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Full-time faculty contract negotiations drag on

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Point Park's full-time faculty union still has not reached a contract with the administration, with negotiations stagnant since they began in June.

In the wake of the union mobilization during President Brussalis' inauguration parade two weeks ago, both the administration and negotiating faculty say that not much progress has been

made. This week, the full-time faculty union passed its first vote of no confidence in Brussalis.

Members of the union also handed out flyers to make their demands known outside the opening ceremony for Point Park's Family Weekend in the Professional Career Readiness Center.

The vote of no confidence was announced on Monday, Oct. 7, by faculty assembly president Jonathan Trueblood, an associate professor of animation. The vote

passed 63-11, with 6 abstentions.

A lack of transparency from the administration played a large part in the vote, according to several faculty union members.

The university's Board of Trustees wrote a letter in response to the vote, called "A Message of Unity and Support," where they rallied in support of Brussalis.

The letter lists numerous achievements under the leadership of Brussalis, namely rising enrollment and success in

sports programs.

"The president has our complete trust, and we are confident that under his leadership Point Park will continue to thrive," the Board said in the letter.

Marion Dixon, chair of the full-time faculty union and an associate professor of the Literature, Culture and Society Department, said that faculty being out of the loop in major decisions is a

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SGA approves constitutions

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Correction: Last week The Globe reported that the fix and health and safety committee were approved, but only the fix was approved.

During the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting this week, one club had its' constitution approved.

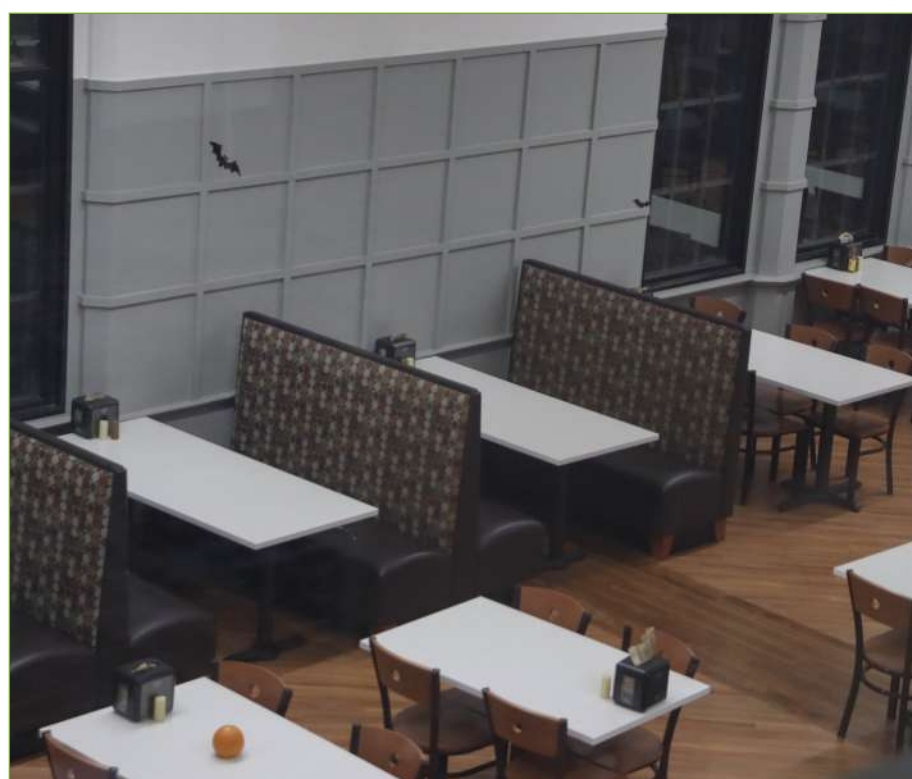
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Michael Klug | The Globe
Chris Chonek presents results of RNL student satisfaction survey.

Dining Hall passes inspection



Michael Klug | The Globe

The Dining Hall facility on the third floor of Lawrence Hall sits empty after hours.

Food facilities still in the green

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The Dining Hall facility in Lawrence Hall passed a health inspection conducted by the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) on Oct. 2, keeping Point Park's green placard status with the department.

Although the facility did pass the inspection, it was not completely violation free. Low-risk violations included food temperature is-

suess, problems with hand washing facilities and pest control. High-risk violations, however, included cross-contamination prevention and cleaning and sanitization.

In total, the Dining Hall had two high-risk violations, one medium-risk violation and six low-risk violations. According to the inspection, pizza cutters and other tools were stored in "stagnant dirty water." One low-risk violation, a compactor door with gaps to the

outside, is considered a repeat violation.

According to ACHD, a low-risk violation "may not directly cause foodborne illness but controlling these violations helps create safe conditions and prevent high and medium risk violations from happening." Pest management is considered a low-risk violation if food is not being eaten by pests.

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Helen Fallon | Submitted to The Globe

O'Gara in Belfast in 2017 touches the peace wall.

Colleagues remember professor Bob O'Gara

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Bob O'Gara, professor emeritus, who dedicated 33 years of his life to Point Park's School of Communication (SOC) and PR/AD programs, died two Saturdays ago on Oct. 6, due to health complications.

Helen Fallon, the professor emeritus who was the former dean, SOC department chair, and honors program director, worked very closely with O'Gara. She knew him for more than 30 years.

Towards the end of his tenure, the two were office mates, she said.

"He always gave guidance and assistance to anyone who needed it," Fallon said. "There wasn't a Point Park event that he missed. I don't think he ever missed a commencement."

For three years in 2019, Meghan Macioce, a 2019 and 2022 alumna, shared an office with O'Gara as a graduate student. She first met him in her undergrad, during her freshman year, when she took his Intro to PR/AD class.

Every day he asked her, "Hey how are you doing?" Or "Howdy neighbor?"

In those three years, they made a deal, she said. She would show him how to update the

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JD Vance Rallies in Johnstown



At JWF Industries in downtown Johnstown, JD Vance rallied 25 days before election day with other speakers. At the rally he took questions from the media. "I do condemn the riots at the capital," he said. "Do I think that the media pretends that the riots in the capital four years ago is a bigger deal than people not being able to afford groceries? No." Vance said.

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Obama Rallies for Harris in Pittsburgh

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Barack Obama spoke at the Fitzgerald Field House, a University of Pittsburgh building, at a private event on Thursday, 26 days before the election

He endorsed the Harris campaign in July after Biden stepped down from the race.

"I would have voted for Biden if he was in a casket," Crystal Sensky, a 46-year-old rally-goer

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Clubs ask for \$12,657.54 from SGA, but receive \$7,515.92

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Socialist Club is a club centered around promoting green values or environmentally friendly values. The club's primary focus is educating people about the beliefs of eco-socialists.

"We're promoting green values and green candidates," Senator Riley Mahon said.

The club also wants to make people aware of who their representatives are and just allow people to be more active in the community.

The constitution for the Ecos Socialist Club was approved with a vote of 10 to 0.

SGA also approved the final funding for all clubs. Originally they requested \$12,657.54, but in total, they were only rewarded with \$7,515.92. This led to every club not getting the amount they asked for and two clubs receiving no funds at all.

Additionally, SGA had guest speaker Chris Chonek at the meeting. Chonek is a representative of an administration in an office called institutional research and strategic planning. The office deals a lot with numbers and surveys Chonek said.

"The main purpose of my office is to inform the university about various things," Chonek said.



Michael Klug | The Globe

Dillion Peterson presents at SGA.

"The hope is that they use that data to make improvements."

