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New washers and dryers on campus

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The days of going to the laundry room on your floor only to find that at least one of the machines is broken may finally be over.

A day later than planned on Nov 6., new washing machines and dryers were installed and are ready for use in every on-campus housing building. Just like the previous machines, the new ones work free of charge.

No reason was given for the delay, except that the laundry rooms in the first two floors of both Boulevard Apartment towers still needed a part installed.

Keith Paylo, vice president of student affairs, said that both student feedback as well as prior plans to go with a new laundry service provider factored into this decision.

"As I always say, the student experience is everything to me," Paylo said. "It is no secret that the laundry experience for students was not up to standard, so we re-evaluated and decided to not renew the contract with the previous company."

The new laundry appliances, which are made by LG, are serviced by Fowler Laundry Companies, based in Union, N.J.



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Workers with Fowler Laundry Services unload washers and dryers off a truck.

The former Speed Queen and Maytag appliances in the laundry rooms before the company change were serviced by CSC ServiceWorks, which is based in Melville, N.Y.

Paylo also said that the newly chosen machines were decided by Fowler, since Point Park does not decide what model of machines are serviced.

According to their website, Fowler Laundry Companies is a licensed partner with LG.

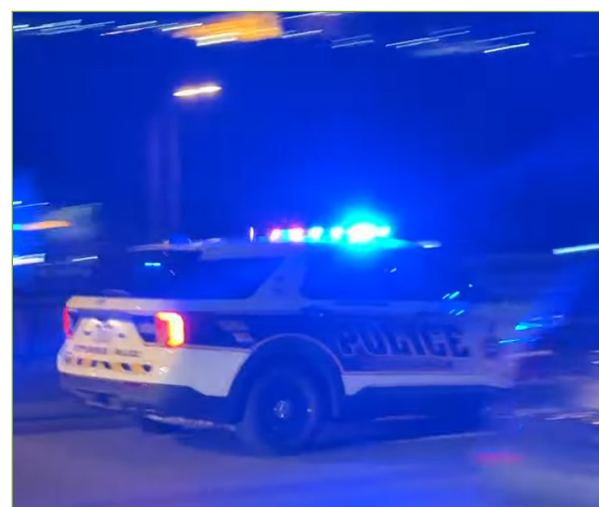
Comparing the two companies, CSC ServiceWorks has 1.1 stars on Google with 408 reviews, while Fowler has 2.9 stars with 67 reviews. While

users on the platform praise CSC for quick response times for maintenance, many of the bad reviews refer to constant breaking machines and bad workmanship.

On Fowler's side, most of the good reviews talk about cheap installation prices, new machines and good customer service. However, the bad reviews mention refurbished machines being advertised as new, surprise price changes and poor installation jobs due to contractor carelessness.

In terms of customer service, Paylo said that the new

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A Pittsburgh police car quickly passes by Conestoga Hall.

Police chase speeds by campus; one man arrested

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Editor-Elect

Pittsburgh and Allegheny County police pursued a Chevrolet Silverado that circled around the city and I-379 in light to medium traffic for over an hour at speeds reaching nearly 100 mph, with the chase being visible from campus.

According to Pittsburgh police dispatchers, the driver of the Silverado, 35-year-old Marc Smith, was allegedly involved in a domestic incident earlier in the day and had felony warrants for aggravated assault and strangulation, which meets the threshold for Pittsburgh police to initiate a pursuit.

Pittsburgh police often do not pursue people fleeing in a vehicle due to potential risks to police officers, motorists and pedestrians. However, when criteria such as possible harm to people nearby as well as the severity of the fleeing suspect's charges are met, then a pursuit may be authorized.

The truck passed a plate reader while heading inbound at the intersection of Library Road and Route 51, which led officers to quickly find and catch up to the truck. When officers caught up to Smith, he al-

legedly pulled over for a moment and then drove back onto Route 51, passing the Steamfitters #449 building on Woodruff Street.

After this point, the truck made its way towards the West End Bridge and then onto West Carson Street, going through the West End into the South Side. Eventually, the truck made it to the Fort Duquesne Bridge, which can be seen from campus.

A student watching the chase from outside Conestoga Hall who did not want to be identified said that he saw at least 40 police cars speeding through the Penn-Lincoln Highway, commonly referred to as "the bathtub" due to it filling up with water during major rainstorms.

The chase varied in speed from 20 mph to 100 mph. The Smith was driving has a maximum speed of 100 mph.

Once the chase went from I-376 to a mile behind the Squirrel Hill tunnel, spike strips were deployed, and the truck drove right over them. An unknown object began dragging underneath the frame of the truck according to Pittsburgh police.

After the spike strips were deployed, Smith allegedly

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Dave McCormick beats Bob Casey for Senate

Gavin Petrone
News-Editor

Following a country-wide GOP sweep of the electorate last Tuesday night, Democrat incumbent Bob Casey lost his re-election bid to Republican challenger Dave McCormick.

McCormick, a Washington, PA-born hedge-fund manager and combat veteran, beat Casey by just 40,000 votes – 0.6% of the votes cast.

