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Man arrested after entering West Penn, charged with trespassing

Gavin Petrone
News Editor

A man was arrested after entering the West Penn building under the influence on Wednesday, Nov. 13, according to Public Safety.

The man was found by campus police unconscious at a table inside the Center for Media Innovation (CMI). Pills were spread over the table in front of him.

Public Safety did not specify what the pills were. According to Point Park Police Sgt. Bill Wagner, a criminal report has not been filed for the man yet. The man has not been named for this reason.

Sgt. Bill Wagner arrested the man and called paramedics who, according to Pittsburgh EMS dispatchers, had to wheel him out on a stretcher to Mercy Hospital because he was unable to walk on his own.

The man was charged with defiant trespassing, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.

According to the Pennsylvania General Assembly, defiant trespassing can be defined as someone who has repeatedly tried to or has successfully entered a space where they know they are not permitted to be in the space. This can be from either previous warnings or posted signage that a person has repeatedly ignored.

It is unclear when the man has previously been trespassed from Point Park property.

Olivia Valyo, the creative content coordinator for the CMI, was the only person working when the man moseyed into the space.

Valyo said the man was walking in a slow and delirious manner. She said he picked up a few magazines and newspapers before sitting down at a table and passing out. After that she called Public Safety for a wellness check.

"I didn't get a threatening vibe from him," Valyo said, "but I was still a little bit freaked out."

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Leaky pipe in Lawrence Hall

Peyton Martin
SGA Beat Writer

A clogged pipe connected to the third-floor Dining Hall dishwasher created a leak that spanned from Point Cafe to the second-floor stairwell in Lawrence Hall, according to Chris Hill, vice president of operations for the Physical Plant.

The leak started in late October and was not fixed until this month. The main stairway to the second floor in Lawrence lobby remained closed until the leak was fixed.

"There's stuff that will go down the drain, and they just clog because of the pipes," Hill said. "Just like when you get a clogged pipe at home."

The clogged pipe caused

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The ceiling above the checkout area in Point Cafe, which was damaged by a leaky pipe.

SGA talks public safety

Peyton Martin
SGA Beat Writer

Safety concerns were the main topic of the SGA meeting on Nov. 18, referring to several recent incidents involving students in parts of Downtown.

Sen. Madigan Balfe started the discussion with talks about a possible mugging that happened outside of Point Park earlier in the day.

"I did not see too much of it, but as I was walking to class I saw

people standing around during the aftermath," Balfe said. "I walked into class and multiple other students had witnessed it, but I did not see the mugging itself."

"I think there is always going to be a level of safety concerns in urban areas, and since we're the most urban campus in the city, we are going to have the most disproportionate amount of concerns," Balfe said, attribut-

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SGA Senators Bee Pugh and Hunter Bradley talk during the Nov. 18 SGA meeting.



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A Pittsburgh Regional Transit bus at a light.

PRT takes proposed line redesign to the community

Gavin Petrone
News Editor

Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) riders across the Downtown and Greater Pittsburgh area were invited to discuss the proposed Redesign of bus routes, which is set to be implemented in early 2026.

"Draft 1.0" of the project proposes reducing the number of routes offered, rebalancing routes where rider demand has changed and making the bus system easier to understand.

Amy Silverman, PRT's chief development officer, said the Redesign is focused on meeting the changed demand of riders since COVID. She said that demand for buses has gone down in areas with frequent service, and risen in areas without it.

Silverman added that the proposal is cost-neutral, and won't require any additional funding over what PRT already spends. She also stressed that the proposal was only a draft and encouraged riders to provide feedback.

"What do you like about the map? What do you like that we have proposed?" Silverman asked.

There will be another meeting on an updated Redesign draft sometime in spring.

55 routes will be provided Downtown, a 12% decrease from the current amount. Route times will also be restructured to

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Casey still yet to concede with recount

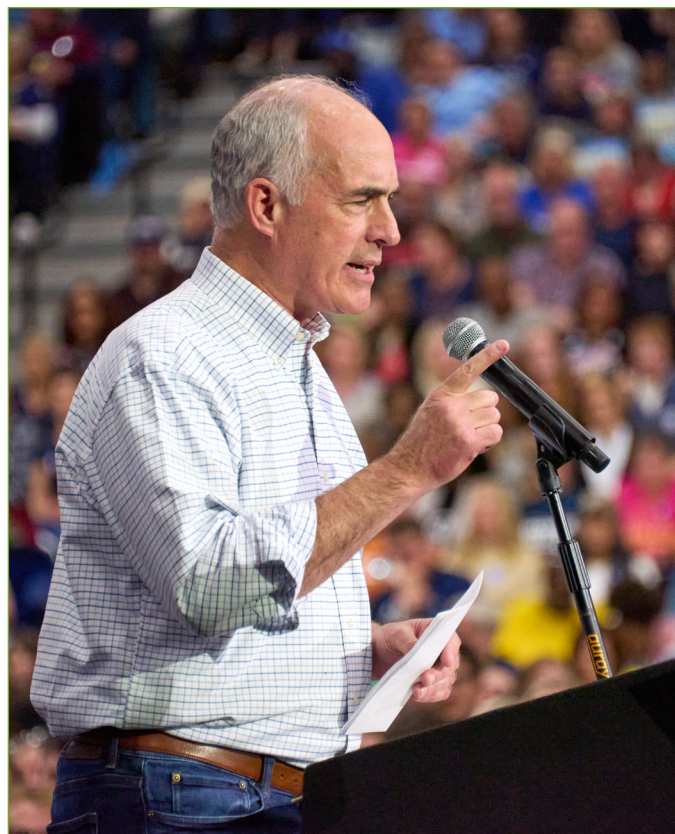
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Former PA Sen. Bob Casey (D) has yet to concede victory to presumptive Sen. Dave McCormick (R) as a statewide recount begins on Monday, Nov. 18.

