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Baldwin adds laundry room camera

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Baldwin Hall recently installed a security camera inside its communal laundry room on the first floor, making it the only residential building on campus to have security footage on the inside.

The camera was installed in early October after a series of ongoing incidents involving vandalism and damage to students' property took place inside of the first-year building, particularly in the laundry rooms, according to Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckley.

"Baldwin, being our historic first-year building, there's always issues with regards to students learning how to live in community and students learning how to do things on their own for the first time," Yeckley said.

Baldwin Hall can hold up to 220 first-year students. This year, it is near maximum capacity.

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Invite, Inspire and Invest

5-year 'In For Allegheny' campaign aims to raise $250 million



JOE KAGENI/THE CAMPUS
The lobby of the Henderson Campus Center was packed with current students, alumni, faculty, administrators, family and friends on Friday, Oct. 18, for the kick-off of the 'In For Allegheny' campaign. At the event, President Ron Cole, '87, announced the college has already raised half of the campaign's $250 million goal.

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ASG votes on two new clubs

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Allegheny Student Government completed the first round of voting to approve two new clubs and announced many upcoming events at their General Assembly on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Reports

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Kaleialoha Froning, '25, reported she will participate in an upcoming meeting with professors about an Indigenous health class coming in the spring.

Co-Directors of Student Affairs Ben Keefer, '27, and Kyra Jordan, '25, announced the Parkhurst Dining Committee will be meeting soon to officially start the committee's work. Keefer and Jordan also said that ASG members will be present to talk to the student body at a Grounds For Change open tab event on Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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McKinley's switches to reusable dishes

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Parkhurst, in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability, is taking steps to reduce the money spent on single-use utensils by implementing new reusable plates, bowls and mugs in McKinley's starting on Monday, Oct. 21. Student sustainability and marketing interns were at McKinley's for the lunch and dinner hours the entire week prior to the change to explain the process. In addition, the staff directed students on where to put the new dishes in order for them to be cleaned.

Weekly meetings between Parkhurst General Manager Maria Foxall and the Office of Sustainability are where the idea of reusable dishes in McKinley's Dining Hall originated. The first reusable items included plates, bowls and mugs that are all made from melamine, a type of hard plastic that is in many reusable dishes.

Instead of china dishes, melamine was chosen because it is easily transportable. Sustainability Coordinator Kurt Hatcher, '07, said that the limited dishwasher capacity in McKinley's has been a prior reason for providing single-use items. To address the issue, trucks will be transporting the dishes to the Schultz Banquet Hall to be cleaned there.

"We have a beautiful dish room in Schultz with lots of, like, room for grime," Foxall said.

The large kitchen and dishwasher area in Schultz is already being utilized for prepping food, as well as making all of the baked goods available in McKinley's. Trucks already transport items between both dining halls, so Hatcher said the addition of the reusables will not be a problem.

The environmental impact of this change is a significant reduction in waste, materials and energy from the disposables. Director of Sustainability Kelly Boulton, '02, wants to create a culture of environmental consciousnesses at Allegheny and beyond.

"We are always thinking about how do we cultivate habits with our students on campus that you then take with you once you leave here," Boulton said.

McKinley's used to operate as more of a retail operation with its various stations to order food, pay and go. Now, it is operating as more of a board operation similar to Brooks Dining Hall. Foxall cites this shift as another reason for moving away from single-use items.

"This is a dining hall," Foxall said while in the Brooks Blue Room. "It is no longer a retail space, so I think that you will get more of a homey feeling (in McKinley's) that you have here."

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ALIC workshops return for second year

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The Allegheny Lab for Innovation & Creativity located in the Henderson Campus Center houses a fabrication facility and a computer lab which Assistant Provost of Academic Innovation and Director of Academic Innovation Partnerships Byron Rich oversees. Rich said he wants to utilize the facility to provide students with a more practical approach to their career path.

"The degree at the end is good but we need to also adapt to cultural technological changes," Rich said. "The reality is most students are going to need jobs."

ALIC was founded five years ago because Rich said that many different departments — spanning from communications to physics — all had similar technological needs that were not yet being met. So, ALIC was created by the college to provide students the opportunity to develop more technical skills rather than more theoretical skills.



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS
A mock-up of the Phil St. Moritz, '61, Center for Innovation at Reis Hall hangs outside the Allegheny Lab for Innovation & Creativity in Doane Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The ALIC lab in Doane will relocate there once renovations are complete.

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Layout Contributor Milo Watson, '26, argues that contrasting student attitudes towards campus wildlife reveal our ecological values.

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Repairing your iPhone on your own is near impossible. Layout Editor Ben Stavnezer, '27, thinks that is obscene. Instead, he imagines a world where normal people can rehabilitate broken tech.

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IT'S MAGIC!

Allegheny's former associate director of career exploration, Jim Fitch, has studied under the most accomplished magicians of our time. Contributing Writer Norm Ruder, '27, attended Fitch's recent performance.

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ALLEGHENY

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The lobby of the Henderson Campus Center was packed with students, alumni, faculty, administrators, family and friends celebrating the 'In For Allegheny: Our Pathway Forward' campaign kickoff on the evening of Friday, Oct. 18.

"This is the most significant campaign in Allegheny College history," said President Ron Cole, '87, in an interview with The Campus. "And it's motivated for this simple reason: Allegheny changes lives, and that matters."

At the kickoff event, Cole announced that the college has already raised more than $125 million, half of its $250 million goal.

In an interview with The Campus, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Matt Stinson said the five-year campaign coincides with Cole's presidency, which began in 2022.

The campaign is centered around three areas of focus: Invite, Inspire and Invest. Cole said these objectives are based on what the college administration understands it needs to accomplish in order to be an institution that thrives.

The campaign dovetails with the college's Strategic Pathway, which "aims to position Allegheny College for success in the 21st century by building on its strengths and values," according to the college website. The Strategic Pathway includes five main goals: Academic Excellence and Strong Outcomes; Vibrant and Inclusive Campus; Broaden Academic Offerings; Community and Economic Development; and Operational and Financial Sustainability.

