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Cybersecurity increases, ASG funds outdoor Wi-Fi



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A Wi-Fi access point is mounted on an exterior wall of Baldwin Hall. Over the summer, the Information Technology team installed outdoor access points across campus to provide a Wi-Fi connection to students studying outside.

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First Six Weeks initiative in action

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As the first few weeks of the fall semester fade into the past, first-year students are continuously engaging with First-Year Class Dean Aacha Brown-Gregg's new program titled the First Six Weeks initiative. Tasked by the Maytum Center for Student Success team with developing the initiative, Brown-Gregg has invested many hours in ensuring the program is as beneficial for first-year students as possible.

"The first six to eight weeks of a first year's first semester is crucial to creating their sense of belonging on the campus they choose to attend," Brown-Gregg said "You're creating friends, you're creating a community for yourself and if you don't find those things, then you have no sense of what we call belonging."

The First Six Weeks initiative was created because first-year students in the past have cited difficulties during their first year of college. Brown-Gregg was disheartened by the number of students she heard that were not exploring the campus as much as she wanted. Last year, Brown-Gregg said that during the first-year orientation week and Gator Week of Welcome, very few freshman students showed up to activities.

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ASG forms Dining Committee, talks club budgets

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At the Allegheny Student Government's General Assembly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, ASG members discussed several issues affecting students and club leaders and swore in a new senator for the class of 2026, Gary Murray. ASG currently has two open senatorial seats on the senior and freshman delegations, and ASG President Ella DeRose, '27, encouraged all those interested to contact ASG. Emphasis from committee heads across status updates once again held a focus on club and organization cooperation in mutual events.

Finance Committee information

Co-Chair of the Finance Committee announced the intention to pursue a "pragmatic approach" to club funding, with two central ideas put forward: first to meet with as many clubs as possible in regards to working cooperatively on a budget and inventory management where applicable, and second, to establish a two-step warning system in regards to club overspending. Clubs which seek to overdraw their budgets as requested should be aware, according to the financial co-chair, that firstly they may be "admonished for careless spending" and on the second attempt to overdraw past their agreed budget, be cut off from requesting funding entirely. Student organization spending totaled $1,816.54 this past week, with the largest requests including $300 for the Edinboro Frisbee Disc Golf tournament fees and a matching budgetary item for the Outing Club.

Director of Student Affairs & Ad Hoc Dining Committee Formation

Senator Ben Keefer, '27, announced progress had been made towards establishing a repeating meeting with Parkhurst — Allegheny's new dining provider — to "address some issues and have conversations which need to be had." ASG chartered a new committee designed to address student concerns and needs regarding dining.

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National Voter Registration Day



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Center for Political Participation Fellow Asaad Bell, '25, informs Reagan Grace Wheat, '26, about how to transfer her voter registration from Texas to Pennsylvania on Monday, Sept. 16. "We live in a swing state," Wheat said, "and since this election is so important for swing states I wanted to change my registration to (Pennsylvania)."

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Vote For Equality arrives for election season

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As the presidential election nears, student political activity continues to ramp up. Vote For Equality is one example of the growing student efforts to mobilize peers to participate in the election process.

A political action committee of the non-profit organization Feminist Majority Foundation, Vote For Equality was founded in 1987 and works to spread political information and resources to students on a number of social issues. The foundation has initiatives that span 45 different campuses in the U.S., with Vote For Equality specifically working to register students for voting and promoting civic engagement.

"My aim is to make the winning difference in the upcoming election," said Vote For Equality Campus Organizer Zula Stenger, '25. "I think we're in a really historic moment, or maybe I hope one of the most historic elections in our lifetime. I want to really feel that, on Nov. 6th, I did everything I could to protect my freedoms and my children's future freedoms."

Stenger, Chloe Snyder, '27, and Tilly Earwood, '25, all work as campus organizers for FME. Given that Pennsylvania is a swing state in the upcoming presidential election, Stenger said Vote For Equality's primary goal on Allegheny's campus is to encourage students to register to vote within Meadville, since Pennsylvania law allows college students to register to vote if they attend school in the state. Through tabling, visiting classes and hosting events, Vote For Equality works to spread awareness on the importance of voting.

One particular initiative that the organizers are working on is the Democracy Coalition, which invites clubs and campus organizations to coordinate their efforts to promote voter registration and civic education among students.

With recent landmark Supreme Court decisions being overturned — such as Roe vs. Wade, which ensured the national right to abortion— Stenger, Earwood and Snyder feel as though this is as important a time as ever to make sure students are well-informed on their voting rights. Education on the specificity of these important issues are what Vote For Equality is working towards on college campuses. For individuals who are voting for the first time this election season, there's a new opportunity for them to make their voices heard.

"It's really important to us that students understand — especially students who are fresh voters or have never registered to vote before —how important their voice is," Earwood said. "Our generation, a lot of the time, feels as though our voice wasn't heard or isn't heard through their vote, so we want to make sure that people are going out and getting their ballot cast." There are several existing organizations on campus that work to educate individuals about voting,

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WI-FI *from page 1*

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Students working, reading and hanging out with friends in the dozens of blue and gold adirondack chairs that are scattered across campus: it's a common sight on warmer days at the beginning and end of the school year. Now, those students have an added bonus: outdoor Wi-Fi.

Over the summer, the Information Technology team installed access points across campus in outdoor areas where students often congregate, as well as at the Robertson Athletic Complex.

The Allegheny Student Government provided the "bulk" of the funding for the project, according to Chief Information Officer Katrina Yeung.

ASG President Ella DeRose, '27, said she is pleased to have participated in the project.

"Our prior administration knew that putting in this outdoor Wi-Fi would sort of help the students," DeRose said. "Especially since we had had Wi-Fi troubles."

At Robertson, most of the work involved rebuilding existing Wi-Fi infrastructure and installing new access points to expand connectivity, specifically near the tennis courts, according to Yeung. Additionally, some work was done within the stadium and locker rooms.

"I'm really happy with how it turned out, specifically around the tennis courts, because not only does it provide, you know, the connectivity on a court, but it also amplified kind of the security piece of it too," Yeung said.

Reception can be spotty at Robertson, and Yeung said that prior to installing the new Wi-Fi, it was a concern that it would be difficult for people at Robertson to seek help if there were ever a security or safety issue.

Though Yeung was unsure when ASG agreed to fund the two projects, she said she was notified later in the spring 2024 semester.

The money was pulled from ASG's Surplus Fund.