McCormick currently leads by 18,000 votes out of almost 6.9 million, according to the Associated Press (AP) on Monday. Any margin less than 0.5% triggers an automatic recount, according to Pennsylvania state law.

Casey missed the deadline of last Wednesday to concede and avoid triggering a recount.

Most expect provisional ballots to narrow McCormick's lead even further. AP and other publications who have already called the race for McCormick still say



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Incumbent Senator Bob Casey (D) speaks at a Harris-Walz rally.

that is not enough for Casey to find victory. Provisional ballots are cast on election day but are set aside while officials determine voter

eligibility. They typically lean Democrat.

Casey's campaign said on social media that McCormick's team was "trying to disenfranchise Pennsylvania voters" by challenging some provisional ballots in court.

McCormick's campaign argues that it is only challenging ballots that it is allowed to challenge.

The final deadline for PA counties to begin their recounts is Wednesday, Nov. 20. They must be completed by next Tuesday, Nov. 26, and results must be reported to the PA state secretary by noon the next day.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D) rescinded his previous comment that

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SGA senators concerned with recent campus incidents

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safety concerns,” Balfe said, attributing the issue to a lack of control over a campus located on public property.

Point Park Police only have jurisdiction over areas considered Point Park property, which stops right outside the University Center. Additionally, sidewalks are considered public property.

Just last week on Nov. 13, an unknown male was charged with defiant trespassing in West Penn Hall and passing out in the Center for Media Innovation (CMI).

Students presented other incidents regarding student safety to SGA, requesting a solution. President Kyle MacLaughlin said he plans to reach out to public safety to see if someone would be willing to speak at a future meeting.

“We’ve been talking about a number of issues with safety on campus over



SGA President Kyle MacLaughlin sits and talks about meetings such as a meeting with Dean Keith Paylo.

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the past couple of weeks, and I think it is pretty clear that this is something that needs to be addressed,” MacLaughlin said.

Another thing discussed during the meeting was reallocating or finding a different way to distribute funds for the Coalition of Christian Outreach (CCO). CCO asked for a reallocation after its Operation Christmas Child Event

was cancelled.

The club held a coffee table event in the place of Operation Christmas Child, asking for some of the funds to be reallocated for coffee cups and stirring sticks. The total reallocation is \$39.47, which is within the original allocation.

The reallocation was approved with a vote of 10-0.

SGA also voted to approve constitution edits for the Criminal Justice Club.

There were no noticeable changes made to the constitution, but it was edited to be more up to date with the club’s goals.

The Criminal Justice Club’s mission remains the same - to engage with law enforcement, invest in the community and provide a safe space for criminal jus-

tice majors to explore their major outside the classroom. The constitution was approved 11-0.

Lastly, Pro Tempore Robert Fornataro gave an update on the zine fair, which will be a future SGA event. It was originally planned for this semester, but was moved to next semester.

“We’re moving it to February because we have bigger SGA events coming up later in the spring,” Fornataro said. “Then we moved on to just a fun filler event.”

The filler event’s name is SGA ‘n Sip, with the hopes that SGA can have a hot chocolate bar and activities event. The hot chocolate bar will offer things like whipped cream and sprinkles and if you want to stay after, you get your hot chocolate. There will be activities like slime-making and coloring.

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Unknown man bypasses turnstiles at West Penn Hall



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Turnstiles sit closed in the entrance of West Penn Hall. These along with the doors require an ID scan to open.

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“Something’s not right here.”

Valyo said this was the first case of trespassing in the CMI she had ever seen. She has worked at both locations of the Center for five years.

The West Penn building is one of the few high-traffic buildings on campus that does not have a secu-

rity guard at any point in the day. Every building on campus except Conestoga Hall and the Online Education building have turnstiles that require an ID scan to open.

High traffic buildings that have security guards include Lawrence Hall, Academic Hall and the Boulevard Apartments.

While most security guards are on the clock at night-time hours— except

in Academic Hall— Valyo said the addition of one in West Penn may boost security and prevent another trespass.

“I know other buildings have security guards,” Valyo said. “I wish the West Penn building did too, just because you never know when something could happen.

I do think it’s a safe measure but I do [also] think it’s pretty easy to get



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A turnstile in West Penn Hall sits ready for students to walk through.

in. We have guest clients come into the CMI and it’s pretty easy to get past the turnstile,” Valyo said.

During the Spring 2024 semester, a man was trespassing on the second floor of Lawrence Hall while holding an alcoholic beverage.

It is unclear if this was the man’s first time trespassing.

Cassandra Harris and Carson Folio contributed reporting to this article.

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Casey still hasn’t conceded as recount begins today

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McCormick would not be invited to Senate orientation last Wednesday. McCormick attended the orientation.

Utah Sen. Mike Lee (R) threatened not to seat Casey if he does not concede.

In a statement on X, Lee said, “If Bob Casey doesn’t concede, Pennsylvania keeps counting illegal votes, & Casey relies on those votes to claim victory, the Senate could refuse to seat him.”

Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court has stated that mail-in ballots without an accurate date on the return envelope cannot be counted, which three counties challenged.

Despite the challenge, the court did not change its’ position and the ballots cannot be counted.

The last counties that need to be counted are McCormick-hopefuls, which the AP uses as their reasoning for calling the race. Additionally, the AP states that there is no potential path to victory for Casey.

Casey has not commented further on the election results, the recount or anything else.



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Senator-Elect David McCormick waves to a crowd of amped-up Trump supporters in Butler during a rally on Oct. 5.

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Students react to leaky ceiling in Lawrence Hall

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to run down to the second floor, causing damage to both the cafe and the staircase leading up to the second floor.

“We replaced the pipe, but because of that, water came down to the second floor,” Hill said.

The pipe has since been replaced, and repairs to the cafe ceiling began as of Nov. 14. Repairs for the staircase will occur during Thanksgiving break because workers will need to use scaffolding to repair the damage.

While the repairs are now underway, some said they were upset about the situation.

Lindsay Simmons, a sophomore criminal justice major, saw the leak at the cafe.