Chonek presented the results from the previous student satisfaction survey that was conducted last spring at Point Park. The survey consists of 83 questions ranging from campus living to transportation.

It is a national survey that allows each school to customize 10 questions to better fit each university individually.

"One reason we don't make up our own survey and use the national survey is so we can get data from other universities too," Chonek said.

According to the survey from last spring, "the health services staff are competent," which is the first time this has happened at Point Park. On the flip side, for the first time, "campus is safe and secure for all students" is a challenge.

At Point Park, freedom of expression is also ranked incredibly high, which is low in comparison to other institutions.

Senator Grey Dixon brought forth the question of whether any survey questions pertained to accessibility on campus.

Dean of Student Affairs, Keith Paylo, who was present at the meeting, urged students to reach out to accessibility services with their concerns.

"The director of accessibility services is willing to come here at any time to talk to you all," Paylo said. "You all need to talk about those things as the student voice."

For more information on accessibility services, email accessibility@pointpark.edu. For more information on SGA, meetings occur on the bottom floor of the Student Center every Monday at 3:15 pm.

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Bee Pugh, a graphic design major and SGA senator, reacts to a presentation during the SGA meeting.



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Riley Mahon, a sophomore political science major and SGA senator, watches a presentation at SGA.



Michael Klug | The Globe

Arden Adams, a senior theater arts major and SGA parliamentarian, speaks during a presentation at SGA.

Dining Hall considered satisfactory by health department

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A high-risk violation, however, are problems that "may lead directly to food-borne illness or injury, and where there is no other way to guard against the risk." Ever since CulinArt took over Point Park's food facilities, none of the on-campus facilities has ever been shut down due to high-risk health violations.

Chris Brussalis, president of the university,

says that low-risk violations are not uncommon during health inspections. Low-risk violations alone would not cause a facility that handles food to be shut down, and Brussalis notes that the university still passed the health inspection.

ACHD plans on returning to the Dining Hall on Oct. 16 for a follow-up inspection. These are often done to check if a restaurant or food facility is properly taking steps to

mitigate previous health violations.

Keith Paylo, Dean of Student Affairs, promises that high quality food and service are still of utmost importance to him and the Dining Hall staff.

"The Dining Hall staff has always taken pride in their processes to ensure the best dining experience possible for our students, faculty, and staff," Paylo said. "The dining hall staff continues to concentrate on their attention to de-

tail for each meal served, breakfast, lunch, dinner, in the Point Cafe, and at Point Perk. The goal is always to deliver the best quality of food and service. I always welcome comments and questions for changes or improvements to this service."

Paylo said that he is always receptive to feedback about Point Park's food services in order to improve quality.

CulinArt, which is Point Park's food service

provider, is hosting tabling sessions in the Dining Hall with executives and managers of the company to collect student feedback on issues such as food quality and staffing.

The managers and executives hosting the tabling event were unable to comment.

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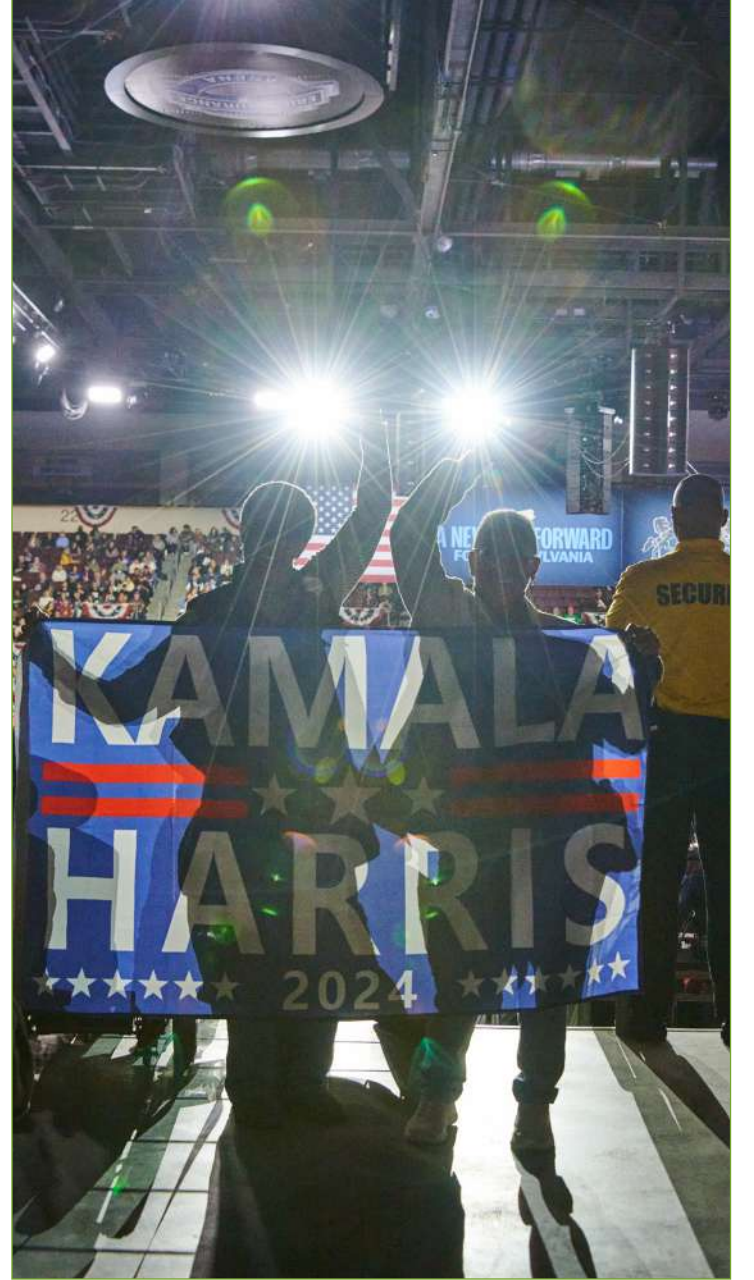
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KAMALA HARRIS RALLIES IN ERIE AHEAD ELECTION



At the Erie Insurance Arena, Kamala Harris rallied to an indoor crowd. Before she went on Senator John Fetterman and Karen Calada, a retired civil servant, spoke on Harris's behalf. "We need a president who works for all the American people," Kamala said. "My entire career I've only ever had one client, the people."

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Obama jokes that Trump can't change a tire

From OBAMA page 1

Canonsburg, said.

The most vital issue to her in the presidential race is to beat Trump.

"We don't need a president who will make problems worse, just to make his own political circumstances better," Obama said.

He said that JD Vance recently claimed that Trump saved the Affordable Care Act when he was president. During the rally, Obama said that 45 million people rely on the Affordable Care Act. He said that all Trump did during his presidency was attempt to tear it down.

"This election is not just about policy, it's about values and the example we want to set for our children and their children," Obama said.

Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey, PA Lt. Gov. Austin Davis, PA Sen. Josh Shapiro, PA Sen. Bob Casey and two others spoke at the event on a stage before a massive American flag. Supporters filled the ground floor of the building, leading into a set of bleachers.

Shapiro bragged that, during his term, there was a significant investment in education in the Commonwealth of PA and rapid infrastructure rebuilding, bringing up the Fern Hollow Bridge that collapsed in 2022.

Shapiro asked Donald Trump to "stop shit-talking America" and referred to the decisions the Founding Fathers made when the Constitution was written in Philadelphia.

"I don't care what the Supreme Court says, we're not going back to a king in this country," Shapiro said. "We have a republic if you can keep it."

