectively about projects that didn't quite go the way they anticipated," Nelson said.

Kathryn Wehrer, '18, chose her senior project topic while taking a junior seminar with Professor of Biology Ronald Mumme. Her project, "The Impact of Temperature on Rates of Cannibalism in Ambystoma Mexicanum," looked at the cannibalistic tendencies of Axolotls, also known as Mexican salamanders and Mexican walking fish.

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According to Wehrer, one of the challenges she faced was operating on the schedule of the Axolotls. She noted that Biology has a rigorous process for senior projects. She is using her research experiences as she applies to medical schools.

"This is such a long process for biology majors. It's great to be done," Wehrer said.

Emily Watto, '18, used fruit flies for her research. Her project is titled "Identification of Genes Affecting the Synthesis of Cuticular Hydrocarbons in Drosophila Melanogaster." Professor Bradley Hersh was Watto's main project adviser. Watto said Hersh provided her with patience and time to learn the necessary skills needed in order to pursue her research. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Ryan Van Horn also assisted her during the process. He provided Watto with guidance using gas chromatography.

A sentiment echoed by professors and students alike is that laboratory research presents unique challenges. Experiments do not always go according to plan, yet the experience is still meaningful.

"The first semester was a lot of research. This semester was more research and writing. It all gets done eventually," Watto said. "Even if you don't find everything, even if you don't have any results, you still have found something. It's okay to not have as much as you think other people have."

Leah Krainz, '18, worked with Professor of Biology Ann Kleinschmidt. Krainz arrived at her project topic after expressing her research interests to Kleinschmidt. Krainz's project is titled "Comparison of Heat Shock Transcription Factor mRNA Sequences and Expression in Brassica Rapa and Arabidopsis Thaliana." Krainz finds that despite the obstacles that arise during the research process, a steady working pace can make the senior project more manageable.

"Trust the process. Don't worry about it. As long as you do a little bit consistently, there's no way anything can go wrong," Krainz said.

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April 18, 2018
Walker Hall
Marijuana Odor.

April 19, 2018
Schultz Hall
Marijuana Odor.

April 20, 2018
Caflish Hall
Harassment.

April 21, 2018
Ravine Hall
Marijuana Odor.

April 21, 2018
Crawford Hall
Drug paraphernalia.

April 22, 2018
Baldwin Hall
Alcohol Violation 6308.

April 23, 2018
College owned house
Theft.

April 13, 2018
Reported April 24, 2018
College owned house
Rape.

Feb. 19-March 31, 2018
Reported April 24, 2018
College owned house
Dating violence.

An editor bids farewell

With some parting thoughts on the importance of institutions

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Four years is not long. Two is even shorter, and that is how long this editor has written for The Campus. Despite that short tenure, as he reflects on the time he has spent here he is confronted foremost by the importance of student institutions like this newspaper.

The life of a social science or humanities major is more isolated than one would think. Group projects are rare and laboratory assignments are non-existent. Instead, time is spent in the library reading or at the keyboard writing.

But for most students majoring in either of those disciplines, this is the way they like it. Time spent doing work is enjoyable. Hours reading are not tortuous or boring, for one is in constant dialogue with a piece of writing or even himself. Indeed, many grow to enjoy this time at college, or at least that was the case with this editor.

He never intended to work for the newspaper. He had written occasional pieces in the past but had no interest in applying, until he was prodded to do so by the then editor-in-chief when staff positions remained vacant after the application deadline had passed.

Since then he has resigned from the newspaper, come back, threatened to resign again, begged his editor-in-chiefs to fire him weekly and developed a tendency for complaining, lamenting and audibly sighing in the newsroom. Despite this all though, he is better off for having served on the newspaper.

The reason is twofold. Firstly, covering news has given him an understanding of how important student institutions are. Whether it is outing club, Greek life, club sports or dance groups, the organizations which exist on campus are the life-blood of the Allegheny community.

Academics is the central reason one comes to Allegheny, but the fabric of the community is woven together by the countless groups that coexist and interact with each other. Through these avenues connections are made between students that cut across departments, disciplines, ideologies and ethnicities. It builds what social scientist Robert Putnam refers to as "social capital."

It ties students together into one cohesive whole, and also ties current students to all those who have come before them. It creates one cohesive Allegheny identity which extends across space and time. Even as this editor writes this piece, a black and white photograph of Ida Tarbell looks down at him from the wall.

Although some would prefer the shy isolation and privacy afforded to them at college, all should enter into the realm of student life and devote their time to it, no matter how reluctant they are at first. For the college community to endure and reach its full potential, it needs students to do this.

But not only will it make a richer, more vibrant student community at Allegheny. The second reason a student benefits from committing himself to an organization on campus is because it will make him care more deeply about the college. When one becomes a contributing member to an institution on campus, Allegheny becomes a part of who they are.

Nights spent planning and organizing, days spent hosting and tabling; the entire time members are expanding their labor in service of their club they are becoming more fully a part of the group, and the group eventually becomes a part of who they are as well.

Participating in student groups leads one to become fully committed and invested in this college and the institutions that constitute it. This is of supreme importance because those institutions will last long after one crosses the stage at commencement.

It will make them care more about the college while they are here, and continue to care about it long after they leave. That is the experience a student will have when he fully joins student life and becomes a member of the community, or at least that was the case with this editor.

Time spent covering departments, cultural festivals, dry committee meetings and phone banks made him fully aware of how many layers there are to this college, and how many people it takes to keep the community full and vibrant.

But writing all those articles also made him more fully invested the college that he covered, a place he has learned to love. Allegheny is indispensable, and even though this editor remains pessimistic about the state of the college, it cannot be said that he is not thankful for the time he has spent here, or that he does not care deeply about it.

Where are you spring?

