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President James Mullen is hugged by wife Mari, daughter Franki and son James on the James H. Mullen Jr. basketball court Feb. 1, 2019.

Leaving a mark, honoring a fan Gators win against Wabash in 'Jim's Gym'

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When Allegheny Men's Basketball Head Coach Bob Simmons addressed visiting trustees ahead of the Gator's Feb. 1 game against the Wabash Little Giants, he was frank about the challenge of facing a team ranked 14 in the nation for Division III men's basketball.

As far as he was concerned, he said, the Gators were No. 1.

The Gators ranked 209 in the nation in the same ranking as of Jan. 9, 2019. This 195-place difference did not prevent the Gators from securing a 12-point victory over the Little Giants at a home white-out game in the newly dedicated James H. Mullen Jr. Arena in the David V. Wise Center.

"I'm proud of our guys every

single day, every single night, win or lose, because as a coach, there's only two things you can really ask of the people you lead and that's be coachable and give a hundred percent," Simmons said. "That night I was very happy for them because not only were they coachable and did they give a hundred percent, but they beat a very good team in front of a sold-out crowd. To beat the number 14 team in the country is pretty special."

The 80-68 win contributed to the Gators' to an 8-12 overall record and a 4-10 conference record.

In order to prepare, according to Simmons, the Gators focused on defensive strategy and their goal of staying close to Wabash's high-scoring shooters. The Gators focused specifically on preventing the Little Giants from making three-point shots.

Allegheny held Wabash to de-



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Guard Brian Roberts, '22, attributed the exciting win to that game plan.

"If we play defense, that's the main thing," Roberts said. He said that "the preparation from our coaches and the schedule that they had down for us so we could execute it properly" was key to securing victory.

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Students feel impact of U.S. government shutdown

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As colleges continue to raise tuition, paying for higher education is getting more difficult. This has led students to look for aid in order to finance their educations.

However, the recent United States government shutdown has caused some issues to federal aid for education. Even after the shutdown ended, students still have worries about the possible effects that might impact their federal aid.

Kasey Cordes, '21, voiced concern for students who were affected by the shutdown.

"I personally filed the FAFSA early so it didn't affect me, and disbursements are still in effect for those of us who did," Cordes said. "But I can't imagine the panic that students who were unable to file felt while the partial government shutdown was happening."

The most recent government shutdown, which started Dec. 22, 2018, made history as the longest consecutive government shutdown in United States history. The duration of the shutdown reached a total of 34 days according to record.

During the shutdown, departments of the United States government were affected or could not run properly. Among the agencies, the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Education suffered noticeably.

This created concerns among students with family members working government jobs.

"Last year it messed up our family financially a bit because both my parents work for the government and weren't getting paid," said Kyleigh Cason, '21.

The IRS was having issues with processing the income verification requests during the shutdown. These requests are critical to the completion of government aid forms, and without proof of income, some students were not able to complete the forms and receive aid.

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Allegheny math department aims to improve student performance

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The Department of Mathematics is planning to propose changes to the current precalculus and calculus courses at its upcoming curriculum committee meeting, which includes merging courses into two different integrated courses.

The proposed changes are planned to help students with their schedules and workloads and is expected to be more effective than



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the current courses being taught.

The changes were discussed during a self-study that every department is required to conduct every 10 years, according to Tamara Lakins, chair of the math department.

"One of the driving forces for our self-study was that we really wanted to look at the ways to improve student success rates in our introductory mathematics courses," Lakins said. "Really, we wanted to think

about how we can help students."

These new classes would make additional changes to the two calculus tracks, the Social and Life Sciences track and the second track made up of Calc I, II, III, that students can take after taking the mathematics placement exam which all students are required to take before matriculation.

"We were concerned there that students were having to decide really early in their careers which track to take, and since students often change their mind when they're thinking about what they want to major and minor in," Lakins said. "Students who took the social life

science calculus might have had to do some extra work to move to the other sequence. That's not going to happen now."

In order for all changes to occur, the proposal first has to be sent to the curriculum committee, according to Jared McHale, '20, one of the five students on the curriculum committee.

"All student representatives are voting members," McHale said. "(The proposal) has to be voted on and approved by the committee first, but the faculty still has the option of turning it down."

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H 59° L 25°
Snow: 10%
Sunset: 5:37 p.m.

SATURDAY



H 37° L 22°
Snow: 0%
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m. Sunset: 5:38 p.m.

SUNDAY



H 42° L 32°
Snow: 0%
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m. Sunset: 5:39 p.m.