Casey introduced Obama onto the stage as the man who passed the Affordable Care Act. As a Pennsylvania senator, he said that he "fought off all the attempts to gut and appeal" it in his term.

"I'm going to beat David McCormick, and I'm going to beat those billionaires," Casey said. "We're here to focus on the future – the future of our commonwealth and the country."

Obama endorsed Casey in his speech.

Davis, the youngest lieutenant governor in America, and the first Black lieutenant governor in Commonwealth history, said he wants Harris in office to lower costs for middle-class Americans.

"Trump has a view to take us backwards, but here in Pittsburgh we have the choice to make for our children," he said.

As the son of a union bus driver and hairdresser, he mentioned



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Senator Josh Shapiro spoke at the Fitzgerald Fieldhouse where Obama rallied.

his beginnings in McKeesport.

At the rally, Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey attributed the loss of 205,000 jobs in Pennsylvania to Trump's candidacy.

"We will make our voices heard, we are never going back," Gainey said.

Cate Lecrone, a 20-year-old University of Pittsburgh natural science student, said she thinks Tim Walz "mellows" Harris's image to make her fit in with the category of everyday people.

"Being relatable is the best way to get those kinds of voters," Lecrone said.

During the rally, Obama joked that Trump didn't know how to change a tire or a diaper.

Austin Gohn, a 20-year-old from York, is a computer science junior at Pitt. He supports Kamala for her views on gun control, LGBTQ+ rights and abortion rights.

"There are good people of conscience on both sides of the abortion divide," Obama said. "If you believe in freedom, then you should believe that the person who decides is the person whose body is involved and not the politicians."

Gohn said that Kamala's TikTok page does a good job of reaching young voters.

"We've had Trump, we've had Biden, it's about time that we've had younger people that really represent the whole country," Gohn said.

Obama said that everyone who was in the Field House was probably going to vote, unless they were underage. Gabriel LaRocco, a 12-year-old from Beachview who went to the rally with his mom and

his dad, fell under this category.

"I know that I can't vote, but I think that it's still really cool to come out to these rallies and support Kamala and Coach Walz," Gabriel LaRocco said. He likes that Kamala supports abortion and unions because his father is a member of one.

Casey LaRocco, Gabriel's father, 48, brought his family to the rally because he said he wants his son to "see the right thing to do."

"Doing the right thing is sometimes hard, but this is not hard," Casey LaRocco said. "She is the right choice to make."

Casey LaRocco is on the board for IATSE 489, a union of studio mechanics. If Obama ran, he said he would vote for him again.

"A woman's choice should be her choice," LaRocco said. "A politician should never be involved in the medical choice for an American citizen."

Another attendee, Lisa Absher, a 56-year-old registered Independent from Monroeville, plans to vote on an absentee ballot. She

had private access to stand in front of the stage as a canvas volunteer.

"I've been working really hard volunteering a lot of my time to support the Kamala campaign," Absher said. "I do a lot of training for other volunteers, they call us Kamala Kaptains."

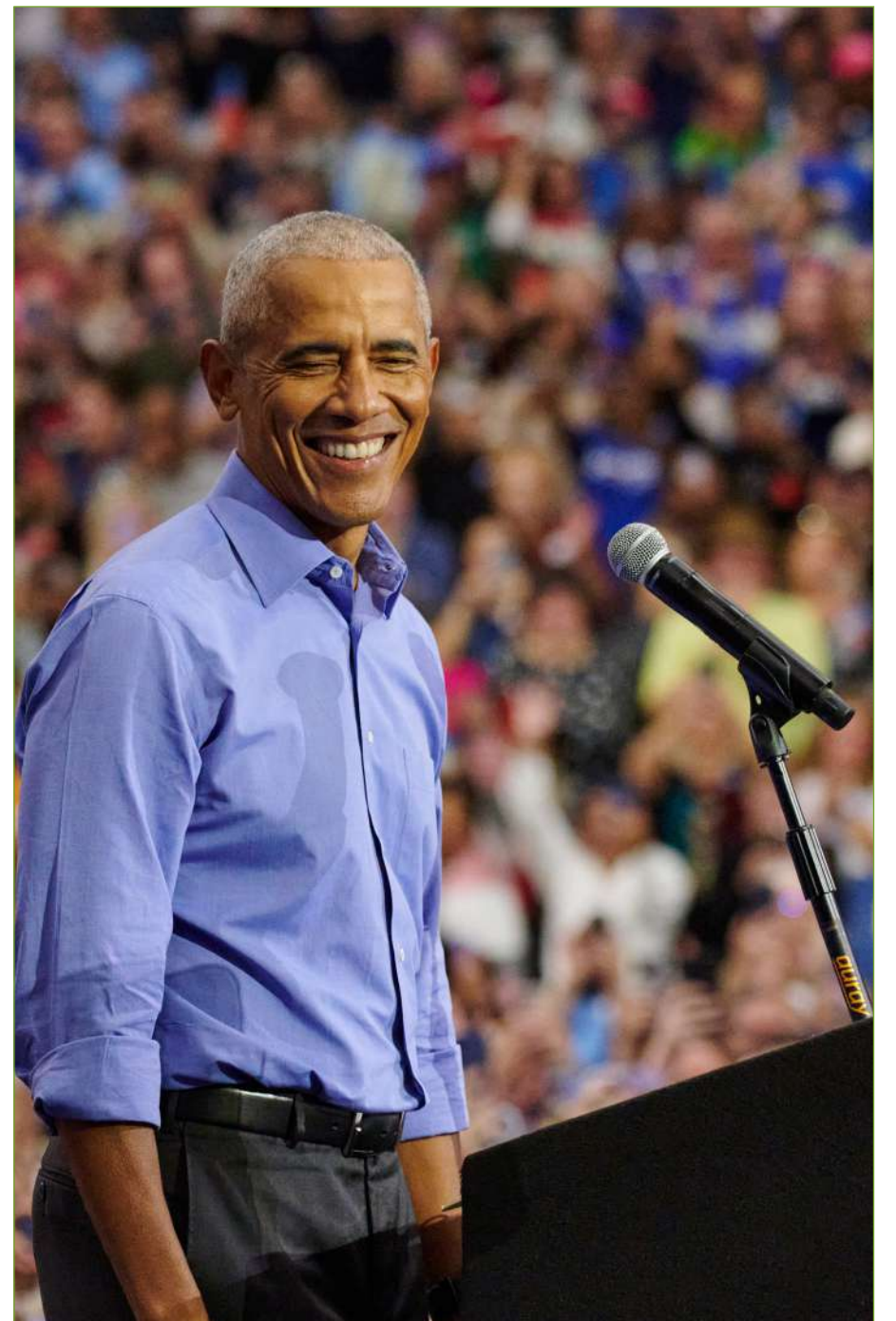
She said she cried during Obama's speech and was thrilled when the candidacy switched from Biden to Kamala.

There was one known medical emergency at the rally. Microphone issues affected the first three speakers, causing them to ask attendees if they could hear them multiple times, to which the crowd responded no.

Obama said that, instead of booing at the rally, attendees should go vote.

"We're the swingiest of all swing states, politically speaking of course," Shapiro said.

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Obama, behind the podium where he said Trump doesn't know how to change a diaper.

Adele Morelli, owner of Boutique La Passerelle, dies

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Adele Morelli, owner of Boutique La Passerelle (BLP) on Wood Street, passed away from “complications of an unexpected illness while on a buying trip in Portugal on Sept. 21, 2024, the day before her 56 birthday,” according to her obituary.

Adele purchased BLP in 2013 from Cidalia Duarte, a Portuguese immigrant who was known for the new sense of style she brought to the city.