“I just think it’s insane how they just put a bucket or a big type of thing under it and then just leave it there if it is a huge issue,” Simmons said.

Before the pipe was replaced, paper plates were being used in the Dining Hall instead of the normal plates. This was most likely due to the clog impacting the dishwasher.

“My first thought when it comes to that is we are paying all this money for



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Buckets and barrels sit on the floor catching water droplets from the ceiling of the Point Cafe in Lawrence Hall.

paper plates and stuff,” Simmons said.

Students were not the only ones who were impacted by the leak, as staff who work at Point Cafe were also affected by it. Water from the leak created a puddle on the floor next to the checkout area as well as where students enter and exit Point Cafe.

“Working with water around me was very hectic,” a Point Cafe employee said. “It was pretty inconvenient because there was a lot of kids, because this is a school.”

The employee also said that the water had a foul smell.

The issue in the cafe took about a week and a half to fix and clean up.

“It should have never taken that long, but I’m glad that it is fixed,” the employee said.

Lawrence Hall isn’t the only building on campus experiencing leaks. Thayer Hall, which is primarily houses first-year students, has a leak in the male restroom on floor three. Tristan Rose, a first-year general psychology stu-

dent, said that he was using the accessible restroom when he felt a drop of water on his head that made his hair wet.

“I keep checking in on it, and it seems like the hole is getting bigger,” Rose said. “I’m starting to worry that it is something more intensive going on than just a simple leakage.”

Rose put a work order in but hasn’t heard anything back yet. Rose said that he feels as though necessary maintenance is being put off.

“It happens, especially

with older buildings, but with how long it seems to be taking it just feels like nothing is getting done,” Rose said.

Thayer Hall and Academic Hall were both built in the 1930s, while Lawrence Hall was built in the late 1920s as an athletic club. There are roughly ten maintenance people that can respond to service calls at a time.

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Rider feedback encouraged on bus line redesign

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increase during mid-day, Saturday and Sunday service times.

Many routes that connect outside Pittsburgh neighborhoods and run through Downtown will be discontinued in favor of new routes that avoid Downtown entirely. The Redesign draft doubles the number of these community connecting routes.

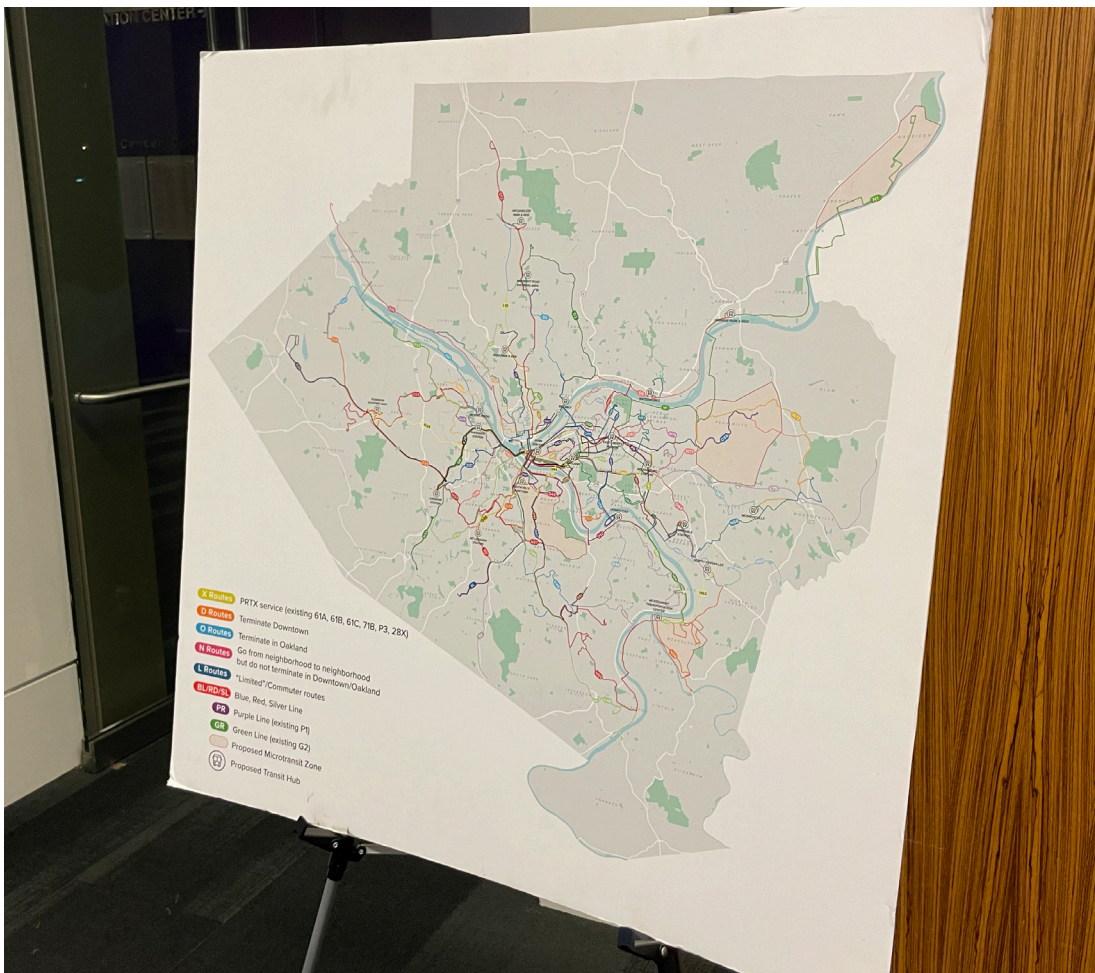
For example, the 52L and 56 that run between Greenfield and West Mifflin will be discontinued and replaced by a route that begins in Homestead. The new route finishes at the Pleasant Hills Walmart and never enters Downtown.

PRT officials said that by missing Downtown these neighborhood bus routes can be more efficient and reliable.