"The Strategic Pathway provides a framework for the campaign, and the campaign empowers us to reach the goals that we've set out in the Strategic Pathway," Cole said.

It is a priority during the coming years for the college's evolution to remain true to its roots and core values.

"Alumni are, I believe, glad to hear and to read and understand that we're not giving up our core identity as a national liberal arts college," Cole said, "but actually using that to empower new ways of thinking about what a liberal arts education means."

Allegheny Student Government President Ella DeRose, '27, is an ambassador for the 'In For Allegheny' campaign.

"As student leaders, it's important to represent and be there to celebrate our college," DeRose said in an interview with The Campus. "As part of the campaign, the Board of Trustees were there, a lot of alumni, professors, members of our community, so it was meant to celebrate everyone in our community and people who support us. It's supposed to be everyone in the community coming together."

No matter what your role is in the Allegheny community, Stinson said that everyone is able to participate in the campaign — including in the "Invite" portion.

Current students can reach out to their high schools and younger friends to tell them about their Allegheny experience, and alumni can sit down and talk with the young people in their lives about why they may be a good fit for Allegheny. Inviting prospective students to campus is particularly important, Stinson said, because it significantly increases the likelihood the students will commit to Allegheny.

Stinson said additional resources will be directed to scaling up and adding more structure to existing programs geared toward recruiting students, such as the "Colleges That Change Lives" admissions tour.

"My hope is that every single person on campus and all of our alumni and all of our families and the Meadville community sees themselves within this campaign," Stinson said.

Allegheny's last major campaign aimed to raise $200 million over a 10-year period; Stinson described setting the goal for this campaign $50 million higher in half the time as "aggressive," but achievable.

Stinson said he has already seen participation from broad swaths of the Allegheny community to invest in the college's future.

Gator Give Day is one avenue for that.

"One of the things I'm most proud of, and I hope the entire campus is proud of, is on Gator Give Day this past year, the class that participated the most was the immediate class that had graduated in 2023," Stinson said. "So, those young alumni who were only one year out — a higher percentage of that class gave than any other class, including the 50th reunion class. That just never happens, it doesn't. So, that tells me something about the experience that those now alumni had while they were students."

The funds raised during the campaign will go toward major renovations in academic buildings, such as Quigley Hall and Reis Hall.

Functioning as the college's library until 1976, the historic Reis Hall was constructed in the late 19th century under the leadership of Allegheny President William Henry Crawford. Now, the building will soon house the Allegheny Lab for Innovation & Creativity and the Department of Computer and Information Science, as well as learning spaces for other disciplines. Associate Professor of Computer and Information Science and Chair of the Computer Science Department Janel Jumadinova said she is excited about how the new space will enhance the student experience.

"It's been a really exciting process," Jumadinva said. "We've been trying to have this building be a combination of something that upholds the history of the building, but also the college's. Something that completely looks into the futuristic, tech world."

Cole said projects such as these will help the college realize the Strategic Pathway's first goal: Academic Excellence and Strong Outcomes.

Funds will also go towards renovations in Brooks Hall, as well as scholarships for students and other projects, according to Stinson.

"Our alumni are stepping up to make sure that we don't just survive, but that we're thriving into the 21st century," Stinson said.

It is also important for students to invest in themselves by taking advantage of the resources available across campus.

"The great thing about Allegheny is you can do anything you want," Stinson said. "After graduation, perhaps the intimidating thing sometimes for students is that you can do anything you want."

This is where the "Inspire" portion comes into the campaign.

To set students up for success, Stinson said the college aims to expose students to many career options during their first two years and connect them with alumni who embody examples of different paths that are possible for them. Then, in students' third and fourth years, the college aims to help students narrow their focus and find research and internship opportunities, through platforms like Gator2Gator.

"It's not just about 'Invest,'" Stinson said. "It's about empowering our alumni to help in ways that are meaningful to the alumni and very useful to our students and our faculty."

Upperclassmen students can also contribute to inspiring younger students by building relationships and exemplifying what is possible with an Allegheny education.

"What I want our students to understand is that this is a historic moment for Allegheny College," Cole told The Campus. "We're at a turning point. We're facing challenges in higher education and we can shy away, or we can lean in and we can model exactly what we expect of our students — and that's applying critical thought, that's applying problem-solving skills, that's making evidence-based decisions. That's what we're doing. I want our students to be proud of where they are now and proud of their alma mater when they graduate."



WALKER CUNNINGHAM/THE CAMPUS
Samantha Phillips, '26, poses for a caricature in the Henderson Campus Center during the "In For Allegheny" event Friday, Oct. 18. Other fun activites at the event included pumpkin painting, "Magic Steve" the balloon artist and food from Meadville vendors.



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS
President Ron Cole, '87, delivers remarks to attendees from the balcony of the campus center. His speech centered around his excitement for Allegheny's future.



WALKER CUNNINGHAM/THE CAMPUS
The Allegheny College Choir sings the Alma Mater at the "In For Allegheny" campaign kickoff. The choir was comprised of both current students and alumni.

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McKinley's workers and students have had some differing opinions on the change. Foxall said that most of the employees have a pretty neutral attitude towards the change. Most likely, they are just a little nervous due to it being something new; it may be a bit of a learning curve.

McKinley's worker Braden Calzada is excited about the new reusables to enhance the dining experience.

"I feel like they are just better for holding more," Calzada said of the new plates and bowls.

He gave a specific example of the melamine bowls being able to hold a rice bowl from Cinco better than the current paper bowls.

Some students are unsure if this change will be beneficial or not to them. Jerrell Galloway, '28, is a fan of the current single-use item system and does not see a need for the change.

"I think Kins was succeeding with these ones (paper plates), the ones you can throw away," Galloway said while eating dinner at McKinley's.

On top of this, there were worries about the amount of time and workers needed to clean the dishes. Students cited questions like, "Would lines become longer?" and "Would wait times increase?"