“Adele was a great businesswoman,” Donna Johnson, a frequent shopper at BLP, said. “I think that she was really on a roll, so it’s so unfortunate. She was a lovely spirit, and she was a real positive [in downtown Pittsburgh] and that’s what we need down here.”

Johnson, who knew Adele from her frequent visits to the store, said BLP was such a special place because of how well Adele knew her clientele.

“She came here with a vision, and she did a great job of curating what she brought in as time went on,” Johnson said. “If you didn’t look good in something, she told you.”

Adele served on the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership’s Board of Directors and, in 2022, was awarded the Herb Burger Award in recognition of her service

and dedication to the city.

Since BLP is located right across from Point Park’s University Center, Adele connected with Point Park’s students and campus setting as much as she could.

“Adele would call me and say, ‘today’s move-in day!’ she loved that day,” Kelly Kuzemchak, who has been close friends with Adele since their days at Shaler High School, said.

Kuzemchak said that Adele formed bonds with Point Park parents who became regular customers, stopping at BLP any time they were in town to see their kids performing in shows.

Kuzemchak said that on some Mondays, when new inventory arrived, Adele would invite her to the store. Then she would don various new looks and take photos in Village Park for BLP’s Instagram account.

“She was a vital part of my life,” Kuzemchak said. “The loss of the store is horrible for the city because she was such an advocate, but she was my best friend.”

BLP had two final sales on Oct. 11 and 12, giving patrons of the store one last chance to shop before it closes.

Trudy Williams, a close friend of Adele’s who would watch the store while she was away, worked to make these final sale days possible.

Williams met Adele when she was working at Point Park, shopping at BLP under its previous owner until it was bought by Adele.

While Adele was on her last buying trip in Portugal, Williams was running the store like she typically would.

“It was surreal, and I felt completely stunned [to hear of her passing],” Williams said.

“Adele was a strong, independent and interesting woman,” Williams said.

She was a minimalist, despite owning a high-end boutique. She was known to ride her bike, take public transit or walk to get around the city.

“She was, in some ways, such a contrast to the shoppe she owned, but she had a knack for hand-picking items that her customers would love,” Williams said. “We used to joke that she was ‘Sporty Spice.’ She would come to work in her tennis clothes or her yoga clothes, yet help women put together chic outfits for special occasions.”

Adele was known to love tennis, pickleball and indoor roller skating.

“She was just fun to work with,” Williams said. “When she first started indoor roller-skating, she got her skates out one afternoon and practiced around the boutique before heading to the rink.”

Adele was known for



Courtesy of Boutique La Passerelle’s Facebook

Morelli cheers with Pioneer Ambassadors during move-in day.

her advocacy for Downtown Pittsburgh. She viewed the other women-owned boutiques not as adversaries, but as partners in making Downtown Pittsburgh’s shopping scene special, finding camaraderie in “boutique crawls” they would host, said Williams.

“Adele was intelligent, organized and could see the ridiculous in things,” Williams said. “She had a great sense of humor, and she gave people a safe space to be themselves; she was always honest with her customers and would tell them if something didn’t work for them. She listened to her customers, like a mini therapist and knew their backstories.”

Williams said that the outpouring of love since Adele’s passing has been incredible.

“Many of her custom-

ers, especially the ones who came around a lot, are devastated by this loss. I don’t know if Adele ever knew how much she was loved,” Williams said.

Williams said the customers, some of which she now calls friends, played a large role in making BLP the place it was. The customers the store attracted were kind, generous individuals who shared a love for fashion and the city of Pittsburgh.

“[She taught me] to lead with love, not to judge, and to be kind to everyone,” Williams said. “Even our unhoused neighbors cried when they heard about her passing. Imagine that for a minute. I’m truly heartbroken about it.”

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Former co-workers remember O’Gara

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password on his computer so he didn’t have to call IT, and before the end of work, he would leave a crunch bar on her keyboard.

He was known to have a bowl full of candy, she said. Both students and faculty would come into the office to say, “I’m just here to see Bob’s candy dish.”

One day, Macioce said she made fun of him for keeping peppermint patties in the dish. Yet, he replied saying, “Jan [Getz] likes them.” Later that day, Getz, a SOC Professor, was in the office looking for a peppermint pattie.

She recalled that every day at 2:45 p.m. his wife would call him on his office phone.

“He would say, ‘I’m coming home sweetie,’” Macioce said. “He would leave every day at three to go home and see her. He loved his job, but he loved his family so much more.”

From 2009 to 2017, he went on the majority of every international trip, Fallon said. On these trips, she often called him her “Point Park date.”

Fallon said she was with O’Gara on the first or second time the SOC went to Ireland, and the pair kept making left turns until they were lost. Then, when the two tried to get onto a bus to go back where they wanted to, they learned they got onto the wrong one.

On another trip, their first one to Washington DC they came across a large woman in high leather boots with a whip, and it wasn’t Halloween, she said, but springtime. O’Gara cracked a joke.

“He said, ‘Oh Helen, get a look at that, it’s a dominatrix,’” she said. “We went on so many adventures,”

Although at times they had disagreements, he always had the same moral compass to keep what was best for students in sight, she said.

When her husband died suddenly in 2007, Fallon was still the SOC chair. At the time, O’Gara helped her do all the work she couldn’t until she fully returned to work.

“It’s hard to argue with someone like that,” Fallon said.

Bernie Ankney, dean of the SOC, remembered O’Gara as a friend, mentor and colleague. When he interviewed for the dean



Helen Fallon | Submitted to The Globe

Bob O’Gara, Helen Fallon and Jan Getz relax in Amsterdam during a trip in 2016.

position in 2019, O’Gara was a part of the process, although he was retired.

“Bob was always concerned about where the SOC was going, and how could we make it truly exceptional,” Ankney said.

In his time, Ankney created an office for emeritus faculty. He said that, when O’Gara came into the office he was always a “gracious person,” who asked Ankney what he could do to support him as dean.

When O’Gara retired around 10 years ago, as an emeritus faculty, he continued to teach. Ankney said that a couple of years ago, as O’Gara approached his late 70s, the professor emeritus realized that teaching started to become a lot, so he began to step away.

Macioce recalled holding camera quizzes for students in the shared office with O’Gara present.

“I would ask them are you okay with Bob watching? And they’re like yeah it’s fine,” Macioce said. Most of the students didn’t know him. She thought the only reason they let him watch was because he’d say, “If you do well you get a piece of candy.”

In the office, he had lots of stuff with the filing cabinets overflowing. She said that, in her three years there, he would tell her, “One day I will get this cleaned up,” but he never did.

Kristopher Radde, a 2009 photojournalism graduate, remembered O’Gara as a friendly face around campus. Although he

never had O’Gara for class, he said that O’Gara enjoyed helping students and was a “joy” to traveling with the school.

“His door was always open, and I would find myself in his office just talking about life and the world of journalism,” Radde said.

Christine Mormile is a 2007 graduate from Point Park, with a double major in PR/AD and broadcasting. She remembered the Ad competition class trip they took with O’Gara to New York City (NYC).

At the competition, she said that they “failed miserably” at the Coca-Cola media plan they created to present. Point Park was one of the bottom-performing schools that year.

After the presentation, on the way back to the hotel, she said she rambled to the group about how they would do better next time when O’Gara cut her off.

“Well, you’re the whole reason that we messed up and lost,” he said to Mormile.

She thinks that her talking made O’Gara go “kinda crazy.” She laughs now, thinking back on it.

“It made me cry, it made me upset,” Mormile said. “It made me say that I need to give it my all.”