The real effect of Meadville's drawn-out winter weather

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With less than two full weeks left in the 2018 Spring semester, the Allegheny College campus is finally feeling what spring is supposed to feel like. This past weekend, the Meadville community was blessed by sunshine and 70 degree temperatures for the first time in what feels like an eternity.

For a winter that seemed to never end, we may have finally approached the end to the snowiest spring I have ever been a part of. Although the students at Allegheny may have enjoyed this weather, the spring sports athletes may have enjoyed it a little more than their fellow peers. Simply because the weather this spring has been one for the record books and I am not talking about the good kind.

The spring sports teams here at Allegheny have had to withstand below freezing temperatures and lots of that fluffy white stuff throughout the majority of their seasons this year. Meadville is not often looked at as a haven of beautiful weather, but this spring has been in a category of its own.

The Allegheny Softball and Baseball teams have had to deal with some serious adversity regarding their home contests. The Softball team has had 12 contests postponed due to inclement weather this spring, seven of which were to be hosted at the Robertson Athletic Complex, where the Lady Gators home field is located. The Baseball Gators have yet to play 10 games at home while being well over halfway through their 40 game season.

The Allegheny mens and womens tennis teams have had to resort to using the Wise Center to play their home matches on multiple occasions as well. Until this past weekend, I was beginning to question if spring had caught a cold and decided not to show up in 2018.

The extended winter weather is not only creating issues at the collegiate level. The lovely weather we have had this spring has set a new record for weather related postponements through the month of April in Major League Baseball history. Now at 26 different postponements related to either snow, ice, rain, or freezing temperatures, the Gators are not the only spring athletes facing mother nature's wrath.

There are nine spring sports teams here at Allegheny, all of which have had to deal with this inclement weather. But has this spring really been worse than in years past? Just 45 minutes up the I-79 interstate, Erie, Pennsylvania is nearing 200 inches of snow this year after its latest snow dusting this past week. This would be a record for any large city in United States history. Some would argue that this could qualify for the "worst spring of all time." If someone asked me that question, I would not hesitate to say yes.

There is also the opposition to that theory. Some may see snow and cold in April as a blessing instead of a curse. My opinion is the latter. The idea that 70 degrees and sun is not every person's ideal spring weather is hard for me to understand, but then again, I am not every person. You have to be a certain type of person to live in a community that is famous for snow records. For me, I think snow two weeks during the year is plenty. If this spring were a person, they just might live in Erie, Pennsylvania.

This weather could also be seen as a life lesson for some of these spring athletes as well. The constant changes of schedule battling through blistering cold and precipitation is potentially a metaphor to future life.

Life after college is something not any undergraduate students have ever had to deal with at this point in their lives. Bills, student loans, finding jobs, starting a family, all of these things can be related to in some way what this weather has taught these spring athletes this year. You are not always going to get the job. You are not going to always make the right decisions.

Just like this weather is not going to always let these athletes play. Even if they are playing here in Meadville, it could be 41 degrees with rain and wind. Nothing about being a collegiate athlete in Meadville, Pa. is easy. The weather will always play a huge role in the spring sports season. That is just life and one thing everybody knows about life is, it is not easy.

The state of journalism at Allegheny

An editor-in-chief's final thoughts about The Campus newspaper



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When I first visited Allegheny, the first place I wanted to find was the newspaper office. As it happened, the door was open when I found my way to the third floor of the campus center.

Inside, the then newspaper adviser Professor Cheryl Hatch was working with a student. She invited me in and began talking to me and my dad. In our conversation we talked about her work with the Associated Press, her time in Liberia, Egypt and Afghanistan, where she was embedded in a combat unit.

My meeting with Professor Hatch was a huge part of why I chose Allegheny. I had seen enough of journalism growing up as the son of a newspaper editor to know she was the real deal. She had been on the frontlines. She had the knowledge I needed and that few others could provide.

The other thing that struck me about Allegheny's journalism in the public interest program was its emphasis on good ethical journalism. It was not just learning how to be a journalist, but how to practice journalism ethically and for the good of the public. Today, I fear Allegheny students are missing out.

The college has not had a designated professor of journalism in two years. The yearly conference which was started by Professor Hatch is gone, and more and more I feel the climate of Allegheny is turning on journalism, in this age of "fake news."

Allegheny, the institution that educated Ida Tarbell, one of the original "muckrakers," is allowing journalism to die.

We are living in a time where journalism has never been more important, and never been less appreciated or understood. President Donald Trump has even gone as far as to name the press as an enemy of the American people.

His claim is not entirely without validity. Our news media has never been more polarized. Organizations like CNN, Fox News and MSNBC have shown us time and time again what journalism should not be. It is because of these news networks that we should be teaching students what good journalism can be, and how to evaluate sources.

Many have followed the president's example in condemning the press. In 2017, then congressional candidate Greg Gianforte body slammed a reporter from The Guardian to the floor, breaking his glasses, after he had the nerve to ask him a difficult question. Gianforte initially denied the allegations, until a recording of the incident was released. He has since apologized, been charged with assault and elected to the House of Representatives.

Allegheny has played its own small part in the increased hostility and distrust of journalists. In just my four years at the paper, I have seen my fellow editors deal with professors, faculty and staff attacking the work which we do. One editor was even spit on by a fellow student. Often, the coverage these people had a problem with was accurate, but not to their liking. To my suprise, no administrator or student stepped forward to invoke Allegheny's beloved statement of community. There was no community forum to discuss the issue, only silence.

Over the past four years, I have seen the college grow increasingly reluctant to speak with The Campus regarding stories. Even the simplest coverage like a new director of the counseling center often leads to silence from administrators or a list of unrealistic demands they should know no journalist would agree too.