As of publishing, Casey has yet to concede the race, which was called by AP on Nov. 7. His campaign team defended his silence in a statement.

"There are more than 100,000 ballots



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Senator-elect Dave McCormick campaigns at Trump's Butler return rally before election day.

left to be counted – including tens of thousands of provisional ballots in counties favorable to Senator Casey," Maddy McDaniel, a spokesperson for Casey, said.

The statement also added that several Democrat-leaning counties, including Philadelphia and Allegheny counties, still have 10,000-20,000 provisional ballots left to count.

Provisional ballots propped Fetterman up to his seat in 2022, but he led by much wider margins than Casey is looking to gain.

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SGA: Provost Soto proposes shorter classes

Peyton Martin
SGA Beat Writer

After not having a meeting last week, the Student Government Association (SGA) invited Provost Michael Soto as a guest speaker on Monday, Nov. 11.

Soto presented an idea to SGA that the University is contemplating putting into effect. The idea that was discussed revolves around how the university defines an accredited hour.

As of now, Point Park defines an accredited hour as 60 minutes of classroom contact per credit per week, but Point Park is almost the only university that uses that system in the United States. Most places define accredited hours as 50 minutes instead of 60 minutes.

Due to the way Point Park defines that credit hour, it requires more time in the classroom for each course.

“Courses have to be 90 minutes. Then you have 10 minutes to get down the elevator and hustle across campus,” Soto said. “Then get the elevator up and hope you make it on time.”

According to Soto, the redefining of the accredited hour will allow for additional options when scheduling.

It would allow the university to put a common hour into everyone’s schedule where no classes occur. This common hour would allow for club meetings, gatherings of the university community and more all because students and faculty would not be tied up in classes, according to Soto.

Soto opened the floor to SGA to discuss when the common hour should be. One possible time discussed was around lunch time.

“I worry that if it’s during eating time, then we will experience an overflow in dining halls and Boost Mobile lines,” Sen. Madigan Balfe said.

Sen. Sienna Wraith didn’t agree with Balfe on the matter.

“While it would cause a backup, it would help with issues like a student not being able to eat during mealtime because of classes,” Wraith said.

While there are positives to adjusting the accredited hour, concerns were raised from the performing arts and laboratory sciences faculty, according to Soto. The faculty in those areas have become accustomed to teaching for 98 minutes and are concerned they will not be able to give the same quality of instruction in less class time.

“Not everyone would have 75-minute class periods,” Soto said. “Some classes would meet for longer than that, perhaps 90 minutes.”

Additionally, should the concepts around a different accredited hour go into effect, it would not affect the number of credits needed for a degree. Instead, it would mostly affect how long students are in class.

In addition to discussing the concept for the accredited hour, SGA also voted on a new constitution for the Cozy Corner.

The Cozy Corner is a club with the goal to give



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Graphic Designer and SGA Senator Bee Pugh shows off the progress of their new design for the SGA logo.

students a place to relax and chill. They plan to have monthly crafts, puzzles, games and music.

SGA approved Cozy Corner’s constitution with a 9–0 vote.

Lastly, during the meeting, Graphic Designer Bee Pugh showcased their progress on an updated SGA logo.

“I just went through and made things symmetrical,” Pugh said. “I’m going to add the text later and ideally do the same thing with the color version.”

Students and staff are welcome to attend meetings held at 3:15 p.m. on Mondays, in the basement floor of the Student Center.

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Provost Michael Soto talks about a possible accredited hours update.

Brand-new washers and dryers may come with an app

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laundry company working with the university has been receptive and helpful to administrator feedback.

An upcoming feature with the new laundry machines is the ability to see how much time is left on

a selected washer or dryer right from your phone.

Currently, the Office of Student Life is working on network setup to get the app functioning. The app is not available to students yet but should be available in a couple of weeks, according to Paylo.

Veta Piscitella, from Student Life, said that the machines are nice and should be treated with care. Unlike the old machines, powder products such as OxiClean cannot be used.

In Lawrence Hall, students often complained on the Snapchat Community Stories about the Maytag washing machines being broken. Out of the ten machines available in the Lawrence Hall laundry room, it was not uncommon for students to find only a few that weren’t broken.

Chris Hill, vice president of operations, said that these problems were usually the cause of user error. According to Hill, students would try to open the washer’s door before it was done draining, causing the machine to throw an error code and sometimes spill water onto the floor.

Additionally, the washing machines would also sometimes leak laundry detergent out of the loading tray, causing the front of



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The new LG “Titan” washers and dryers sit ready for use in Boulevard.

the machine to be covered in detergent.

Last semester, at least two floods were reported in the Lawrence Hall laundry room. To attempt to mitigate potential water damage, a mat was installed on the floor.

So far, no floods have been reported this semester. However, broken washing machines remained a

common topic on the community stories.

It is not clear how much Point Park is paying Fowler for the new contract versus how much the previous laundry company was paid for their contract.

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Workers with Fowler Laundry Company unload washers onto the street.