Without his push, she said that she wouldn’t have interviewed for the job she has today. Nowadays, she appreciates how tough he was on her, she said.

She currently works as a media planner for the CMI media group, with a focus on pharmaceuticals

and healthcare.

In the spring of 2019, in the class of SOC full-time professor Robin Ceala, students received extra credit for recording themselves roasting Bob for his retirement party. Macioce thinks O’Gara got the idea for the roast from Justin Bieber’s.

Although no one wanted to roast O’Gara, she said, the party turned out to be as humorous as he hoped.

“He would always slap his knee, he was always a knee slapper when he would laugh that hard,” Macioce said.

Andy Coleman, a PR/AD grad from the class of 2006 said that O’Gara was his academic advisor and that under his leadership, he participated in the Ad Competition class. Throughout his work in the PR/AD industry, he said that O’Gara was always supportive.

“Following graduation and my entrance into the industry, we stayed in touch and he invited me back as a guest speaker... over the years,” Coleman said. “[He] will forever be one of the biggest reasons why I have a passion for advertising and marketing.”

O’Gara served on the board of Mainstay Life Services and was an education advisor to the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The chapter inducted him into the Hall of Fame, according to an email sent by the Provost’s office on Oct. 8, informing the university community of O’Gara’s death.

O’Gara also served as a photographer in the New York and Pennsylvania Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force. The PR-SA Bob O’Gara Scholarship and an award were also named in his honor.

Fallon said O’Gara would often “pass on pictures” of clouds and his trips to Cape May, N.J., through email to faculty. He always had a camera, liked nature and the outdoors, exercised regularly and enjoyed jazz and classical music.

“Someone like Bob is the heart and the soul for a place like Point Park,” Fallon said. “He never lost sight of our students.”

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BSU hosts ‘Turn it Pink’ event for Breast Cancer Awareness

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The month of October is recognized internationally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so the Black Student Union (BSU) held an event on Wednesday, Oct. 9, spreading awareness about breast cancer.

The event was organized by Amoriah Selby, BSU event coordinator and a junior forensic psychology major. She wanted to host a breast cancer awareness event because, even after three years of being on campus, she’s never seen anything breast cancer awareness related.

“Back at home, the sports teams support breast cancer awareness,” Selby said. “The Ravens had to wear pink jerseys to certain games.”

Selby wanted to bring something similar to Point Park. Selby said she feels like Point Park deserves to know about the disease, and the health center doesn’t do enough about it.

She presented information about breast cancer for the event.

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer. Women make up the majority of people who are diagnosed with breast cancer, but

men can also be diagnosed with it. Men make up less than 1% of breast cancer cases.

Donovan Roundtree, a first-year criminal justice student, came to the event to learn more about breast cancer because he has two aunts that survived it.

“Knowing men can get it is very scary, especially if it runs in the family,” Roundtree said. “I want to get tested right now, but after I call my mom because I don’t want her to have breast cancer.”

Breast cancer has four leading factors. One factor is family history. If a family member has or had breast cancer, you are more likely to get it. Also, those with family history with breast cancer are more likely to be at risk for mutations like BRCA1 and BRCA2, which are linked to a higher risk of breast cancer.

Selby recommends that, if your family has a history of breast cancer, get tested.

Keysha Robinson, BSU membership coordinator and a senior criminal justice major, believes her aunt passed away from breast cancer.

“I’m not too educated on it, but I think it’s very important for people, especially females, since more

females get it than males, to get educated and do examinations,” Robinson said. “Something that stood out to me was that, if one parent has it, then most likely you would too, which is scary.”

Very few people attended the event. Only about five people were in attendance, including people from The Globe and BSU.

“I’m kind of disappointed, but



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BSU Event Coordinator Amoriah Selby shares a presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness.

it’s all trial and error,” said Selby.

Selby is grateful to the people that did come to the event. She hopes that the message will be spread around campus to others, especially to African American students, as breast cancer is disproportionately more lethal for African American people.

Women over the age of 50 are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer, but they are not the only ones who can be diagnosed with it.

There are multiple courses of treatment and there is a 90% survival rate. The likelihood of survival increases if it is caught in the early stages.

Most doctors recommend doing a self-examination to check for breast cancer. There are resources online that describe how to perform your own examination. One of those resources is the National Breast Cancer Foundation at <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-self-exam/>.

Remember, if something feels off, don’t hesitate to get in contact with your doctor.

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EVENT CALENDAR NOTHING TO DO?

WED @ 12PM

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY
LH LOBBY

THUR @ 7PM

MUSIC MASH
SECOND FLOOR OF STUDENT CENTER

WED @ 1:30PM

FALL 2024 CAREER EXPO
SC BASEMENT

THUR @ 9PM

HORROR MOVIE BINGO
LH BALLROOM

THUR @ 8:30 AM

BAG DECORATING DAY
STUDENT HEATH CENTER

FRI @ 11AM

COLLEGE CANINES
LH LOBBY

THUR @ 10AM

COFFEE & CHATS: COMING OUT
SECOND FLOOR OF STUDENT CENTER

THUR @ 10AM

CAB'S PHANTOM FALL FEST
KENNYWOOD

THUR @ 4PM

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

SAT @ 10AM

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10/16-10/23

New ‘Dungeons and Dragons’ club in the works

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When it comes to activities on Point Park’s campus, students have a lot of options. The various events and lounges around campus provide plenty of opportunities to have fun and meet other people.

The commuter lounge on the fourth floor of Lawrence Hall, for instance, has a shelf of board games that students can use, as well as a television, piano, chairs

and more.

However, the one thing that is evident is a low, if not empty presence of Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) games on campus.

Whenever asked, most students on campus say that they want to play D&D but they don’t know where to find a game.

On campus, “PointParkRPG!” (PPRPG), a club dedicated to playing D&D, is starting up soon. There’s no exact date yet, but club president Sienna

Wraith, a first-year history major, said the club just got their constitution approved.

“The club’s constitution just got approved at this week’s SGA meeting, so we’ve been unable to get flyers approved and up on campus,” Wraith said. “As soon as we get all of our officer trainings done, we will be putting up flyers with the first meeting date, and in fact, the flier has already been made.”

When the club gets fully established, it will officially start meeting and playing a campaign that fits within the members’ schedules.

PPRPG’s PointSync description states that the club strives to “create immersive experiences, great stories and long-lasting friendships for its members.”

According to BookScan, which provides sales figures for books, the “Dungeons and Dragons Player’s Handbook” sold over 1.5 million copies in 2023. Despite D&D being popular around the world – due in part to the Dungeons and Dragons movie that was released in 2023 and D&D reaching its 50th anniversary this year – the roleplaying game scene on campus is still small.

In addition to that, most players probably don’t want to ask to join a D&D party, as a lot of parties are already in the middle of a campaign or are not accepting new members.

However, the PPRPG club is encouraging students to join and

become part of that party.

“For people who are struggling to find a D&D group to join, I’d tell them to give it some time, just keep looking, and you’ll find a group eventually,” Wraith said. “It took me almost a year from when I first started playing D&D before I found a group I could play with.”

Phillip Harry, archival coordinator at the University Center, said that people should broaden their horizons.

“Often, players are looking to play a specific edition, a specific way, at a specific time,” Harry said. “[It] can be hard to check all the boxes like that for a game that can last hours, days, months and even years. Try different editions, try different RPG’s.”

Harry has been playing D&D for almost 25 years and even hosted a Dungeons and Dragons Camp over the summer along with Fred Angiolieri, the senior director of media services.

