

COLLEGE RENAMED "TIPSIE COLLEGE" AFTER \$975M GIFT

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President Salad Bowl, '87, announced another major donation for the college on Monday, March 25, in Shafer Auditorium. Gifted by the Tipsie family, the donation of \$975 million comes after a number of other large but ultimately insignificant donations from a range of donors.

"This is by far the largest donation this school has ever seen," Bowl said. "We will effectively be moving to a new strategic plan to utilize this money over the coming decade."

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The sign down at the intersection of North Main and Loomis streets has already been updated with the institution's new name.

SPRING CONCERT TO FEATURE LONG-DEAD ARTISTS

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The Allegheny College Spring Concert is a long-awaited event that students line up to see every spring. This year, the college has decided to approach the concert creatively, and bring back some old favorites.

On April 13 in the Mullen Performance Arena, the Allegheny Ghost Club will be asked to summon a paranormal lineup to give students a unique experience while also lowering costs. The lineup will include Prince, Amy Winehouse, Freddie Mercury and Bob Marley.

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An artist's conception of the spring concert expected to swing its way into the Mullen Performance Center in April.

'THE PAST IS NOW!' Wi-Fi replaced with old tech



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A sample pigeon to be used in the new-and-improved internet system on campus.

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Tipsie College has enacted multiple new cost-cutting measures. The largest item stricken from the budget is the availability of campus-wide internet access.

After nearly a year of internet difficulties and outages that affected everyone, from professors to students to the campus wildlife who would take up residency in computer labs, the decision to ax the availability of internet access was an easy one.

"We received so many complaints about the internet on campus that we figured we might as well get rid of it," said Chief Information Officer Gunnery Akita. "The money the college will save can finally be spent on reliable and functional forms of communication."

People worried about how they will book office hours with professors, gather research materials or submit homework assignments need not fear. The money the college has saved from

no longer paying an internet provider will be spent on numerous "new" ways of keeping the campus connected.

A system of pneumatic tubes will be installed in every building on campus. Local area banks that have upgraded to the 21st century will sell their tube systems at a discounted rate to the college.

Since the tubes will run through every building, including dormitories, the cost of housing at Allegheny is forecasted to rise, not by much, estimates are saying the raise will be roughly 24 percent.

Fearful of people snagging your post as it hurtles through the tubes? No worries; the college has you covered. For the low price of \$1,500 a semester, you can rent your own personal messenger pigeon.

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ALLEGHENY STUDENT GOVERNMENT REORGANIZES INTO TIPSIE STUDENT EMPIRE

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The ripple effects of Allegheny College's name formally changing its name to Tipsie College, continue; at last week's ASG meeting, ASG President Sheev Palpatine, '25, rose to his feet and made a game-changing proclamation.

"In order to ensure our security and continuing stability, ASG will be reorganized into the first Tipsie Student Empire," Palpatine said.

Among the TSE's first moves will be to reallocate the roughly \$500,000 in TSE's surplus account to fund the creation of a "Death Star" Space Station, to be used to secure the solar system from the

Rebel Alliance.

"We must use student funds to accomplish student goals, which in this case includes our galactic security," Palpatine said. "Anyone who disagrees will be sentenced to three days of Brooks Hall fire alarms."

Given that the cost for a full-sized Death Star would be approximately \$200 quintillion, Dean for Sith Life Bruce Lee, who advises the group, acknowledged that TSE's version will likely be around 9.5 inches in diameter — too small to destroy a planet, but large enough to serve as a basketball for the intramural league.

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Photo courtesy of TSE
Former ASG President and current TSE Emperor Sheev Palpatine, '25, speaks during the General Assembly on Tuesday, March 26.

In this week's Compost...

EXPOSE OF THE WEEK

Something messed-up happened on campus this week. Even if you read the article, you'll forget it over the weekend, because shared governance isn't sexy enough to keep your attention very long.

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LIST OF COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Well, we ran out of story ideas for this week, so we just copied a nice long Wikipedia article to fill the space. Read all about how Isaac Newton was not beamed in the head by an apple, and how the Bermuda Triangle does not have more disappearances than any other waterway.

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THE EXACT STORY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

It's the news article describing your life story. Maybe it's a feature piece on your favorite club. The lengthy investigation into your "biggest op." Perhaps it's a takedown of those loud idiots across the hall. In any case, that story you've always wanted is running this week.

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April Folly: Should Newspapers Embrace AI-Generated Gobbledygook?

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In an era where toasters have WiFi and dogs have Instagram accounts, newspapers are pondering a peculiar question: should they let AI take over the newsroom? While AI promises to churn out content faster than a caffeine-addled journalist, there's a lingering suspicion that it might just end up making us all laugh—or cry. In this merry-go-round of a debate, let's peek into the funhouse mirror of AI journalism and see what reflections we find.

“Journalism isn't just about spitting out facts; it's about spinning tales that tug at your heartstrings,” waxes Dr. Em-

ily Carter, a media ethics guru at Stanford University. “But let's face it, sometimes AI-generated content reads like a fortune cookie gone rogue.”

While AI algorithms can gobble up data faster than a competitive eater downs hotdogs on the Fourth of July, they're not immune to tossing in the occasional spanner—or rather, banana peel—into the works. Without human oversight, there's a risk of AI spreading rumors faster than a nosy neighbor with a megaphone.

“The credibility of journalism hinges on accuracy and accountability,” states John Smith, a grizzled journalist with more bylines than hairs on his head. “Letting AI run wild without a leash is like putting a toddler in charge of a pot-

tery shop. You're just asking for a mess.”

Furthermore, the rise of AI-generated content threatens to make human journalists an endangered species faster than you can say “print is dead.” As newspapers scramble to cut costs faster than a kid with scissors and a love for confetti, there's a temptation to replace human journalists with AI systems. But who will be left to fact-check the fact-checkers?

“Automation in journalism raises concerns about job displacement and diversity,” points out Dr. Sarah Lee, a researcher specializing in media economics. “Replacing human journalists with AI systems not only puts livelihoods on the chopping block but also risks turning the newsroom into a robot-only dis-

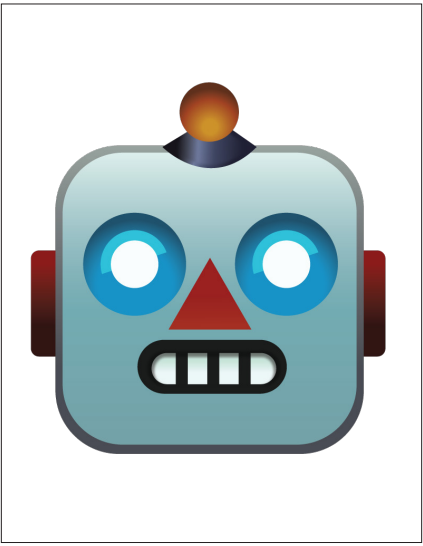
co party.”

Moreover, publishing AI-generated content raises ethical concerns, like who owns the rights to a story penned by an algorithm faster than you can say “CTRL+C, CTRL+V”?

“Ethical considerations surrounding AI-generated content must be addressed,” says Dr. David Nguyen, an expert in technology ethics. “Otherwise, we're heading down a slippery slope faster than a penguin on a Slip 'N Slide.”