Other routes that still run through Downtown will also be simplified. PRT said it hopes to condense the 28X Airport Flyer into a consistent 30-minute route. They plan on cutting its service to Robinson to do this, and reroute other buses to cover that area.

The first two phases of community engagement also contributed to the decision to have neighborhood-connecting routes avoid Downtown, according to Emily Provonsha, PRT’s manager of service development

She added that many riders wanted the addition of “one seat” rides to Oak-



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A map of the proposed revised bus line that would serve Allegheny County sits on display for the public.

land from around the entire Allegheny County area.

“One seat” rides refer to routes that don’t require switching between buses to reach a destination. Provonsha said these changes were implemented in the first draft.

PRT’s adjacent “University Line” project also aims to expand one-seat ride coverage to the Downtown area. That coverage already existed before the project, but PRT said that the “University Line” will make commuting between

Oakland and Downtown even easier.

According to the Office of Student Life, 52% of U-Pass users are commuters. U-Pass is a tuition-covered service that waives the fee of PRT services like buses, light rail, and inclines.

Rich Calabrese, a sophomore English major, said he commutes to school on the 61B every morning. Calabrese said that stops Downtown are unclear and unreliable.

“I’ve waited over 20

minutes many times for the bus when the [Transit] app told me it would be there on time,” Calabrese said.

Calabrese said he hasn’t seen the Redesign draft, but he hopes there is substantial improvement.

“I can’t say I’m optimistic,” Calabrese said. “As a commuter, I just wish PRT was more clear with communicating to its users when changes, detours, or delays are happening.

People depend on public transportation, many

of whom don’t have cell phones, and not being in the know about the buses can really set people back,” Calabrese said.

Transfers between routes are still broadly required across the draft. To compensate for this, the Redesign adds several transfer centers across Pittsburgh meant to make the process easier and safer.

Along with these other simplifications, PRT is also revising the naming scheme of its routes.

It will replace the current system of numbers like 67 and 69, and preceding letters like “P” for busway service with a system PRT says is easier to understand.

Downtown serving buses will have their route numbers preceded by a “D,”—for example, D87. Oakland buses will have an “O,” limited commuter buses will have an “L” and neighborhood connecting buses will have an “N.”

The Redesign’s engagement period will conclude in Jan. 2025. Comments on the Redesign can be given and future meeting schedules are posted on www.buslineredesign.com.

Riders can also call PRT Customer Service at (412) 442-2000 or email at buslineredesign@rideprt.org.

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Emmy winning Alexis Johnson shares movie in the CMI

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Students got the opportunity this past Wednesday, November 13, to engage with Emmy-award-winning correspondent Alexis Johnson as she screened her new documentary, “When Black Women Go Missing,” here at the Center for Media Innovation.

Introduced by Kalliyann Winder, Johnson, a Pittsburgh native and former VICE News correspondent, shared her new film, which follows the lives of those who have been affected by the massive epidemic of missing Black women in America. Through her investigation and personal interviews, she has created a documentary that highlights systemic issues in law enforcement and the lack of attention brought to these cases.

During the event’s Q&A session, Johnson said, “I created this film because I wanted to give these women the voice and attention they’ve been denied.”

Before the film, Ahri Riso, a sophomore broadcast reporting major, said, “This isn’t a subject that gets a lot of coverage. I’m excited to see how the documentary portrays the government’s role, or lack thereof, in addressing this issue. Meeting the filmmaker adds another layer of understanding to what went into creating this story.”

For many attendees, the event was more than just a viewing of the film. It was a chance to reflect on their role as upcoming journalists.

“This is the kind of reporting that makes you think differently,” said Logre Abdis, also a sophomore broadcast reporting major. “It’s important to see films like this and hear directly from the people behind them.”

This documentary, which took

three years to create, initially only focused on a Minnesota task force in charge of finding missing Black women. This then turned into a broader investigation of sex trafficking and systemic neglect.

She follows the lives of three women who have gone missing, each sharing a different story and outcome, shining light on all that happens to missing Black women.

Johnson explained that her reporting revealed disturbing patterns, including repeated instances of law enforcement dismissing cases as runaways rather than conducting thorough investigations.

Families featured in the documentary were able to share their experiences with heartbreaking stories of frustration and resilience. Johnson also noted that gaining their trust was crucial to accurately telling their stories.

“It wasn’t just about filming; it was about building relationships and ensuring the families felt supported throughout the process,” she said.

The film goes on to also confront how the media’s bias affects public perception of missing persons cases. Johnson highlighted the disproportionate coverage of white women’s cases, such as Gabby Petito’s, compared to Black women’s cases. The latter are far less likely to receive any widespread attention.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the role journalists play in amplifying overlooked issues. For students like Riso and Abdis, the experience emphasized the importance of pursuing stories that hold institutions accountable and give those without a voice a chance to speak.

Alexis Johnson’s new film, “When Black Women Go Missing,” is now available to stream on Tubi TV, with some advertisements.



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Student journalists sit and listen to Alexis Johnson talk about her experiences.



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Alexis Johnson sits in the CMI and answers a question from the audience during a Q&A.

Johnson is also to continue her tour across the country, sharing this film with more communities.

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‘Burgh Bites

Burgh Bites: Exploding soup dumplings

Rating: 🌍🌍🌍🌍🌍

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The food at Everyday Noodles restaurant was incredibly authentic. All the noodles are made by hand and the cooks do so behind a piece of glass so diners can watch. The owner works with the Taiwanese government to bring cooks to the United States, according to the restaurant’s website.

With around 20 tables, the small restaurant is found on Forbes Ave in Squirrel Hill.

To date this was the most messy food review I have ever done. For that, I cannot give it five out of five globes.

To be fair the mess was my fault because I did not realize that the pork soup dumplings, eight for \$15, on the menu quite literally meant that it had soup inside of it. When I took a bite into the dumpling, it proceeded to explode into my hair, but I shouldn’t have been surprised.

