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## Former professor Begly on probation

Gavin Petrone  
News Editor

Former Professor of Communications James Begly, 37, was sentenced to 90 days probation after pleading guilty to harassment charges in late July.

His probation ends next Tuesday, Oct. 29.

In a plea deal, his previous charges from February of endangering the welfare of children, simple assault of a victim under 12 and a defendant 18 or older were lessened to harassment.

A lower court also previously withdrew Begly's charges of unlawful restraint and strangulation, also brought in February.

Begly was also previously charged with two counts of harassment in 2017. He pleaded guilty and received one year of probation for each charge in 2021.

Begly was arrested on Feb. 14 of this year during an oral communication class he was teaching at Point Park. In addition to oral communication, he also taught college composition and communication law.

Zoe Wright, a sophomore psychology major and former student of Begly's, said the result of the entire case was strange.

"It's odd to think that someone who I found to be very professional in their field of work would be caught up in something like this," Wright said. "But, obviously, I only saw one side of him in the time I was in his class."

Since his arrest, Point Park has not brought Begly back on board.

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## Shots fired in Market Square



A Pittsburgh police car sits on Wood Street in front of the Public Safety Center.

Carson Folio  
Editor-Elect

Pittsburgh Police responded to reports of shots fired on Boulevard of the Allies early Monday morning and found a car outside Genoa Pizza and Bar at 109 Market St. with multiple bullet holes.

Nobody was injured in the shooting. Students were sent a Point Alert at 1:55 a.m.

"Shots fired at Market Square, no further information is available please avoid the area," the alert said.

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## FIRE ON LIBERTY

Pittsburgh Fire Rescue responded to reports of an apartment fire at the Midtown Towers on Liberty Ave. According to the fire chief, the blaze started in the kitchen of a 13th floor apartment. This is not the first fire at the apartment. At least six people were temporarily displaced due to the fire. The American Red Cross assisted temporarily displaced residents.

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## SGA meets over club funding

Peyton Martin  
SGA Beat Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) meeting on Monday, Oct. 21, had guest speakers from the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) present to discuss emergency funding from the club.

CCO requested an appeal for funding regarding Operation Christmas Child, which is an event the club hosts yearly. Operation Christmas Child is an event where all students on campus are invited to put together boxes filled with items like toys, personal care items and other donated items which will then be donated to Samaritan's Purse.

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# Spring 2025 Registration

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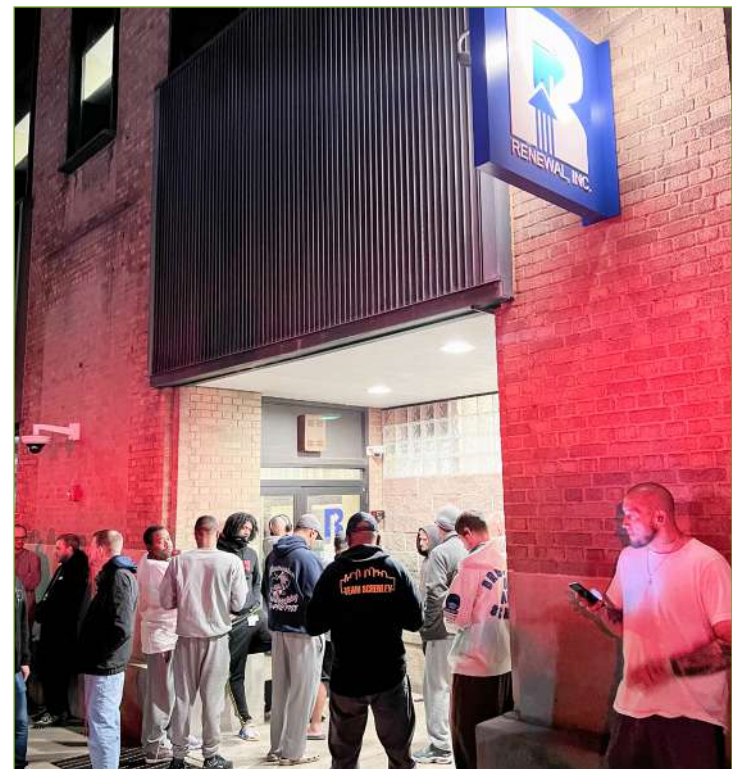
**10/20**  
**Shooting**  
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# CRIME REPORT

10/14-10/21

# FIRE ALARM SET OFF AT RENEWAL INC.



On Sunday the fire alarm went off in the Renewal Inc. building on the Boulevard of the Allies and Smithfield Street. According to Pittsburgh engine 3 who took care of the alert the alarm was set off by “someone smoking in the bathroom.”