When brought to Foxall's attention, she pointed to the fact that the dishes would be washed in Schultz. She does not see any negative effect on the student dining experience.

As the dishes will have to be cleaned, students will not be able to walk out with them as they were with the paper plates and bowls. The alternative for take-out options is the Green Box Program. Boulton said that the Green Box Program has to work hand-in-hand with the transition to reusable dining ware.

Boulton and Hatcher recognize that some may be unfamiliar with the green boxes, so they are working hard to ensure that students know of the program's existence and have the Reuzzi app downloaded. By having this information out ahead of time, students can better adapt and be prepared for changes.

The green boxes are in a constant rotation, moving from both dining halls and to Schultz to be washed there. There have not been any shortages of the boxes this year, according to Boulton and Hatcher.

A number of students at McKinley's were either not too familiar with the program or had some issues with it. One of the issues was the 48-hour time frame that the boxes are recommended to be returned in.

Boulton said that the boxes get pretty gross after 48 hours, and the time frame is partially so that boxes are not festering in dorm rooms, compromising health and smell. Hatcher echoed the same point of view by pointing out problems experienced this year.

"We've already lost some boxes that were kept out for a lot longer, and they've grown things," Hatcher said. "It's compromised the box in such a way that we can't put it back in service."

The reusable aspect of the boxes is only beneficial if they are actually being reused. Despite these arguments for the time frame, the Office of Sustainability wants to assure students that there is no penalty for returning it past the time. The only repercussion is earning fewer points on the Reuzzi app. These points can amount to free food rewards.

The important thing is that students are actually returning the boxes. These point incentives are in place to prompt students to bring them back as soon as possible to be made clean again and put back in circulation.

The return rate is high so far this school year as 99.35% of what is in circulation has been returned — a sharp contrast to last year when the return rate was 4%, according to Hatcher.

As of Friday, Oct. 18, at 9:34 a.m., the Green Box Program has prevented 6,375 single-use items from ending up in the landfill. Boulton is positive that this number will continue to increase. This year is anticipated to be transitional for the program with some growing pains, but it is expected to surge after students get into the habit of bringing boxes back.

"After that, that (6,375) will be a small number compared to what we will be able to do," Boulton stated.

With 578 current users, the Green Box Program is expected to grow and have an even greater positive environmental impact. This number of students is about half of the campus, but Boulton is seeking more participants.

"If everyone who uses it got one more person to sign up," Boulton said, "it would move the needle significantly."

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Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs, Aidan McGrory, ’26, reported progress on a possible tree planting event to come soon, though he said concerns about groundskeeping maintenance were raised. He said an education-focused event in the far future is also in the works.

Director of Community Relations Hunter Goerman, ’25, reported that since not enough students have entered the raffle for “The Rocky Horror Show” ticket giveaway, it has become a first-come, first-served endeavor. The form to get a ticket is accessible through a QR code on ASG’s Instagram. To get a ticket, students can also ask an ASG representative.

Goerman also shared that, in terms of Halloween weekend events, the farmers market at the Meadville Market House is having an event on Friday, Oct. 26, and that Allegheny’s Student Experimental Theater is hosting “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” on Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9 p.m. each night. Finally, Goerman announced that several Allegheny sports teams are hosting home games this Saturday; Men’s Soccer will have their Senior Day at noon, Women’s Soccer will have their Senior Day at 2:30 p.m, football will have a game at 5 p.m., Women’s Volleyball will play at 1 p.m. and Men’s and Women’s Wwimming and Diving will compete at 1 p.m. Attorney General Chezka Quinola, ’27, raised concerns about people’s understanding of differences between “official” clubs and “ASG-recognized” clubs. Quinola said that ASG clubs are recognized by ASG specifically and qualify for ASG funding, but are subject to additional qualifications. Official clubs are clubs only recognized by the college administration and do not qualify for ASG funding. Club leaders with further questions should contact ASG.

The Class of 2026 announced they will hold a costume contest in GFC on Halloween, which is Oct. 31.

Allegheny Student Government President Ella DeRose, ’27, announced President Ron Cole, ’87, would be speaking at the next general meeting, 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

Additionally, DeRose said ASG is still looking for someone to fill a marketing position.

New Business

The Association for Computer Machining, a national organization looking to re-establish a presence on campus, passed the first round of voting. This club is looking to grow its presence on campus by coordinating with Allegheny’s computer science department and internal technologies to work alongside Allegheny’s curriculum and help students. Badminton club also passed its first round of voting, possibly establishing a place for the sport on campus beyond the current events.

ASG’s next General Assembly is set for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, in room 301/302 of the Henderson Campus Center.

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“This particular year we’ve seen an increase of vandalism and damages in Baldwin, not just in the laundry room, but throughout the building,” Yeckley said. “We’ve tried other methods to try to get students to understand the impact they’re having on the community when they damage things, and we weren’t seeing a decrease in vandalism. And so the decision was made and now we can hold the appropriate students accountable.”

The camera installed shows a view of the entire laundry room and its machines. Its feed is streamed directly into Public Safety. It’s not permanently up on a screen, nor constantly monitored, and so the only time that camera footage is accessed is if something has gone wrong in the laundry room, according to Yeckley.

Baldwin Resident Advisor Nigel Williams, ’25, said that the RAs had been notified of multiple accounts of theft in the laundry room. As a result, they understood the necessity of the camera.

“As far as we were concerned, everyone was ‘iffy’ about it, but we understood it was a necessary thing, just as a precaution,” Williams said. “It was more of a preventative thing to make sure people weren’t continuously stealing stuff from the laundry room.”

This is Williams’ second year as an RA in Baldwin.

“I was kinda ‘iffy’ about it because I was like, ‘I don’t know how comfortable certain people are going to be about having it in there,’” Williams said. “But at the same time, I do understand.”

During an August interview with The Campus about a $150,000 grant Allegheny received to improve security on campus, Director of Public Safety James Basinger said college officials are very deliberate with the placement of cameras. He added that they are careful not to put them anywhere that compromises the privacy of students.