There are of course things they cannot speak to us about, we realize that, but even the most basic stories sometimes meet with opposition and our papers are often removed from places like the admissions office lobby. Many at the college seem to think by ignoring the press they are protecting the college's image. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Journalism is so important to our country and to our college, but we are creating an environment in which the press is made out to be the enemy, when it has so much to offer. It is not perfect, but it is the best option we have.

The professors currently teaching the journalism courses at Allegheny are outstanding, but we need to take this more seriously and give them what they need. People need to understand what the press is and what its role should be.

The students working at The Campus today are the best I have seen in four years. They are the type of students who Allegheny should be championing. They put in large amounts of their time for no pay and little class credit.

I hope Allegheny will re-evaluate its position on journalism. In an era with so much political corruption and so much misinformation, our country is going to need a strong group of journalists to fight for the people and hold power accountable.

I hope some of them, in the tradition of Ida Tarbell, will come from Allegheny.

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Campus clubs strive to create inclusive spaces

Chinese American Friendship Society, Association for Asian and Asian American Awareness work to celebrate diversity

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Xingbang Liu, '20, and Chih-Jung Chen, Chinese language teaching assistant, set up mahjong and teach Alec Tolmachoff, '20, Thomas Cassidy, '21, and Malcolm Willig, '21, how to play at the Chinese American Friendship Society's Chinese New Year Celebration on Friday, February 16, 2018.

The Association for Asian and Asian American Awareness, A5, and the Chinese American Friendship Society provide different avenues for cultural representation and understanding among American, Asian and Asian American students on campus.

A5, which is the older of the two groups, strives to appreciate "the tradition, honor, beauty and wisdom of all Asian cultures, for the benefit of Asian descent and non-Asian descent students alike in an effort to educate and dispel stereotypes," according to part of its purpose description on the Allegheny College Student Leadership and Involvement website.

"The current purpose of A5 is just to expose people and have fun with Asian culture and the food and any questions that we have," said A5 Treasurer Tiffany Choi, '19.

Snacks and other food items are a primary focus among campus-wide A5 events. The majority of events the club hosts are annual and include making Korean mixed rice, a fruit spring roll night and a bubble tea event for which club members prepare all the ingredients themselves. The club also participates in game nights, bowling and other small-group activities.

"'We eat a lot' is definitely the take-home message," said A5 President Kathleen Reed, '19.

Food events and activities are meant to create a home for students who may not immediately have one at Allegheny, according to Choi.

"[A5 has] a lot of international students, especially Chinese, because they need a place, like a sense of belonging, that's what A5 tries to give," Choi said.

Reed and Choi said many A5 members are Chinese or Chinese American and A5 food and events have tended to reflect that membership. Reed expressed concern about other Asian cultures, including Japanese and Korean cultures, becoming overshadowed as A5 has become more focused on Chinese representation.

"I think us in general just being an all-around Asian club was something that Chinese people thought, 'I need to have my own Chinese club,' which makes sense," Reed said.

The Allegheny College Chinese American Friendship Society was established nearly two years ago with the help of Xiaoling Shi, associate professor of Chinese.

Shi said the friendship component of the CAFS is the central purpose of the club's existence.

"I just think there was a need to create a platform so that American students and Chinese students could interact on a daily basis, so they can enhance their mutual understanding," Shi said.

The CAFS currently involves a majority American board and membership, but eventually, would ideally come from a more even mix of Chinese and American students, according to Shi.

"Our goal is to make it some kind of half-half, half Chinese international students, half American students," Shi said.

The students of the CAFS have organized two primary events this year — a welcoming winter festival in December, and a Chinese New Year celebration in February.

Xingbang Liu, '20, cultural consultant for the CAFS, said becoming involved with the society is an opportunity for Chinese and American students to communicate with one another and share cultural perspectives.

CAFS President Christopher Miller, '19, said Asian students have historically been underrepresented among faculty and students and he believes the CAFS provides a more individualized sense of belonging for Chinese students specifically.

Miller referred to the spring 2017 campus visit of Tibetan monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India as an example of Chinese voices being quieted at Allegheny.

The "Free Tibet" flag on display in the Bowman~Penelec~Megahan Art Gallery during the monks' five-day creation of a traditional sand mandala generated the most concern among Chinese students, according to Miller and a March 2017 Campus article about the visit.

"Many Chinese students felt offended by this, but there was no medium in which they could convey their concerns," Miller said. "So having an organization like the Chinese American Friendship Society, which is a bridge between American and Chinese cultures, and a bridge between students and administration in that regard, is most beneficial for any school — not just Allegheny."

Prior to the monks' 2017 visit, the college lacked a distinct space for Chinese students to express themselves and their opinions, according to Shi.

Shi said the need for a new, separate club arose because many A5 members are from the U.S. and are not able to relate to most international and Chinese students.

"They actually grew up in America, they went through the K-12 school system in America," Shi said. "So they actually do not feel that same alienation as Chinese students feel."

Liu said A5 and the International Club have served as useful partners for hosting events, though, and the three organizations have similar goals.

A5 and the CAFS have both evolved since their inceptions, but transcending cultural and language barriers to gain understanding of and appreciation for campus peers remains an important ideal.

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> Christopher Miller
> *Class of 2019*

CAFS Vice President Markeyda Jones, '21, said one of the biggest challenges the society currently faces is balancing American and Chinese membership and finding ways to increase membership among Chinese students.

"I think that's the struggle, we're trying to find other students to attend, but we're still working on it and hoping that it will come together," Jones said.

Max Kade International House Spotlight

Spanish House

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When Daniel Melendez arrived at Allegheny at the beginning of last semester, he did not know how the college or living in North Village I's Spanish House would change him.

Melendez, the 2017-18 Spanish teaching assistant, said he applied for the position because of his lifelong passion for language learning and a desire to help others foster their own language passions.