Residence evacuated the corrections center around 8:21 p.m. and re-entered the building after 8:05 p.m.

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## Bullet ridden car found outside Genoa Pizza Bar

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According to dispatchers, reports of shots varying from five to 12 rounds came in via a ShotSpotter notification at 211 Shiloh St. in Mount Washington. The notification was followed by a phone call from a person in the Wood Allies garage lobby. The address in Mount Washington is directly across the river from the garage, which dispatchers said the sound of shots may have echoed.

Downtown Pittsburgh does not have any ShotSpotter sensors, causing police to only know of shots by hearing them while patrolling or getting reports from dispatchers. Nearby neighborhoods such as the Hill District, Uptown, and Crawford-Roberts have ShotSpotter sensors.

While Pittsburgh still utilizes the ShotSpotter technology, other major cities such as Chicago have dropped it.

Police saw a black Hatchback near Boulevard and Marion Street where lights flashed from the car - officers watching the camera at this intersection could not tell if it was a muzzle flash from a gun, or lights reflecting on the car. It is unknown if this car is connected to the vehicle with bullet holes found in

Market Square.

The investigation into this shooting is ongoing.

**“Update this was an isolated incident and there is no threat to campus. Please return to normal activity.”**

Point Alert  
 Point Park’s security alert system

An update alert was sent to students via Point Alert at 5:48 a.m.

“Update this was an isolated incident and there is no threat to campus,” the alert said. “Please return to normal activity.”

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## Christian Coalition requests emergency funding from SGA

From CONTRACT page 1

Samaritan’s Purse is a Christian organization that helps those affected by poverty around the world in the name of Jesus.

CCO originally requested \$2,036.62 to help fund the event. The club only received \$127.86 in funding from SGA. This was due to the fact that SGA cannot fund things that are for giveaways.

“If you want to hold an event where people donate things, then people need to bring donations for the event, but we cannot actually supply the donations themselves,” said Sen. Madigan Balfe.

The vote for the appeal was 0 – 9 against approving the appeal for more funds.

“You could say we’re disappointed, but rules are rules,” said Christian Wege a representative from CCO. “We understand and are appreciative of SGA’s willingness to help us out in this situation.”

During the meeting, SGA also discussed fund reallocation for the Asian American Pacific Islander Union (AAPI). AAPI hoped to have a White Elephant potluck in place of a different event previously planned, using the same amount of funding.

SGA approved the reallocation with a vote of 13 – 0.

A different club requested emergency funding. Black Student Union (BSU) was one of the clubs



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Drew Williams a senior animation major and SGA senator attends the meeting.

that had not received any funding originally. BSU was asked by SGA to go back and revise its request. Its original request was \$1,647.87, which has been cut down to \$1,179.51.

SGA Treasurer Elliot Geary said that BSU’s new requested amount is well within their budget.

The emergency funding was approved with a vote of 13 – 0.

Outside of club funding, SGA members Christian Rangel and Riley Mahon attended an open house for the Plastics Collabora-

tive, which is a branch of Humane Action Pittsburgh that focuses on reducing and eliminating single use plastics.

“Something notable about the open house is a lot of people have connections to Point Park,” Rangel said.

Rangel and Mahon had the opportunity to talk to its program director, Moses Wamalwa, where they discussed the possibility of a collaboration with the campus’ Young Eco Socialist Club to educate students. They also discussed the possibility of someone from

Plastics Collaborative coming to SGA to talk in the future.

Additionally, during the meeting, President Pro Tempore Robert Fornataro mentioned on his way to the library today he was punched by a man he didn’t know.

“It genuinely just happened, so I didn’t know what to do,” Fornataro said. “It wasn’t super powerful, but it still hurt and obviously shouldn’t have happened.”

Michael Gieseke, dean of student life, said to call public safety because there are cameras along the way that will help identify the man who punched Fornataro.

“That goes for anybody, and, if nothing else, it’s on the record,” Gieseke said.

Members of SGA plan to meet with Chief Besong from the campus police department to discuss safety and other issues on campus.

SGA meetings occur every Monday at 3:15 p.m. on the bottom floor of the Student Center. All students are encouraged to attend.

*Correction: Last week, the Globe reported that SGA requested \$12,657.54 for the clubs and the clubs only received \$7,515.92. The clubs requested \$12,657.54, not the SGA, and the SGA only granted \$7,515.92.*

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# Annual Honors panel discusses application of AI

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Staff Writer

The Honors program held a panel discussion for the Honors 299 course on Monday, Oct. 14. Discussion panels with the honors program are held every year for this course. The topic is selected by the honors president. This year, President Maegen Steiner chose artificial intelligence (AI).