I was more embarrassed than surprised. I did, however, feel better about myself when our Editor-elect Carson Folio made the same mistake the following day in a revisit to the restaurant.

I watched Carson take a bite into the dumpling that, when placed entirely into the mouth, exploded with a meaty, balanced broth flavor of mouth-watering pork. From his reaction, I realized he didn’t heed my wording.

As I sat across from him, I watched as the broth projectile shot across the table, splattering a little onto my phone.

In the same way the restaurant also only provides chopsticks and spoons to eat. Sitting alone in the corner, I felt the most self-con-

scious I ever have during a review; watching plenty of Asian-Americans pile in and fill the tables I was left wondering what the proper table etiquette was with the provided silverware.

Despite my physical or worldly grievances as I dined it did not alter that the flavor of the food at Everyday Noodles, and the speed of the wait staff are top of the line.

In the minced pork over rice, \$9, the meat juice seeped into the rice flavoring on the bottom. While the rice wasn’t sticky it also wasn’t dry, achieving an unprecedented balance between the two. At the top of the dish, as the pork continued to sit, it did not lose its moisture into the rice.

It feels odd to praise such a simple dish as rice and pork, but the subtle meat complimented the rice with its bolder juice flavor so well. Easily, it is a more affordable, filling and balanced meal that shouldn’t be forgotten or brushed aside.

The minced pork over rice also came with an aged egg that somehow tasted like egg yolk entirely in each egg-layer, with a slice of radish as well.

In retrospect I realize now that I somehow managed to only order pork dishes. Yet, the menu at Everyday Noodles manages to make each form of the pork taste very different from the others. The pork rib noodle soup was the last dish I ordered.

I taught myself that individual pieces of the dish’s meat, which was attached to small bones, should be placed entirely into the mouth like the soup dumplings. Then, after cleaning all the meat off, the bone should be politely pulled out so that others do not have to watch you awkwardly gnaw on the bones from the tips of your chopsticks.

As for the noodles, I ordered the



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(Top to bottom) Fresh dumplings, pork rib noodle soup, and minced pork over rice and egg.

wide ones. They were nicely chewy, but didn’t taste special other than the noticeable absence of preservative flavor. The broccoli in the broth was harder than desirable, but the vegetable and meaty-flavored broth made up for it. The liquid wasn’t overly-flavorless or salty.

For dessert I had the creamy crispy mini buns for \$5, which I don’t recommend. The buns were simple, tasting very breadly and not very sweet. The sweetest com-

ponent to them was the drizzled donut-glaze sauce over the top of them.

As a last note, if you don’t know how to use chopsticks beware! I don’t say this to roast Carson. It’s possible that they keep spare forks or chopstick helpers, but by coming here and dining in, you will be forced to learn how to use them by

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BALL ROOM CROWDED FOR SQUISHMALLOW BINGO

Many students gathered on the third floor of Lawrence Hall to play a highly competitive Squishmallow bingo. The event was hosted by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) last Thursday at 9 p.m. In three different rounds, a bingo was called once a student lined their chips in the shape of a corn on the cob, Christmas tree and acorn. In speed rounds, players created typical bingo patterns and did not have to chase anybody to get their prize. During a regular, non-speed round, players must chase after the CAB member holding the purple bag containing prize slips. During the final round, CAB members passed the bag around to confuse players on who they needed to chase.

Photos by Caleb McCartney



Ballroom Dance Sport Club continues to step it up

Melissa Garlock
Staff Writer

From “Dancing with the Stars” social events to competing at one of the largest International Ballroom Dance competitions, the Ballroom Dance Sport Club has had a jam-packed schedule this past semester.

Junior dance major Elizabeth Woodberry and coach Rozana Sweeny established the club in the 2024 Spring Semester. Since then, opportunities grew for students to practice both recreationally and competitively. Woodberry leads the club as student coach.

This semester, the Ballroom Dance Sport Club offers a competition team for students to join. Currently, the team features five couples, including dance majors and non dance majors.

Sam Wellborn, a sophomore musical theater major, said that he has loved his time being a part of the team thus far.

“I think it’s a very welcoming environment, and it’s a type of dance that’s pretty accessible to a lot

of people,” Wellborn said. “It’s not about the amount of steps, it’s more about the personality that you can bring to it.”

Drew Williams, a senior animation major, said that he’s revealed a newfound confidence and understanding of music through his involvement in the team.

“I’ve been wanting to learn how to dance since I was like eight years old, but I’ve been embarrassed to admit it, so this is the perfect opportunity to get into it,” Williams said.

Williams said that the skills he learns in the club aids him in his classes, especially with his animation classes

“It’s been really helpful for my sense of rhythm and my professors have even commented that I’ve had a drastic improvement in my overall sense of timing,” Williams said

Outside of the open classes offered for dance clubs, these students in the club are rehearsing multiple days a week in preparation for upcoming competitions.

In October, Woodberry and team representative Mireya Lebron, a freshman dance major, attended the Pittsburgh Ballroom’s Harvest Ball held at Edgewood Country Club. At this event, they were able to meet other collegiate ballroom dance clubs as well as perform an Open Gold Level showcase routine.

“I had a really good experience because it was something completely out of my comfort zone,” Lebron said. “I got to experience dancing with non dancers and trained dancers.” said.

Next weekend, the ballroom dance team is traveling to Columbus, Ohio, for the Ohio Star Ball. This is a six-day event for amateur to professional-level couples to compete in multiple different dance styles. The Point Park team will be performing the Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Jive, Waltz, Tango, and Foxtrot dance styles.

This past week, the club held a mock ballroom dance competition in the GRW. There, students watched previews of upcoming performances.

The dancers showcased seven dances across two styles – American Smooth & International Latin – with an opening performance of a samba showdance. Coach Sweeny brought in mock judges to provide students constructive criticism regarding their competitive presence.

The Ballroom DanceSport Club brings a unique energy to the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park. Dance professor and head coach Rozana Sweeny



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The partners completed their routine for the ballroom showcase.