“I was interested in Fantasy books at that time, and I knew that many of those stories were inspired by D&D,” Harry said.

The University Center also offers multiple D&D books for checkout. These books include fourth and fifth editions of D&D and the “Pathfinder Player’s Handbook.”



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Wage losses from inflation drive faculty negotiations

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significant issue for negotiators.

“Where’s the shared governance?” Dixon said. “We have shared governance in our collective bargaining agreement (CBA), and we don’t see that.”

Dixon added that the discontinuation of several academic programs, compensation of past presidents Paul Hennigan and Don Green, and plans to build a new sports complex listed in a recent land-use survey were all made without faculty input.

Union members in the Rowland School of Business agreed with Dixon’s sentiment.

Mark Voortman, union negotiator and associate professor of computer science, said that sudden layoffs in Point Park’s engineering programs violated required internal procedures and left faculty in the dark.

“There is a process in place for this which wasn’t followed at all,” Voortman said. “The university actually has a whole document of steps that needs to be followed, and none of those were.”

Dimitris Kraniou, an international economics professor and union negotiator, said that President Brussalis’ appointment was unorthodox.

“He came in exclusively through the administration,” Kraniou said. “So we did not have the opportunity to interact with the gentleman.”

“He was brought in in the past to render advice,” Kraniou said. “He was able to work his way into being a member of the Board of Trustees, and voila.”

Besides radio silence from administration, negotiations are largely stuck on increasing faculty wages.

Members of the full-time faculty union say that their compen-



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Aimee-Marie Dorsten, director of the core curriculum, hands out pro-union fliers to parents.



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Union members outside of the Student Center where Family Weekend dinner was held.

sation has not kept pace with rising inflation. They say that their previous contract did not either, and hope this coming contract will make up the difference of wages lost to inflation.

Mark Voortman estimates that faculty lost between 4-6% of their purchasing power over the course of their last contract.

“We want to make sure that’s addressed, and we don’t feel that’s happening right now,” Voortman said.

Marian Dixon echoed Voortman and said she hopes this next contract can make up for lost wages.

“We want wage increases above inflation now going forward,” Dixon said.

Dixon added that she believes the previous demonstration during Brussalis’ inauguration parade pushed negotiations in favor of the union.

“I have to believe so because that’s what motivates me,” Dixon said, “That what we’re doing makes a difference.”

In an interview on Wednesday, Oct. 9, Brussalis brushed off this notion and denied that the demonstration had any effect on negotiations.

“I think they’ve been going well, I think they’re getting closer and closer,” Brussalis said. “We’re hopeful that it’ll be settled soon.”

Lou Corsaro, assistant vice president of public relations for Point Park, said that the administration continues to negotiate in good faith with faculty.

Contract bargaining is set to resume on Friday, Oct. 18.

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‘Rock the shot’ in Fishbowl

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The Point Park Student Health Center turned up the volume this past week during their “Rock the Shot” flu shot clinic. The clinic was held in partnership with WPPJ and Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), providing flu vaccines and popular rock music at the same time. The clinic was available to all students and faculty.

While the crisp fall air overcomes Pittsburgh, flu season is quickly approaching. Taking the necessary precautions to prevent contracting the flu is crucial, and the first step in the process is vaccination. The “flu shot” is the most reliable way to not only lower the risk of the flu, but also the severity of symptoms, according to health officials.

Flu shot clinics are a great opportunity to get vaccinated. The Student Health Center prioritizes offering the vaccination through clinics such as “Rock the Shot.” This ran on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Lawrence Hall 200. Students could choose to either sign up for a specific time slot or walk right into the room without an appointment.

Nurse Rebecca Harper, Director of Health Services and University Nurse, coordinated this event in collaboration with ACHD. ACHD handled the billing and insurance information individually with each student. The flu shot was offered for free.

Accessibility of the flu vaccine is crucial. Each year, the vaccine is updated to the flu viruses actively spreading. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends yearly seasonal influenza vaccinations for everyone ages six months or older who doesn’t have a medical reason to avoid the vaccine.

The Student Health Center wanted to ensure a fun and stress-free experience for everyone intending to receive their vaccine. Upon entering the pop-up clinic, loud rock music could be heard playing. After filling out some quick registration and insurance

paperwork, students were directed to a private area where the flu shot was conducted with a staff member from ACHD, as well as a University of Pittsburgh nursing student.

“One of my goals in the health center is to bring as much here as possible so you guys don’t have to leave,” Harper said. “You’re so busy with classes and everything, and this way you can run past us in Lawrence Hall and stop in and get your flu shot.”

Harper further ensured that vaccination can be a positive experience for all students by involving a prize pack for individuals who registered. This prize pack was filled with an Amazon gift card and a pack of stuffed animal viruses.

WPPJ, Point Park’s radio station, had a booth with three student representatives at the event. First-year student, Maxwell Rolinson, junior Savannah Ikach, and senior Leah Revo represented the staff of the student-run radio station while queuing up iconic rock and roll music.

“The biggest thing that we’re here for or that nurse Rebecca wanted us to do, was to just make people feel at ease and more comfortable,” said Ikach. “Some people get real squeamish getting a shot.”

Not only was the “Rock the Shot” clinic a fun way for WPPJ to make the vaccination experience fun, but the clinic also allowed the station to represent itself on campus.

“It’s nice to be here because a lot of people – way more than I thought – don’t know what WPPJ is, so it’s nice to just be like present in general, anywhere on campus,” said Revo.

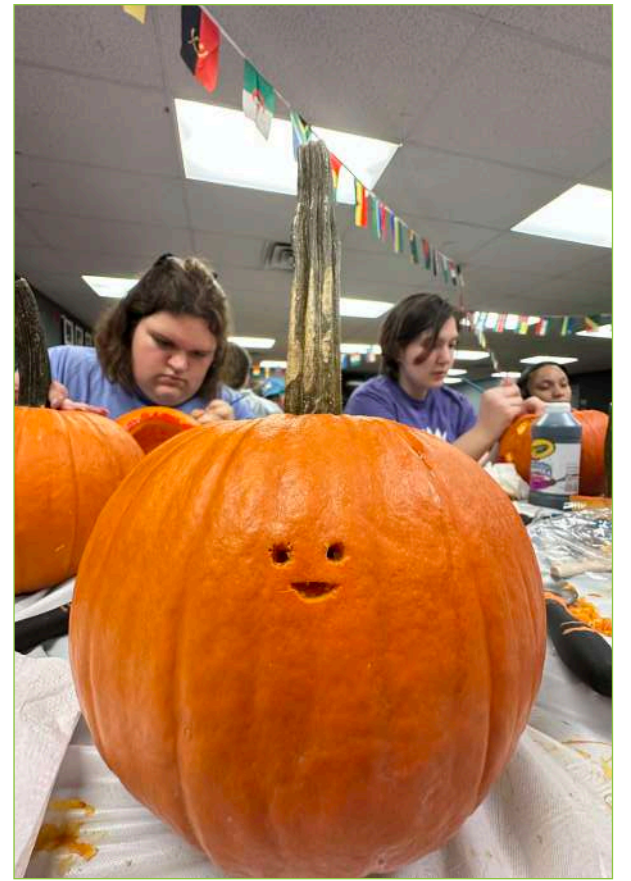
The “Rock the Shot” clinic was a hit mix of music and flu shots. Students should stay on the lookout for other shot clinics and health opportunities presented by the health center on campus.