"Since I was a kid, I was always amazed by the way people talk," Melendez said.

That amazement led Melendez to become involved in linguistics as an educator, and while earning an undergraduate degree in teaching English as a foreign language from the Pedagogical Experimental Libertador University in his home country, Venezuela, he served language students in several different settings.

"In my first semester of college, my first job was teaching kids English, and that's how I started teaching," Melendez said. "Then I went to a high school, and then I went to another academy, and it was really nice to be able to teach the language that I was also learning professionally in college."

In the four months leading up to Melendez's arrival at Allegheny, the political climate and demonstrations in Venezuela created a tumultuous environment for Melendez and his fellow citizens.

"I was having a very bad time during those four months, so Allegheny became my safe space for me to express my ideas, ideas that I couldn't express in my country," Melendez said. "I believe that when you think about American culture, sometimes you may not think about this type of community, but Allegheny has shown me that we can have it here."

Melendez said he feels grateful to have been accepted as the college's Spanish teaching assistant especially because the college rarely selects teaching assistants from Venezuela and other South American and Caribbean nations.

As a Spanish House resident, Melendez said he has the opportunity to break the conventional residential barrier between educators and students and use his teaching skills outside of Spanish classrooms.

Weekly coffee hours at the Spanish House are open to the campus community — this semester, coffee hours were held each Monday — and Wednesday events for house residents also contributed to the teaching–learning dynamic, according to Melendez.

Spanish House resident Jose Canela, '20, said Wednesday events have focused on different Spanish topics, including slang, accents, history and culture.

Spanish House residents represent diverse cultural backgrounds, with some residents from Ecuadorian, Mexican and American cultures in addition to Melendez's Venezuelan culture.

"Even though we all have different backgrounds, we just love the language Spanish, so that's what we're able to connect through," Canela said.

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> *Spanish Teaching Assistant*

As a sophomore, Canela is one of the youngest Spanish House resident and said he appreciates having upperclassmen role models and Melendez as resources for Spanish practice.

Diversity in culture, age and language level creates a welcoming learning environment, according to Marisol Loza, '19.

Loza, a psychology major and Spanish minor, said she has found the extended language practice in the Spanish House particularly useful.

"I definitely like the fact that there's different levels of speakers," Loza said. "You'll have the ones that are brand new to the language and then you'll have the very advanced ones [and] the ones that grew up speaking both, so it's very interesting."

Loza said she was motivated to live in the Spanish House and applied for the 2017-18 school year partly because she hoped to share more of her Mexican heritage with her peers and now feels as though she has been able to do that.

Cultural learning and celebrating continues Saturday, April 28, at 11 a.m. as the Spanish House residents will host a free Venezuelan Brunch in collaboration with the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Union Latinx in North Village I. The brunch is open to the campus community, but due to limited space, Spanish House residents ask those interested in attending to contact Melendez.

Melendez said Allegheny has become a home for him and is excited to continue his language learning and teaching journey after this semester at Syracuse University. Melendez will work as a teaching assistant as he enters a two-year program at Syracuse. With a focus on Spanish linguistics, Melendez's goal is to complete a master's program in Spanish language, literature and culture.

"My philosophy on languages is that if I could make it with English, or that people can make it with any language, we all can make it," Melendez said.

New music to anticipate heading into summer vacation

Album releases from Arctic Monkeys, Weezer, Kanye West and Panic at the Disco!

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Jeez, what a month April has been for the music industry. Cardi B dropped her long awaited debut album "Invasion of Privacy." J Cole broke streaming records with his new record "KOD," and today, fans finally received Post Malone's highly anticipated "Beerbongs and Bentlys." At the same time, singles from Drake, Rae Sremmurd, the Chainsmokers and other big industry names continue to flood the market as we move into May.

What do they have in store for us as the semester winds down? Heading into summer, music lovers are still left hanging on projects from Nicki Minaj, Sam Hunt and Frank Ocean. All rumors aside, album releases from Arctic Monkeys, Weezer, Kanye West and Panic at the Disco are set in stone.

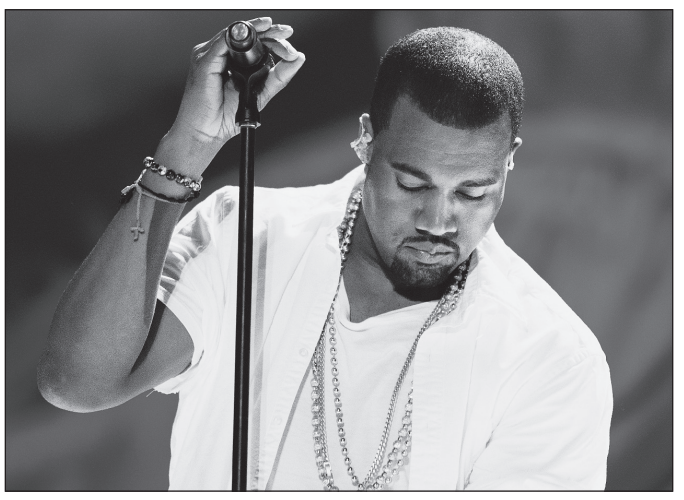
Dubbed by many as the queen of hip-hop, Minaj has been hinting a new project might emerge in the next month or so. After multiple interviews with Zane Lowe, DJ Whoo Kid and other producers, she has expressed her drive to put out a distinct, personal and one-of-a-kind record that will make her fans proud.

In an interview with "Dazed and Confused Magazine," Minaj said she is looking to define her music career with her fourth studio album. With two singles released in mid-April, we may get to bump our way through summer with a record Minaj claims will be "a billion times more epic than anything 'Anaconda' could have delivered."

Alright, admittedly I favor hip-hop music over just about anything. Even though many rap enthusiasts avoid country music like the plague, I personally have come to enjoy my fill of Hunt, especially as summer opens its doors.