“I decided on AI because I’m a STEM major and previous topics have never really been STEM focused,” Steiner said. “I also wanted it to be a current real-world problem.”

Several speakers presented information about AI, including Dorene Ciletti, director of marketing and sales for the university. Ciletti said AI can be used in a variety of ways in higher education.

For instance, AI can be used in student advising. Some universi-

ties have a chat bot or other elements of AI available to help advise students.

Universities can also use AI for operational processes too. AI can be used to manage climate in buildings and control lighting. AI is also used in adaptive learning.

“There are so many different kinds of AI and so many different applications using AI that you may have come in contact with,” Ciletti said.

Some of the many AI applications include autocorrect, Grammarly and ChatGPT. The design program Canva also now includes AI tools.

Shannon Gregg, president of Cloud Adoptions Solution, also presented. Gregg’s presentation included the framework for AI readiness.

Deciding, as a company, to start incorporating AI is the first

step of the framework. By this, Gregg explained that a company can’t just decide to incorporate AI into the workplace without any planning.

Another step in the framework falls on leadership roles. It is the responsibility of every leader to talk about and inform their team of how they are going to use artificial intelligence.

The third step is called “change management initiative,” and deals with the fact that human beings don’t like change.

“On Tuesdays, in between your first and second class, you probably take the same path every day because it’s the path of least resistance,” Gregg said. “That happens in organizations as well.”

The last part of the framework is that employees want to reskill, which is to improve one’s work skills or gain new skills. Adults

want to get better, Gregg said.

Even with this framework, many are still struggling with AI. Tracie York, an AI research consultant at T3 Advisory, talked about her experience with people and AI.

There are people ready to quit their jobs and hide in a corner, but there are also people who are making billions, York said.

York advises people against fearing AI.

“I think that we associate scary with not knowing, and that is not what you want to do,” York said. “I think there are real fears, but not everything about AI can be scary.”

York provided students who were present with a Metaverse link. After using it, students would be able to enter an online digital space where they could continue talking about AI, if they wanted to.

Joshua Maurer, a first-year civil engineering student, was one of the students who attended the discussion.

“I think it is important, mostly due to the prevalence of AI and how important it is going to become in the up-and-coming years,” Maurer said.

Sarah Lyons, a junior SAEM major, attended the panel for her honors course. Lyons says that she feels as though, whether we like it or not, AI is here to stay.

“We need to learn to take advantage of it and grow with it as it continues to advance,” Lyons said. “The risk of falling behind is honestly the scariest part.”



Courtesy of Point Park Honors Program

Honors president Maegen Steiner introduces the Honors 299 panel on AI that discussed the use of AI as a tool in the workplace.

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## SEVENTH ANNUAL ‘PIONEER ADVENTURE WEEKEND’ RETURNS



Junior Rebecca Whealdon, like others, tosses a kickball while wearing drunk goggles.



Senior Lexi Lewis pets Gumball the horse in the Deer Valley stables for the first time.

Pioneer Adventure Weekend (PAW), hosted at Deer Valley YMCA Family Camp in Somerset County, was organized by Maria Ochoa, director of resident life. It is the seventh annual Pioneer Adventure Weekend and was held this past weekend. The entry fee was \$10 and attendees had access to various activities such as high-ropes, boating and ceramics; trails, food and more.

PAW’s closing ceremony consisted of three groups performing a skit, chant or song. A raffle was also held which gave attendees a chance to win one out of at least ten prizes. PAW is always held in October each year.

**Photos by Michael Klug**



Junior Tristan Lentz walks across the bridge on the high-ropes. Everyone who uses the high-ropes must be strapped into a harness. The course includes an easy and intermediate path.



Senior Cade Montgomery and Juniors Bella Uskuraitis, Mallory Pollack and Sami Schaefer.



Senior Savannah Lee (left) holds up a piece of pottery less than \$10 that she painted; a ceramic mug that reads “Ho Ho Ho.”



First-year Student Gabriela Wait (right) participates in archery and learns how to draw a bow.



Senior Resident Director Cindy Pietrakowski is taught how to handle a bow by Casey Collins.



Sophomore Karen Rios draws a bow and hits the bull’s-eye during archery.



# 'Burgh Bites

## Burgh Bites: Condado Tacos serves Caucasian Concoctions

Rating:

Cassandra Harris  
Editor-in-Chief

I have heard many good things about Condado Tacos on Liberty Avenue, a restaurant that serves tacos, tequila and margaritas.

In Spanish, Condado directly translates to “county.” For their sake, I hope that meant the dishes were supposed to represent Allegheny County under the guise that they were supposed to resemble any dish from Mexico.

When I sat at the bar, at first the bartender was very attentive when I first came in, checking in on me until I ordered my five tacos and two sides.