ASG's General Fund is funded through the Student Activities Fee and supports standard club requests like event supplies and consistent expenses. At the end of the year, all unspent money from the General Fund is rolled over into the Surplus Fund.

Designed for one-time club investments like equipment and uniforms, the Surplus Fund peaked in the 2023-24 academic year at $530,000, according to Campus reporting. This, DeRose said, was due in large part to the build-up that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic when students were still paying their annual activity fee but the money was not being spent on events or gatherings.

"Our prior ASG administration was pretty heavily involved in that after ASG was told — or sort of encouraged — to use some of our surplus money," DeRose said.

Last year, the college told ASG leadership that they had to spend at least $200,000 of the year's roughly $530,000 Surplus Fund on major capital projects for student use. Otherwise, the money would be absorbed back into the college's general fund, according to Campus reporting at the time.

In an effort to spend down the pool, ASG attempted to organize a series of presentations where senators could hear and vote on a range of ways to spend the money.

In February 2024, Yeung gave the first presentation, pitching the outdoor Wi-Fi and Robertson Wi-Fi projects to ASG and estimating that each would cost approximately $50,000. During the General Assembly, ASG did not vote on whether to approve funding for the projects.

After that GA, ASG did not hear any additional presentations during the semester, despite their initial stated goal of doing so.

DeRose does not remember voting to approve funding for the project as a senator, but remembers talking with other senators about weighing the projects' costs and benefits.

Despite never publicly or formally voting on the matter, DeRose said that ASG made the decision to use the Surplus Fund for the Wi-Fi projects during the spring semester, before DeRose was voted in as director of finance during the GA on February 23.

"It was (former ASG President) Nicole (Recio Bremer, '25) and (former ASG Vice President) Sam (Ault, '26, who) were pretty heavily involved with planning that, but once I was in the finance role, I knew specifically, like, that was happening," DeRose said.

Recio Bremer and Ault did not respond to requests for comment.

DeRose said it was also decided that the Surplus Fund will be used to build an outdoor classroom on the lawn between Pelletier Library and College Court. Physical Plant currently has the plans for the project, according to DeRose.

DeRose is unsure how much the outdoor classroom project will cost.

During an interview, DeRose was not sure how much ASG spent on the two Wi-Fi projects, but recalled that the outdoors Wi-Fi project estimate was $50,000 and the Robertson Wi-Fi project was $56,000.

"I think it was a bigger decision than us," DeRose said. "Like, within finance and the chief executives and Nicole and Sam — that was kind of a decision that was made. I do believe it passed the finance vote, but I can't confirm that, so maybe."

In an email statement, Dean for Student Life and ASG Advisor Trae Yeckley said that they work with ASG to ensure proper guidelines are followed and to make sure that funds are spent in a timely manner.

"At the end of the Spring semester, I worked with the then President and Vice President to help pay for the wifi projects and for the outdoor classroom project," Yeckley wrote. "These projects will both have enormous benefits to students. In terms of the rollover amount, it is normal practice for amounts that rollover to be capped at a certain level and for unspent funds to be returned to the overall College budget. This helps to ensure that current student activity fees are spent on current students, and not stored in surplus for future years.

DeRose is happy with the outcome.

"I think the people who were involved in decision-making did a good job with listening to the concerns of students knowing that Wi-Fi was an issue and we want to be outside and we want to have spaces to work together," DeRose said. "So I really do support those decisions, and I think they're going to be great, especially the outdoor classroom once it's built."

Cybersecurity

In addition to installing outdoor Wi-Fi, Yeung and her team have been busy improving the college's cybersecurity.

Even though Allegheny has not recently had any "widespread, out-of-the-norm" cybersecurity breaches across the institution, Yeung said that cybersecurity constantly remains top of mind for her and her team, especially during October, which is National Cybersecurity Month.

"The bad guys get better every day and they only have to get lucky once, where we have to be perfect, right, or something bad happens," Yeung said. "Cybersecurity definitely keeps me up at night."

Building strong cybersecurity generally engages with two parallel efforts; the first is operational training in which users are taught how to identify and handle possible cybersecurity risks. Teaching this to students at the college will not only help protect sensitive data, Yeung said, but also impart upon students important best-practices that are imperative for future professional endeavors.

Given that 93% of cybersecurity breaches are perpetuated through a person clicking on something they shouldn't in their email, Yeung would like to see cybersecurity training for students during their first-year training.

"We're just trying to be more intentional about building advanced cybersecurity things into the network to protect students and employees and others across the institution," Yeung said.

The second path to build strong cybersecurity is infrastructure-based, in which Yeung's team strives to create a multi-layered security system that makes it as difficult as possible for attackers to break through.

One example of this is mandating two-factor authentication. Another is something that Yeung's team implemented over the summer: limiting the use of flash drives on college-owned devices to mitigate the possibility of viruses being spread between computers.

Additionally, Yeung's team re-launched the AC-Devices network in an effort to have more control over the types of devices, like gaming systems and TVs, that traditionally are less safe from a cybersecurity perspective.

Whereas on the standard network, it can be difficult for IT to identify which device belongs to who, AC-Devices requires students to register each of their devices. The benefit of this added step is that IT can more quickly identify which device belongs to who in the event of an attempted cybersecurity breach.

"It's just in the best interest of everybody across the institution to keep cybersecurity kind of front of mind," Yeung said. "I mean, if you watch the news at all, you can see that there are lots of instances of breaches with various systems and tools, just broadly, not even just higher-ed based."

Other projects

Over the summer, Baldwin Hall saw upgrades to optimize students' network connectivity.

The physical infrastructure of the building — namely the concrete walls with "chicken wire" in the walls — makes establishing good connectivity in rooms a challenge, according to Yeung.

To circumvent the issue, Yeung replaced the access points running down the hallways with smaller access points located inside students' rooms.

Additionally, this year, Yeung's team got funding from the college to begin installing new cabling, a project that will take place over the next several years.

"I'm really excited about (that) because I know from a student perspective, they're like, 'Oh, Wi-Fi, it's great,' but really it's an illusion," Yeung said. "And behind Wi-Fi is a lot of wiring and we have a lot of aged wiring across the campus."

Yeung said she has been working with Chief Financial Officer Linda Wetzel to "bring more visibility around just the age of the infrastructure across the institution and trying to be proactive about spending money before it breaks."

"The board was receptive to that, and they're making the infrastructure priorities so we were able to get some funding," Yeung said.