Yeckley said they and Basinger had conversations about the appropriateness of installing a camera inside the laundry room and ultimately decided it was necessary for the space.

“[We] spoke with the Dean of Student Experience, Ian Binnington, as well, and the decision was made that because it is a public space — while it is indoors — it is a public space where students should be appropriate,” Yeckley said.

The camera is not a threat to student’s privacy, Yeckley said, because it does not face inside any dorm rooms or bathrooms in the hall.

“Honestly, I thought it was an interesting choice,” said Baldwin resident Ezra Deegan, ’28. “I feel like maybe it’s necessary because you don’t know if someone is going to steal your clothes or not.”

Deegan is a student currently living in Baldwin Hall, but has never personally had any issues in the laundry room, outside of being inconvenienced by the couple of instances where the fire alarm went off because machines were overheating due to being overloaded with clothes. Regardless, Deegan was aware of the ongoing security issues.

“I know some people were having complaints of not having all their clothes come back, so I don’t think it was an inappropriate choice, per se,” Deegan said.

Prior to installing the camera, multiple efforts were made to prevent the incidents in Baldwin.

Yeckley said Residence Life tried providing education opportunities for students who do not know how to do laundry, mass emails reminding everyone of the implications of a shared space and increasing staff rounds. They have also considered fining the entire building’s residents for damages. When the efforts proved unsuccessful, ultimately the camera was the last resort.

According to Yeckley, no issues have been reported since the camera was installed.

Ask Allegheny

In honor of Halloween, what scares you the most?



Left: Peyton Essman, ’28
Major: Environmental Science and Sustainability

“Stinkbugs scare me the most.”



Above: Sydney Mitrecic, ’26
Major: Biology

“What scares me the most is...being abandoned and disappointing people!”



Right: Veila Rodriguez, ’25, & Sarah Hoplock, ’25
Major: Business and Spanish (Rodriguez) & Environmental Science and Sustainability (Hoplock)

“Our greatest fear is failing the comp.”

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 6, 2024 edition of The Campus, an article regarding the remodeling of the IDEAS Center extension space incorrectly said the RISE Program was established in 2019 by the Rhodes Trust and the former CEO of Google Eric Schmidt and Wendy Schmidt. The RISE Program is a cohort program that was developed at Allegheny College, spearheaded by Associate Dean Dominique Turner in 2023, designed specifically for incoming African American and Latino students on Allegheny’s campus. This Fall semester was the inaugural cohort for the group.

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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Right to repair: the fight for our technology

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Imagine that the screen of your phone or laptop shatters as you're reading this. The first thought that might enter your head is that you need to purchase an entirely new phone. This is one of the many unfortunate truths about today's technology: the equivalent of a dead car battery resulting in the whole vehicle being sent to the scrapyard. Even if you look for a replacement part, the new part is often difficult to install or costs an exorbitant price through official part sellers. An even larger problem is that some products are impossible to open up without destroying them. It is a completely nonsensical and anti-consumer practice — yet extremely profitable for the company that sells the devices on which we're so reliant.

But things don't have to be this way.

The right to repair is the idea that owners of devices and equipment should have the legal right to repair, deconstruct or even modify the products they have purchased. It is one of the most important initiatives in the current era of corporate monopolies. As laptops, phones and tablets are increasingly required in all facets of life to connect to the ever-growing internet, consumer control over what companies can sell should increase as well. People are pretty used to this concept when it comes to older cars and appliances, but most modern technology (especially anything with a computer chip inside) is rarely repairable by the device's user — and not for lack of trying.

The most important parts of the right to repair movement are at the level of device construction. In order for the consumer to have a chance to fix their own things, devices need to be constructed and designed in a way that allows repairs to be made easily. In addition, changes to the ways parts are produced are necessary. The device's users and any independent repair shops should be able to access the original spare parts, as well as the tools that are necessary, at reasonable prices. Most importantly, in this world of digital rights laws, repairs should not be hindered by any software issues or intentional programming (also known as planned obsolescence).

In addition to helping the consumer regain control over the device they purchase, right to repair legislation has the byproduct of helping the environment. Right to repair laws are designed to break manufacturers' monopoly on the electronic parts and repair markets, allowing consumers to hold on to their old products longer. This allows them to not throw away their used products and be forced to buy new ones on a regular basis. These new manufacturing guidelines would reduce environmental impact by reducing electronic waste and slow down the production of new devices.

This issue also stretches further than just phones and computers. The issue of the right to repair has been a concern of farmers for years, as tractors and other farm equipment have become more reliant on technology and electronic connections to perform precision work. When a piece of equipment breaks down, it can cause huge disruptions to farm operations, which is why it is so important to have access to the tools and information on how to fix the problem. In addition to that issue, repairs often require exclusive software to fix, which is not available to the farmers. When anything breaks down, the nearest dealer may be hundreds of miles away, leading to long downtimes and expensive repairs.

No matter what discouraging messages may come down the pipeline from those who benefit from high repair prices, recent laws have proven that the consumer's voice is more important than the company's. In 2022, the European Union Parliament passed a law forcing manufacturers to use USB Type-C charging ports in all new devices. Apple completely and unanimously pivoted to the new rule, demonstrating on a large scale that companies will follow these laws if they preserve their consumer base and profits. In 2012, Massachusetts passed the Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act, which forced carmakers to allow independent mechanics to access the secret diagnostic tools in cars. This means that when a check engine light comes on, the law makes it possible to take the vehicle to just about any mechanic to figure out what's wrong.

To share a personal example, I own a 3D printer, and a couple of years ago, one of the internal cooling fans broke, which is a key piece of equipment in a machine that gets over 200 degrees Celsius (392 Fahrenheit) regularly. This also caused some damage to a circuit board in the machine. Fortunately, I was able to purchase repair parts at a low price, and even better, replace the damaged parts myself. While I surely didn't do everything correctly in my repair, the fact that I — a high school student — could fix it in the first place was a refreshing and reaffirming experience.