After I waited for about 20 minutes, my food came out wrapped in foil and placed in to-go bags, without my requesting take-out. I was sad to have not had a full dine-in experience. While I understand that five tacos is a lot for one individual, he should have asked if the food was to-go.

I proceeded to sit at the bar awkwardly as he pulled the pay machine away from me. I proceeded to individually unwrap each taco where I sat. After taste-testing each taco, I waited at least 15 more minutes before said bartender noticed me so I could pay.

When I left, I brought

the food to my Hispanic friend Andy’s house, who is from Mexicali, Mexico. I wanted him to tell me if my tastebuds were wrong or not after not enjoying a single one of the tacos. The food from the restaurant was flavorful and spicy, two things that my Caucasian mouth can’t handle.

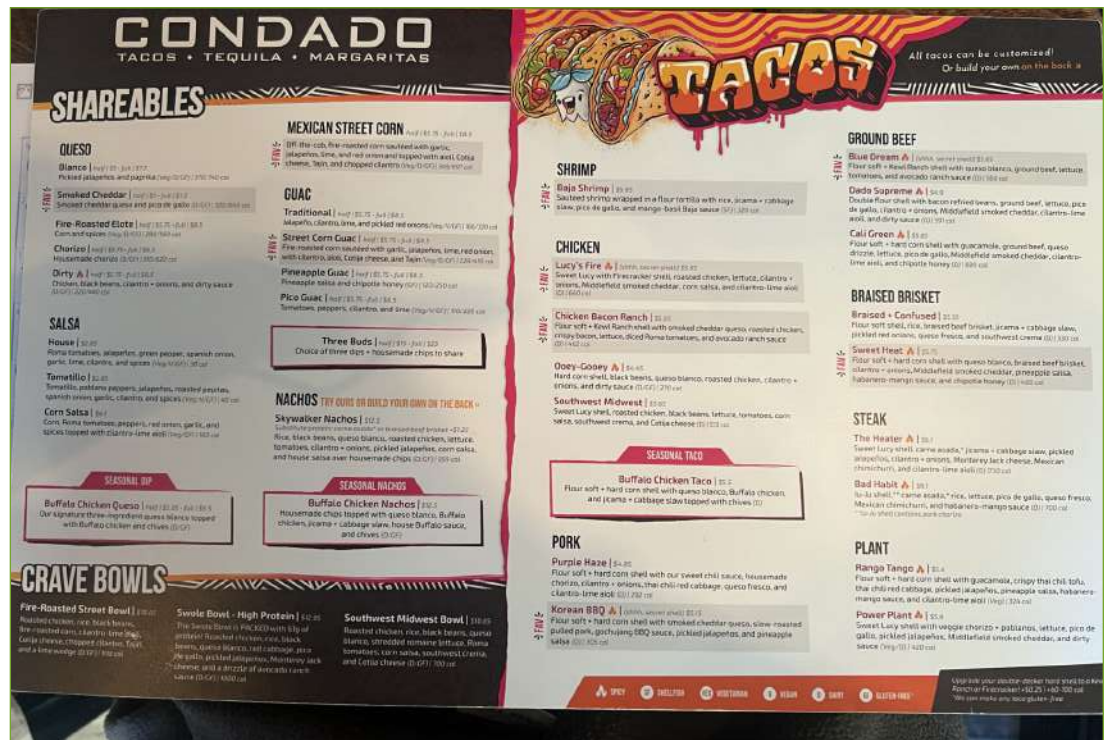
As he proceeded to try each taco, his face gradually became more and more scrunched, further and further into disgust. I believe that he even spit out the “Rango Tango” taco into the trash.

The “Lucy’s Fire” taco at \$5.75 had “Sweet Lucy with firecracker shell, roasted chicken, lettuce, cilantro + onions, Middlefield smoked cheddar, corn salsa and cilantro-lime aioli.”

This one was ok tasting, it had a tip-of-tongue spice without being too crispy, with the sour cream and lettuce adding a cool flavor. Andy said he was overwhelmed, and the spice attempted to overpower any taste the chicken had.

The next had ingredients that did not belong in a taco. The chicken bacon ranch taco at \$5.65 came with a flour and hard shell, a bed of gross cheddar cheese below the hard shell, chicken, bacon, tomatoes and avocado ranch sauce.

This one was probably one of the worst. Andy called it “basura,” meaning



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The menu for Condado’s Tacos taken on Sunday, where it serves custom tacos, tequila and margaritas.

“trash.” We agreed that the taco didn’t deserve the flavors of a pizza. However, he did say that the street corn at \$5.75 didn’t have a bad flavor, and that the chips it came with were good. Although I would be concerned if a restaurant could mess up fried tortillas.