Reflecting on progress

The beginning of the 2024-25 school year marks a year since students returned to campus to spotty and sometimes non-existent Wi-Fi. Yeung, who was charged with solving the monumental problem as soon as possible, said that this fall has been a wonderful change of pace.

"I mean, for me, it's night and day," Yeung said. "Being only here for just over a year, I had no real concept of what normal looks like, so this has been — what I'm told — more normal, which has been fantastic. So for me, it's less fire drills, more proactive."

Anna Westbrook to serve as next EIC



WESTBROOK

News Editor Anna Westbrook, '26, will be the next editor-in-chief of The Campus, Allegheny's student newspaper announced Friday.

Selected by a unanimous vote of Campus staff this past Monday, Sept. 16, Westbrook takes the position with two years' experience writing for The Campus, including three semesters on staff editing the news section. Last year, they won three awards, including First Place and Honorable Mention at the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association's Student Keystone Media Awards and First Place in the Student News Coverage category at the 60th Golden Quill Awards hosted by the Press Club of Pennsylvania.

Westbrook's portfolio consists of stories ranging from year-long coverage of Allegheny's Wi-Fi difficulties to stories focused on climate change and sustainability.

Westbrook is an Environmental Science & Sustainability Major and a Political Science Minor. They are also a Fellow in the Center for Political Participation, a resident advisor and the vice president of Pi Sigma Alpha.

When not working, they like to read, crochet, spend time outdoors with friends and drink a copious amount of coffee.

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Jason Fellow Nevaeh Bland, '27, assists Devika Desai, '26, in registering to vote for the first time at a National Voter Registration Day event hosted by the CPP, Andrew Goodman Foundation and IDEAS Center.



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Desai registers to vote for the first time after recently getting American citizenship. "Every vote counts," Desai said.



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This year is Bell's second year as a CPP Fellow. On Monday, Bell spent the lunch hour helping students navigate the voter registration process. "I'm dedicated to making sure people get their voices heard," Bell said. "People died for this right."

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So, her assignment during this past summer, given to her by Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington, was to create the initiative. The initiative also fulfills part of Allegheny's strategic plan, which consists of five major goals for the college. The First Six Weeks initiative falls under the second goal, which aims to make the campus more vibrant and more inclusive for the growing diversity of the small but mighty private university.

The main team Brown-Gregg pulled together for developing the initiative was the director of the IDEAS center Natalie Brown-Gregg and the director of residence life Stacie Wolbert.

Since Aacha Brown-Gregg only started in her role February 2024, she said this task was hard to pull off in such a limited amount of time. The tasks associated with the development of the initiative included attending conferences and working with Natalie Brown-Gregg and Wolbert. The team started out by brainstorming who they wanted first-years to connect with, Aacha Brown-Gregg said. Several ideas that were raised included connecting with Residence Life, meeting with Resident Advisors, connecting to other cultures and knowing how to reach the Center for Career and Professional Development.

"The first-year students should get into rhythm of their classes and get involved with student activities," Natalie Brown-Gregg said. "The first 6 weeks Allegheny has provided ensures students have something to engage with that will ultimately provide community."

After developing the list of ways for first-years to get engaged, Aacha Brown-Gregg created a public-facing web page with details about the initiative. She said she pulled off making the website with just a week left before the first-years moved in.

Orientation Leaders — the upperclassmen who guide first-year students in groups during their first few days on campus — have mixed thoughts on the success of the First Six Weeks Initiative.

"It's a good initiative and a good concept but it hasn't really been executed properly to get freshmen involved," said Orientation leader Skye Kramer, '27. "The idea is there. Trying to get the freshmen involved within the first six weeks is important when it comes to college life. But, they haven't really advertised it pretty well because a lot of the freshmen you talk to wouldn't really know about it."

Aacha Brown-Gregg has attempted to spread the word about the initiative through a variety of paths, including through mandatory sessions, through the RAs and the Class of 2028 Instagram page. She posts on a regular basis to advertise weekly events. Posts contain information about all of the programs that are happening, Monday to Monday, highlighting the collaborating partners on campus.

The team's goal after the first six weeks of the academic year are over is for the first-years to feel prepared to continue to be involved with campus activities and events. Also, they expect for first-years to be able to use the resources that the team has connected them to, like Center for Career and Professional Development staff and the health and wellness resources.

A primary reason that motivated Brown-Gregg to develop the First Six Weeks Initiative is to ensure that all first-year students know about the wide variety of resources available to them.

"My main objective," Brown-Gregg said, "is to set you all up for success."

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including the Center for Political Participation and the Andrew Goodman Foundation, both of which are nonpartisan organizations. Additionally, Stenger said the College Democrats work in tandem with Vote For Equality to ensure students stay connected to political issues that concern them. Stenger encourages students to connect with Meadville and the Crawford County area to further their knowledge and engagement with politics.

"Living in Pennsylvania this election year is a real opportunity in general to get involved," Stenger said.

Stenger said that for some students, Allegheny may feel removed from the broader Meadville community. It might be intimidating to engage with the world off-campus, especially when it comes to politics. However, Vote For Equality wants to assure students that there's nothing to be afraid of.

"There's diversity of opinions and that's welcomed," Stenger said. "I've never met someone downtown that's unkind to me. I know that's not the experience for everyone, but I would encourage that there's space in the local community to get involved. Even though we live in a red area, the last election in 2020, some political analysts say that the decision in PA came down to Erie County, so it's an incredibly important area."

Stenger said it can be hard to encourage people to vote because of pre-existing beliefs that a single vote cannot make the difference in such a large election. But every vote does count, Stenger said, even when it feels like you're just one person.

Additionally, it is important to remember that there are a vast number of important offices other than the presidency. Elections do decide who the nation's mayors, senators and congress members are, but they also decide school board members, local government officials, county commissioners and other positions that affect daily life, Stenger said.

"Every time the little voice goes through that's like, 'Well, I'm just one person,' there's someone with an opposing view who truly believes they are making the difference," Earwood added. "It's important to understand that that could be you, too."

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The new committee seeks to highlight its expressed mission statements to "receive student feedback and suggestions on all aspects of dining at Allegheny College," according to DeRose's proposal. DeRose said the Dining Committee will meet once or twice a month, at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays starting next week and will be open to students. Once more information is available, DeRose said ASG will publish more information regarding the committee.

Senatorial Class of 2026

A Class of 2026 representative communicated an intention to hold an open mic night sometime in early to mid-October, a meeting with class deans regarding a Junior Appreciation Week to be held soon and a possible stated goal of increasing attendance at Allegheny's sports events in the future.