Melissa Garlock | The Globe

Dancers gathering to take a photograph together after their showcase.



Melissa Garlock | The Globe

Two of the dancers doing a kick, with their teacher in the background.

said that she has been consistently impressed by the competition team.

“One of the best things about this club is the enthusiasm and the will to practice – you see them growing every time a little bit,” Sweeny said. “I can see sometimes people come in with a sad face, and when they leave, they’re happy. It’s very addictive.”

The club typically holds open classes on Sundays and Mondays. These classes are available to any major

who is interested in trying out ballroom dance. The specific teachers and class styles are posted weekly on their Instagram page, @pointparkballroom.

Students are encouraged to come due to the usefulness of ballroom dance. Understanding of basic partner dance techniques can help at weddings and various other social events.

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PRSSA HOLDS ‘PROJECT PB&J’ TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



(Left to right) President Harmony Sheftall and Vice President Brooklyn Herrera making PB&J sandwiches to donate to the community.



PRSSA members organized a community engagement event in Village Park titled “Project PPJ” in light of Thanksgiving and a seasonal time of giving back, where they made sandwiches for those unhoused in Pittsburgh.

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How college students fuel gossip culture

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As to be expected of a small campus community, information spreads -- some of it true, other bits not so much. Information will spread quickly and before you are even aware of it, you'll be hearing rumors about a person's roommate, ex-partner or professor.

Though these rumors will often claim someone had said or done something, there's always an emphasis that the offending action is not public knowledge.

The people telling you those rumors may feel like they're getting you a scoop of some crazy information.

Misinformation about politics, world news and even possible events within the school are also all subject to their own obvious cases of bias.

At Point Park, the number of School of Communication students and media literacy classes in the university can lessen the risk of misinformation.

As a mostly socially-aware student body, our campus can combat misinformation amongst students.

Although it is tempting to continue the cycle of sharing information you heard just because you want to feel included in the mix, the importance of verifying your sources cannot be underestimated.

The process of checking articles, statements and press releases can turn something minor into a complete fiasco.

Additionally, as said from the wise Trixie Mattel, the idea of "spilling the tea" is not impressive. This is true even if the misinformation is only about a single student or a few students.

Spilling the tea about something you took offense to is only an excuse to not be confrontational or have a direct conversation with a person. When there are problems with someone, talk to them directly before airing out information that

isn't true.

If you hear something about a person you do not even know and there is no strong evidence, then why take every single word said about that person at face value? Why trust anything

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this person is saying then?

As with most subjects, misinformation is dependent on the information, the person, source and any other factor which may impact the situation. Each person should practice cau-

tion when reposting or retelling information which is not entirely their own.

This is also true with information on social media, whether it seems important or silly. When you hit that repost button on Twitter or put something on your Instagram story while writing "so sad," you need to still fact check what information you have.

It is extremely easy for information to spread in a student body of 3,500 people.

After all, how many people reading this piece have heard information about me without having met me in person? Can you verify any of this information?

The spreading of misinformation on campus will not help anyone. If you are displeased or upset with a situation, it is your job to keep yourself responsible.

But how do you do this, opinions editor?

One choice you could make to find First, find out if what you're saying

is necessary. If it needs to be said, find out if it's true. Lastly, be careful about who you're sharing the information with. Is it relevant for everybody, your whole friend group or only for a select few?

The questions of do I need to say this right now, what are the exact details of what I am saying, and does this make a person look bad without proof of information?

Obviously, there are exceptions to this. If a person is misogynistic, sexist, racist, homophobic, or transphobic, then this should be shared to protect a person's safety in all scenarios.

A real risk is disinformation, where people purposefully leave out information for their own self-interest.

People's transparency and trustworthiness is key when participating in discourse of relevant conversation. Being honest with

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Students: respect your professors

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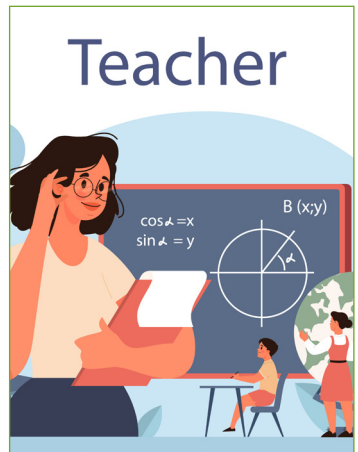
In elementary school, each class creates a set of rules written on a large sheet of paper to hang on the door for the rest of the year. As students, we created these rules for ourselves.

Each year, from first to fourth grade, the outlines became more and more specific. The rules we created included things like keeping your hands to yourself, not speaking when the teacher is talking, being respectful, being kind, raising your hand to speak and using an inside voice.

As a college student, it has become clear why we went over these rules. It was because, in elementary school, manners were something that our parents taught us. It was their responsibility to make sure that we said please and thank you - we didn't know them from instinct.

But as young adults attending Point Park, we no longer have our mommy and daddy to hold our hands and tell us if we are being polite or rude to someone - we have to figure that out ourselves. However, we're old enough now that it shouldn't be difficult.

This semester, after taking a particular 101 course, it has suddenly become clear that some of my peers still need this guiding hand when speaking to professors who only intend to



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help an entitled and struggling student.

In addition to going over the syllabus on the first day of class each semester, students should be required to create their own rules to re-establish respect for human beings who are only attempting to help us.

With all that satire aside, we are adults and should act like young professionals if we wish to succeed in our relevant fields. It is not proper for us to act like children and throw a fit when a situation does not go our way, especially if it includes speaking disrespectfully to a professor.

During almost every session of this 101 class, witnessing the same students claim that they were right when a professor attempted to correct them was a common sight. In reality, their given answer was wrong and they were instead taking advantage of his kindness.

Just because we are paying for our classes and

our professors does not mean that we are entitled to treat them like they are beneath us. Be real with yourselves - even if you don't like being wrong, your professor likely knows what they're talking about and you should listen to them.