The next taco topped even the last atrocity by placing coleslaw inside. The “Braised + Confused” brisket taco at \$5.55 had a distinct, separate meat flavor from the veggies. The sauce did not help it taste good.

The Rango Tango at \$5.40 was a plant-based taco with spicy tofu and lots

of vegetables. It was sweet and crispy. The red cabbage carried most of the flavor until I ran into a piece of tofu that filled my mouth with spice, only to be mitigated with a chip.

The last taco, the purple haze at \$4.85, was the best taco out of the five. Pork-based, with a soft and crispy shell, it had the most normal ingredients inside of it. These were ingredients that actually belonged in a taco: chorizo, cilantro, onions, cabbage, queso and aioli.

The only thing I would recommend on the menu were the loaded tots for \$4.75. They were warm,

tasty and not too greasy, but ultimately pretty average. For that price, I would rather purchase a \$5.08 kid’s quesadilla from Moes.

In the end, if you’re Hispanic or Latina, genuinely enjoy authentic Mexican food, or are in a rush, do not go to Condado Tacos. If you hate yourself and want to try American combinations inside of flour and corn tortillas, by all means, walk down to 971 Liberty Avenue to this lovely chain restaurant.

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## The editorial team recommends favorite fall drinks

The Fall 2024  
Globe Editorial Staff

**Peyton Martin**  
SGA Beat Writer:

Hot chocolate is something that can be enjoyed by all ages. With its warm, chocolatey aroma, you can’t go wrong. Hot chocolate for me simply adds to the fall aesthetic. Being able to curl up with a cup of hot coco and blankets while reading a book is simply the best for rainy days in autumn.

Personally, I love to add vanilla creamer to my hot chocolate after my friend had me try it back in high school. It adds more sweetness to the drink as a whole. Hot chocolate made with milk is also better than when it is made with water.

Overall, my favorite fall drink is hot chocolate.

**Vince Smykal**  
Copy Editor:

I’m a black coffee guy. This is not a testament to my manliness or something else equally dumb. Usually, I’m just too lazy to add creamer, sugar or milk to my beverage. I’m also too much of a wuss to experiment with different flavors when ordering at a coffee spot. In fall, however, I enjoy a delightful witch’s brew of autumnal spice known as the one, the only, Dunkin’ pumpkin spice latte.

I’m tired of our culture’s crusade against pumpkin spice. What’s not to like about the Dunkin’ pumpkin latte? It’s a drink that rhymes! Also, the warm coffee and pumpkin spice feel like a hug in a mug in the cold weather. Also, Dunkin’ is relatively cheap.

Yes, I know that the aftertaste feels like you’re eating a Hobby Lobby. I like it. Call me basic, call



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A coffee cup, used to store seasonal beverages empty in The Globe office.

me hyper-consumerist, call me a mainstream millennial for all I care. In fact, I don’t care. As long as I got that pumpkin spice, I’m fine with whatever verbal harassment comes my way from the countercultural crowd.

**Gavin Petrone**  
News Editor:

To me, apple cider is the defining drink of fall. When I visit pumpkin patches, corn mazes, and haunted houses, I’m always sure I find a stand that sells apple cider. Bonus if the cider is sold in cartons so I can take it with me.

Apple cider transcends taste and temperature. It is good both cold and warm and defines the taste of the fall season. Apple cider is at its best when purchased locally from small farmers.

When one consumes this divine nectar, not only are they consuming apple juice in its best and purest form, but they support local businesses along the way.

Apple cider can be deceiving as well. It masks itself as juice when the leaves are green, and then swoops in as a new mature cider once the season begins to change. It’s so good in this new form that it takes on the taste of the autumn season, a trait that no other fall beverage comes close to doing in my opinion.

**Cassandra Harris**  
Editor-in-Chief:

When the seasons changed, and I went grocery shopping, I found myself purchasing 40 fluid ounces of the “Pumpkin Spice Latte Chilled Espresso Beverage” from my local Walmart.

Although this is supposed to be a recommendation, I want to warn you all that after taking several swigs of it I felt immediate caffeinated-pumpkin-spicy regret. Sometimes I require coffee to function, so I forced myself to finish what tasted like literal fall leaves ground into a beverage.

According to Editor-elect and Target team member Carson Folio, the Downtown Target does indeed sell the “Pumpkin Spice Latte Chilled Espresso Beverage,” so please beware and do not waste your money on these bottled Starbucks drinks.

If you wish to consume pre-bottled pumpkin spicy coffee from Starbucks look no further than the smaller glass bottles that they also sell. They taste way better in comparison.