After "Body Like A Back Road" was the highest-selling digital record of 2017, he reportedly hit the studio hard in an attempt to get new content out before his Makes You Country XL Stadium Tour with Luke Bryan in May. Many speculated new content would be out by now, since he headlined the National Music Festival on Saturday, April 21.

Hunt sounds a bit flaky to me, so I would keep an ear out but not get any hopes up just yet. Frank Ocean also continues to tease his fans, with ambiguous comments and tumblr posts claiming how big of a year 2018 may be for him.



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In February 2018, Ocean released a cover of "Moon River" by Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer, which sent a necessary message of reassurance to his fans as they eagerly wait for a new album. He's in the studio, but whether to expect a new album heading into summer is still unknown.

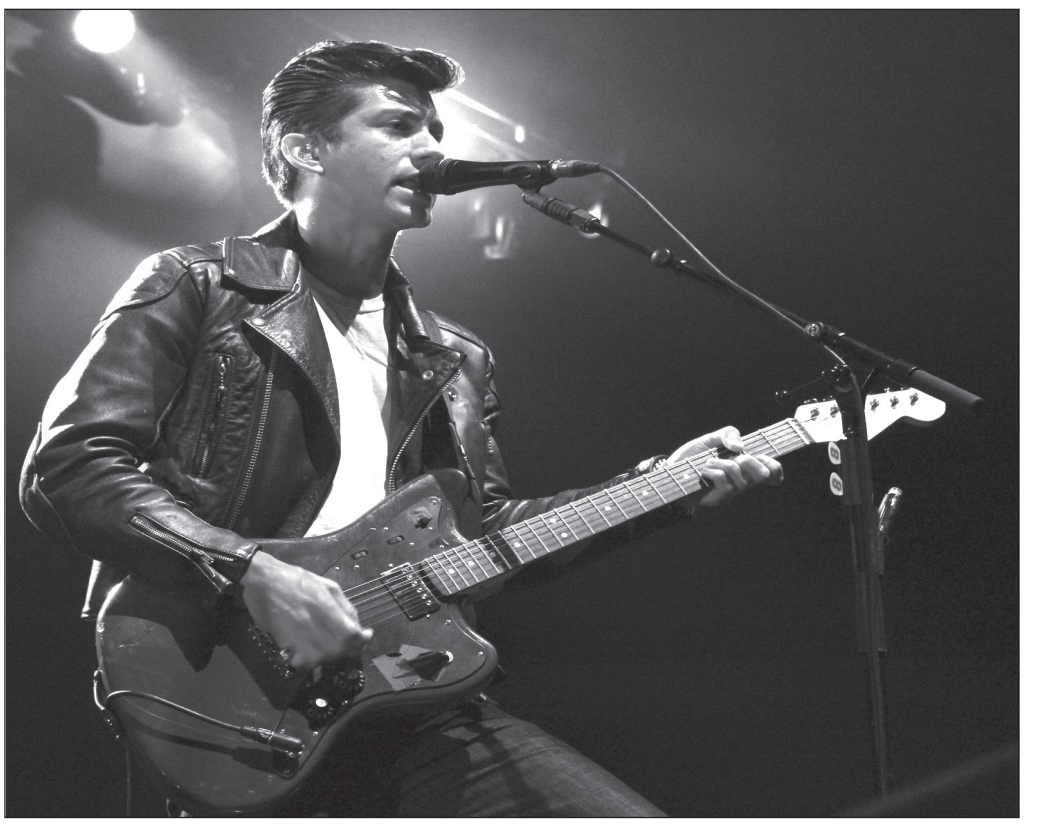
There is evidence we should anticipate new projects from Minaj, Hunt and Ocean in the coming months, but I hate to rely on rumors and speculations. I want to know that Minaj will be shaking the clubs up and Hunt will have me sipping piña coladas on the beach.

All gossip aside, a variety of artists have finally promised us new music for summer vacation.

After a five year hiatus, the Arctic Monkeys will be releasing their sixth album "Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino" on May 11, 2018. Most long-time fans are expecting the typical indie rock sound that projected them to the top throughout the mid to late 2000s.

However, some people need drama in their lives and decided to question the name choice of some tracks. Personally, I can not wait for "The Ultracheese" to become my new favorite song.

Other than anticipating a normal Arctic Monkeys sound, I have no idea what "The Ultracheese" or any of the songs on their new album will sound like. However, Weezer has offered a lot of detail about its upcoming album "The Black Album" dropping on May 25.



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As the name suggests, "The Black Album" reportedly explores darker subjects that lead vocalist Rivers Cuomo wrote about. He did not dive into much detail, but admitted the album was "challenging" for him to craft, since Weezer has not included a great deal of darker material in the past.

Cuomo also described the sound as more "modern and electronic" and less 90s sounding, which I think will be exciting to hear.

Speaking of something exciting, remarkable and ludicrous in the best of ways, Kanye West has two new projects to drop in June. While two sounds like a gift from the god West claims himself to be, I would not expect anything more than 20 songs between the two of them.

His first project, which is set to drop on June 1, contains seven songs and will be his re-entry into the industry after canceling 21 tour dates in 2016 and being hospitalized for a "psychiatric emergency."

As of late, his first new album is called "Turbo Grafx 16." Some predict it will be trap infused, like his most recent singles "Euro" and "Hold Tight," but I disagree. Yeezy has retreated to a mountain top in Wyoming to produce his work and remained out of the limelight. I feel like we may receive a more personal album, possibly including some trap sounds, but also deep thought.

Yet with his Kid Cudi collaboration coming out just a week after "Turbo Grafx 16," I am not really sure what to expect. I have always known Cudi to be a more emotional rapper, so will we get two deeper works from Yeezy in June? The situation is quite puzzling.