However, it's no secret that a professor can act cocky sometimes and that is also not okay. But remember, they were placed into their role for a reason. They already have a job in the field they want while you, the student, probably do not.

One of my peers says that people who cannot succeed in their field, teach. While this can be true, it is also true that you may assume a higher position than that professor one day. Today is not that day.

It is not proper conduct to talk back to a professor in any situation, especially when you are disrespecting them. When you have no idea what you're talking about and are wrong, you need to just sit it out and leave your professor alone. The professors are just trying to do their job.

College should be taken as practice for the real world. As students, we should treat our professors like colleagues and should treat regular staff members around the university with even more respect.

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THE GLOBE'S POINT



Why don't we cover national news stories in our paper?

With an abundant supply of national news stories, you might ask why we don't report on national news stories outside of Pittsburgh and the campus community.

This is a fair question, especially because some of these stories do still have a reach on our campus to some people.

However, national news is not our focus. Trying to combine both national news and student-centric news would make our paper go from an eight to ten page paper to a 20 page paper.

While The Globe excels in covering what matters on campus and to the Downtown community, other outlets excel in national news.

If you want recommendations, outlets such as the Associated Press, Reuters, and any of the newspapers of record such as The Boston Globe.

However, this doesn't mean that we will flat out refuse to cover big news if it matters to our students. For instance, the presidential election is clearly important to the people we serve and we will always make sure to cover every election here.

Elections aren't the only story bigger than the local area that we will cover. Typically, newspapers may try to localize a national story so that it matters to readers.

For instance, last semester we ran an opinion piece trying to localize the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore to a Pittsburgh

audience, covering which bridges would be in danger of collapsing if hit by a similar barge to what struck the bridge in Baltimore.

In the past, we have leaned into only catering for students and not covering much of what happens on the administrative side and outside our few buildings.

This semester, we've worked to change this by covering more of what matters to all our readers, not just students.

Also, we want to stress the importance of local news in each community. Without local news, there is no institution to hold those in power accountable and nowhere to turn for accurate information on what happens. The rumor mill is not a news source.

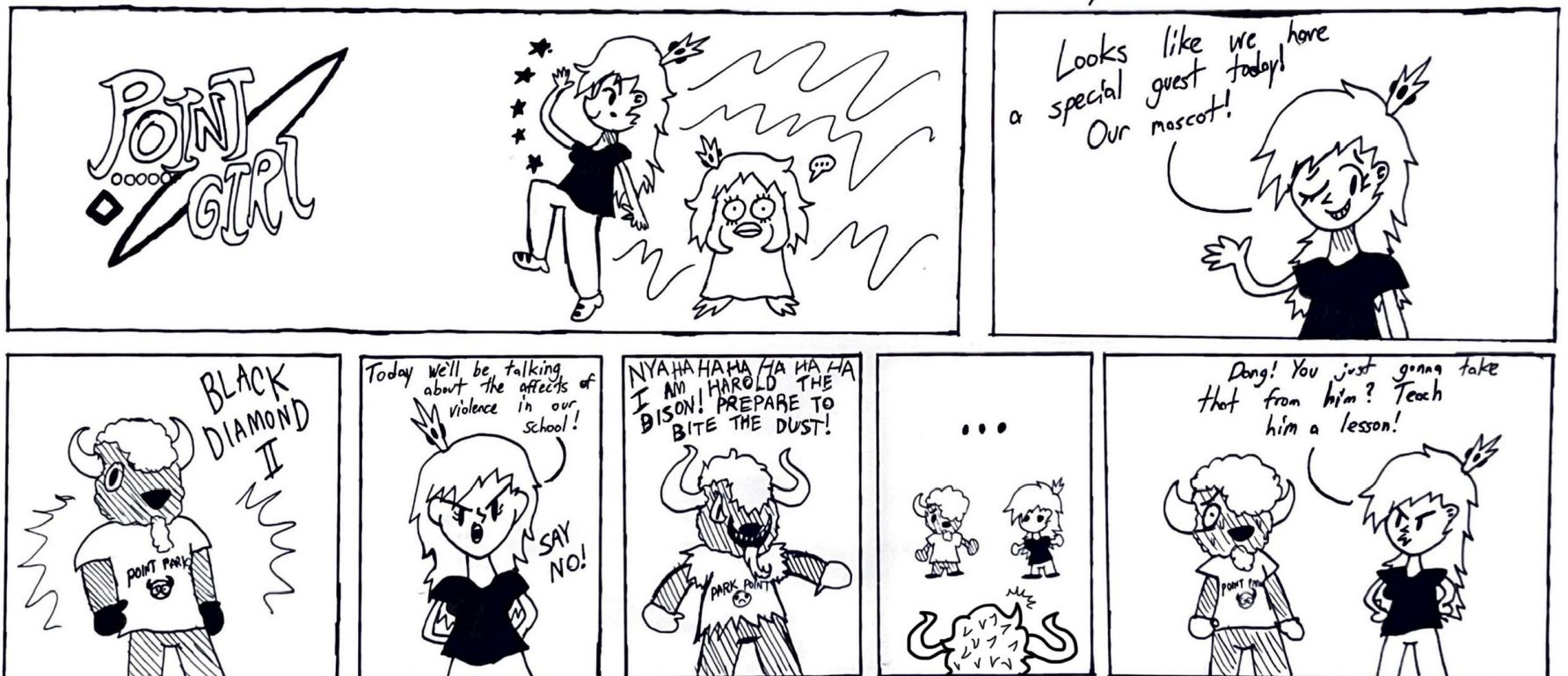
Recognizing this, we hope to provide reporting that remains focused on the local, campus-level scale when possible.

Rest assured, The Globe constantly strives to cover anything and everything at Point Park and the surrounding area that is relevant to our readers. But if you have a story pitch or you think a national piece can be localized to the campus-community, tell us. We want to cover what matters to you, our readers.