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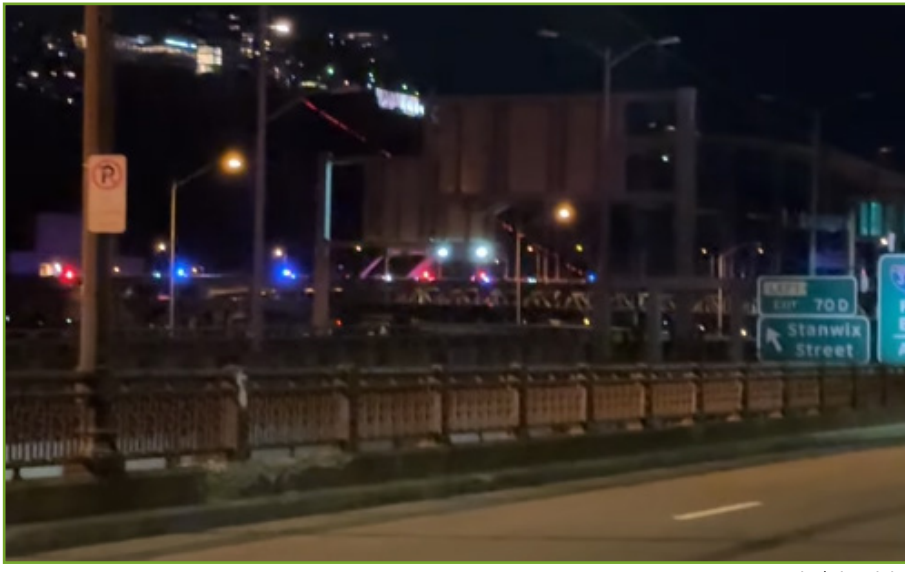
Domestic assault leads to high speed car chase

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turned the truck around back onto I-376 instead of going straight towards the Waterfront outdoor shopping mall in Homestead.

Once turning around, the chase stayed on I-376 East for several minutes. Spike strips were thrown onto the road a second time right before reaching the Fort Pitt Bridge.

It is unclear if the truck hit the second set of spike strips, but a Pittsburgh police officer said that the front passenger side tire of the truck was “definitely gone,”



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Pittsburgh police chase a truck down the Fort Duquesne Bridge that was driven by Smith.

causing sparks to fly from the wheels. After going through the Fort Pitt Tunnel, the pursuit was once again visible from campus.

Once the pursuit

left the tunnel, police chased the truck back around the West End and then looped back into the Fort Pitt Tunnel, going in circles. After leaving the

tunnel a second time, Smith allegedly drove the truck towards I-279 North, crashing into another car. The person hit was not injured.

Shortly after Smith allegedly smashed into another driver, he stopped the truck near the North Hills. Smith allegedly did not flee on foot. Afterwards, the truck’s engine caught on fire.

According to KDKA, Smith resisted arrest and had to be tased and punched multiple times before he was handcuffed. Smith also reached for his waistband, which officers believed he was going to try and retrieve a firearm.

It is unknown how many officers responded to the chase, but at least 22 police cars could be seen from the Fort Duquesne Bridge, with one police car

passing by Conestoga Hall to reach the other cars. When Pittsburgh Fire responded to the burning truck, a firefighter said that they were with “every cop in the county and the state.”

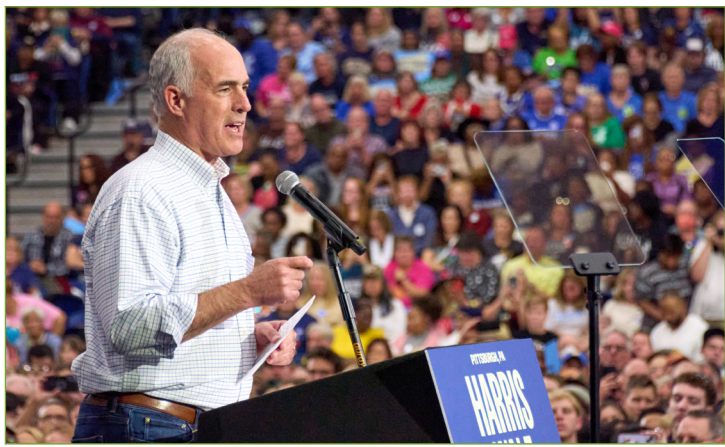
Inside the truck were at least 65 bricks of heroin and other drugs. After the chase ended, Smith was allegedly placed in an unmarked van with a police motorcycle surrounding it in a motorcade.

Smith is currently held at the Allegheny County Jail. It is unclear if he has any bond set.

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Incumbent Casey campaigns at the Fitzgerald Field House on Oct. 10.

Casey yet to concede

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AP lists all counties in PA as being “98%” counted, with exceptions for Cambria, Columbia and Mercer counties. All three of those counties favor McCormick.

Cambria saw a halt in counting on Election Day due to misprinted ballots that could not be properly scanned.

According to AP, Casey performed worse in every area of the state than his reelection 6 years ago.

Casey had held his seat through three elections, first rising up to the Senate chambers in 2007.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer stalled inviting McCormick to the Senate’s orientation ceremony, echoing Casey’s team’s statement that there are too many votes left to count.