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Point Park '24 ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

- Women's Soccer**
WEDNESDAY 1PM
AT CONCORD
- Men's Soccer**
WEDNESDAY 3:30PM
AT CONCORD
- Volleyball**
FRIDAY 7PM
AT CONCORD
- Volleyball**
SATURDAY 3PM
AT GLENVILLE ST.
- Women's Soccer**
SUNDAY 12PM
VS. CHARLESTON (W.V.)
- Men's Soccer**
SUNDAY 12PM
AT WHEELING

CAB HOSTS FALL FESTIVE PUMPKIN PAINTING



The Campus Activities Board hosted their first-ever pumpkin carving and painting event. Held on the Second Floor of the Student Center, there were 30 free pumpkins given to the first recipients to arrive. This event was planned under the annual Pioneer Series event, "Point Park After Dark."
Photos by Robert Fornataro



'Burgh Bites

Burgh Bites: The BERG in PPG replaces Chicken Guy

Rating: ●●●●●

Cassandra Harris
 Editor-in-Chief

For the last three weeks, all I have tasted is food that deserves good reviewing, and it's beginning to upset me. I haven't been able to harshly critique anything recently because the food I've been trying has genuinely been kinda good. So next week, I will try to eat somewhere that I know the food is bad.

The BERG Chicken and Pizza in PPG place is significantly better than its predecessor, Chicken Guy. On their end, it was an excellent business move to get that restaurant out of there. Chicken Guy just left unfulfilled dreams and tummy aches.

At the new restaurant, they serve a variety of dishes that, at first, I was apprehensive about. While it's re-branded, the kitchen is the same as the last restaurant's

The meat lover's pizza at \$7.99 had a good blend of meat flavors. Since I ordered it with garlic Parmesan sauce, it wasn't greasy. It had a crispy thin crust and was almost



(Front to back) The meat lover's pizza, the jumbo chicken, french fries, mac and cheese, strawberry milkshake and garden salad from the BERG.

painfully cheesy.

The pepperoni pizza was \$7.49 in comparison. So, for another \$0.50, you get more meat. Price-wise, the pizza was smaller than I liked. Opening the box, it looked to be half the circumference of a Frisbee, but it was still

filling regardless.

With my naked eye, the cheese pull on the pizza measured out to be around two inches. The crust was crispy.

The mac and cheese at \$6.99 was heavenly. It came in a cup-portioned

container with a layer of cheese crusted on top. The noodles on the bottom were kept warm by the top cheese blanket. The creaminess of the cheese below and the tenderness of the noodles were dream-worthy.

The garden salad I ordered was \$9.99. It was fresh and a basic depiction of a good salad. It had cute small cucumbers and the grilled chicken it came with wasn't dry. It was moist and had a juicy chicken flavor that was enhanced by the grill.

With ranch added, it elevated the salad's flavor. The ranch tasted like it was house-made.

The jumbo chicken tenders at \$5.49 were the size of crispy fish filets. They were two large and scarily thin pieces of chicken. Eaten right away, they were super crispy, but not too hard to hurt your mouth like the crispy chicken at Cafe Momentum. There was nothing special about the flavor. The portion was good for the price.

The french fries at the Berg at \$3.99 were a little pricey but were super crispy, not greasy and not over-salted. I had no complaints.

After speaking to a worker, he told me that their strawberry milkshakes, unlike Chicken Guy's, don't use syrup. To make their milkshakes, they use frozen strawberries. The flavor is strong and thick, with small, flavorful chunks of the berry spread throughout. It made me wish that the straws were larger.

After doing the review last Thursday, I went back on Monday to get a strawberry milkshake and the chicken for lunch. While the chicken isn't anything special, it's affordable, and the milkshake is literally to die for. In a 15-minute trip, with a little bit of sprinting, I still managed to get the food and make it to my class exactly on time.



Noodles being pulled out of a cup of mac and cheese from The BERG, which had a thick layer of cheese on top.

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Halsey's new album 'The Great Impersonator' does not disappoint

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Amongst other modern artists, Halsey's music has always especially stood out to me for its honesty and sincerity. Regardless of what you know about her and her life, it's apparent in every release that she wears her heart on her sleeve and draws deeply from her experiences. She reflects on herself and her actions, as well as the things happening around her.

It is already apparent that this has never been more true than on her new album, "The Great Impersonator." This is her latest release after battling life-threatening health issues.

In June, the singer revealed on social media that she had been diagnosed with both systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) as well as a rare T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder in 2022.

"Both of which are currently being managed or in remission," Halsey wrote in her social media post. "And both of which I will likely have for the duration of my life."

The post came after the release of the album's first single, "The End," which addresses Halsey's experience with her diagnosis and beginning treatment. Since then, the subsequent songs to be released have addressed different aspects of her experience, including managing her public persona and finding support in family and friends.

In the five tracks released so far, Halsey creates an album profile that feels authentic to her established style but also

vastly stripped back, in favor of simple backings and raw vocals.

The sound is consistently reminiscent of the early 2000s, especially on single "Lonely is the Muse," which is extremely reminiscent of Evanescence, who the singer has cited on social media as being an album influence.

"Ego," which Halsey says is inspired by "The Cranberries," also wears its influence on its sleeve, delicately weaving the band's style with Halsey's for a product that sounds distinct, yet nostalgic, with harsh drums and crisp guitar.

"Lucky," which addresses rumors that circulated while Halsey kept her diagnosis private, has a bit of a Natasha Bedingfield quality, with twinkling chords and thumping drums.

Other entries, such as "The End" and "I Never Loved You" are vastly stripped back in favor of vocals and lyrics.

While Halsey has always been lyrically talented, managing to relay her experiences plainly through layered, clever lines, she outdoes herself on just these singles already. Though it might be easy to make that claim on the subject matter alone, the level of reflection and introspection that Halsey demonstrates in these songs, and her ability to convey it so artfully and candidly, transcends that possibility.

With lyrics that run the gamut from gently tender to harshly cutting, Halsey makes it clear that this album is a raw, reflective declaration of her experience. It's a tribute to the



Sarah Pardini | Courtesy of Halsey's Instagram



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people that have aided her in both her musical and personal journeys throughout her career.

The remainder of the

album, with a total tracklist of 18, is set to release on Oct. 25. It is available to pre-save or purchase on music streaming platforms

and Halsey's website.

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Singer Ricky Montgomery cancels show

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Many Pittsburghers are mourning the loss of a concert experience after Ricky Montgomery, a popular American singer-songwriter, canceled his Pittsburgh show just one day before his performance.

Ricky Montgomery was set to perform his "The Rick Tour: One Rick to Rule Them All" at the Roxian Theatre in McKees Rocks on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. This show would never happen because, just one day before his performance on Oct. 11, Montgomery posted to his Instagram story that he would be canceling the Pittsburgh and Buffalo concerts.

In his post to his story, Montgomery wrote, "I am very sorry to report that tonight's show at the Town Ballroom in Buffalo, NY and tomorrow night's show at Roxian Theatre in Pittsburgh, PA are both canceled. I lost my voice and can hardly speak, let alone sing and play a show I am proud of. All tickets purchased will be refunded at the point of purchase, and I will be back to play both cities as soon as I can."

Fans in both cities expressed their disappointment, with many taking to social media to share their frustrations and spread well-wishes for Montgomery's recovery. Some fans

had traveled long distances to attend the show, making the cancellation especially hard for them. However, the majority of the reactions were sympathetic, with supporters acknowledging that health should come first for any performer.

Montgomery's management team has yet to announce the rescheduled dates for the canceled concerts, leaving fans waiting on an update.