We all know Kanye loves Kanye, and I love Kanye as well, but the only thing I love more than Kanye is Panic at the Disco, and they will bless us with a new album "Pray for the Wicked" on June 22.

At five studio albums, Panic at the Disco has yet to fail its fans as they continue to produce original content and staying true to their unique sound. After releasing "Say Amen (Saturday Night)" and "(F**k A) Silver Lining" in March, I have no doubt their sixth album will be a smash hit.

For summer 2018, there is a plethora of content to look forward to. While rumors can not always be trusted, I have faith some of our favorite artists will pull through. If not, I will still be enjoying my fill of Arctic Monkeys, Weezer, Kanye West and Panic at the Disco.

2018 class senators plan picnics and more for senior week

Seniors celebrate the end of their college careers with food, drinks and dancing

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Every year Allegheny College hosts an annual celebration to honor its graduating senior class, and this year is no exception. As Allegheny prepares to host its two hundred and third graduation, it is also preparing for all the senior festivities.

"The point of senior week is obviously to fill the time between the last final and graduation and celebrate a lot of accomplishments that the senior class has done," Zach Javorsky, '18, vice-president of the class of 2018, said.

Senior week will take place from Tuesday, May 8 to Friday, May 11 before commencement takes place on Saturday, May 12. According to Javorsky, seniors look forward to the last couple of days they get to spend with each other at Allegheny College.

"[Senior week] is just a time for the senior class to come together one last time and have a lot of fun before we graduate," Javorsky said.

The week includes a series of events ranging from picnics on the Gator Quad to bar crawls and formals on the patio of the Vukovich Center for Communication Arts.

"[Senior week] is a lot," said president of the class of 2018 Kierra Price, '18.

Senior week kicks off on Tuesday evening once all the seniors are officially finished with their finals.

"It is a [senior composition] burning and a taste of Meadville," Price said.

The evening is focused on allowing seniors to decompress after finishing their final semester and passing their senior compositions.

During the Fall 2017 semester, a survey was sent to all seniors asking for a list of their favorite places to eat in Meadville. The senior class collected over two hundred replies and chose the top ten most recurring responses to cater the first event of senior week.

"We are getting a bunch of food from all around Meadville," Price said.

Local favorites such as Grace's Asian Restaurant, Chovy's and Julian's Bar and Grill will all be served at the comp burning.

"There is also going to be alcohol served to the seniors by administrators," Price said.

On Wednesday, there will be a picnic for graduating seniors, and according to Price it will be a "chill afternoon."

After the picnic, the class of 2018 will hold a "tour of Meadville."

"Then Wednesday night is called the tour of Meadville, but technically it is just a bar crawl," Price said.

There is no assigned route for the seniors to take. Instead, it is a way for seniors to spend a little extra time at their favorite spots throughout Meadville.

A brunch will be held in the late morning on Thursday. Cinnamon buns from a local bakery, along with coffee from Tim Horton's will be provided.

Finally, that night will be the senior gala, which is more formal than the other planned activities throughout the week.

"[The senior gala] is a great way to end the week and start off the ceremony of graduation," Price said.

The dinner portion of the gala will be hosted in Pelletier Library, followed by a dance on the patio of the Vuckovich Communication Arts Center.

"Every organization has their own formals, but this is a formal for the entire senior class, and we are going to have dinner, wine, music. It will hopefully be a beautiful night for everyone," Zachary Iezzi, '18, senator for the class of 2018, said.

Nothing is officially planned for Friday, however, Jane Ellen Nickell, the college chaplain, has helped coordinate a number of different spiritual talks that will be open for students, their families and friends.

"It is kind of the opposite of matriculation if you think of it like that. It's just a way for parents, friends and family to see where seniors have gone. It is like a senior celebration," Price said.

Spiritual readings for students and families of Christian, Muslim or Jewish faith will take place throughout the day.

"It is more spiritual than anything. It used to be religious, but we are kind of shifting towards a more spiritual aspect," Price said.

All graduating seniors are encouraged to participate in senior week, and are welcome as long as they register prior to May 4 and pay the $30 participation fee.

"Obviously, the more of us who sign up to do it, the better it is going to be," Javorsky said.

Overall, the class of 2018 is excited to end the year together and celebrate their last few days at Allegheny, according to Price.



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Senior members of Allegheny College Student Government at their last general assembly meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in the Henderson Campus Center.

"I am really looking forward to just seeing other seniors come together, and all of us hanging out for the last couple of days we have together," Price said.

Members of the senior class have picnics, bar crawls and formals planned for them in the couple of days before graduation. The time will be spent with friends and offer a sense of relaxation after their last semester at Allegheny College.

"[Senior week] is a sense of closure for the senior class," Javorsky said.