Constituent Comment

During each General Assembly, ASG holds a Constituent Comment period, where any students can attend and voice their thoughts, ideas or complaints to ASG members. Reagan Grace Wheat, '26, was the sole constituent commenter, suggesting "more people should come to these meetings."

ASG's next General Assembly is set for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep. 24, in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

Ask Allegheny

What are your plans for Blue & Gold Weekend?



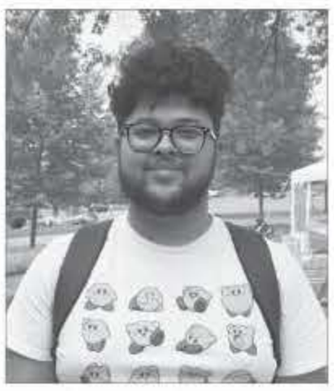
Left: Veronica Lynn, '28
Major: Business

"My plans are to possibly go to the Homecoming formal and then attend a few events for extra credit for one class and then for an assignment for my LS class."



Right:
Tiffany Peterson, '28
Major: Biochemistry

"My plan is to cheer at the football games."



Left: Alish Chhetri, '27
Major: Engineering

"My plans for Blue & Gold weekend are to attend the career fair and try to get to know some of the alumni that I might be able to network with."

CRIME BLOTTER

Editor's Note: The weekly Crime Blotter is compiled using the Daily Crime Log available on the Office of Public Safety's web page. Crimes reported may still be under investigation. Crimes listed below are collected the Wednesday before publication.

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Productivity in practice

A first year's perspective to studying on campus

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I first heard of The Campus through my RA during my freshman dorm information session at the beginning of the year. Not too long after, I attended the Clubs and Organizations fair held in the Henderson Campus Center and stopped by The Campus' table to say hello and catch up. Knowing I wanted to be involved with a few different clubs my freshman year and remembering how positively my RA talked about her experience with The Campus so far, I figured, "What the heck. I might as well put my name on the email list; I can try it out and always quit later." I knew I wanted to attempt writing an article before deciding to stay, but I had no idea what to write about or how much time I could commit to writing.

However, a solution arose early into the start of the school year. I was so used to my study cycle from high school that I did not know how to adapt to college. I knew my studying preferences, but I no longer had places that felt safe to use for studying. Thus began my introduction to my first article: checking out potential study spots to gauge my comfort level and productivity across these new spaces. This topic is one that I felt would be a decent introduction to journalistic writing, an area I had no previous knowledge or experience in, and that I would get some bonus classwork studying done in the meantime, which would help make sure I was getting my homework done on time.

But where does one even study on campus? As a first-time student at Allegheny, I barely knew what my classes were covering, let alone where everything was on campus. I tried to list the places I knew geographically and spots I already felt comfortable in. My list was smaller than I had hoped, so I had to research the college's website and think back to orientation for places I could potentially get work done. I ended up settling on four areas: Lawrence Pelletier Library, the Carden, the lounge on my dorm floor and the desk within my room.

Mostly, I opted for these locations for their convenience. I keep an active schedule between classes, athletics and other clubs, so having some spaces closer to my other activities helped immensely. In addition to the convenience factor, these places are all areas I would define as a safe space for me. I am also a major procrastinator, but we will pretend that did not influence my choices.

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>
> —AINSLEE PLESKO
> *Class of 2028*

I originally wanted to study in each of these places for about an hour or more, starting at roughly the same time of day, hoping to limit any chance of outside factors playing a negative role in my productivity results. However, I found this would not be possible for me very early in studying for this piece. My schedule is different every day between my involvement on campus, and while being involved is a good thing, this made me think about my obligations and time management as a student and an athlete. I had to be very careful about making time to get work done and to have downtime to relax, and creating the proper balance between those times was crucial. Unfortunately, I did not get to use some of these study spaces to the extent that I had hoped.

Thankfully, I was able to visit every chosen spot and study there for some time. Every study session I had was successful in terms of work completion or set-up. I achieved a better understanding of various locations on campus and what they can provide me.

Throughout the two weeks of working on this article, I also met and made numerous new connections among faculty and peers. I better understand how my time management and organizational skills should improve for a successful college career. But most importantly, I learned that I am not as prepared as I thought.

I walked into college knowing that I am smart but not necessarily the best at everything, which, in my opinion, is a fantastic mindset to hold. This mindset allows me to feel confident in my present abilities while allowing myself to continue to become the best version of myself. I walked into college with the idea that I had figured out everything I would need to know to be able to do my coursework with little to no problems, and I was dead wrong.

Simply put, college is not high school. To those of you reading this and thinking, "Well duh, Ainslee. Of course, college isn't high school; that's why it's called college," bear with me. It is fair to say that most of us have had an adult tell us something about college that we later found to be the complete opposite in practice. In my case, I always had "good study habits." And that was true — for high school. When transferring to college life, I found I did not regularly have five hours every evening to do all my homework or club preparations. I rarely have two consecutive hours. I have been mostly successful in my transition, but I have had to completely uproot everything I knew about studying and redesign my system to work with my new schedule. I hate it. I hate mourning something that worked so well for me for many years.

To anyone else in a similar situation as me, whether it be studying-related or not, I see you. It is not easy changing your schedule and preferences, especially when it is a big change. It may be tough to adjust to for a while, and that is okay. It will get easier as time passes.

Remember that it is normal to have mixed feelings about all these changes in your life, that everyone around you is also experiencing changes, and that you are not as alone as you may think. You will figure it out. You are doing great, darling.

Letter to the Editor

From an EMT: In support of naloxone in common rooms

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the September 13 article "Naloxone in common rooms is common sense." I wish to relay my support for the idea of placing naloxone in student accessible spaces like common rooms. I have been an EMT for three years, and have first hand experience with the necessity and efficacy of naloxone. Narcan is safe, effective, and accessible to those without first aid training. Narcan has no absolute contraindications in the case of an emergency and no side effects if administered improperly or to someone who is not experiencing an overdose. Narcan is generally administered by a bystander, not the person experiencing the overdose, so risk of harm is fairly low. Narcan does not encourage drug use and does not use needles or injections, so there is no risk of needles being improperly stored or discarded. There are no increased risks posed to the community by providing Narcan in accessible spaces.

As mentioned in the article, Narcan is low-cost and long-lasting. Many groups, even local to Crawford County, provide Narcan for free if requested. Recovery is Community NWPA is "a grant consortium implementing projects through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) to increase access to evidence-based treatment, prevention, and recovery supports…" and provides free Narcan and test strips to local individuals and organizations. I have personally gotten forty free doses of Narcan from this organization and they are eager to provide more. This would mean that there is zero cost to the college, and the Narcan could be provided alongside local resources for substance use support as well as other harm reduction aids like drug test strips.