Conclusion:

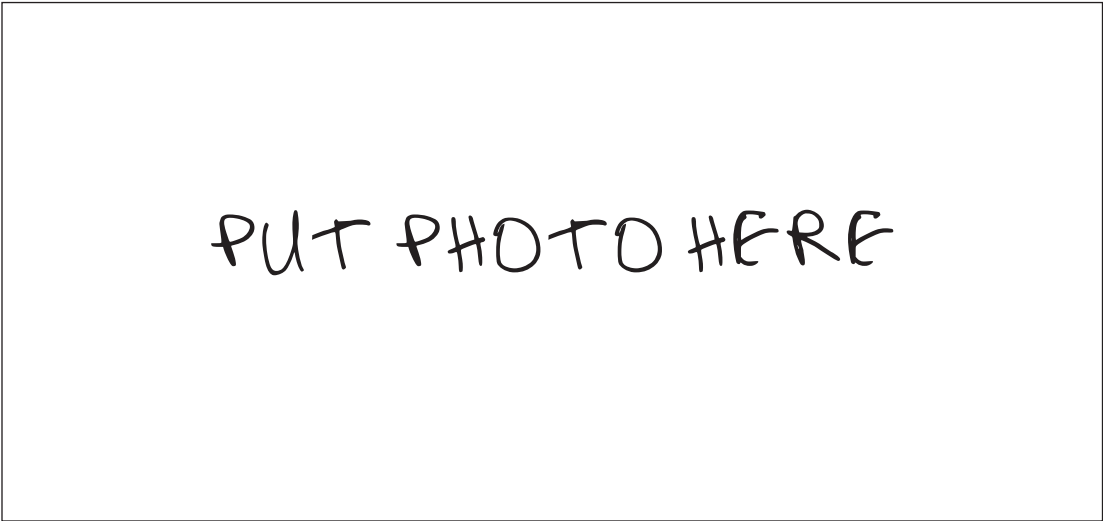
As we tumble through this whirlwind of a debate, one thing is clear: newspapers face a decision that's more perplexing than a Rubik's Cube in a room full of cats. Will they embrace the AI revolution with open arms, or will



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they cling to the tried-and-true methods of human journalism, wrinkles and all? Either way, the future of news might just be stranger than fiction—and funnier too.

THE COMPOST STAFFERS WIN BIG AT AWARDS SHOW



SPAGHETTI MEAT SAUCE/THE COMPOST
Compost Staffers won awards for work in a number of fields, including INSERT WIMMING STUFF HERE.

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Four members of The Compost Staff received LockStone Student Media Awards for adherence to DISASSOCIATED PRESS Style, the Pencilveinya NewSmedia ASSociation announced Thurs. The Awards are the most won by the Compost's Staff since 2015, and represent significantly improved work on the part of the Satirical Publication.

"I'm really proud of Joe Marlist, Oppie Ininator, Drew Acomic, and Mepo Baby, who really showed what great journalists they are this year," said The Compost Editor-in-Chief Spaghetti MeatSauce, '24. "We take great pride in our news coverage, spelling, grammatical prowess, and ability to follow DAP Style, and so bringing home these awards is gonna make me cry."

DAP Style is the industry-standard for most newspapers - including The Compost - requiring writers to, among other things, capitalize certain words, omit courtesy titles, and avoid using the Oxford comma.

It is maintained and updated by the DISASSOCIATED PRESS, a wire service best known for their distant air and isolated mentality. From their castle high in the AP-Palachian mountains, the DAP issues their reports and updates to the Stylebook via hooded messenger.

"We are most glad for this fortuitous celebration" the messenger said when asked for comment, before withdrawing once again into the darkened keep.

Compost Staff won for a number of stories; Marlist took first place in news-writing for a weekly list of how fast the college's water connection was in the fall semester.

"I know a lot of people are worried about the nonexistent wifi connection, but honestly they should be more worried about water pressure," Marlist explained. "City data shows that the college has lost, on average, one-half a lb. of pressure per sq. inch every month since July, and that's very important. I'm really glad this issue is getting the attention it deserves."

On the Opinion Page, Ininator won for a set of pieces arguing that last year's Barbie movie argues against the existence of fisheries.

"Socio-ecologist Barbie only appears for a handful of frames, but in those moments you can really see what filmmaker Greta Gerwig was trying to get across," Ininator said. "Fish deserve to be hunted to extinction in their natural habitat, not sustainably maintained or cultivated."

For his part, Acomic won an award for a set of 3D sculptures embedded in each edition of The Compost about aquatic amphibians.

"Axolotls are love, axolotls are life," Acomic said. "I'm glad I could share that love with this Gator-loving community."

In terms of editing, Mepo Baby scored an award for copy-editing — the process of checking stories for adherence to DAP Style and for grammatical errors.

"Every story we've published this year has been subjected to a rigorous standard of editorial excellence," Baby said. "Just take a look at this story you're reading right now; it's got no errors whatsoever."

Moving forward, MeatSauce hopes that the awards will help increase interest in working with The Compost.

"Stuff like this looks fantastic on your resumé," MeatSauce said. "I really hope people leap at the opportunity to produce precise, high quality content like this."

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"The money's not being used for anything else, so at worst we'll get some inventory for the Wise Center," Lee said.

The TIPSie Death Star will have a laser outputting around 250 milliwatts, enough to burn skin if focused properly.

"We've had a good conversation about what's achievable given our budget and when it's okay to use fantastical space weapons," Lee said. "I think our students are incredibly responsible and can be trusted with this amount of money and power."

Palpatine said that the TIPSie Death Star will be used as a laser pointer during presentations, to support the Springfest ghost show, and to start fires in the Murray and North Village fire pits.

"I know a lot of people are really excited for this," Palpatine said. "At least five people have already come up to me with ideas of what to laser, and while they're disappointed we won't be conquering other colleges, they understand that safety comes first."

The reorganization and increase in military spending has already garnered some criticism; as Palpatine gave her address, Senator Padme Amidala, '24, could be seen shaking their head and frowning.

"So this is how liberty dies, with thunderous applause," Amidala later told The Compost. "I was hoping our Death Star could be made without the laser, or really that we could have skipped the super-weapon building and just jumped into proper infrastructure investments."

Amidala could not be reached for further comment, writing in an email Wednesday morning that she had suddenly received tickets to an opera in Vienna, where he will be unable to be contacted for at least six months.

In unrelated news, TSE is looking for a new senator for the class of 2024.

Moving forward, students can expect little to actually change; TSE will continue reviewing finance requests at the same pace as before, and members will begin tabling

to explain what the change means for students.

"It may seem scary that we've adopted these trappings of empire, but it's really just the same as it's been for the last 20 or so years," said Senator Bail Organa, '26. "We've always been pushing in this direction — I'm honestly surprised this hasn't happened sooner."

One major positive for members of the TSE Senate will be the addition of force training to their annual leadership programming. By the end of a two-hour class led by professor of misinformation and Jedi Master Mikhail Growfeet, senators will be able to gavel TSE General Assemblies to order, raise their placards to vote and share their notes — all without leaving their seats.

"That sounds super cool, and I really hope these are permanent changes," said Obi-Wan Kenobi, '26, who said he wants to join TSE next year. "I mean, can you name one other club on campus that offers something like that?"