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Volleyball finishes season with a victory

Seniors reflect on their final moments as Pioneers

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Point Park volleyball concluded its 2024 season with a 3-0 sweep against the Salem Tigers on Friday, Nov. 15, in Salem, W. Va. The win awarded the Pioneers their second straight win, as the seniors savored their final moments on the court.

Senior outside hitter Rachele Tessari reflected on how the bittersweet ending to the season led to a win that was both heartfelt and dominant.

“Since it was our last game of the season, we wanted to end with a good memory, play together and have fun,” Tessari said. “It is precisely when you commit to a goal and play as a compact team that the results come.”

The Pioneers earned their fourth sweep of the season after a dominant third-set win, concluding with a

25-18 score.

The Tigers posted 11 attack errors in set three as the Pioneers climbed up to an eight-point lead. Point Park recorded seven kills to command the set, and senior outside hitter Giulia Follador helped guarantee the sweep with three kills.

“It was definitely a nice feeling,” Tessari said. “Ending with a positive memory will serve us when we look back at the past, and we can smile thinking that we ended in the best possible way.”

The Pioneers established the tone in set one, playing to extra points and eventually earning a 30-28 win. The set concluded with 18 tied scores but only five lead changes, and the Pioneers held a slight lead throughout.

After grasping a 19-14 lead, the Pioneers gave up five straight points to tie the score through the end of the set. After several back-and-



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The Pioneers huddle between sets in an away match versus Seton Hill on Oct. 22.

forth points, the score sat at 28-28. This changed when senior Ana Baruh Krstic contributed a kill, followed by an ace from Follador to clinch set one.

“We went into the game with the mindset of leaving everything on the court,” senior libero Audrey Shull said. “We had nothing to lose and wanted to make our last game memorable. We went out there and played for each other and it showed in the score.”

The Pioneers took quick control of set two, establishing a 12-4 lead. A combined nine kills from Point Park led to a 25-17 win, and Point Park favorably entered the third and final set.

The tight-knit Point Park team celebrated its final game together. The Pioneers will graduate nine players, including frequent game leaders Follador, Eden McEl-

haney, Elise Wallace and Baruh Krstic.

“It definitely felt bitter-sweet,” Shull said. “Most of us knew it would be our last game playing together, so we were all emotional. But it felt good to end the season on a positive note.”

Shull led the team in service aces with three, followed by Tessari and Nadiushka Conde adding two aces each. Follador contributed a team-high eight kills, and McElhaney led the Pioneers with 10 digs.

Wallace contributed 18 assists to end her final season with 565 assists in 2024. She recorded the fifth-highest assist average per set in the Mountain East Conference.

Shull, a native of California, concluded her third and final season with the Pioneers. She reflected on her biggest takeaways as she takes on the next chapter of

her life.

“I’m so grateful for the friends the team has brought me,” Shull said. “Being so far away from home really made these girls my family and I couldn’t ask for better teammates or coaches.”

The Pioneers finished with a 4-10 conference record in their MEC debut, putting them last in the MEC North division.

“In the end, I realized that the important things and the ones I will remember are not the victories or losses, but the people I met, the life lessons I learned and the crazy experiences I had,” Tessari said.

After its non-conference win against the Tigers, Point Park ended with a 7-20 record overall.

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Senior Eden McElhaney celebrates a point against Seton Hill.

Men’s basketball dominates non-conference game

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Point Park men’s basketball surpassed the 100-point mark for the first time this season on Nov. 16, at the CCAC-Allegheny gym. The Pioneers played against Penn State-New Kensington in a game that ended with Point Park coming out the winner with a score of 108-77.

Point Park left the court with an overall record of 2-2 and 0-1 in the Mountain East Conference, while Penn State-NK left with an

overall record of 0-2.

Nathaniel Van, who is a guard for Point Park, said that the Pioneers ultimately had the upper hand as the better team.

“Some of our advantages going into the game against Penn State was that we knew we were the more experienced team,” Van said.

The Pioneers game leaders were Kaden Warner with 33 points and freshman Aiden Miller with 15 rebounds and nine assists.

The first half started with Point Park making

quick work of Penn State-NK both offensively and defensively. The only time in which the game was tied was early in the first half, with both teams at five points.

The Pioneers gained a strong lead, climbing to 15 points as the Lions remained at eight points. Point Park continued to gain momentum and made a steady upwards climb.

The Lions made valiant efforts to catch up to the Pioneers, but due to the early lead Point Park had obtained, the Lions were unable to fully catch up to the Pioneers.

The first half ended with the score of 57-41. The Pioneers were above the Lions in field goal success percentages with 47.83% against the Lions’ 41.18%.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first half. As the Lions made valiant efforts to catch up with consecutive points scored, they were found in a spot where they were unable to catch up to the Pioneers.

Point Park went into the second half with 16 points in the lead. With this advantage as well as some continued motivation, the Pioneers came out on top with a final score of 108-77. The final score of the game marks the first time Point Park recorded a breach of the 100-point marker this season.

Miller, a forward for the Pioneers, said that excitement is warranted but the team should still focus on improvement.

“To carry this mo-



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Kaden Warner dribbles down the court versus Glenville State.



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Brenden Williams faces a Glenville State defender at home on Nov. 14.

mentum into our next two matchups, we need to build on the positives from this game, like our rebounding and shooting,” Miller said. “We’ll focus on improving execution in areas where we struggled, such as converting scoring opportunities and maintaining the game plan on the defensive side.”

The Pioneers’ and Lions’ field goal success percentages both rose, with their percentages at 53.85% and 50%, respectively.

Point Park took on Penn State Greater Allegheny at home on Monday, Nov. 18, capturing a 95-62 win. The

Pioneers travel to face West Liberty on Saturday, Nov. 23, for their second MEC matchup.

“Heading to our second MEC matchup, we just want to stick together as a team,” Van said. “Look into our film from past games and control what we can, especially on the defensive end.”

Tipoff for Saturday’s game is at 4 p.m. The Pioneers return home on Tuesday, Nov. 26, to face Wheeling at 7:30 p.m.

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