**Carson Folio**  
Editor-Elect:

As indicated by the opinion piece highlighting the best drinking fountains on campus, water is the beverage of choice for this editor. However, some extra flavor is a need as well.

Joining several other people in this article, apple cider may be the fall drink to have, even more so if you’re lucky enough to find homemade apple cider. Refreshing, tasty, and free of super-artificial flavoring, what more would you need?

Pumpkin spice isn’t a bad flavor by any means, but that is a flavor usually associated with coffee and too much caffeine. Neither of those elements mix well for this editor, unless the objective is to purposely get a pounding headache.

**Michael Klug**  
Co-Photo/Website Editor:

While it isn’t a fall-esque drink, Dr. Pepper is most certainly a staple of fall. Sure, it doesn’t have any pumpkin flavors – that would be gross, but what it does have though is the spiciness of a fall leaf. I don’t eat leaves or anything, but I imagine that they taste spicy, like a cold Dr. Pepper in the fall.

I can say the same about Baja Blast Mountain Dew. I remember when I used to go to Taco Bell, and I would rush towards Baja Blast. After all, it is one of my go-to Mountain Dew flavors.

While it may be my chronic caffeine addiction talking, I highly recommend over-consuming these drinks in the fall – in moderation of course. Not to mention, you get the spiciness of fall in both of them.

**Nevaeh Wessel,**  
Business Manager:

Speaking of spicy drinks, my favorite refreshing beverage that is perfect during the fall season is water. I love destroying the health of our earth by cracking open a nice, new, fresh spring water bottle about 5 times a day. Although, it’s not like Downtown Pittsburgh has recycling cans or anything like that.

After a while, I get so used to the fresh and clean spring water that it puts me in the mood for some delicious unfiltered water straight from a Pittsburgh spigot. This unfiltered water adds the spice I need during the fall season.

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# Everyone should vote blue Nov. 5

August Stephens  
Opinions Editor

Here it is. The anxiety-inducing, tense, “oh-please-let-this-election-cycle-close” article.

The goal here is not to make anyone even more nauseated by the current political atmosphere than they already are, especially with the close nature of this election. It is also not to put Vice President and presidential candidate Kamala Harris on a pedestal. However, if she wins the election, she will keep America from sliding into a state that puts anyone but cisgender, heteronormative, white and rich people at risk of real-time discrimination, harassment and death.

These terms may seem abstract. Readers may skim over the words and agree that, yes, a Trump presidency would result in discrimination, harassment and death to any minority. What do these actually look like in real life?

The real-time results of these actions look like parents and grandparents being stripped of their access to medicare. A Trump presidency looks like your queer loved one’s having to leave the country in concern of their own

safety. The harm of individuals looks like an individual being abused or assaulted, and the courts taking the side of the perpetrator when there is hard evidence that the victim was put in danger.

It would be remiss not to mention that, as a transgender person who does not pass well, a chronically ill young person, and a diagnosed neurodivergent person, I find this election terrifying.

There is a real risk which comes with people not understanding that every law affects people. There are less than 15 days until the election, and people are still finding ways to only care about the former economic policies of Trump, and not the current economic approaches of both candidates to compare and contrast their stance of how to move forward as a country financially.

There is never a perfect candidate. There is a candidate who will most likely not cause detrimental action to how people communicate and interact with one another. A moderate political person should see the need to vote as someone passionately waving a flag in their face, even if it is just on the basis of a convicted felon should

not have the ability to run for President.

Within the past week, CEO of fashion company Tunnel Vision and internet public figure Madeline Pendleton went viral on TikTok for disclosing that third-party companies who want to support the Democratic Party are offering to pay influencers thousands of dollars. In return, these influencers would promote policies they may agree with, as long as they do not specifically say, “Vote for Kamala Harris.”

This reveal resulted in a lot of internet backlash. While leftists were infighting about the results of what would become a 20 video response from Pendleton, Trump was quoted saying he would invoke a 1798 law to carry out mass deportations according to Al Jazeera.

White leftists, if you can for one second compare Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, you need to firmly re-evaluate your mentality towards politicians and their approach to policy.

This is a policy election. The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, has laid out policies in a publication titled Project 2025, policies that the foundation

fundamentally believes reflects itself as an organization. The reaction to the policies are not of confusion or misalignment, but of genuine concern that a group of people could carry so much apathy and hatred for other people. The only goal for their policies is to create laws which gut individuals’ access to knowledgeable and safe healthcare resources.

No matter the personal or political beliefs you hold, every person who is eligible needs to vote Blue down the ballot in the 2024 presidential election cycle. According to the United States Vote Foundation, 30% of individuals do not fill all sections of their ballot.