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CARR HALL, E.S.S. CONVERT TO COAL POWER

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Carr Hall has successfully converted to being 100 percent coal-powered. Once heralded as the beacon of environmentalism and sustainability on campus, even being recognized as a sustainable building by the U.S. Green Building Council, the building home to the E.S.S. department will now follow a strict adherence to being coal-powered.

This change comes as the hall is to be renamed Consol Hall after the company, Consol Energy, made a hefty, though undisclosed, donation to the college.

"We've been looking for ways to diversify our portfolio and maybe even catch a tax break or two," said Consol Energy CEO Gimme Rocks. "I'm excited to see the hopes and dreams of environmentally-conscious students crushed."

When asked to clarify that last statement, Rocks explained that it was a linguistic collapse, akin to mine collapses the company has experienced in the past.

"What I meant to say was that I'm excited for the futures of all the students in the department," Rocks said. "Instead of environmental engineers and scientists, they can be petroleum or coal engineers; the salary we provide should more than cover the overwhelming personal

guilt they'll experience." Several fraternities around the campus have been utilizing Consol's presence on campus, throwing strip-mine parties that have become quite popular.

"I love going to strip-mine parties," said a clearly not intoxicated fraternity member. "It's pretty coal, I mean cool."

There is a plan in the works to convert the location that formerly housed Caflich Hall into an open pit mine, though it's still yet to be determined.

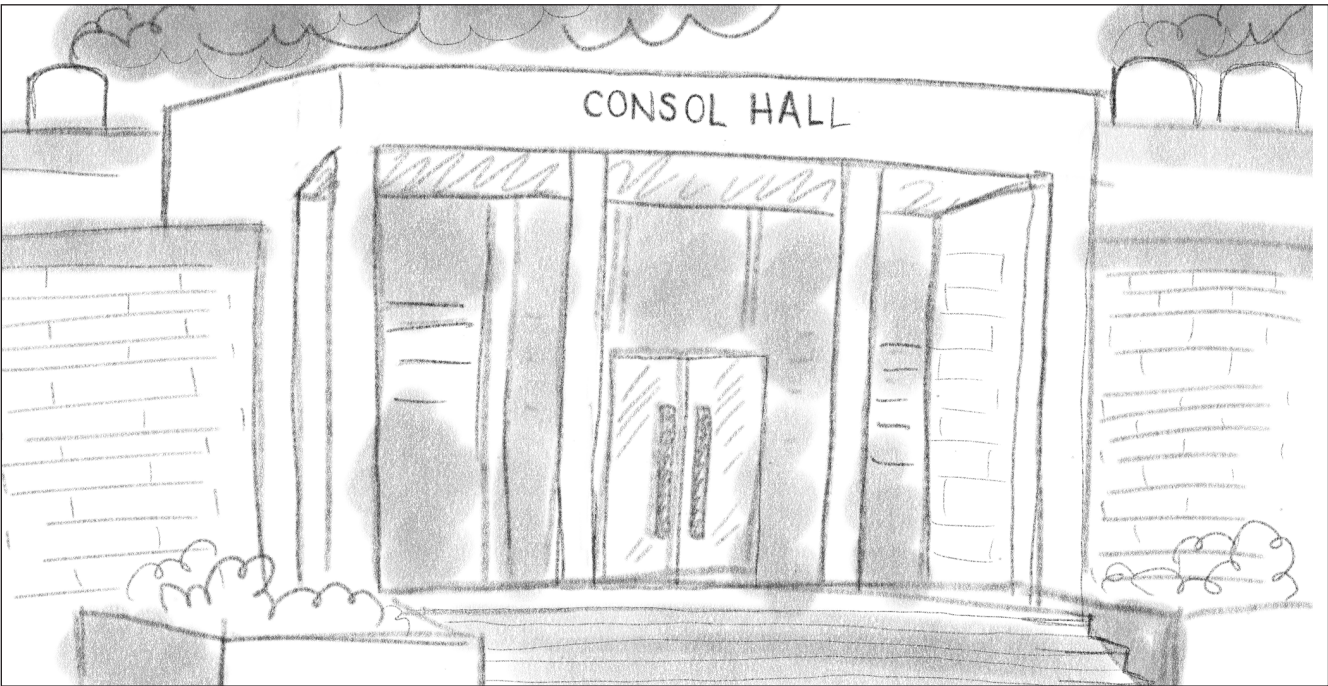
There is a mine already running underneath a large portion of the campus — starting at the Pelletier Library and running just past the Tipsie Alumni Center.

When asked how this mine was built right under the college without anyone noticing, Consol representatives simply shrugged it off.

Consol also hopes to bring a slew of new jobs to the campus for faculty, staff and students.

"We've got all sorts of employment opportunities in the works," said a head recruiter from Consol. "Faculty that are desperate for tenure can knock off some time as a shift leader in the mines; staff can earn additional PTO as either shift leaders or solo miners; and students can receive two credits per 80 hours spent in the mine as long as they hit their weekly coal quota."

Some students in the E.S.S. de-



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Once a beacon of environmentalism, Carr Hall has now achieved the American ideal of being energy-independent.

partment have voiced their concerns about Consol taking over.

"I feel like I'm going crazy," said an E.S.S. major who identified themselves only as Captain Planet. "No more E.S.S. department and active coal mines underneath the campus? Doesn't anyone else think this is ludicrous?"

Concerned students such as Captain Planet were able to voice their concerns to college administrators in a public meeting mere days after the renaming of Carr Hall.

The meeting ended with the college administration writing a comically large number representing Consol's donation on a napkin and sliding it over

to the concerned students. The students' jaws dropped, and they left.

"Hopefully, all student concerns have now been alleviated," said one of the administrators. "The number was so gargantuan that we had to use two napkins for goodness sake."

One of the more strange side effects of Consol constructing and operating mines on the college campus is that they dug so deep when exploring the possibility of the Caflich open pit mine that they ended up accidentally summoning the ghost of former president William McKinley.

He was described by those on the scene as cordial, ghostly in appearance and overall a bit annoying.

"I told him the cost of tuition nowadays," said one of the students who witnessed the ghost. "He grabbed his heart and fell over; I think he died again, this time of shock."

Thankfully, for Consol, with a ghost now inhabiting one of their mines, they are perfectly set up to operate as a Scooby Doo villain.

The campus mines will open over the summer to students and the public. The transformation of Carr Hall into Consol Hall will be complete by the beginning of the fall 2024 term. Returning E.S.S. majors can choose to transfer or switch to a fossil-fuel-minded discipline instead.

SCIENTISTS: ECLIPSE ALREADY HAPPENED

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Professor of Fiziks Jimmy Lamborghini woke up Wednesday morning to a horrible realization; everyone was wrong.

The long-awaited Solar eclipse — expected to happen next Monday, April 8 — actually took place this past Monday, March 25.

In an interview Thursday morning, Lamborghini told The Compost that the error was "a collective brain fart" for the Scientific community.

"Every single astronomer on the Planet ran the calculation in radians, when it was supposed to be calculated in degrees," Lamborghini said. "The result was off by exactly two weeks."

The worldwide nature of the failure came about in part because most of these calculations were done at the beginning of the year — when most people are still hungover from New Year's celebrations.