On the other hand, the screen of my phone broke last fall, and I had no choice but to wait until I could see a specialist, who told me that only the display screen was broken and the rest of the phone was perfectly intact. I was told that a costly repair was possible, but Apple devices only work with the parts they are built with, meaning I would have lost most of the phone's functionality.

Ultimately, we are much more than just consumers of new tech products. We are consumers who expect what we buy to work — and more importantly, to last. With companies caring more about their profits than the quality of the products they provide, the power is in our hands to vote with our wallets and support right to repair legislation.

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Campus worms dethrone squirrels in popularity

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Something strange began to happen when my older friends went off to college in 2020 and left me to finish out a final year of high school alone: we began to talk about squirrels.

College campus squirrels, my friends explained, bore no resemblance to their cousins in our hometown backyards. They were bigger. Fatter. Faster. They devoured chicken wings and followed people home and could be trained to perform tricks. Individual squirrels were even identifiable by distinctive personality traits or habitual quirks, such as living inside the walls as loudly as possible.

What I didn't understand when my friends brought home stories of super-strength squirrels was that they were participating in a long, vibrant and under-appreciated tradition of mythologizing campus squirrel populations, which has been passed down for generations through student-led newspapers. It sounds like I'm joking, but I'm not.

Popular accounts of student-squirrel relations trace the craze back to at least 1938, when The Harvard Crimson covered an incident in which a squirrel sank its fangs into the finger of a freshman who had been attempting to feed it popcorn kernels inside his dorm room. Another student (bizarrely described as "the ice cream champion of the University") attempted rescue, but was no match for the ensuing battle: "A few minutes later he retired with his gloves torn to shreds and his hands lacerated in a dozen places, leaving the squirrel in complete triumph," concluded the story's unattributed writer.

Student journalists around the country have since kept a watchful eye for any unusual happenings from the squirrel community.

At Columbia University, reporters in 2012 covered a string of pizza burglaries perpetrated by squirrels as a "somewhat magical occurrence."

"The victim reported that she 'sensed a squirrel right behind,' her, and watched sadly as the theft was carried out," they said. "We await the next inevitable attack with a mix of horror and fascination."

In Pennsylvania at Penn State that same year, students and squirrels enjoyed a much more affectionate camaraderie. One freshman named Mary who spent her free time crafting hats for the squirrels earned a newspaper profile as the "Penn State Squirrel Whisperer" in the newspaper. "She likes the attention that the squirrels get but has to make sure to keep an eye on them because she doesn't want them to just start going berserk," the writer explained. For the writer, this stance was "understandable considering while I watched from afar, squirrels were climbing on her, sitting on her forearm and generally gathering around her."

At some institutions, some squirrels have become so notable that their deaths merit an obituary. In 2007, reporters at The North Texan issued a grim headline entitled "'Baby' is no more" to announce the untimely passing of the University of Northern Texas' best-known rodent resident.

"The albino squirrel informally known as Baby, who enjoyed a good two years on campus between the University Union and Scoular Hall, died Aug. 21 in an unfortunate encounter with a red-tailed hawk," they wrote. "The squirrel, thought to be a good luck charm for students who passed him on their way to take exams, was quite the celebrity."

The squirrels' notoriety suggests their status as charismatic megafauna—a term for the large, instantly recognizable animals that gain sympathy, symbolism and popularity among humans. Relatability is a key factor of animal charisma, as Zoo Atlanta mammal curator Stephanie Braccini explained to HowStuffWorks via email. So when we watch them play in our gathering spaces or devour our french fries, students might interpret connections to their own lived experience.

College campuses aren't home to exotic animals like lions, manatees and pandas who are among the most well-known examples of charismatic megafauna. But campuses are also no longer habitable for many of the native species that would otherwise live there. The monoculture grass lawns that expand through fold-out admission brochures are like a desert for local creatures: there's no food, no water and harsh cycles of disturbance caused by mowing and pest management campaigns. Eastern Gray Squirrels are among the only native mammals who can hold out against these conditions.

It makes sense, then, why squirrels might be a perennial subject of fascination — they're the only easily-observable critter around for long.

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Unlike Oberlin, Princeton, Lehigh and 56 more schools cited as having a student-squirrel cultural symbiosis, Allegheny is not particularly enthralled with its squirrels. My suspicion is that the charismatic captains of our local ecology are instead the worms.

I found out about Meadville's worms almost immediately during the first real rainstorm of my freshman year. The widest, longest, slimiest, wriggliest earthworms I'd ever seen in my entire life flopped out that day onto the sidewalk en masse. YikYak flooded with emoji hearts and capital letters announcing the beasts' rise to the surface. People squealed in disgust while walking to class, even as they stooped to fling the worms' spineless, squishy bodies off the treacherous sidewalk and into the grass. For days their fallen brethren were mourned with the occasional regretful wail at the sight of an especially large dry annelid. This was not an isolated incident as I'd first thought — it happens each time it rains.

The same metrics that other campuses point to as indicators of their squirrel populations' remarkability — urban legends of their vast size and population, folklore alleging sightings as good luck symbols and newspaper coverage — hold true for Allegheny's worms, but not our bushy-tailed above-ground vertebrates.

While writing this article I searched the DSpace archives for every instance of the word "squirrel" published by The Campus between 2000 and 2024 and found nothing to suggest the kind of celebrity these creatures enjoy at other schools (it was mostly references to Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh). Meanwhile, The Campus' annual April Fools issue, The Compost, is literally named for prime worm real estate.

Worms are on the minds of both Campus writers and their interviewees with surprising regularity. When then-President-elect Noah Tart, '22, was interviewed in April 2021 about his administration's cabinet picks, he highlighted expanding their services to campus as the main priority for his Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs nominee Andi Reiser, '23. "Within academia, we are a pretty highly-ranked school for environmental science, and (Reiser) had some incredible ideas," he said. "She ran the June Cup initiative, and now she wants to do worm compost, which is highly sustainable."