McCormick still plans on attending the orientation, stating in a post to X, “Looking forward to joining the Senate freshman class of 2025 for orientation this week!”

“I’m honored to represent the people of Pennsylvania,” McCormick said, “and will fight hard to make sure their voices are heard in Washington.”

McCormick previously

lost to former candidate for Senate Mehmet Oz in the 2022 midterm Republican primaries, a race that Democrat John Fetterman ultimately won.

McCormick mostly ran on policies meant to reduce China’s influence on PA energy production, strengthening national defense and reducing government size and spending.

He was also widely criticized by Democrats for frequently spreading misinformation.

McCormick claimed that Casey voted to defund the police and ban fracking, that an influx of migrants increased the population of Charleroi, PA by 2000% and that China created the COVID-19 virus.

All of these claims were fact-checked as False by PolitiFact, a nonpartisan extension of the Poynter Institute.

Casey’s term will end on Jan. 3, 2025, where McCormick will then fill his seat in the Senate. McCormick will hold that seat for 6 years.

According to AP, Republicans hold the majority in the U.S. Senate, with 53 seats to Democrats’ 46.

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Sound Vault opens at Pioneer Records headquarters

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Staff Writer

Pioneer Records, the student-led record label on campus, established an environment for individuals to practice and try out their passions more directly in their new sound vault located in the Boulevard Apartments.

Opportunities to expand students' artistry grow every day at Point Park University. For those passionate about music, Pioneer Records continues to be a safe place for students to experiment and pursue the industry.

Pioneer Records was founded in 2014, with the mission of providing graduate and undergraduate students real-world music industry experiences. Initially, the program focused entirely on the business processes that would create a successful record. Pioneer Records has since embraced an innovative approach to educate students on the music and entertainment industry.

The label holds a variety of events around campus. From monthly Karaoke nights to the "Pioneer Stars" competition, the record company strives to remain active in the campus community for all.

"We can't wait for our students to start utilizing the space," Director of Operations Lydia Zarefoss said. "We have worked diligently to

create this space to foster creativity and collaboration and were thrilled to provide them with the tools they need to succeed."

The Sound Vault is a room extending from the office space of Pioneer Records. This studio can be found in the back of the Boulevard Apartments on First Avenue, past Point Perk. The vault itself is packed with various instruments and technologies available for student use.

According to a press release from Pioneer Records, many generous industry leaders donated to the sound vault. The space is equipped with a drum set from DW Drums, Gibson guitars/AMPs from Gibson Guitars, and an upright piano from Craft Your Music.

The vault is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Students can utilize the space at any time throughout these hours by reserving a timeslot.

Students can easily reserve time slots to utilize the space through a streamlined booking system. Pioneer Records partnered with "Calendly," a scheduling website. The link can be found on their Instagram page: "@pioneerrecs."

Students can select a time and date to schedule a 45-minute time slot in the Sound Vault. They are asked what equipment they will be using as well as their student ID number for security access purposes.



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Various instruments and music memorabilia adorn Pioneer Records' Sound Vault.

Individuals of any major are allowed access to the Sound Vault. This is a place for students to explore their musical talents, whether they are actively pursuing the arts or not.

Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Social Media Mia Martinez encourages everyone to visit the Sound Vault.

"Students being able to have access on their own time to come in and play music can be a creative

outlet as well as a little bit therapeutic," Martinez said. "For students who may not be comfortable with doing our karaoke or performing in front of more people, this is a really good opportunity for them to come in by themselves and kind of get in tune with their instrumental abilities."

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PREVIEW: Clack and Crumling's 'The B-Side'

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At Point Park, Cinema Production students will make a short film in their Production 4 class (P4), which will occur during their senior year. P4 is a year-long course in Cinema Production that prepares students for producing and releasing their short films.

One of these P4 groups is taking great strides in the production and advertising of their film.

"The B-Side" is an upcoming P4 short film being created by seniors Bayli Clack and Emma Crumling.

It has involvement from around 20 people, but Clack and Crumling are the producers of the short film.

"[The film] follows teenager Morgan W., whose life is flipped upside down when her father comes out and she's sent on a trip with a

possible new extension of her family," Clack said.

Aside from the main story of the film, Clack and Crumling have some uncommon settings in The B-Side.

"We have a lot of interesting cool scenarios in the film," Clack said. "We have a shop that's on a boat, so we had to pay for a life-guard and all that kind of stuff."

The budget for the film comes from the semester-long fundraising efforts of Clack and Crumling.

Clack said they used Indiegogo, a crowdfunding website, as well as other means of raising money. This included a "Dine to Donate" night at Primanti's, a craft and bake sale, a Millie's Affinity night, a Sarris Chocolate fundraiser, a partnership with Moe's Southwest Grill in Market Square and other business partnerships.

The B-Side's desired budget is

a little over \$6,000. Crumling said they're close to achieving their goal.

"We actually shot the film in Upstate New York," Clack said. "That was where the hassle for money kind of started, because we had to get everybody up there, so that was where a lot of the funds went."

"As we raise more money, we just keep putting it back into the film."