"We as a Scientific community have been trying to live in the present for the last few years, and part of that has included calculating astronomical events only in the year in which they occur," Lamborghini said.

He added that the results, while positive on scientists' mental health, have already had other negative consequences. Last year's crash of RoscoSmos' Luna 25 lander — which would have been the first human object to land on the lunar South Pole — was also blamed on such miscal-

culations.

"I think this is going to be a wake up call for astronomers," Lamborghini said. "We may just have to go back to working years and centuries in advance, as we did in the past."

As a result, the eclipse happened with far fewer eyes on it than expected; only a handful of people across Allegheny's campus noticed the sky dim on Monday afternoon, and even those people were not impressed.

"I just thought it was part of the crazy spring weather we've been having," said Stu Dent, '24. "We've had warm weather, snow and hail this past week, so the sun being completely blotted out by the moon seems about par for the course."

Dent said that they were crossing North Main Street when the eclipse started — saving Dent from being hit by a speeding car.

"I saw the driver look up in horror at the unexpected sight, and actually slow down and brake," Dent said. "If they hadn't, I'd probably be some kind of tomato paste — or perhaps strawberry jam. Maybe cranberry sauce?"

Also keeping an eye on the sky was Bird Club President Jay Feather, '25, who said that they realized the eclipse was happening partway through their weekly birding trip by the RoboSon Athletic Complex.

"I get that it won't happen in the United States for another twenty-something years, but honestly it was just a pain in the neck," Feather said. "I lost a few valuable minutes of my weekly birding time, because all the birds thought it was nighttime and settled down to sleep."

In response, Feather said he would be petitioning the Tipsie Student Empire to do something about the eclipse.

"We've got \$500,000 in the surplus — I'm sure it can be used to knock the moon off course or something so this doesn't happen again," he said. "They should be working for our interests as students, and that includes orbital engineering."

"I think it's a pretty clear-cut case of kids being too invested in their phones," Boomer Olson said from her porch. "They spend too much

time yikking and yakking on their devices to notice when this type of stuff happens."

Olson said she herself missed the eclipse because it occurred during a rerun of an excellent "Wheel of Fortune" episode.

And, as often happens, what happened on Allegheny's campus was a reflection of national trends, as NASA estimated that only around two percent of Americans actually saw the eclipse take place.

Among them was former U.S. President "Broke Don" Rump, who said he managed to catch the astronomical event as part of his daily mindfulness routine.

"I stare directly into the sun — what a great big beautiful orb, so glowy — I stare into it every day because the doctors tell me not to," Rump said. "But you know you can't trust the doctors or my wife or the judges anymore — they're all biased against me, even though they love me. They all say 'Don, don't look at the sun' and I do it anyway, because it's the biggest thing in the sky, how could I not look at it?"

Back in Meadville, a planned eclipse celebration is still set to go ahead on Monday, April 8.

"We figured it would still be a great chance to educate people about the sun, eclipses and the perils of miscalculation," Lamborghini said. "At minimum, it will be a nice day out at RoboSon."



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An artist's conception of the eclipse that allegedly occurred on Monday, March 25.

A GERMAN'S TIME IN ISTANBUL

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Hallo! My name is Ahmet and I have always had an affinity for Turkey. It is a beautiful Mediterranean country situated between Europe and Asia. It has a very long history and I am very fortunate to have had an opportunity as an adult to visit it.

As a child, my parents would often spend their holidays in Turkey. They would often pack their bags with items that they claimed were hard to access in Turkey. The holidays spent there were not very fun since we would usually spend time with the same group of people in the same house owned by an elderly woman who had pictures of my mother as an infant.

Now as an adult, I can visit Turkey and its biggest city by myself rather than the restricted cultural experience my parents offered me. hilariously, the people did not treat me as foreign and instead closer to how I believe they would treat a native!

One of the many instances where this occurred was when I was perusing the shops in Taksim. Like the rest of the tourists, I would walk down the street and snap pictures of all that I found new and interesting. I came across multiple ice cream shops that entertained customers by the hitting of the ice cream and the eventually

frustrating switching of the cones. It was truly a very fun, but infuriating sight to witness. I mustered the courage to order an ice cream and I was met with laughs by the ice cream man. I was very confused at why he was not serving me like the other customers. He then told me that Turks do not often engage in such things. It should only appeal to tourists.

I decided that I have had enough of that and I tried to find some local shops. I went down a narrow street and I found a shop selling all sorts of things. The aisles were cramped and shelves were filled with so many items that taking out one thing seemed risky; it was like a game of Janja.

There were bars of soap, ashtrays, plastic roses, combs and all sorts of seemingly household items. I was able to find a comically large blue eye talisman that my parents had decorated our house with growing up. But when I went up to pay for it based on the price written on it, I was again met with laughter.

The clerk was amused by my lack of bargaining and my recognition of her prices as fair. She went on about how Turks usually don't buy from her shop since her prices are expensive. I was again confused on why no one in Turkey would sell me anything.

I left her shop and went back to Taksim Square to see the Republic Monument that was created in 1923 to

commemorate the formation of the Turkish Republic which happened through the effort of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Glory be to such a brave leader!

The next day, I decided to see the Grand Bazaar, which is located near the Hagia Sophia. I followed the signs directing me to it and was amazed by the amount of people who were walking alongside me. Before entering the gates of the bazaar, I looked around the tables outside.

There were people selling "I Love Istanbul" shirts and other graphic T-shirts plus paintings that depicted natural subjects and sweets. I stepped into a shop and was amazed by the similarities between Turkish and German sweets. Much like the famous German Baklava, the Turkish version of baklava had a layer of pistachio nuts between layers of thin sheets of dough.

I sampled a few different kinds and bought a box of baklava. I felt very at home for some reason and I continued towards the Grand Bazaar with the masses. The market was very large and busy with everyone talking and walking.

While I was making my way around this maze of a market, I took out the map that I printed before my trip and directed myself towards the house decorations section. I came across a shop with beautiful textiles and an owner who couldn't stop staring at me. Before I could



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This is my favorite street from Istanbul — so many people said they recognized me here, and some even said I used to live here. Weird but very exciting.

ask a question, he asked me if I used to work in the market.

I told him that would not be possible considering that I am from Germany. He tried to ask me again, but I interrupted him by asking about and sharing my extensive knowledge of Turkish patterns. I admitted that I had always worked with fabric through my father owning a shop and he went back to questioning my background.

I became very annoyed and left. It seemed like many Turks were confused by my presence, which made me more reluctant to interact with people. For the rest of the day, I avoided stepping into shops and felt quite embarrassed.

The Turks had expectations of me that I was not aware of. I felt better in the evening after some chilled

water and a nap. I then decided to go out for dinner at some local restaurant that only Turks eat at, so I can get an authentic experience of Turkish cuisine.

I found a small restaurant in the back of the Spice Bazaar and ordered a Doner Kebab sandwich. Funnily enough, we also have a German dish that consists of cutting thin strips from layered meat on a spit — it even has the same name. It even tasted like it as well! I felt much better after my meal.

When I started seeking out more local things, the Turks were a lot nicer towards me. The prices and service were much better. I even got tickets for museums and historic sites at resident prices.

I started to really like Turkey and its culture — even the religious aspect of

it. In the final days of my trip, I decided to seek out a nice, local mosque to help me on my journey towards Islam. Unfortunately, it has seemingly come to a halt due to circumstances beyond me.