That following fall, The Campus punctuated a story about the Student Art Society's zine workshops with a quote from that year's SAS President Erin Magnus, '23."I had a song stuck in my head about worms so I just made a zine about worms," Magnus said

Creeping deeper through the last few years, it appears that variations of the phrase "open a can of worms" occurred twice within the span of a few issues; a writer also proudly described herself as a "bookworm." Associate Professor of Biology and Biochemistry Brad Hersh lauded the microscopic worm species C. elegans for being "really quite cool because they are transparent" in 2020. Former Editor-in-Chief Roman Hladio, '22, combed the internet for thoughts from roundworm experts (also called nematologists, in case you're searching for a new career path) about the ancient worms unearthed from melting Russian permafrost.

Could it be that Allegheny's increased focus on planting native vegetation, embracing vermicompost and introducing less invasive land management techniques have created the prerequisite conditions for this movement?

When it rains at Allegheny, the worms rise to the surface, and so do everyone's feelings about them. In honor of World Earthworm Day (which took place this Monday, Oct. 21), I asked a few members of the Allegheny community for their thoughts on the campus worms. Here's what they had to say.

Natalie Kocherzat, '24: "Wormy weather…rainy days."

Wes Price, '28: "I mean, earthworms are just kind of incredible creatures. They help break down matter and create beautiful plants and flowers that bloom, and they're just as much a resident of campus as we are. And I wouldn't want to live on a campus without earthworms."

Beth Ma, '26: "Thoughts on earthworms: I like them. They're great. I always like to see them pop up. Don't step on them."

Alleghenians have always seen themselves reflected in the cold-blooded, unnerving and downright freaky creatures of the world (see also: hellbenders, alligators), which, especially when combined with the whole major/minor combination deal, should tell us a lot about our collective identity. The way we dig our earthworm neighbors represents an unlikely combination of relatability and respect for the utilitarian role they play in making the world habitable — so rock on, worm fans.

World Earthworm Day took place on Monday, October 21. Got thoughts about the campus worms? Share them with the writer at watson03@allegheny.edu.

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IDEAS Center closes out Hispanic Heritage Month

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Allegheny College's IDEAS Center concluded Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a panel to highlight Hispanic student and faculty experiences on campus. Hispanic Heritage Month spans from mid-September to mid-October. The panel was hosted on the very last day of Hispanic Heritage Month — Oct. 15 — in room 301 of the Henderson Campus Center from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to close out the month. The IDEAS Center's goal was to educate the community and share different cultural communities and backgrounds.

"It was really educational and informative but also beneficial for the community," said Assistant Director of the IDEAS Center Marquel Jeffries.

Jeffries asked questions of the panel, which consisted of two students and two professors. The crowd was engaged with the conversation, with several people asking follow-up questions to help better understand the Hispanic and Latino community.

Associate Dean of Inclusive Excellence Dominique Turner said he learned a lot about the community through this one last panel.

"I liked the event," Turner said. "I thought the event was a great culmination for the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. I just enjoyed learning more about the perspectives of my colleagues."

A theme the panelists touched on was language and the cultural differences that exist between languages. Although they all speak Spanish, the panelists discussed their use of different slang and dialects depending on their country of origin.

The panelists described how talking in certain ways would lead them to be put into a box of which economic class they are in by just the way they speak. Spanish spoken in Spain is considered the formal way to speak but the board felt a disconnect with that type of Spanish.

One student on the board took a Spanish class in high school and was told by her teacher that she was speaking Spanish incorrectly. She said that though her Spanish wasn't incorrect, she did not speak with a Spain accent

Street Spanish is a big thing used to put different people in a box to try and put them down. Someone can speak a language completely different from others and not in a formal manner every time they talk, but others will assume you can or can't do something just by the way you speak.

Last names are also a way to associate people with different classes. Another board member said that in a business setting, she does not like saying her last name because of the probability that she won't get a job opportunity.

Last names and languages aren't the only struggles the Spanish and Latinx cultures have in America, according to the panel. Transitioning to English in school but speaking Spanish at home is a struggle a lot of students have when first moving to America.

Spanish Professor Wilfredo Hernandez was on the panel to speak about his experiences from moving to America from Venezuela. He does not see himself as American but more so as an immigrant. He struggled, but he believed that coming to America was the right decision because back home in Venezuela the politics made the country unsafe.

"I think some people still have biases and think some varieties are better," Hernandez said.

Although Hernandez does not wish to go back to Venezuela to live, he does miss some aspects of his own culture. He tries making a coffee that he used to have called "cafe con leche" to connect with his home. Cafe con leche is a Spanish coffee that has a distinct flavor due to its ingredients being half milk and half coffee.

He believes that people in other countries do tend to believe their cultures are the best. Cultures are often defined by stereotypes that persist because many people never take the steps to educate themselves. Hernandez sees this as a challenge and is excited to learn about other cultures and how and why they act certain ways to certain things.

Latinx and Hispanic people experience many struggles that are not often readily apparent to those outside their communities. The panel concluded by emphasizing that people need to be educated more about the culture before they start to judge them based on their color or based on their last name.

"It's important to recognize and advocate for the changes within my community," said Amberlyn Escobar, '27. "So that we have a more positive relationship with every member."

Comedy Corner: Pandas, FanDuel and Ohio

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David Plouffe, senior adviser to the Harris-Walz campaign, said most public polls are "horses—" according to The Hill on Oct. 14.

"A lot of polls come from Gallup," Plouffe said. "And everyone knows horses gallop."

NASA has launched a mission to investigate a potentially habitable ocean world, according to CNN on Oct. 14.

"The planet has been dubbed Kamino by folks in the office," said an anonymous NASA employee. "We tried to get Kevin Costner to lead the mission since he has experience in these types of worlds."

There's an elephant in the room at Keir Starmer's big investment summit, according to The Guardian on Oct. 14.

"What in the bloody hell is that doing here?" Starmer said. "Who invited an elephant to this summit?"

"I have a doctorate in Economics," the elephant said. "I didn't go to Oxford to get talked to like this."

Lewandowski has been "put in a box" by Trump, according to CBS News on Oct. 14.