Ballotpedia is a respectable resource for nonpartisan information about political candidates. League of Women Voters and NextGen Pittsburgh are phenomenal organizations with a local presence to better inform new and returning voters. Take the time to vote Blue on Nov. 5.

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## THE GLOBE'S POINT

### Why are there only six pages this week?

This week, two of our editors, including the editor-in-chief, left for Pioneer Adventure Weekend. After experiencing two blissful days of no Wi-Fi, reality set in.

We had almost no submissions.

Most content in the news section is usually from the same people. We have a variety of content in the features section with interchanging photo stories from the same four photographers and writers.

In the opinions section, we typically have something from August Stephens and interchanging staff writers. For the past few weeks in sports, the same three writers pump out articles.

At this point in the semester, our pool of writers aren’t new, and some of them have needed to step back due to demanding workloads or to prioritize their mental health.

While two continue to contribute, three editors are no longer committing the amount of time we need to publish a 10 page paper each week.

We all understand and respect why they have made that choice. We wish them luck in all their endeavors.

Yet all hope is not lost, this is our call for you, the reader, to take the writer’s seat.

To put out a print newspaper each week with a small staff is not an easy task. When a writer promises to write something and the piece falls through, the rest of us editors are expected to pick up the slack to fill space.

For instance, in the last two weeks, Carson Folio’s news articles, including this week’s “Shots fired in Market Square” piece on the front page have been written the same day we do paper layout, which is incredibly difficult and time consuming.

Additionally, The Globe staff’s recommendations for Fall drinks was also quickly whipped up during layout to fill space. This shouldn’t be a trend.

The Globe is a resource for all students, not just communication majors, to grow their portfolios. The experience gained at The Globe has opened numerous job opportunities for past editors.

This includes jobs at the Pittsburgh Business Times, WTVG-TV, marketing at PJ Dick, and WKBN-TV.

So please, if you have ever considered contributing or want to contribute next semester, don’t be afraid to reach out to us. We don’t bite.

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# Older age groups should be able to celebrate Trick-or-Treat

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Features/A&E Editor

During this spooky time of year, everyone is preparing for the day when they dress up as their favorite characters. However, a popular question also arises: when is someone too old to go trick-or-treating?

Some people say it’s a tradition meant for children, while others believe there is no reason to stop, as long as you enjoy it. I want to break it down a little more to see both perspectives on this topic.

Now, there is no

denying that Halloween holds a special kind of magic, especially with children. It’s their moment to dress up as superheroes, witches or anything from their imaginations. But as kids grow older, some people feel that the tradition should shift away from tick-or-treating and more towards other ways of celebrating.

I mean, it’s understandable why homeowners might feel a little surprised or confused if a 17-year-old were to show up at their door holding out a candy bag. There is

this expectation that Halloween is for the little ones, and seeing teenagers at your doorstep is not what some would expect.

On the other hand, many teens simply love the tradition and don’t feel ready to give it up. Not every teenage trick-or-treater at your door is trying to cause trouble or rob you of free candy.

For some, it’s one of the few chances they have left to experience childhood magic before stepping into the responsibilities of being an adult. Others might have also missed

out on Halloween when they were younger and now want to enjoy something they didn’t have before.

Halloween, since its modernized beginnings, has always been about more than just age. It’s a day about being a part of a community, sharing joy with others and participating in the fun traditions of the time of year. When older kids, or even adults, come to the door with a costume and good manners, most people are happy to offer them candy. I mean, it is not every day that we get

to connect with people outside of our typical social circles, and Halloween provides this opportunity.

Now, I also feel there is something special in the traditions practiced by older age groups. At an older age, you can now host parties, visit haunted houses or be the ones passing out candy to trick-or-treaters. This latter one might be even more fulfilling, as you are now the one on the other side of the door.

In the end, the real spirit of Halloween lies in having fun and con-

necting with others, no matter your age. If someone enjoys dressing up and going door-to-door, does it really matter how old they are? As long as trick-or-treaters, young and old, show respect, maybe there is no need to ask, “When are you too old to trick-or-treat?” Instead, we can all enjoy the spooky season while it lasts, having fun in our own way.

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# The Scariest Thing About October:

A comic by Khalil Johnson



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The Point Park men's basketball team celebrates its River States Conference Championship win in March. Jordan Kullen | For The Globe

## Men's basketball kicks off year with game versus Pitt

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The Point Park men's basketball team opened their season on Tuesday, October 22 with an exhibition game versus the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) at the Petersen Events Center. The matchup did not affect either team's record.

The Pioneers are coming off of their winningest season in school history, going 30-3 and winning the River State Conference (RSC) Championship. They have since transitioned to NCAA Division II athletics in the Mountain East Conference (MEC) as they enter the 2024-25 season.