I went to see the imam of the mosque in order to take my Shahada, my profession in the oneness of Allah. During the initial minutes of our meeting, the imam immediately recognized me as a small child who used to attend the mosque years ago. I had absolutely no idea as to what he was referring to.

He was confused as to why I would want to convert to Islam again, but I had no memory of my first conversion. I thanked him for his lack of help and made my way back home.

It was a very new experience and I hope to see Turkey again.

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Content for this page!

CAFLISCH TO BECOME 'PIT OF DESPAIR'

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If you as a student have ever worried about your degree, your future career or the state of the world by the time you graduate, plans for the Caflich lot will soon have you covered. The Office of Sith Life, in collaboration with the Center for Handshake and LinkedIn Studies, has announced plans for the Caflich Pit of Despair, the latest update to Tipsie College's campus.

Designed to offer students and faculty a place to voice their concerns, the Caflich Pit of Despair will serve as the new hub for all unanswerable anxieties.

"This isn't just for those concerns that go unanswered on campus," said student Stu Dent, '24. "It's absolutely versatile. If you are dealing with existential dread, this is the place for that. If you're thinking to yourself, 'The world is

burning and all I can do is watch,' we cannot help with that, but we can provide an outlet."

The Caflich site was home to Caflich Hall until its demolition in August of 2023. Ideas for what to do with the site circulated in the following months. Whether it was an extended Gator Quad, a playground or a new campus garden, ideas for the space emphasized enhancing the student experience.

Students like Cardholder Metal, '27, were expecting something different from the site.

"I thought a garden would be cool, like maybe a student-run thing," Metal said. "And now that I'm done comping I won't really have a need."

Other students, like Psoriasis Orange, '25, are excited for the coming changes.

"Yelling into the void is cheaper than therapy, I guess," Orange said. "It's nice to see them expanding

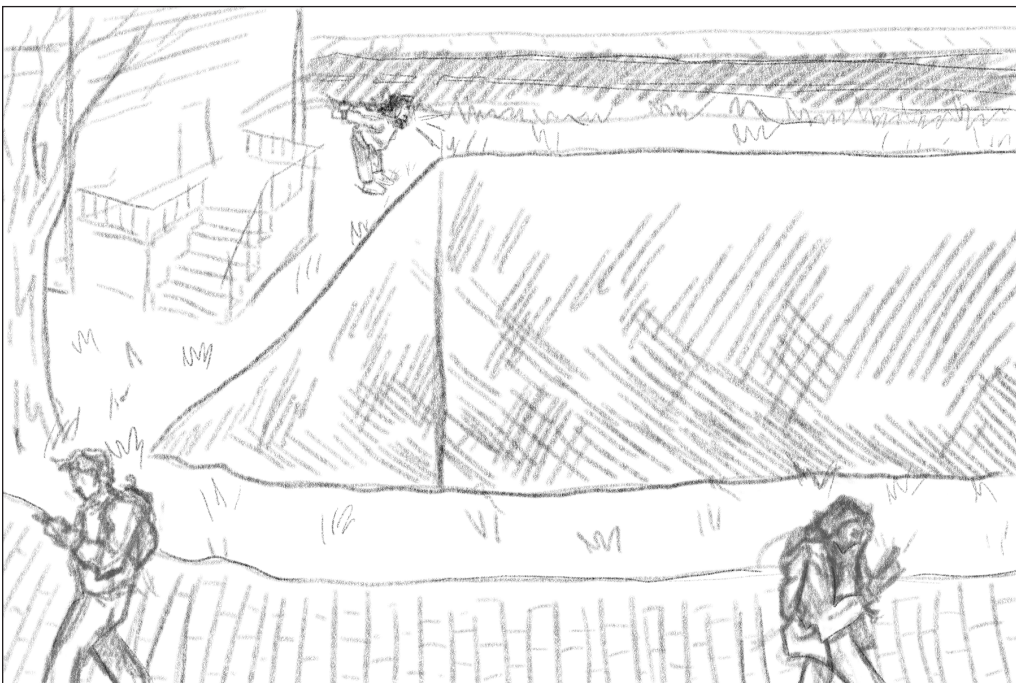
mental healthcare options on campus."

The Office of Sustainability was consulted in the decision to implement the pit on campus. Though there are no foreseeable environmental impacts given that the project only involves digging a hole in the ground, Director of Sustainability Kelly Blue Book, emphasized that the pit is not to be used for littering.

"I was talking to a student who joked about throwing their student loan statements into the pit," Blue Book said. "And it's all fun and games until we have a small landfill going on here, and that's a bad look for prospective students."

When asked what they would utilize the pit for, students had a wide range of answers.

"Did you know that the top 1 percent of American earners have a wealth totaling more than all that of middle class America com-



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An artist's conception of the finished Caflich 'Pit of Despair,' expected to open to the campus community on May 0.

bined?" said Bobson Dugnut, when asked what their plans for the Pit are.

"I'll never be able to afford a house and even if I could it would mean working for the rest of my life, catering so many aspects of my life around my employer and our capitalist society, and God forbid I at any point get sick because healthcare is unattainable and discriminatory at that and-" added Steve McDiachael, who's interview was cut significantly for time.

Other students are looking forward to the adaptability of the space.

"Whether it's quietly whispering concerns for fear of retribution or screaming something more palatable like, 'I hate comping!' I'm ultimately just excited for the catharsis of acknowledging that everything feels like it's gone to s—," Glenna Mixon said.

Physical Plant has been consulted throughout the design process, ensuring that safety is a top priori-

ty during construction. The site will begin construction on March 32, and is set to be completed by April 31. Though the turnaround time is quick, Director of Plants Mike Joel wants to remind students that all they are doing is digging a hole.

"That's it," Joel said. Until the site is completed, members of the Tipsie community and beyond are encouraged to bottle those feelings up and pretend like everything is normal.

THIS WEEK IN AGONY A Look into previous years' Funnies

APRIL 1, 1979 (BUT NOT ACTUALLY)
- IT'S JUST SEX JOKES.
- I AM BEING SERIOUS. ALL OF IT IS SEX JOKES.
- THEY EVEN TOOK PHOTOS OF THEIR FEET AND DID FAKE SEX POSITIONS.
- WHAT WAS IN THE 'GHENY WATER IN THE 70S???