The film has also faced a multitude of problems, with one of the biggest being casting. Clack said they had to pay for travel since different roles had to be in Pittsburgh and New York.

Crumling said they also had to avoid copyright issues.

"We had a couple of prop things that I had to design," Crumling said. "Obviously it's a whole licensing issue, but I had a really fun time collecting and designing our own de-

signs for the magazine."

Clack also said weather was a big factor in the production.

"Most of the film, first of all, takes place outside," Clack said. "So we definitely were up against that the one day [when] we were shooting most of the outside scenes. It was raining on and off all day."

The B-Side will be shown at the P4 showcase on April 24, 2025 at the PNC Theater, where all six P4 short films will be shown.

"I feel like cinema is often the forgotten pillar of COPA and this is a really big deal that it's going to be one of the first times all of our films are shown in the PNC Theaters," Clack said.

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'Burgh Bites

Burgh Bites: The boba at Fuku Tea slaps

Rating:

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I have never felt more insane than when I brought home five cups of boba, tea and smoothies at 8 p.m. Located on Forbes Avenue near Pitt's campus, the teas from Fuku Tea were quite sweet, especially with the addition of boba topping or jelly for an additional upcharge.

First on the list, and the sweetest drink, is a small mango smoothie for \$5.40. For the additional price of \$0.50, I added the mango jelly for a total of \$5.90. The price wasn't terrible; every other boba shop in the area charges similar prices.

The taste of the smoothie was delicious, however the added mango jelly was overly done. With every sip, I received a mouthful of sweet and chewy jelly instead of the liquid from the tasty smoothie.

The flavor for both components was fairly strong, the jelly overpowered the smoothie in both quantity and flavor. The whole drink was sweet enough to describe it as diabetes in a cup.

I mean, maybe some of you are interested in a large quantity of jelly in your beverage. Yet, I wasn't looking for a snack, but a drink, and the jelly filled too much of the cup to leave space for the liquid.



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(left to right) The thai tea, mango smoothie, brown sugar milk tea, wild berry tea and black & gold tea sit in front of a book shelf.

On a positive note, unlike tapioca pearls, it kept well in the fridge overnight. The jelly does fine in liquid, and every drink that had jelly inside tasted similar if not the same to how they did the night before.

Next was a large brown sugar milk tea for \$5.65, a signature beverage on the menu. The boba was still quite warm and the brown sugar flavoring was blended directly into the milk rather than swirled on the edges with a syrup.

It had a very uniform flavor that wasn't grainy compared to other iterations of the drink I've had. The sugar was blended well with the black tea.

Another signature drink was a small Thai tea with added jelly ly-

chee for \$5.40. The drink had this beautiful shade of orange that reminded me of fall. Although the flavor isn't considered seasonal, the hints of its tasty grass flavor let me imagine I was consuming freshly fallen leaves.

This drink, like the mango smoothie, also had the same quantity of jelly inside. Although, the lychee jelly was not nearly as overpowering in flavor as the mango. This led the drink to taste more balanced.

However, I was a little disappointed that their machine did not completely seal the cup, allowing some of the boba liquid to leak out into my car.

The last signature drink I or-

dered was a small "Black & Gold," their number one seller of mango-passion fruit flavored green tea with added strawberry popping boba topping. At \$4.90 I didn't think that the drink was very Pittsburgh-y other than its name.

The name makes sense since it contrasts two flavors together, but it was just a simple fruit tea that tasted strong in both the tea and boba flavors.

The last drink I had was the least sweet: completely unsweetened small wild berry tea at \$4.80. After trying so much sugar, it was a shock to have one with no sweetness inside of it.

Yet, the tea wasn't bitter or super strong in its flavor. Would I drink this again without sugar? Absolutely not. If you cannot have sugar, it is a good option.

The entire experience of Fuku Tea was a very milky one. I was a little surprised that only 1/10 of the signature drinks were fruit flavors. While they also have custom drinks, I suppose that means that in the customer's eyes – and my eyes – milk tea is superior.

If you find yourself close to Pitt's campus, stop by for something – but ask for light jelly if you're thirsty.

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Democrats should have seen this coming

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News Editor

This election was one of the most shocking since the 2016 Presidential election for the same reasons.

A second Trump presidency is scary for many to imagine and, to others, impossible.

Still, it happened. Trump will be the first president since Grover Cleveland in 1893 to serve two non-consecutive terms. He has proven to be one of the most divisive political figures in history and is strongly criticized for his racist, misogynistic, islamophobic, homophobic and transphobic rhetoric.

But it happened— for the same reason as 2016 too. Democrats refuse to follow Trump’s lead and embrace populism to engage and rally working class voters.

Populism is a rallying cry of an ideology, meant to organize a large base of low-to-middle class voters in opposition of some elite ruling class.

Both Trump and Bernie Sanders used it as a cornerstone of their policies in 2016 and 2020, but only one of them ever ended up on the presidential ticket.

Sanders was snubbed in both the 2016 and 2020 primaries in favor of less radical options – Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden, respectively. At that time, it seemed that Democrats were moving right, instead of left, to capture disgruntled Republicans put off by Trump’s rise to the helm of the party.