"This is great for me," Lewandowski said. "I've only scored about 20 from outside the box. I thrive inside."

The BBC reported on Oct. 14 that ferry fares will increase by 10% in Scotland next year.

"It's not fair to raise the ferry fares," said an anonymous Scottish citizen. "The freeze on fares was to be fair and a few of us fine folk were even hoping for free ferry rides."

CNN reported on Oct. 14 that China's newest panda diplomats are headed for Washington.

"This is outrageous. I don't get why China is allowed to do this," said a US diplomat in China. "They can send pandas over to do their diplomatic work, but I get chastised for trying to send a few brown bears over to do my work."

The Guardian asked on Oct. 14 "What does JD Vance really believe?"

The answer is simple; whatever you would like, as long as you have some money.

The Wall Street Journal reported on Oct. 15 that there is a guru who says he can get your 11-year-old into Harvard.

"I can get anyone into Harvard for the right price," said Jamie Beaton, the aforementioned guru. "I have a friend who works at Harvard and lets me use his keys after hours."

A planned Erie dog park and brewery has been put on hold according to The Erie Times-News on Oct. 15.

"I don't know who approved this initially," said an Erie city official. "Dogs don't know anything about brewing beer."

The Pennsylvania Capital-Star reported on Oct. 16 that Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Casey hit a new personal record in Q3 fundraising, doubling Republican challenger Dave McCormick's haul.

"I figured I'd get loads of money from supporters," McCormick said. "I figured people from Connecticut and Pennsylvania would donate."

Tyra Banks returned to the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show after a 19-year hiatus, according to USA Today on Oct. 16

"Last time I was here they told me to hit the runway," Banks said. "I thought they told me to run away, so I did."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported on Oct. 17 that Bally Sports broadcast networks could be renamed FanDuel in a new deal.

Bally Sports executives were unavailable for comment.

Executives from FanDuel were willing to discuss the name change.

"Sign up for FanDuel and bet $5 and get $200 in bonus bets if you win," said a Fanduel executive.

Feds' approval of Gross Reservoir dam expansion violated environmental law, judge rules, according to The Denver Post on Oct. 17.

"This is gross misconduct if I've ever seen it," the ruling judge said. "It makes me sick."

A detached house has sold for $4 million in Fremont, according to The East Bay Times on Oct. 17.

"This is my proudest moment as a realtor," said the listing agent. "I've never sold anything that's detached from reality before, so this is huge for me."

The Daily Record reported on Oct. 13 that Ohio's population is shrinking.

"We never should have funded a state ray gun machine," said Gov. Mike DeWine. "Now we have a 'Honey, I Shrunk the Kids' situation on our hands."

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Data made easier with the DataGators

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The DataGators have joined the NaviGators and Aggregator as the latest addition to the cleverly named gator-themed academic resources available to students.

The DataGators are a group of students available to help their peers with any confusing computer-related technological questions they may have. These questions can include learning how to use computers to understand data, statistical models and more. They plan to table in the Henderson Campus Center each Thursday during the lunch hour.

"If somebody is working — and it doesn't even need to be their senior project — and if they need help either finding data or even graphing it or charting it, I can help them," said Luke Barker, '25, who was the DataGator at the table on Thursday, Oct. 17. "There's also a programming language called 'R' that I can introduce people to and help them understand it."

The purpose of the DataGators, aside from helping students learn the basics of computer science, is to introduce students to R and RStudio.

R is a programming language software meant to aid in statistical computing and show graphics of data. RStudio, a function of R, is a software tool that can be downloaded to a desktop to allow users to organize data in a more effective way.

The group plans to create free lectures for any student or professor who wishes to learn more about R.

Being one of the newest members of the DataGators, Barker is excited to help students get a better grasp on how to use data. Although Barker said there have not been many people coming up to the table yet, he is confident that will change.

"There's only been a couple people so far, but I'm sure as people start working on their projects and start getting further into their projects, more people will start coming up," Barker said.

The DataGators are organized by Assistant Professor of Computer Science Oliver Bonham-Carter.

"Our motivation is to use our studio to inspire collaboration between people and make them aware of free, open-source software," Bonham-Carter said.

Bonham-Carter expressed his pride for his students at the table and their ability to help other students. Only a few students were chosen to be DataGators and were hand-selected by their skills and ability to connect with others.

"They are the ones at the top, very personable people," Bonham-Carter said. "They have a lot of experience in coding."

First formed in spring semester 2024, the DataGators were popular last year, reportedly helping several students with their senior comprehensive projects. The group hopes to continue this to help the lives of more students who are frustrated by technology and make the process of organizing data simpler.

"The DataGators are there for the students to help them feel confident in organizing data," said Daniel Bakele, '25, who has observed the positive effects of the DataGators and believes them to be extremely helpful for students. "They are there to make things more understandable."

The DataGators are here to help students feel more familiar with all manners of using a computer, whether it's coding or putting together their data. Having students at the table will potentially help other Allegheny students feel more comfortable asking for help, some possibly considering them a more approachable option as compared to professors. They hope to make people aware that certain computer functions are not as scary as they may appear.

"I just want to help people with the data part of their projects, and I think our goal is to help make it easier. I think that RStudio and R is a great way to do that," Barker said. "If they have trouble graphing it, R is not that hard to use. If you need to write a regression and graph something it is only one line of code to do it, so a big goal is to make that process easier."

As the world turns more to computers, the importance of understanding how to use technology is crucial. The DataGators are here to help Allegheny students take the important steps into the future of science and technology.

"The world we live in is very data driven," Bonham-Carter said. "We're here to help people get ready for their career."

Women's Tennis takes home 2024 PAC Championship title



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Evie Ellenberger, '28, prepares to serve in her singles match, which she won in 6-0, 6-0, on Oct. 19, at Robertson Athletic Complex.



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The Women's Tennis team celebrates after sweeping Westminster 4-0 in the PAC semifinals at Robertson Athletic Complex. The victory sent Allegheny to the finals, where the Gators went on to defeat Franciscan 4-3.