One of the major indications for Narcan is depressed breathing in someone who has used opioids. Being able to administer Narcan before medical help arrives means that the person is less likely to go without air or remain in a depressed state of breathing. In some cases, multiple doses of Narcan are required, and being able to administer the first dose means that medical help will be more quickly effective once EMTs arrive.

I personally carry a dose of Narcan with me wherever I go, should somebody need it. Providing naloxone provides students with a way to care for themselves and each other and a way to open up conversations that will destigmatize drug use, harm reduction and addiction. As the saying goes, the only thing Narcan enables is breathing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rion McCluskey '26

Letter to the Editor

Regarding the removal of the Sports section from this year's paper

To the editor,

As a proud alumnus of Allegheny College, a former student-athlete, and an occasional contributor to the Campus Sports section, I was disappointed to read that there will be no Sports section in the Campus newspaper for the '24-'25 academic year. (Letter from the Editors: The Campus' mission, August 30, 2014.) The reasons given were a smaller staff and the May 2024 graduation of several skilled seniors, including Sports editor Kyle Chandler. I have met Kyle Chandler, and I agree that he was a dedicated and skilled sportswriter and an outstanding play-by-play broadcaster. I assume that the decision to reduce the number of pages from 8 pages to 6 pages is due in large part to the demise of the Sports section.

I find the stated reasons for the discontinuance of the Sports section to be short-sighted and ill advised. College sports are valuable for several reasons: (1) Student-athletes who expend hours to hone their skills and represent the Gators deserve recognition; (2) Athletic events bring the campus community together; and (3) Prospective students who desire to play a sport at Allegheny will be dismayed to find that the Campus newspaper gives no coverage to these student-athletes. The Campus newspaper has always served this function.

Rather than discontinue the Sports section, I suggest that the Campus staff and professors in the Communication and Journalism departments recruit students who aspire to be sports writers. Simply quitting in the face of a temporary shortage is not the Allegheny way! Get the Sports section back into the Campus and expand each issue to 8 pages.

Go Gators!

Paul R. Pudloski ('72)

San Diego

Allegheny golf members rake in recognition

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Both men's and women's golf had an eventful first week of their fall season with two gators receiving Presidents' Athletic Conference recognition during the week of August 26. Men's golf member Carter Hassenplug, '25, was named PAC golfer of the week, and women's golf member Ada Coté, '28, was named PAC newcomer of the week.

Contributing Writer Walker Cunningham, '25, sat down for a short Q&A session with these two golfers to learn a little bit about them.

PAC Women's Golf, Newcomer of the Week for 8/26-9/1, Ada Coté, '28.



COTÉ

Cunningham: How long have you been golfing and who got you initially involved?
Coté: My freshman year of high school, during COVID, my Dad mowed an 80-yard pitching area and told me to take a club and start hitting golf balls since we had nothing else to do. It ended up getting to the point where I was hitting the ball too far into our neighbor's yard and that's when my dad said it was time to get me on a real course, so that's how I really got into golf.

What was the recruiting process for golf like for you and how did Allegheny win you over?
Coté: (Head Gold) Coach (Jeff) Groff was the one who reached out after seeing some of my tournament scores and said for me to come out for a visit. Everyone was super nice and I met with KP (Associate Director of Pre-Professional Advising Kirsten Peterson), the pre-health advisor, and she said that she could set me up with an apprenticeship over the summer since I want to be on the pre-med track. I wasn't even committed here yet and already all these people were telling me that they could help me get to a better future and after that I was sold.

Being a first year at Allegheny, how would you say your transition is going with life away from home?
Coté: I would have to say I miss my dog the most. I've been lucky enough to have my family be able to come to my tournaments and they've raised me to be pretty independent, so being away from home is fine with me.

What does it mean to you to win PAC Newcomer of the Week?
Coté: I was honestly surprised, so when Coach Groff announced it I was like, 'There's no way.' I eventually let it sink in and realized that this really means that there's bigger things to come and I'm here for a reason.

What would you say is something about your game that sets you apart from other golfers out there?
Coté: My mentality. To me, golf is 90% mental. If I hit a shot that doesn't end up how I want it to go, I tell myself to move on and leave it in the past and do whatever I have to do to make par or make bogey so I think that type of thinking sets me apart. I'll take the first ten steps after a bad shot to be angry, be sad, be mad or be whatever, but after those ten steps, that shot is in the past and I just move forward.

What is something you hope to accomplish throughout your four years here?
Coté: I think keeping up whatever I'm doing now is a good start. My academics come first for me always, so being able to get into a good med school and being able to set up my future while also being able to have fun playing golf is something I look forward to.

If you had to describe golf to someone who has never heard of it before, how would you go about doing that?
Coté: I have a motto that golf is a game about gaslighting yourself. If you hit a ball and it goes right into the wrong fairway, it's still in the fairway. I mean really you just hit a ball until it goes into a hole. And you try to hit the ball as few times as possible.

Golf is one of those games people can enjoy and love to play their entire life. What do you love most about golf?
Coté: The socialization. I can go play a tournament and meet some of the best people ever. In other sports, your opponent is your opponent, but in golf, at the end of the day your opponent is someone you've gotten to know over the course of a four hour round so the socialization aspect of golf can create really great relationships.

PAC Men's Golf, Golfer of the Week for 8/26-9/1, Carter Hassenplug, '25.



HASSENPLUG

Cunningham: How long have you been playing golf and who got you involved?
Hassenplug: I started playing golf when I was two. My whole family owns and operates a golf course back home in Northeast Pennsylvania. Ever since I was able to hold a club, my mom and dad were great influences on me and taught me basically everything I need to know about the game, so I owe my success in the game thus far to them.

Why did you choose Allegheny?
Hassenplug: I wanted both the opportunity to play golf and have good academics. Coach Groff reached out and I saw Allegheny as the best academic and athletic experience that I was able to get and so far it's been pretty good.

How has the season been going so far and what are things you look forward to?
Hassenplug: So far after the first tournament I feel that we did pretty good. There's some tidying up we need to do as a team but we have a lot of talent on the team and a lot more depth than last year. It's exciting to see more and more guys get in the mix so it's looking up for the season and for the program in general.