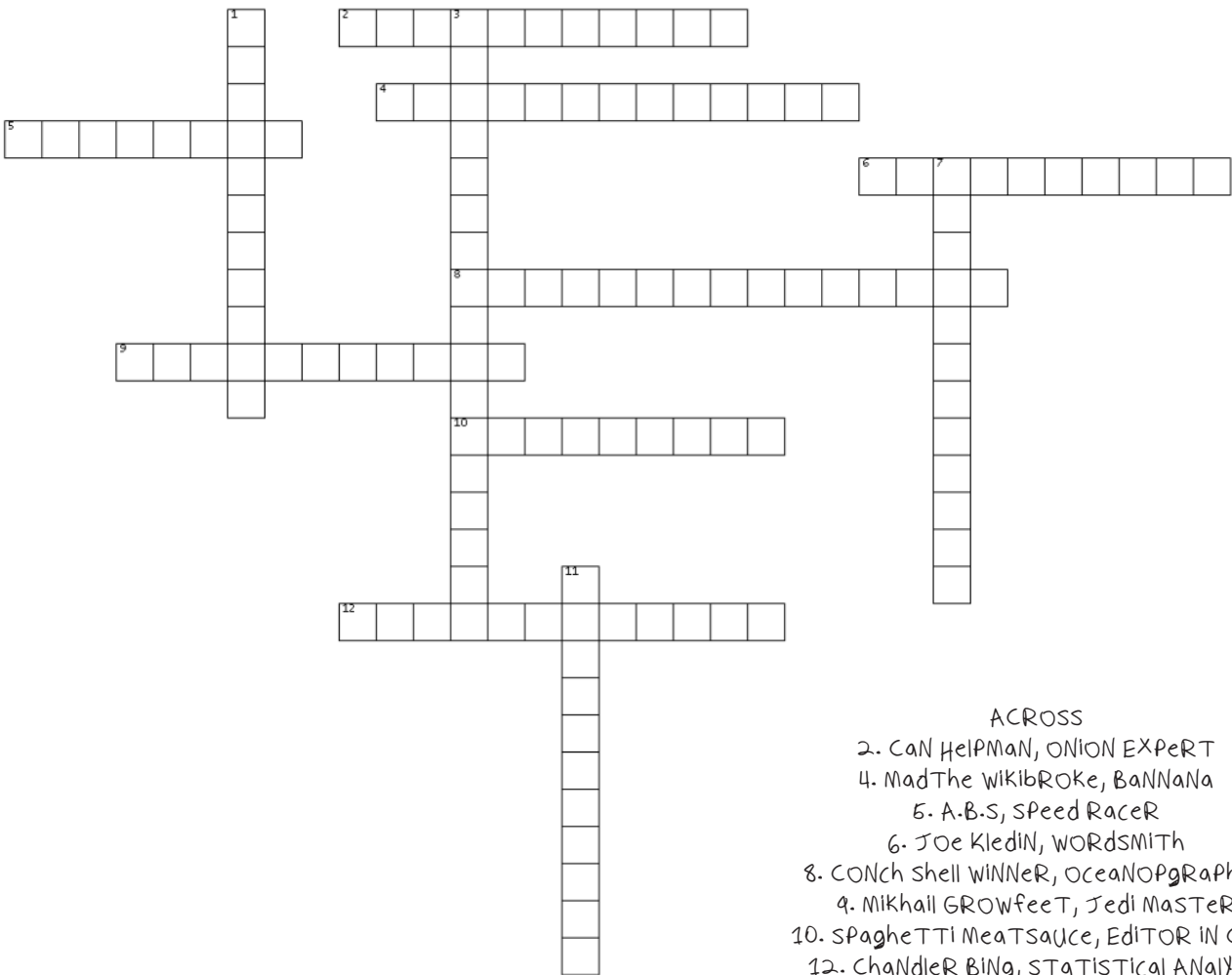
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APRIL 1, 1999
- A BUNCH OF SORORITY GIRLS GOT ATTACKED BY CHICKENS (YOU CAN GUESS WHAT MALE GENITALIA THEY NAMED THE CHICKENS).
- THE CAMPUS NEWSPAPER IS FORCED TO SHUT DOWN BECAUSE NOBODY LIKES THEM.
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!
- MORE SEX JOKES!! GUYS, WE'RE SO FUNNY!!

APRIL 1, 2000
- FOR WHATEVER REASON, 2000S NEWS STAFF THOUGHT TAKING PICTURES OF THEIR ASS FOR PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY COUNTED AS COMEDY.
- YOUR MAMA JOKES, AN ABSOLUTE CLASSIC.
- MISSING MONKEY:((HE WAS NEVER FOUND).
- PSYCHE. PSYCHE. PSYCHE. PSYCHE. WE MADE IT ALL UP. WE MADE IT ALL UP. IT WAS A JOKE.
IT WAS A JOKE. Haha. Haha. Haha.

APRIL 1, 2014
- KID PRESIDENT IS SET TO GIVE THE COMMENCEMENT SPEECH. YOU CAN TELL IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE THAT NEWSPAPER.
- GOLDEN RETRIEVERS ARE SET TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE FOOTBALL TEAM. JURY IS STILL OUT ON IF THEY WERE BETTER ATHLETICALLY THAN OUR CURRENT TEAM.
- LOTS OF ACTUAL ADS. BOO!

Guess our staff!!!!



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- CAN HELPMAN, ONION EXPERT
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 - A.B.S, Speed Racer
 - Joe Kledin, Wordsmith
 - Conch Shell Winner, Oceanographer
 - Mikhail Growfeet, Jedi Master
 - Spaghetti Meatsauce, Editor in Chef
 - Chandler Bing, Statistical Analyst

- DOWN
- Power Broker, NePo Baby
 - Old Man Chuckleberry, Political Psychic
 - ZooWee, Oracle of Ages
 - Claus, Celebrity Affairs

Oh no, you're not getting off that easily. Actually try this time.

BREAKING: Tipsie switches back to Playground Dining

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AFTER A THREE-SECOND DELIBERATION BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION, TSE, AND FOUR RANDOM PEDESTRIANS, TIP-SIE COLLEGE IS OFFICIALLY GOING BACK TO ITS PREVIOUS DINING SERVICE.

The decision was made after an alleged two-year-long complaint from students, citing the current dining provider - Anarchy Dining - as not being accommodating to those with food allergies.

"Most people said it's just bad food," said Dean for Sith Life Bruce Lee. "But allergies are important too."

The college heard from a variety of providers, setting on a finalist panel of three. Of those finalists was Anarchy Dining, a pile of rocks, and the college's former dining service, Playground Dining.

"Playground Dining just really spoke to me," said one of the pedestrians who goes by Kevin. "The food wasn't that great, but I liked the bubble wands they handed out at the presentation."

The college assured all students that while it seems bad to switch back to their dining service after being so adamant on switching to Anarchy Dining, they assure us this will be the last time they switch dining services.

"We're confident that Playground Dining can meet all of Tipsie's expectations." The college's official statement said.

"We also just can't afford to keep switching dining services," Lee said. "It's getting a little embarrassing at this point."

Good thing this is just a silly story for a fake newspaper. Tipsie couldn't actually switch back to their old dining provider!