That didn’t work, though. Clinton narrowly lost in 2016, and Biden narrowly won in 2020. Unfortunately, by the 2022 midterms, Biden was clearly too old for his position and was showing obvious signs of cognitive decline.

At this moment, he or some executive at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) should have seen him step down. Members of the House of Representatives had already begun the process of invoking the 25th Amendment on Biden

shortly after his debate flub in July. It was not long after this deliberation began that Biden stepped down.

It is not controversial to say that Biden should have given up on his reelection campaign around midterms. This would have given Democrats plenty of time to hold a proper primary process and allow their voters to pick a solid and representative candidate.

But this didn’t happen, and Kamala Harris ascended to the ballot without much say from voters.

She was clearly the best option given the circumstances. Harris directed one of the most chaotic and powerful campaigns in recent history for five short months. Harris raised over a billion dollars in grassroots donations alone, organized countless rallies headlined by big-name celebrities and began one of the largest door-knocking campaigns ever heard of.

She could have been the first female Black and South Asian president in

the country’s history. Yet, because of Democrats’ reluctance to allow real progressive policy proposals, especially economic ones, she lost all seven swing states by indisputable margins. She even lost the popular vote, something that hasn’t happened to a Democratic candidate since Bush Jr. in 2004.

It should be noted that most countries globally saw massive shifts in leadership, regardless of political affiliation. There were shifts both right and left depending on who was in power, mostly as a result of the post-pandemic world.

The U.S. sadly got the short end of the stick, and now will have to deal with another four years of MAGA buffoonery.

But it did not have to be this way. If Democrats offered real and substantive populist policy, there could have genuinely been an argument for working class voters to vote blue.

The most major solution to this issue that anyone can do is talk to Trump

voters. Pull down the curtains, unblock them and genuinely discuss economic policy with them.

That was their deciding factor for Trump, so you should make a genuine effort to understand why they think he will be so good for the economy. Do not debate them, just listen.

There is only one exception to this, and that is bigoted, Nick Fuentes-esc Trump voters. Do not talk to them. They represent only a portion of his voter base. The others simply just do not understand his shortcoming, and are too far into their right-wing echo chambers to hear anything.

Times will soon be much harder than they have been. When that time comes, we need to rally together behind a new candidate who genuinely values the working class and strives for economic policy designed to enshrine their importance in the country.

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Real-life betting apps are decadent

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For some, voting is a civic duty. To others, a right to be exercised. To real-life bettors, voting provided an avenue to embody the nation’s capitalist spirit, turning a profit off of election results.

Real-life betting sites raked in billions after Trump’s victory in the 2024 Presidential Election. Doubling their stress for double the reward, online bettors stared at their phone screens as election results came in, eyeballing payouts on apps like PredictIt, Kalshi and Polymarket.

Going on one of these sites (some of which require VPNs to bet on), users are required to convert cash into cryptocurrency. From there, they can place bets on anything from election results, to Cabinet appointments, to the breakup of Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift. The world is up for betting in a prediction market that promises instant profit, and I would have been fleeced this election.

If not for the dubious VPN requirements forcing me to change my computer’s country of origin, and if not for the requirement to transfer my cold, hard Federal Work Study cash into cryptocurrency, I would have bet on Harris winning. I would have secured a three-to-one payout, too, would she have won.

Of course, I didn’t bet. Harris also didn’t win, a fact that some political pundits claim was forecasted by these betting sites. In a Washington Post article, Robert Erikson, political science professor of Columbia University (I know, illustrious), claimed that these betting sites were naturally more accurate.

“As smart investors exploit faulty prices, they move the price toward its proper equilibrium value,” he wrote to the Washington Post.

Based on Polymarket’s payout ratios, the majority of users were convinced that Trump was going to win the election, conflicting with national polls that placed Harris ahead. While this could be explained by Erikson’s “smart investor” theory, it can also be explained by these betting sites’ demographics: young wealthy dudes.

This isn’t a gut feeling. According to an article by Birches Health, the demographic of sports bettors is primarily “young, male and wealthy.” These modern day Gatsbys, these MAGA-clad crypto bros, pump-and-dump private investors and overall scam artists overwhelmingly hoped (and bet) that they would see another Trump presidency.

Real-life betting is depraved. Not because I would have lost \$10 betting on Kamala Harris, but because these sites use the

same playbook as hateful demagogues like Trump. These sites offer ways to “get rich quick,” prescribing extracurricular, unregulated forms of capitalism (betting, crypto, and meme stocks) to get ahead in an economy that has left them behind.

Betting is an easy solution to wealth inequality, an easy solution that supporters on both sides of the MAGA wealth spectrum desire. Jaded members of the working class distrust the government as a means of escaping inflation and are looking for other ways to support themselves. The elites willing to exploit workers, your modern day MAGA Gatsbys and crypto bros, are enticed by the American Dream of insurmountable wealth, and enjoy suckering people into dumping cash into unregulated markets – like these betting sites – to achieve this goal.