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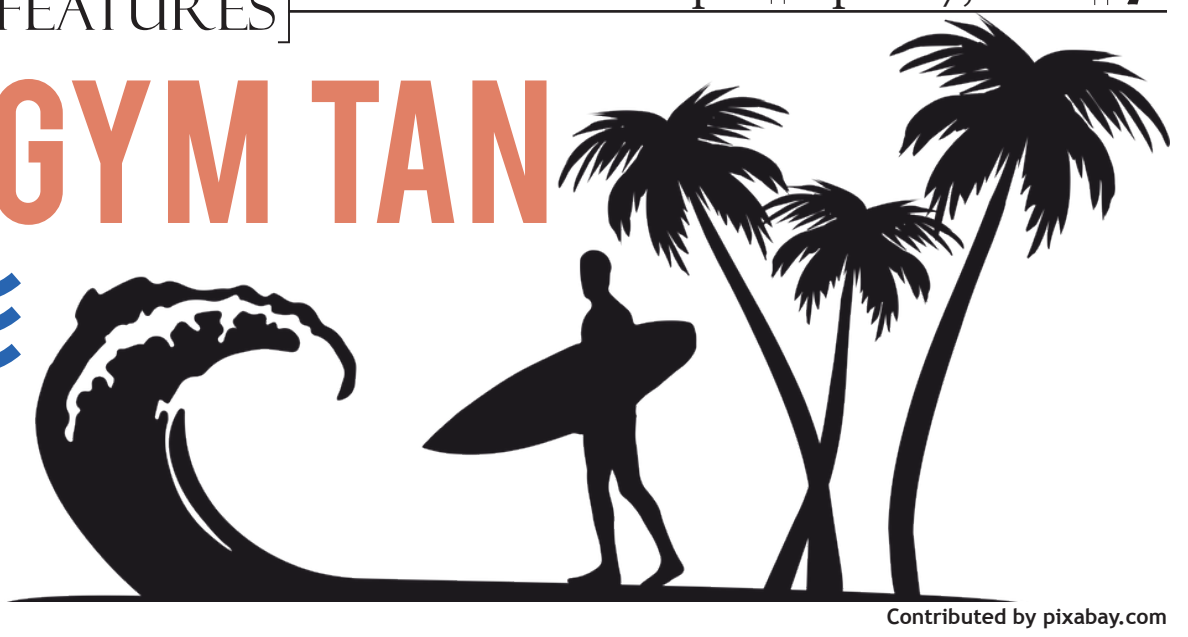

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Warm weather and great fun: Students have a splashing good time with Springfest activities

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Life is a beach and you can always count on Springfest to help you have a splashing good time towards the end of the spring semester. Springfest for 2018 was this past week, with the main event on Saturday, April 21, located in the Henderson Campus Center Lobby and the Gator Quad.

The theme for this year was Gym Tan, a beach and boardwalk setting that included activities and games suited for a beachside boardwalk. The Springfest activities included a rock-climbing wall, a mechanical surfboard, a photo booth, and other boardwalk-like activities and games.

"There was the rock wall, I tried it … I really had fun with the, there was also the hammer thing, it was to test your strength. I had fun with that," Stephanie Swarthout, '19, said.

Gator Activities Programming and the Major Events Committee were in charge of planning and organizing Springfest. The MEC was a mix of GAP and Allegheny Student Government members with this year's committee being comprised of the president of GAP, two co-vice presidents of annual events, and four ASG members, according to Jaran Smith, '20, one of the co-vice presidents of annual events.

Through polling, considering prices and availability of entertainment, MEC voted on a theme for Springfest. The theme of this year being Beach and Carnival, also known as Gym Tan. Gym Tan was a nod towards the infamous "Jersey Shore" TV show to get more people interested in the event.

"There was actually a debate between carnival and beach, and then we were just like, why not both?" Smith said.

GAP and the MEC were also in charge of choosing the featured band to perform at Springfest. The band, Plaid Brixx, was chosen to come perform at Allegheny.

"It's usually an indie artist, someone who doesn't really have enough spotlight. From what I've come to understand, that's more like what the Allegheny population is into, those [Grounds For Change] artists. So that's what we tend to go for," Smith said.

Plaid Brixx is originally from Columbus, Ohio, and is comprised of founder Chris Duggan, who does vocals and guitar, Mark LeRose on drums, and Jared Sawaya, who plays bass. The group performed some of their popular hits, while also holding a dance contest and a lightsaber battle.

"I think the guy's enthusiasm was the best, especially during the lightsaber battle, that was pretty amusing," Natalia Burzeck, '19, said.

The lightsaber battle performed by Plaid Brixx was one of the reasons why many students stayed to watch the rest of the concert.

"It was really fun, I wasn't intending to stay for the concert, but once I saw the lightsabers happening, I got really excited," Swarthout said.

Another part of planning which MEC was involved in was the free T-shirt design. Each Springfest, a free T-shirt is given out, and this year also included bucket hats and sunglasses.

"We had gone through so many beach memes, so many beach memes [and] beach sayings. We could not for the life of us figure out something. But one of them had an idea, they were just like 'why don't we put President Mullen on it'?" Smith said.

First, the committee had to get approval from President Mullen to be able to put him on the tank top. The final design did get his approval, after a couple changes.

"When we actually went and showed President Mullen the design, he approved it almost immediately and started laughing," Smith said.

The T-shirt design was considered one last tribute for President Mullen, according to Smith. When President Mullen first arrived at Allegheny the following Springfest included him on the free T-shirt. GAP thought it would be fitting to send Presiden Mullen off with one last T-shirt with him for Springfest. The other free gifts, the bucket hats and sunglasses, came from surplus funds in the clubs budget.

Though most of Springfest went off without a hitch, there was one bump in the road. Weather forecasts called for rain and cold weather on Saturday, April 21, causing GAP and MEC to plan to move some activities inside, specifically the featured band to play that afternoon.

"[The weather forecasts] caused us to cancel several things that we were going to bring for the outdoor event. But then the day actually came, it was warm, it's nice, the sun's out. We [had] to readjust everything," Smith said.

Adjustments included re-organizing the activities and food on the Gator Quad, as the concert stage being the Henderson Campus Center Lobby allowed for more room to space out activities. Plaid Brixx ended up performing inside the lobby next to the mechanical surfboard instead of outside in Gator Quad because of these weather concerns and adjustments.

"I'm a little mad the concert wasn't outside but I think it was a great place, they really pulled it off inside," Swarthout said.

Despite weather forecasts, Springfest was considered quite a success, according to Smith. With boardwalk games, activities and a live band, students rode the waves of good vibes and fun at Springfest.

"I think it was great because we had wonderful weather this time, so we were able to get outside. I think they had a lot more options in regards to interactions, like the food, with the people, with the band," Buczek said.