Student adopts live chicken found in Brooks pan

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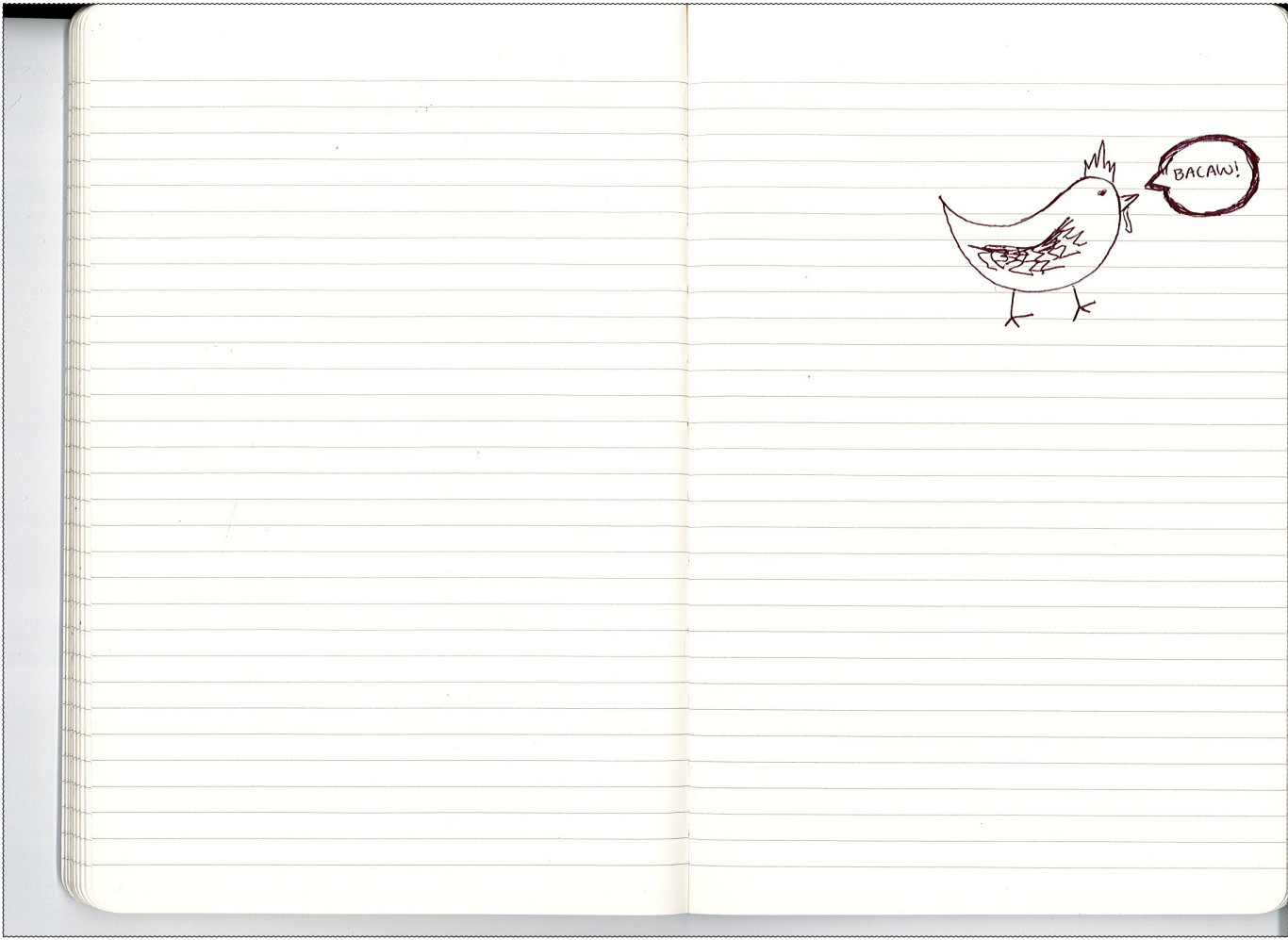
The degree to which the poultry in Brooks dining hall is cooked is a constant topic of conversation across campus. But who could have known that a nightly game of carnivorous roulette at the dining halls' grille, "2016" would result in a friendship for the ages?

Ruckus Roll, '27, says that he was only trying to get his daily protein, when near the bottom of the pan of chicken breasts, he noticed a patch of feathers.

"Everybody knows that sometimes the meat in Brooks can be a little under-cooked. Sometimes the center of a white chicken breast can be pink or purple, and discovering what colored meat awaits me is a surprise I look forward to every day," Ruckus, sitting at a table in Brooks with a shirt that read, 'Proud vegetarian,' said. "But the day I looked into that chicken pan and discovered a real, live chicken, it was a surprise like no other."

Several students recall witnessing the moment that Roll pulled the chicken, who is named Cluckus and lives with Roll as his pet, out of the chicken pan on that cold October night.

"I was minding my own business, eating a copious amount of applesauce, when I look over and see Ruckus Roll



This photo is of Cluckus's live reaction to being found in Brooks Dining Hall pan by Ruckus.

holding a fat white chicken by its feet," said Marco Press '26. "I can't say I was really surprised. Ruckus loves his chicken, and now Ruckus and Cluckus are one of campus' favorite pairs."

However, not everyone is as supportive of this union between chicken and man. According to Roll, the Residence Life team is not too keen on Roll's desire to live with Cluckus in his room.

Roll provided an email he received from the department that was sent from Residence Life in response to his request for Cluckus as his roommate.

It reads as follows:

"Unfortunately, we will have to deny your roommate-change request to your newfound chicken. While we are glad you've been able to find a companion on campus, you already have a roommate, and your chicken is not a certified service animal. Therefore, his presence in your room and on campus is against school policy and we ask that you make alternative arrangements for him immediately unless you can certify him as your service animal and affirm that your roommate is alright with having a chicken near him while he sleeps."

Residence Life's request is "ridonkulous," according to

Roll, who said he wants to leave his current roommate, Josiah Bender '26, completely and take Cluckus on as his full time roommate. To achieve this goal, Roll has already signed Cluckus up for service animal training, but he is not sure how to tell his roommate that he wants to go separate ways.

He decided he would take this opportunity to send Bender the message: "Josiah, I really hate to do this to you and tell you like this, but we're over as roommates. Cluckus is my best friend and he takes priority in the room. Frankly, you make him uncomfortable," said Roll matter-of-factly.

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"It's not me, it's certainly not Cluckus. It's you."

Bender did not respond when The Compost reached out to him for comment, but did release this post on his Instagram story the day after Roll received the email from Residence Life.

"Damn, a bro really will leave you for an uncooked chicken he found in Brooks." The text was followed with both the shoulder shrugging and broken heart emojis.

Bender is not the only person put off by the human and fowl friendship. Nikki Vicky '24 said that she is grossed out by the fact that there was even a living chicken amongst

the chicken that was supposed to be cooked and ready to eat.

"What does that mean to the cooked or uncooked status of the other chickens? I didn't even know that they slaughtered the chickens in-house," said Vicky. "It doesn't seem sanitary to me."

The staff of Brooks dining hall sent only this statement in response to our request for comment.