Last season you chipped in for birdie to win the PAC championship for Allegheny. How do you plan on keeping that momentum for this upcoming season?
Hassenplug: Being able to get to the national tournament and knowing that we have that in us as a team was a really cool moment not only for me, but for the team and for Coach Groff as well. I think just that experience alone is something that gives us enough momentum to continue to win.

Week-in and week-out you continue to keep yourself in competition for PAC golfer of the week. What goes into your success to keep that up?
Hassenplug: I tell the guys all the time that I've grinded my entire life on drills and "perfecting" my swing, but really I just go out there and have fun. So far in my golf career, I've learned that if you aren't having fun, and you're not keeping a positive attitude you won't have success.

How are you able to keep your mindset and stay locked in throughout a round of golf?
Hassenplug: My parents were really the ones who ingrained into me the importance of staying focused on the course but more importantly having fun. You have to be able to accept the fact that bad shots are going to happen and you have to take it one shot at a time. One of the golfers on tour right now, Max Homa, his caddie, Joe Greiner, tells him, "One good shot in a row," so that's the type of mentality I take to my game.

What would you consider the best aspect to your game?
Hassenplug: I've always been a better driver of the golf ball but I've come to realize that my best scores over the years come from when my putting and short game are best. I still think my driver is the best part, so me and the guys have been getting in the gym, getting stronger to hit the ball further and further. It seems to be the name of the game nowadays with the technology, so to not fall behind, that's what we've been trying to do is go out and hit it as far and as straight as possible.

If you had to describe golf to someone that's never heard of it before, how would you go about doing that?
Hassenplug: You hit a little white ball, find it and hit it again until it goes in the hole.

What is your favorite thing about golf?
Hassenplug: I think golf is a game of relationships. The relationship I have with my family and friends over the years is essentially on the foundation of golf. Going forward, I know I'll be able to play golf for the rest of my life. There's so many different people you can meet and have fun with and I think that is what the foundation of the game really is.

The Comedy Corner

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The Hill reported on Sept. 8 that Miami Dolphins player Tyreek Hill was detained by police hours before the season opener.

"I had the Jaguars to cover the spread," said one of the arresting officers. "I bet my mortgage payment this month on them. I had to do something."

The University of Pittsburgh has cut ties with Athletic Director Heather Lyke, according to The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review on Sept. 9.

"It was a bit odd, but overall quite fun," Lyke said. "The ties were hard to cut, but eventually I was able to form a doll chain out of one of the ties."

Ghost kitchens in Albuquerque are here to stay, according to the Albuquerque Journal on Sept. 9.

"This is fantastic news," said a member of the New Mexico branch of the Ghostbusters. "Most of our business comes from dealing with these kitchens."

Sen. Tommy Tuberville has blocked the promotion of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's top military aide, according to The Washington Post on Sept. 10.

Tuberville froze the nomination of Lt. Gen. Ronald P. Clark to become the four-star commander of all U.S. Army forces in the Pacific.

This situation harks back to last year when Tuberville placed holds on hundreds of military promotions, eventually relinquishing the holds after his Republican colleagues publicly confronted him.

"I don't trust the Pentagon," Tuberville said. "Four sides is more than enough. I can't trust anybody working in a five sided building."

An eye in the sky will seek old oil and gas wells, according to The Derrick on Sept. 11.

"I thought the rapture had begun," stated an Oil City resident. "This massive eye appeared from the heavens and was scanning the land below. I was terrified. It never once blinked."

High lead levels have been found in spice blends from 12 different brands, according to CNN on Sept. 12.

"It's a spice blend," said an anonymous spice brand representative. "Is lead not a spice?"

The Washington Post reported on Sept. 12 that a rumble echoed around the world for nine days. Scientists believe they now know what caused it.

"The answer is quite simple," said one of the lead scientists on the project. "Earth was hungry."

Eric D. Breakiron was arrested on Sept. 11 after he broke into a South Union Township residence and made himself at home, according to The Observer-Reporter on Sept. 13.

"Once inside the residence, Breakiron wanted to relax in the air conditioning and watch television. So, he removed his shoes, socks, and shirt after he turned on all the televisions. He then ate a banana flavored popsicle and drank a bottle of water," police wrote in the complaint (real quote).

"It was a hot day and I saw this house had a window open," Breakiron said. "If that's not an invitation to come inside, then what is?"

The Meadville Community Revitalization Corporation hosted a weeding and mulching event on Thursday, according to The Meadville Tribune.

"The mulching is something the city desperately needs," said a city resident. "But I thought weed was illegal in this state. I don't know how they got permission to do that but kudos to them."

Politico reported on Sept. 15 that Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is not going anywhere.

"He's really dug in. He won't move an inch," said an advisor to Trudeau. "He's got two years of toilet paper stocked in his office lavatory and a lifetime supply of beans. I doubt he'll ever leave his office again."

UPI reported on Sept. 11 that a coyote was rescued after it had spent several days living in a family's backyard in San Francisco.

"They didn't rescue me. They evicted me," the coyote said. "Have you seen how much rent is in this city? I finally found a comfortable studio apartment in this family's backyard and they tossed me out. I signed a lease!"

Disclaimer: All quotes are fictitious unless otherwise noted. Any lack of joy as a result of this article is unintentional and we claim no responsibility.

Alumna and faculty perform recital

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A recital of works all created by women composers of the 19th and 20th centuries was performed by Music Department instructors Carol Niblock, '02, and Wendy Plyler on Saturday, Sept. 14, in Ford Memorial Chapel at Allegheny College. The artists included Mrs. H.H.A Beach, Isabella Colbran, Liza Lehmann and Cécille Chaminade. Vicki Jamison accompanied Niblock in a pair of duets written by Pauline Viardot.

James Niblock, '97, professor of music and director of choral activities, was the program narrator and gave in-depth descriptions of each composer. The concert was around an hour long, with English, Italian and French pieces. Most of the songs chosen were from sets of music, for example, the opening set titled "Three Shakespeare Songs" included three pieces from the composer, Amy Beach.

Carol Niblock graduated from Allegheny College in 2002 with a degree in music, and her primary occupation since has been teaching. When she first left college she did a lot of piano lessons in addition to voice lessons, but over the years has focused on just voice.

Carol Niblock began singing when she was in the sixth grade as a cantor accompanying her father at church, and started professional lessons in the 8th grade with Vicki Jamison. Carol Niblock is an Instructor of Voice and the Coordinator of Applied Vocal Studies at Allegheny, and teaches voice lessons, the Music Theatre Scenes class and the Opera Scenes Class.