Montgomery's current tour, "The Rick Tour: One Rick to Rule Them All," has been otherwise well-received, with shows selling out in several cities. Known for his deep lyrics and engaging performances, Montgomery has quickly built a dedicated following, and his presence in Pittsburgh and Buffalo is highly anticipated once new dates are set.

As for ticket holders, Montgomery stated that refunds will be given, but the exact date on when fans should receive payment is unknown.

In the meantime, fans can keep up with Ricky Montgomery's tour updates on his official social media pages and website, where information about future shows and rescheduled dates will likely be posted.

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Men's soccer suffers second straight loss

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A quiet second half led to a 2-1 loss for Point Park men's soccer on Sunday, Oct. 13, against the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats. The Pioneers traveled to Culpepper Stadium in Buckhannon, West Virginia and returned home with their second straight conference loss.

After the Bobcats took a swift 2-0 lead, the Pioneers attempted to make a comeback late in the first period. Junior Nathan Lastreto scored his first goal of the season off a pass from Fridolin Gefrorer in the 26th minute, cutting West Virginia Wesleyan's lead in half.

The Pioneers have scored 21 total goals this

season, having the third most goals in the Mountain East Conference (MEC). These goals came from 12 different players.

"Depth is so important in this game," coach Cameron Williams said. Williams is in his third season as men's soccer head coach at Point Park. "We have solid players, and everyone has the ability to put the ball in the back of the net. It's a luxury that we have in our squad."

The electric offensive performances in the first half did not endure through halftime, as both teams went scoreless in the second period. The Bobcats recorded only one shot on goal in the second half, giving the Pioneers a chance to potentially bounce back from their deficit.



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Point Park huddles before its game against West Virginia Wesleyan at Highmark Stadium in September.

However, the Bobcats held strong on defense and allowed only two shots on frame in the second half. Neither team converted on their chances, leading to the 2-1 final score.

"We just need to find our groove again," Williams said. "Our guys are more than capable of putting it together. I'm looking forward to it all coming together."

West Virginia Wesleyan recorded their game-winning goals early in the first half, after Adam Gribben scored an unassisted goal in the 12th minute to take the lead. Only nine minutes later, Archie Farquhar scored off a pass from Dillon Rajkovic to award the Bobcats a 2-0 edge.

Both teams attempted 14 shots each, but the Bob-

cats combined for six shots on target, edging past the Pioneers' four shots on target.

"I hope we continue to play good soccer, and we come away a very-together bunch heading in the home stretch of the season," Williams said.

Game leaders for the Pioneers included Lastreto, with one goal, and Gefrorer, with one assist and one shot. Cherokey Briard, Nils Benning and Ruben Kuypers each had a shot on goal. Javier Morejon recorded four shot attempts.

David Ali led the night in saves with four, three of which occurred in the first period.

Ali leads the conference in total saves with 60 saves and averages 5.45 saves per

game, the second most in the MEC. He started all 11 games of the season so far and played all 90 minutes in 10 of those games.

Point Park dropped to a 5-5-1 record overall and a 3-5-1 conference record, putting the Pioneers at sixth place in the MEC standings.

The Pioneers remain on the road as they take on Concord on Wednesday, Oct. 14 in Athens, West Virginia. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.

"Losing is tough, and so we have to learn from our previous two matches," Williams said. "This team will respond on Wednesday. We know what is at stake."

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Cherokey Briard walks down the field against the Bobcats in September.

Volleyball loses in four sets against Fairmont

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The Point Park volleyball team lost a four-set game against the Fairmont State Falcons on Friday, Oct. 11 in the Joe Retton Arena. The Falcons won the conference matchup 3-1 on their home court.

Point Park won the first set at 27-25 and Fairmont State took the remaining sets with the scores 25-17, 25-13 and 25-16.

The Pioneers left West Virginia with an overall record of 3-11 and a record of 2-4 in the Mountain East Conference (MEC); Fairmont State left with 13-6 and 3-1.

"We know we're physically capable of [playing four sets]," Point Park senior Eden McElhaney said. "Mentally, it's just a battle within everyone, individually, to understand that a couple bad points don't lose us a game, and a couple good points don't win us a game."

The Point Park game leaders were Giulia Follador with 15 kills, Haley Stormer and Elise Wallace with four blocks, and Mia Arndt with 15 digs and two service aces.

Point Park started off strong in the first set, maintaining either a lead or even standing throughout the entire set. The Falcons determinedly attempted to catch up to Point Park the entire set, resulting in a deuce. The Pioneers kept a steadfast momentum and ended the set with a score of 27-25.

"We have to feed off each other's energy and keep the momentum," McElhaney said.

The second set started with relatively even standings, with Fairmont State leading 6-5. However, after



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Giulia Follador serves against Davis & Elkins on Sept. 26.

the Pioneers fifth point, the team faltered. The Falcons climbed to 13 kills while Point Park remained at seven points.

Point Park gained some momentum toward the end of the set, but, at that point, the Falcons had gained enough cushion to win the set, with a score of 25-17.

The Pioneers had a rough start in the third set, scoring their first point while the Falcons already had eight. Throughout the rest of the set, Fairmont maintained a steady lead. Point Park was unable to catch up, leaving the score 25-13.

For the fourth and final set, the Pioneers got off to a better start, with Fairmont barely maintaining a lead at 7-6. However, the Falcons would then gain traction.

The Falcons made a steady climb to 13 kills as Point Park reached its seventh. Point Park made a valiant effort to catch up but were left behind. The set ended with a score of 25-16, awarding the Falcons the win.

Point Park played Salem University on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at home. The Pioneers will play Concord University on Friday, Oct. 18, and Glenville St. on Saturday, Oct. 19, away.

"For these upcoming matches we're focused on cleaning up our overall touch on the ball," McElhaney said. "Finding the court on offense even better."

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Women's soccer shut out by West Virginia Wesleyan



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Tatum Lucero, Alina Bigec and Jamie Spurrell talk before the game.

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Staff Writer

team-leading fourth goal of the season.

The West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats kept the Point Park women's soccer team off the scoreboard upon Point Park's return to Highmark Stadium last Sunday, earning the 1-0 win.

West Virginia Wesleyan started off the season with a 1-4 record, but have been unbeaten since earning a victory against Glenville St. on Sept. 25. While on this unbeaten streak, the Bobcats have won three times and tied twice. They were coming off one of those victories – a 3-0 win over Fairmont State – when entering Sunday's games.

Point Park hosted Family Day at the game and recognized the families of the players, both those in attendance and those at home.

The Bobcats' physical play was on display early, with junior Maggie Queen being awarded a yellow card just about four minutes into game play.

Queen did not let the yellow card diminish her confidence, however. After a set up from Ava Badallo at 31:15 of the first half, Queen headed the ball in the net past Point Park goalkeeper Frederieke Rijlaarsdam to score the game's only goal. Queen's goal was her

only two shots on target for the remainder of the half, with both goalkeepers stopping shots against them.

As Point Park desperately tried for a tying goal in the second half, the physicality in the game continued to ramp up. In addition to Queen and Badallo each getting yellow cards in the first half, three more West Virginia Wesleyan players were awarded yellow cards in the second half.

Point Park's Tatum Lucero and Jurnee Durrett-Finne received yellow cards in the final ten minutes of the game.

Bobcats senior goalkeeper Paige Miller thwarted the three shots on goal that she faced in the second half, securing the Bobcats' spot and earning a shutout victory for her team. Miller's shutout was her third of the season.

The Pioneers hold a record of 2-6-3 overall and are 1-5-1 in conference play. They still sit at the bottom of the MEC North Division.

The Pioneers go on the road to face Concord on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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