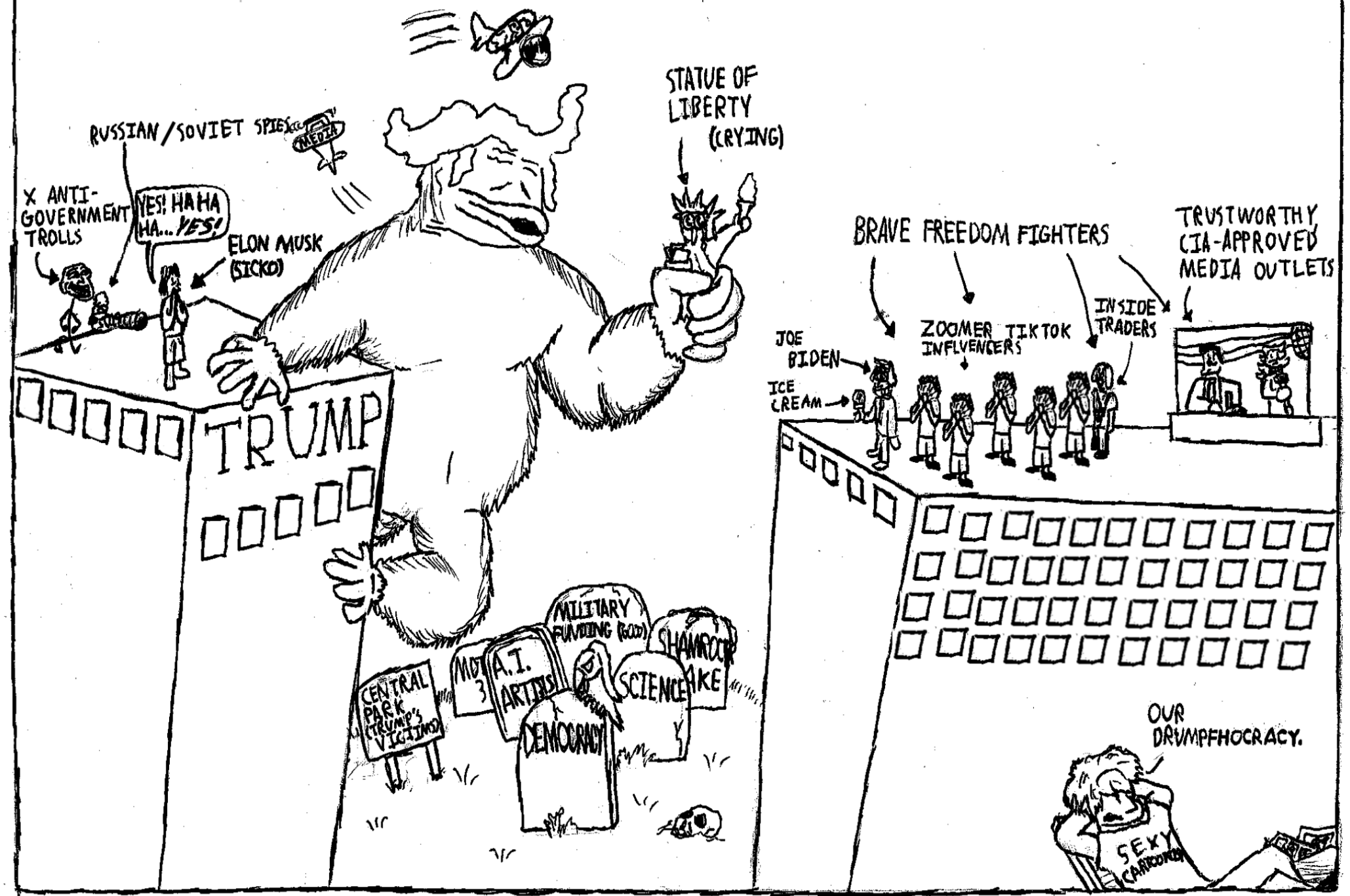
"The health and safety of Allegheny students is our top priority. We would like to assure the Allegheny community that our food is safe to eat. Furthermore, it brings us immense joy to have seen that one of our chickens was able to befriend a student. Brooks is not only a place for chicken, but also a place for love and friendship. We are glad that Ruckus and Cluckus have been able to be a symbol of this truth."

Roll said he hopes to hear back about Cluckus' service animal certification within the next two weeks, and that in the meantime, though he fully trusts the safety of Brooks meat, he plans to keep eating at Brooks on a vegan diet, strictly out of respect for Cluckus.

"I don't blame them for under-cooking the chicken sometimes. I know the Brooks staff are doing their best," said Roll, petting a content-looking Cluckus who sat in his arms. "And hey, one man's salmonella is another man's best friend for life."

"A DARK DAY FOR DEMOCRACY"

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Softball's new star is on a roll early in season

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Tipsie has a new ace on the mound this Year. CrYstal the Snow Woman. Recruited from the North Pole, she has been stellar on the bump throughout her rookie campaign.

She is the first Arctic-born player to ever compete for Tipsie. Head coach Dot Richardson said it was crucial to add her to this Year's roster.

"We could tell the caliber of player she was through the way she plays the game," Richardson said. "Her specialty pitch, the snowball, is unbelievable. Nobody in the country can compete against the stuff she has. Were very lucky to have her."

In the first five games of CrYstal's career, she has tossed one perfect game, three no-hitters and a complete-game shutout. She attributes her historic start to her family.

"I'm blessed that my family has continued to support me in the game I love playing," CrYstal

said. "Coming to Tipsie is a long way from home, but they're able to watch every game on the broadcasts. They've helped me develop into the player I am today, and I couldn't be more grateful for them."

CrYstal offers an eight-pitch arsenal on the hill. Going along with her deadly snowball, she also throws a freeze pitch, which stops right as the batter swings making it impossible to hit it.

She began throwing the pitch at a young age, but did not perfect it until arriving at Tipsie for fall camp.

"Because I'm a Snow Woman and would melt in warmer temperatures, I spent a lot of time in my igloo during the fall and just worked on the grip of that pitch," CrYstal said. "Thankfully in the spring it is always 10 degrees with a 20 mile an hour wind chill in Meadville so I should be able to make it through the entire season."

While the Gators new right hander has been showing out on the mound, the rest of the team has been playing at a top level also.

Tipsie has begun the Year 10-0, mercy ruling every team. With their play, they have earned the No. 1 national ranking in Division III from d3softball.ballbreakers.com.

Misty Raine has led the Gators at the plate with a .952 batting average. In the Young season, she has accumulated 13 home runs, 45 RBIs and has an OPS of 2.467 Out of her 63 at-bats on the season, she has only been out three times.

"We all put in a lot of work throughout the offseason," said Raine. "For me, it was just getting my swings in like it was any other day. I spent an average of seven hours hitting off the tee, then I'd get soft toss for another three hours before hitting the gym for 4 hours. Then I'd eat and go to sleep. It was just a simple rinse and repeat process day in and day out."

A First Team All-American last Year, Raine has been adding to her resume this season. She broke the single-game RBI record with 14 in a single contest earlier in February. Raine has also been perfect in the field,



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CrYstal the Snow Woman basking in glory on the mound after tossing Tipsie's first ever perfect game.

providing solid defense for the Gators with a 1.000 fielding percentage in 47 chances.

It wasn't always easy for Raine growing up. She was diagnosed with polio as a child, and couldn't walk for the first six years of her life.

Miraculously, a team of Doctors from North Korea injected her with nuclear serum, which killed the bad cells in her body, allowing a full recovery within days.

"When they told me how they were going to cure me, I wasn't on board at first."

Raine said. "But, after some convincing, I said 'what could go wrong?.' I couldn't eat for a few days while recovering, but it allowed me to play softball again and now I get to support my team."

With how they have been playing, there is only one suitable goal for the team this Year.

"Were going to win the national championship," CrYstal said. "I already gambled my life savings on this casino app that we would, so we really need to pull through. No one is worried

though, we know were the best team to ever live and so does everyone else."

The Gators will next face the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday, March 30. It is the final non-conference series Tipsie will play in, with the twin bill beginning at 2 p.m.

"These Division I teams have been really easy for us," Richardson said. "Next Year we will have to plan to play some teams in the Major Leagues so we can get the level of competition necessary to get our practice in."



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