Whether it’s tariffs, betting or cryptocurrency, there is no easy solution to income inequality. At least, there’s no solution that simply says “add more unregulated capitalism into the mix.” Real-life betting is decadent and depraved.

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THE GLOBE’S POINT



Misinformation is not the way to cope with the election

Yes, we’re doing an election point again.

Let us start with saying that it is an undisputable fact that the U.S. voted in Donald Trump for a second term. We know this is sad for some - some of our editors are not happy about it either.

While some people may not be the happiest about the result, others have taken this to the extreme: denying the election results.

Interestingly, those who are saying that the election was stolen from Harris are some of the same groups that talked down on people saying that the election was stolen from Trump.

Neither is correct nor good. As we said last week, you must have faith in the democratic process, and claiming that the election was stolen because your candidate of choice lost is not how you do it.

We want to bring this to the campus community because some students not only have said that the election was stolen but also post on the Snapchat Community Story about supposed evidence of a steal.

None of the evidence provided holds up to basic fact checking. A lot of the same nonsense

such as votes suddenly disappearing, machines switching votes to a different candidate and a candidate getting a huge lead late at night.

It is a double standard to clown on Trump voters for thinking the election was stolen in 2020 only to then cry and scream about the 2024 election being stolen.

Neither one was rigged, taken or stolen. Both elections were fair, and there is no widespread fraud in either one.

Instead of pointing fingers at already stressed out election officials and poll workers, you should point your frustration elsewhere.

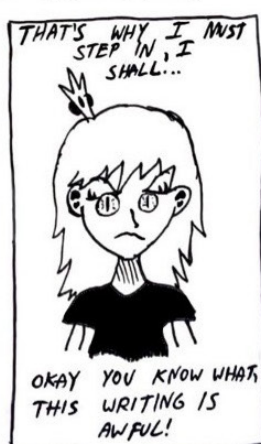
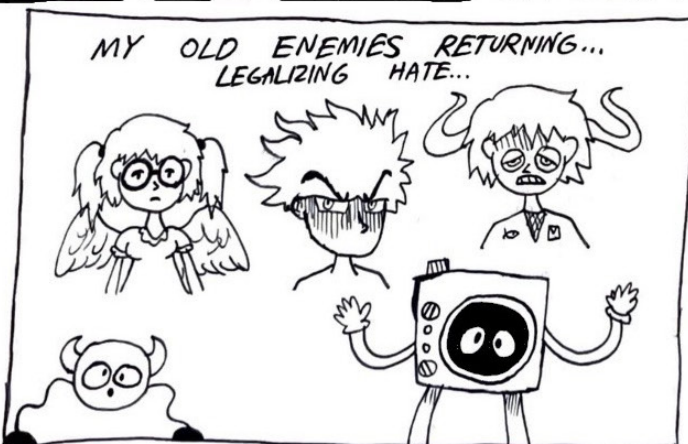
For instance, how about focusing on voter turnout? It is completely valid to be angry at the estimated 15 million democrats who decided not to vote this election.

Or, you can be angry at those that automatically assumed that Harris had this election secured - just like how people thought Clinton was automatically winning in 2016

Be mad at the facts, not something that isn’t true.

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Men's basketball opens season 1-1

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Point Park men's basketball kicked off its regular season on Oct. 9 and 10 at the Ron Wilson Classic in Millersville. The team ended the weekend 1-1 after games against Division II opponents Mansfield and host Millersville.

Point Park faced the Mansfield Mountaineers on Saturday evening for its first official game of the season. The Pioneers earned a 90-73 win for their first NCAA Division II victory in program history.

The Pioneers' starting five consisted of Kaden Warner, Aidan Anderson, Nazareth Fisher, Nathaniel Van and Jag Jhavar. Reynolds subbed in only two players off the bench: first-year student Aiden Miller and senior Lance Signh.

Mansfield and Point Park combined to force 10 lead changes and six tied scores in the first half. With three and a half minutes remaining in the first half, the Pioneers went on a 10-4 run

to conclude the half with a 42-36 score.

The Mountaineers quickly tied things up two minutes into the second half at 42-42. The Pioneers went on an offensive streak with about four minutes remaining, increasing the lead through the end of the game.

Warner became the first men's basketball college athlete in Pittsburgh to record a 30-point game this year. He went eight for 14 from the three-point line and recorded five assists.

Signh inched toward a double-double, recording 15 points and eight rebounds. Anderson contributed 14 points and Fisher added 12.

Searching for its second consecutive win, Point Park went on to play Millersville Marauders on Sunday afternoon, where the Pioneers suffered a 95-72 loss.

The Marauders came off a successful season, finishing with an 18-4 record in the PSAC East last season and competing in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Millersville quickly asserted dominance in the



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Kaden Warner dribbles against the University of Pittsburgh in an exhibition match on Oct. 22.



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Brenden Williams drives the ball in an exhibition match versus Pitt.

game, establishing an early 9-0 lead that increased to a 16-3 score minutes later.

Coach Kevin Reynolds shared how a lack of rest and preparation allowed the Marauders to capitalize early on in the game.