Plyler is from Meadville but graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music with a bachelor's degree in music and piano performance. She began playing piano when she was 4, and her father was a music teacher, which heavily influenced her.

After graduating college, she came back to Meadville and began accompanying instrumentalists and vocalists in the music seminars at Allegheny. Plyler teaches the Applied Piano Lessons course, and last year was recognized for her 20 years of service at the college.

Carol Niblock explained that she was unable to do any concerts since the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020. She is immuno-compromised, so it made it extremely difficult to perform.

"Well, I want something different this time, and I want to learn something because I need to expand what I bring to my students," Carol Niblock said. "I felt like there was a real hole in my own knowledge."

She listened to many different composers, picked ones she liked that also wrote compositions that fit her voice, and narrowed it down to the five female composers she performed. Carol Niblock felt that there were no themes behind the order of the pieces, though there were some obvious notes.

"You had to end with the Chaminade because there wasn't another piece in the program that was as big and flashy, and you can't come back from that," Niblock said.

Other than it finally being safer for singers, she missed performing for herself.

"It is different to do the performing as the performer, rather than in support of a student," Carol Niblock said. "I pair with lots of students for recitals, and I sing incidental things here and there, but this (recital) is a much bigger undertaking…I'm doing it for me because it's rejuvenating and something fun that I get to do."

Plyler explained that while many of the pieces were in Italian and French, she "also wanted to have an English (piece) on both the front and back end" to help those in the audience who may not speak more than one language. She said that with the way the pieces are organized, the recital is a constant warm-up for Carol Niblock and because of that, the pieces flow.

Plyler's favorite piece is the first set.

"I just want to play them over and over… they're so dainty and (have) so much detail," Plyler said. "Everything is different, you play and sing the same melody, but it's different in some way."

For Carol Niblock, her favorite set was the last.

"The Cécille Chaminade things," Carol Niblock said. "They sit well in my voice, they always feel good, they're fun to sing, and they're fun stories to tell."

The second-to-last piece in the program, Sombrero by Chaminade, is in French and tells the story of a girl who is the daughter of an old man named Pedro.

The girl waits for her lover and wears a pink hat. Yet, her lover never comes and she is distraught.

"It is four or five pages in French, and the piece goes by in a minute and a half," Niblock said.

Rae Robison, '26, is a student of Carol Niblock's and takes voice lessons with her along with participating in both classes she teaches.

"I got to hear three pieces ahead of time," Robison said. "And my favorite is the final piece of the show."

The Carrden supplies the 'yum' to campus events

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From its tucked-away nook just off the foot-traffic expressway between Brooks Hall and Oddfellows Hall, the Carr Hall garden — affectionately known as the Carrden — can seem peripheral to the hustle and bustle of campus life. But it might be here of all places that Allegheny is most alive.

"We have literally been planning this garden here since like November, December of last year," said Director of Sustainability Kelly Boulton, '02, as we searched a dense garden plot for Cape Mountain Gooseberries. "We had to order seeds, and then plant them in the greenhouse and then, you know, water them three times a day over Spring Break."

All that work took place before most plants could even be transferred outside for the growing season. Once they were in the ground, it was off to the races: Boulton estimated that her summer crew of four students put a combined 100 hours of labor each week into raising crops for the rest of campus to enjoy this fall and winter.

"The hours of work and months that went into this, it means something to us," Boulton said.

Now, tomatoes and gourds swell on the vine under palm-sized leaves. Overhead birds zoom between perches, gobbling up singing insects. A crowd of hungry rabbits and chipmunks scout the husk cherries with their beady eyes. Hawks supervise the rodents' garden escapades from their haunt on a nearby pine tree. Towering stalks of Jerusalem artichokes ring a plot of lavender and calendula, the flowers of which the Office of Sustainability uses to make lotion bars and ointment salves for the campus community. The amount of plant and animal life visible in the Carrden this year is staggering, even to Boulton.

"I've been on campus, like, 25 years — I've never seen a goldfinch on campus," Boulton said. "But they're coming now to eat the seeds from the anise hyssop, which is so cool."

Boulton explained that her goal to maximize the Carrden's impact is as much ecological as it is social. In the past, all food grown in the Carrden was shuttled into the dining halls, which she thinks made it difficult for students to connect with the on-campus agriculture.

"There's not enough in the garden to say, like, 'Everything on the salad bar is from the garden today,' or, 'Everything in this tomato sauce is from the garden today,'" Boulton said. "So it (the garden produce) was always diluted and the impact was diluted. And so we re-envisioned it as, like, 'How could we maximize the impact?' We shifted it so that the garden rotates in blocks of beds, and each block is kind of centered around programming potentials."

Student clubs can work with the Office of Sustainability to request these ingredients and plan winning recipes that draw crowds to various events.

"We would like for student groups to know that they can email sustainability@allegheny.edu," Boulton said. "And say, like, 'Hey, we want to have a salsa event. Can we get everything we need to make salsa?'"

One block provides the star ingredients in classic Mediterranean pizza and pasta fare: za'atar oregano, basil, Principe Borghese drying tomatoes, parsley and two beds of garlic. Another section contains the building blocks of a good fresh salsa — tomatillos, more tomatoes, scallions, yellow onion, red onion and cilantro — alongside an all-star lineup of flavorful peppers with names like Matchbox, Chocolate Scotch Bonnet and Piri Piri Bird's Eye. Other blocks contain kale, tatsoi, celery, broccoli and carrots, which Boulton is excited to see the Food Recovery Network use to make nutritious foods more available on campus.

Because of an enhanced focus on event programs, much of the Carrden produce has been selected for its ability to remain shelf-stable during Allegheny's cold winter months, such as peas, beans, corn, squash, potatoes and wheat; the crew preserves seasonal produce with a dehydrator back in the office.

"We can wait until students are back and say, 'Is there anything you'd like to do with a bunch of dried beans?'" Boulton said. "And so in the past we have partnered with the Art Department for their Empty Bowls Dinner. We made a tomatillo bean chili that was entirely from things in the garden."

Boulton is already planning out events for the winter.

"Our crew harvested the wheat and then they actually threshed and winnowed it, and it was really fun," Boulton said. "That's going to be a whole program with students so that we can invite people and show them how to make bread."

Last year, Students for Environmental Action hosted a potato roast around a firepit, which Boulton hopes they'll decide to do again this year.

Because the Carrden now supplies food for student events, it is not appropriate to harvest your own produce. But you can certainly feast with your eyes here in The Campus — or maybe even start dreaming up some club events featuring the Carrden's goods.