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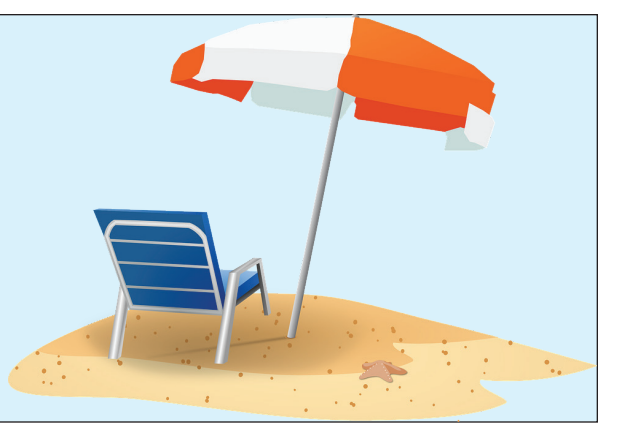
Top: Students try out a mechanical surfboard in the Henderson Campus Center Lobby on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
Above: Cedric Gegel and Plaid Brixx member Chris Duggan, entertain students with a lightsaber battle in-between songs in the Henderson Campus Center Lobby on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
Below Left: Cedric Gegel and Plaid Brixx member Chris Duggan, take the lightsaber battle into the crowd in the Henderson Campus Center Lobby.
Below Right: Plaid Brixx member Chris Duggan performs in Henderson Campus Center Lobby.





Good luck on finals, and have a great summer break!
- The Campus Staff



Gator softball faces Wooster



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The Allegheny College women's softball team plays against The College of Wooster. The Gators swept the Scots with a final score of 2-1 and 5-3 in a double header on April 18, 2018, at the Robertson Athletic Complex.



GET TO KNOW A GATOR



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Favorite movie: Stand By Me
Favorite food: Chicken Parmesan
Dream vacation: Andora
Favorite place to eat in Meadville: Chippers Pub
Dream job: Stay at home dad
Best class you've taken at Allegheny: Megacities
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BEHIND THE SCENES OF GATOR ATHLETICS

Berger shares favorite memories as assistant athletic director

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With 21 varsity sports teams and hundreds of student athletes, it takes a lot to ensure the Allegheny College athletics program runs smoothly. Much of this credit goes to assistant athletic director for communications and media relations Jim Berger.

Berger, who is originally from the Pittsburgh area, is now in his fifth year at Allegheny. However, Berger is currently in his second year as assistant athletic director for communications and media relations after being promoted from director of athletic communication in August of 2017.

Jim Berger has a wide range of responsibilities within the Allegheny athletics program. Berger says the biggest priority is, "promoting our student-athletes and promoting our teams."

Berger promotes both the athletes and teams in a few ways. One way is through maintaining and updating the department's web page, alleghenysports.com, which Berger calls the, "front porch to our department."

"I try to keep that as updated as possible with current events, stats and historical [information]," Berger said. "We have a lot of alumni that have a big interest in athletics here so that's big."

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> Jim Berger
> *Assistant Athletic Director for Communications and Media Relations*

Beyond the Allegheny athletics website, Berger manages all of the college's athletic social media platforms as well as gameday coverage for all athletic contests. Berger said managing those mediums and the hectic schedule are two of the hardest parts of his job.

"It's kind of hard on Saturdays when there's four games or five games going on at once," Berger said. "Just trying to keep track of everything."

Berger said he is always working to make sure everyone is being covered equally.

"That's probably the hardest part is balancing out and making sure I give the same love and effort to everyone equally," Berger said.

While much of his work may take place behind the scenes, Gator student-athletes have certainly recognized the vital role Berger plays.

"I definitely have a lot of respect for him. He follows all of the sports and I don't know how he does it. I definitely respect his work," Volleyball player Terra Schall, '18, said.



BERGER

In addition to student-athletes, parents have an appreciation for the work Berger does as well.

"My parents really love his announcing. They are so far away that they don't get to come up to the games very often," Max Sessions, '19, said. "t's very important to us and he does a fantastic job."

During his time at Allegheny Berger has seen hundreds of Allegheny athletic events, but his favorite memory is the 2013 North Coast Athletic Conference women's soccer championship game.

"It was early early morning, I think it was like 10 a.m. game," Berger said. "It was about twenty-one degrees outside. The stands were packed. There's a great picture of President Mullen in the middle of the student section. The team won, and they stormed the field. It was probably one of my most favorite moments."

Berger said he is thankful to work for a division three program like Allegheny.

"My favorite part about working here, and working at the division three level is that they are actually students," Berger said. "I really like the division three aspect because they are true student athletes. It really is college athletics."

Berger is thankful for the Allegheny community and enjoys working at the college.

"I'm very happy I took that leap. Sometimes it feels like five years, sometimes it feels like five days, sometimes it seems like fifty years, but its been very rewarding," Berger said.

In any case, Berger has emerged as an indispensable piece of Gator athletics.

GATOR UPDATER

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

Women's Tennis
@ NCAC Tournament
9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
@ NCAC Tournament
9 a.m.

Women's Golf
@ NCAC Women's Golf Championships
Mansfield, Ohio

Men's Golf
@ NCAC Men's Golf Championships
Mansfield, Ohio

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

Women's Golf
@ NCAC Women's Golf Championships
Mansfield, Ohio

Men's Golf
@ NCAC Men's Golf Championships
Mansfield, Ohio

Baseball
@ Wittenberg
Sprinfield, Ohio
12 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
vs. Hiram
Meadvile, Pa
12 p.m.

Softball
vs. Denison
Meadville, Pa
1 p.m.

Baseball
@ Wittenberg
Springfield, Ohio
3:30 p.m.

Softball
vs. Denison
Meadville, Pa
3:30 p.m.