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Nicole Serna Cassan, '28, prepares to receive a serve in her match against Westminster. Serna Cassan competed in both a doubles match and a singles match in the semifinal against Westminster.

Jim Fitch's 'Connections': A mentalist magic show

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Mentalist, magician, and previous Allegheny College employee Jim Fitch hosted his mentalism show "Connections" where he showed off his mentalist skills by diving into the minds of audience members.

Fitch's show was separated into a few main tricks, starting the night with simple card readings and ending with Fitch speaking directly to spirits. Much of the show required involvement from the audience, allowing them to interact first-hand with the magic, which Fitch claimed to manipulate. Margaret West, an adjunct professor in film, was called up to the stage for much of the show. Having little understanding of what mentalism was when walking up on stage, she got an up close and personal demonstration of Fitch's abilities.

Fitch began by having West pick a book and the audience choose a random page within the book. Then, flawlessly, Fitch was able to pick the first and last word on that page seemingly out of West's own mind. Fitch continued by asking West to arrange five tarot cards in an order of her choice, and then with his own copy of those five cards identically reproduced these cards in the same order. He gave explanations of what these cards meant to West and instructed the crowd of what they might represent within her life.

West did not know what to expect while sitting with Fitch in front of the crowd. Her knowledge of what mentalism entailed was tied to basic parlor tricks, but she had never been so directly involved with it.

"The world is wide and who am I to say," West said regarding whether she believed in mentalism before the show.

Afterward, West was still uncertain, but enjoyed the experience.

"I've got one cynical little brain that says here is how he is doing it," West said.

She feared she may have been misleading him with her answers, but found it easy to keep an open mind while on stage. "It was interesting to see Jim's technique," West added.

Mentalism is a form of performing art, a subbranch of performing magic in which performers appear to demonstrate supernatural abilities before a crowd. Most of modern mentalism can be traced back to the 19th century when mediums or psychics began claiming they could interact with the spiritual world. Mentalism can be seen even further back in time, with oracles being present in history as far back as in the Old Testament.

While Fitch's experience with mentalism is relatively new, he describes himself as being a lifelong magician, starting in his early teens. His younger brother began taking magic lessons from a retired professional, and one Saturday morning Fitch decided to tag along to a lesson.

"I was just struck," Fitch said. "I loved it, I fell in love with the art."

This sparked his lifelong interest in magic and passion for the art. He began studying under the guidance of Norman Sehm, the Houdini of Rochester, and continued his education throughout his life. In 2000 and 2020, he expanded his knowledge of magic by completing classes at the McBridge Magic & Mystery School in Las Vegas, where he learned from some of the most accomplished magicians of our time, according to the event's program. Over his life, he has performed hundreds of times, from simple tricks at children's birthday parties to much more complex escape artist tricks.

While the ideas behind mentalism are rooted in spirituality and mental prowess, Fitch said he has no intention to change the audience's ideas or beliefs with his performances. His goal is simply for people to enjoy them.

"Life has a way of numbing people out and getting into the routines," Fitch said. "As a teenager I looked at many of the adults around me and I thought, 'Wow they're existing (but) they lost their sense of wonder.' And magic was a tool I thought, 'Maybe this can spark wonder.' So if people leave here a little more curious, if they've had a good time, that's the bottom line."

His first goal, enjoyment, is followed closely by his second goal of sparking curiosity into the crowd. Fitch said he enjoys when his audience begins thinking about things more deeply.

"Even," Fitch said, "Going so far as thinking maybe there is more to this thing called 'reality.'"

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At the same time, Rich decided to start one of the first microcredential programs for liberal arts colleges in the country. He bundled up courses into three-course streams which by the end, the student would gain a micro credential, assuming they pass all three of the streams. Rich said these microcredentials will make students more marketable and can be highlighted on hiring platforms like Indeed or LinkedIn.

Weekly workshops hosted by ALIC also provide an avenue for students to develop skills to help them succeed in the workplace. Located in the ALIC Lab in Doane Hall, the weekly workshops range from sticker-making to digital painting.

Lucy Glassman, '25, hosts workshops every Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m.

"I think they (students) can learn skills for their own interests," Glassman said. "Maybe they want to have a side hustle with stickers or if they have other classes to make a presentation for."

Glassman currently runs three different workshops. The workshops this semester focus on Adobe InDesign, painting and Photoshop and sticker-making.

Glassman's first sticker session had two student sign ups. She started the first class by giving her students a piece of paper to doodle on. Then, after they were done with their doodles, they took a picture of them and turned them into a sticker.

The second workshop focuses on making zines, a small booklet that needs no staples or tape and is made by just being folded together. Glassman taught students how to use InDesign to format pages.

On Thursday, Oct. 24, hosted a digital painting workshop. She taught students how to use a Wacom tablet to create artwork in Photoshop.

Glassman said every lab is beginner friendly which means students don't need any experience at all to participate.

No matter participants' skill levels, Glassman makes sure to create an environment that is engaging and lively.

For future workshops, Glassman's main objective is to make people more aware of what the ALIC has to offer.

Some students were unaware of the ALIC lab sessions, but believe the ALIC lab is useful.

"The ALIC lab is nice, convenient and it's open at convenient times," said Michael Owens, '28. "If I had known that there was a workshop last week I would have gone. I like how they have them. It helps me learn how to use the materials in ways I would have never known."

Owens said he uses the lab regularly and has learned a lot of ways to use not just the computers but all the other machines that it has to offer. There are 3D printers, Wacom tablets, laser cutters and more.

Although it is Glassman's final semester at Allegheny, she is excited that the ALIC lab in Doane Hall is being moved to Reis Hall. Currently renovations are being made to prepare Reis Hall and scale up the ALIC lab.

The new ALIC lab in Reis Hall will house material science research, design labs, fabrication facilities, robotic facilities and AI facilities, according to Rich. There will also be brand new study spots in the building.

"It will be a great place," Rich said, "for students to hang out and do homework."