Below: Red Russian Kale



Kale's anti-bitterness critics should consider giving this variety a second chance to prove its merits on the plate. The LA Times proclaims that "red-stemmed Russian kale may be the sweetest of all."

Right: Calendula



These gorgeous flowers are used to make a topical salve that Boulton explains can ease skin irritation from common complaints in northwest Pennsylvania: poison ivy, bee stings and dry skin.

Left: Lavender



The flowers get harvested, dried and then infused in oils to make lotion bars. The whole process takes place on campus. "There's like four ingredients in the whole thing. Everything's totally natural," Boulton said. "There's no plastic involved. It's fast."

Left: Dinosaur Kale



This lumpy, bumpy, ruffly green is huge. Munch like a brontosaurus on these leaves, which The Spruce Eats describes as having "an earthy, nutty flavor."

Right: Snacking Tomatoes



They're called "snacking" tomatoes for a reason. These irresistible gems have that signature pop and a bright acidic zing.

Left: Za'atar Oregano



"It's fiery, herby, but in a manageable, lovely way," according to Boulton. "(It) is great in pasta sauce, but also this is a traditional Palestinian plant for the za'atar herb mix and we're growing sesame seeds up there as well so we can make a mixture. I just personally love za'atar so that one's been a fun one."

Left: Mouse Melon



"My lore is you have to pretend you're a mouse while you eat it — you have to pretend you're like, chomping a whole watermelon," Boulton said. "They're super crunchy," according to Boulton. She describes them as similar to a citrus-infused cucumber. "I like to make a salad of cucumbers with lemon juice — this is just like that except you don't have to do anything," Boulton said, grinning. "Just pop them in your mouth."

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Phi Delta Theta hosts 'Pie a Professor' fundraiser

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Phi Delta Theta hosted a "Pie a Professor" event on Wednesday, Sept. 10, where for only $5, students had a unique opportunity to throw a pie of whipped cream at Assistant Professor of Chemistry Matt Betush or Dean for the Student Experience Ian Binnington. All proceeds of the event went to the Live Like Lou foundation, a leading charity that raises money for ALS treatment.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a fatal type of motor neuron disease that causes the degradation of nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain. It is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, named for a famous baseball player in the early 20th century who suffered from ALS.

Gehrig was a member of Phi Delta Theta in his youth at Columbia University, and upon his death in 1941 at the young age of 37 the organization created the Live Like Lou foundation. On Wednesday, Allegheny College's own Phi Delta Theta chapter raised $240 for the foundation, contributing to Lou's legacy.

Phi Delta Theta President Brayden Devinney, '26, plans to become an Iron Phi to further contribute to ALS research. To become an Iron Phi, participants must select an athletic endeavor of their choice, raise $1,000 through the Iron Phi website and accomplish the athletic endeavor itself, according to the Iron Phi website. Should he finish the challenge, Devinney will become one of the few members of Phi Delta Theta across the country who will have completed this event.

Phi Delta Theta member Nick Igerson, '26, hopes that the Pie a Professor event will "spread general awareness about ALS" and "get the community of Allegheny College involved and aware."

Igerson believes this goal has been attained, with over 40 people stopping to pie their professor, each gaining a better understanding of ALS and what the Live Like Lou foundation is contributing to.

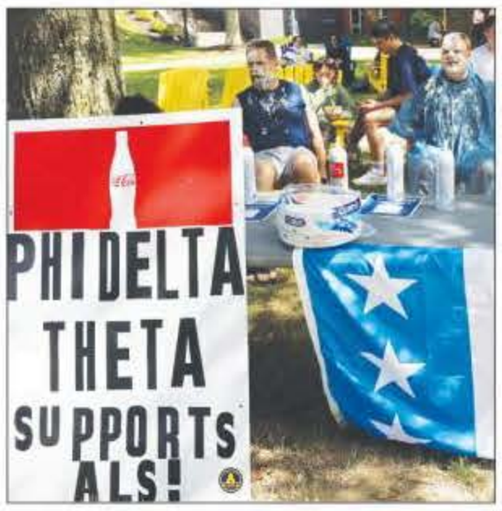
One of these pie throwers, Nealey Clare Wheat, '25, enjoyed the unique opportunity of being the first person to pie Binnington. As the chair of the Honor Committee, Wheat frequently works with both Betush and Binnington outside of the classroom. For her, it was less like smashing a professor in the face with a pie and more akin to hitting a coworker or even a manager with a pie. Though she worried initially about grudges being held by either professor towards her, she ended up using her singular pie to thoroughly cover both professors in whipped cream. Though she has no personal connection to ALS research, she said she loves "to support research in general." This admiration, along with a love and long term support for Phi Delta Theta, made the $5 well worth the price, Wheat said.

Halfway through the Pie a Professor event, Binnington was looking past his current situation and instead at the long term benefits of his decision to participate in this event. After being asked to participate by Devinney, Binnington decided that he would be happy to sacrifice his face and body's cleanliness for the greater good of ALS research. He committed to his role, even denying the poncho that Phi Delta Theta offered him. While his coworker Betush took the poncho to make the impact of the pies slightly easier to clean, Binnington wore only his clothing in hopes to stay cool on the warm summer day. He stated he is happy to be given the chance to contribute to the Live Like Lou foundation, and that "it's not about being pied."

From the students' point of view, one professor stood out as the favorite for pieing, and that was Betush. While no count was kept on how many pies each professor was hit with, by the end of the event one professor was much more covered in whipped cream than the other.

"A lot of chemistry students are enjoying the opportunity to pie Betush," Binnington said.

By the end of the event a total of 48 pies were thrown and $240 were raised. To Phi Delta Theta, this event was a success. They are looking forward to hosting a second Pie A Professor event on November 2. The next event will allow students the opportunity to let out some pent-up anger about missing deadlines or harsh grading by pie-ing Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckly and Admissions Counselor Jess Burkley. This event also will provide another opportunity to donate to the Live Like Lou foundation and contribute to Devinney's Iron Phi challenge. More details will be posted on the Phi Delta Theta Instagram page @acphidelt closer to Nov. 2.



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NORM RUDER/THE CAMPUS
Nealy Clare Wheat, '25, de-stresses by giving Binnington his first pie-ing of the day. Both work together as members of the Honor Committee.



NORM RUDER/THE CAMPUS
Kat Lynch, '25, pies Betush outside of the Henderson Campus Center. By the end of the event, Betush was covered with far more whipped cream than Binnington.