"[They] got us on our heels to start the game, and we could never get back and play our style of ball, and so we just didn't," Reynolds said. "We didn't do a real good job coaching or playing on Sunday, it was a combination of both our poor coaching and poor playing."

The Marauders continued to take advantage of the Pioneers' scoring troubles, forcing numerous turnovers and offensive mistakes.

The first half ended 52-25. The Pioneers went 30% from the field in the half, falling to Millersville's 62.16% field goal success.

Point Park led the scoring column in the second half, scoring 47 points. The Pioneers held the Marauders

to a 1-8 three-point margin and a 45.45 field-goal percentage.

Despite the strong showing both defensively and offensively in the second half, it wasn't enough for the Pioneers to chip away at the striking 23-point deficit. This resulted in Point Park's first loss of the season.

"The guys didn't have the energy and enthusiasm that they normally have," Reynolds said. "From a coaching standpoint, we didn't do a good enough job of getting the guys energized and ready to play a team like Millersville."

Reynolds took a different approach in this matchup, testing rotations and awarding minutes to 11 players.

"We're trying to find guys that are going to compete and give us the best chance to win," Reynolds said. "We have confidence in everybody on the roster, so we put in a bunch of different guys. Some didn't play that much on Sat-

urday but played significant minutes [on Sunday]."

Transfer Brenden Williams played 26 minutes off the bench and led the scoring column for the Pioneers, scoring 14 points and going five for 11 from the field.

Miller earned his first collegiate start, dropping 10 points and five rebounds. Transfer Rob Keys contributed 10 points as well, and Singh recorded nine points.

"We didn't have the team ready to go," Reynolds said. "So that's on us. We have to own that. But hopefully we don't experience that again, and hopefully we learn from our mistakes."

The Pioneers open MEC play on Thursday, Nov. 14, versus Glensville State at home in CCAC-Allegheny Gym. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

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Women's basketball begins with two losses

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Point Park's women's basketball started the season with two losses after the game against East Stroudsburg University on Nov. 9 at the Pucillo Gymnasium in Millersville. The Pioneers lost the game 87-48.

Pioneer Camille Fultz, a forward on the team, was impressed with East Stroudsburg's play style but said that Point Park still held it down.

"East Stroudsburg played very composed and was a master of the fundamentals," Fultz said. "On the other hand, I believe we were more athletic and aggressive."

The Pioneers have only just begun the season with

their first official game on Friday, Nov. 8, where they lost 69-47 against Millersville University. The first two games played were in the Atlantic Region Challenge, which was hosted by Millersville.

Point Park's game leaders against the East Stroudsburg Warriors were Emma Pavelek with 13 points, Fatim Sarr Ndow with 10 rebounds and Chloe Williams with one assist.

"Every one of our girls believes in each other's talent," Fultz said. "We play for Point Park because we love the game, the school we represent, and the family this program has given us from our coaches, staff, teammates and supporters."

The first half found the Pioneers in a tough spot, as

the Warriors took an early lead. East Stroudsburg climbed to six points during this time, while Point Park remained at two. The Pioneers remained in the running and made a comeback with the score at 8-7, Warriors still in the lead.

However, by the Pioneers seventh point, they lost their momentum, and the Warriors got to 18 points before Point Park's eighth. After this, the Pioneers were unable to catch up, ending the first quarter with the score at 22-13.

"It's tough going against a team that has a very defined and mastered system when we are still in the process of adjusting to each other's play styles," Fultz said.

Headed into the second quarter nine points down, Point Park was looking for a comeback. Unfortunately, the Warriors slipped further away from the Pioneers' reach as the quarter progressed.

Throughout the whole second quarter, the Pioneers only scored eight points. The Warriors more than doubled that number, with 20 points scored in the quarter. The second quarter ended with a score of 42-21.

With the defeat of the first half weighing heavy on the minds of the Pioneers, they came into the second half making valiant efforts to catch up to East Stroudsburg.

Point Park struggled to make a comeback, being down 27 points by the halfway mark of the third quarter. The Pioneers were unable to catch up, with the



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Emma Pavelek points at guard Jada Lee in an exhibition game on Nov. 6.

score being 66-37 by the end of the third quarter.

The Pioneers went into the fourth quarter down 29 points, the biggest point gap between the two teams by that point.

The fourth quarter started bleak, as the Warriors scored nine points before the Pioneers were able to get their first point in the quarter.

East Stroudsburg kept its momentum throughout the rest of the fourth, leaving Point Park behind 39 points with a final score of 87-48.

"Our eyes are set on improving and playing the best basketball we can in the long term," Fultz said.

Point Park leaves the

game with an overall record of 0-2, and East Stroudsburg with an overall record of 2-0.

The Pioneers are set to play their first Mountain East Conference (MEC) game on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the CCAC-Allegheny Gym in Pittsburgh, PA.

"We have all the pieces to be a really good team, right now we are just in the process of putting them together and figuring out how to play at this level," Fultz said. "As we get more comfortable, I expect our ball movement, chemistry and transition play to vastly improve."

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Fatim Sarr Ndow dribbles down court in a match against Robert Morris.