"[It's] definitely a big matchup," senior forward Lance Singh said. "We want to see how we match up early against a good, big team. It's going to be a good test."

The Point Park men's team graduated a majority of their starting rotation from last season, including top scoring duo Jalen Stamps and Jo Valrie.

"It's been a lot different," Singh said. "We lost a lot of players and points from last year; we are just looking to step up in the same positions the seniors were in last year and prevail."

Returning to the lineup are centers Jags Jhawar and Nazareth Fisher, as well as guards Nathaniel Van and Darren Ainembabazi. Red-shirts Singh and Daniel Felix also return as pieces on the roster this year.

The Pioneers add seven new players to the roster, including six transfers and

one first-year.

"We've had some growing pains, to be honest," coach Kevin Reynolds said. "We didn't come into camp with the same conditioning or lifting that last year's team came in with."

Reynolds enters his third year as Point Park's head coach, having recorded a 53-10 record over two seasons.

"I thought last year our greatest strength was, obviously, good players," Reynolds said. "But [our] guys were all in this peak condition, not just running, but lifting, all those types of things...we just didn't have that same commitment in the summer that we had the year before."

Reynolds shared that the team's struggles when conditioning led to injuries and missed practice time. In turn, he stated that the team hasn't had consistent practices, pushing back his decision of who to start against the Panthers.

Reynolds then shared how playing against a high-caliber Division I school will hopefully open his players' eyes as they enter a more difficult conference.

"It's a great test for us," Reynolds said. "I think the nice thing for us is we need to see who's going to compete at that level."

The men's team played an exhibition match last season against Robert Morris – another local Division I university. Point Park's women's team took on the Panthers last year and open their season against Robert Morris this November.

"It's so awesome when local, big time schools play the local smaller schools," Reynolds said. "That doesn't always happen, but that's the nice thing about Pittsburgh."

Pitt went 22-11 last year and placed fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

Jeff Capel heads the Pitt men's team, and he's entering his seventh year coaching the Panthers. After winning ACC Coach of the Year in 2023, Capel received a contract extension in July lasting through the 2029-30 season.

"The coaches at Pitt are great. They're real good coaches, obviously, but they're also good guys..." Reynolds said. "You can always pick some nice pointers up. These are some of the better coaches in the country."

Reynolds shared that he looks forward to competing in a new conference. However, he stated that many MEC schools heavily prioritize their basketball programs.

"It's a great challenge for us," Reynolds said. "I think we're going to find out – coaching wise, player wise and administrator wise – what we need to do to compete at that level."

The Pioneers begin regular season play in early November, competing in the Millersville Conference Challenge on Nov. 9. They kick off MEC play on Nov. 14 against Glenville State.

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## Women's soccer shut out for third straight game

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The University of Charleston was set to be the greatest challenge of the season so far for the Point Park women's soccer team, and the Pioneers were unfortunately unable to fully live up to said challenge.

Careleston, the defending Mountain East Conference (MEC) champions, came into Sunday riding a three game winning streak, which extended to four games after they defeated Point Park 4-0 on their home pitch at Highmark Stadium.

Despite the vast difference in records between these two teams, Charleston 9-3 and Point Park 2-7-3, the play between them for the majority of the first half was very even.

Pioneers head coach Kelly Raddar opted to start freshman Reese Cauthen in goal for her second straight game, after she stopped five out of six shots on goal against Concord on Wednesday.

The Pioneers put pressure on the Golden Eagles early and were getting a great deal of good touches and scoring opportunities against Charleston's goalkeeper Jordan Maynard.

The momentum shifted in favor of Charleston at 37:08 of the first half, when leading scorer Juliette Lucas snuck it past Cauthen after a great keep in from Demari Curry.

Lucas would score another goal about ten minutes into the second half, this one being unassisted.

Point Park gave up two more goals in the 64th and 77th minutes of play. These were scored by Frankie Marrow and Jamie Bland, respectively, to make it 4-0 Charleston.

After the game, Raddar said that the biggest challenge heading into the match was whether or not his team could sustain their high level of play for a full 90 minutes.

"We sustained for as much as we can and then

we start breaking – because key pieces in our back line were not there due to injuries and illnesses – and we were kinda playing players out of position," Raddar said. "We just had some setbacks going into this game."

Raddar has been happy with his team's play, but said that they need to work on their mental strength in order to get their game to the best it can be.

"We are in October and, physically, we are playing at our peak," Raddar said. "Game after game, it's either close or we're really competing very well, and then we end up losing it 1-0 or we have a big breakdown. Which, that's exactly what we just talked to the team about."

Team captain Vanessa Vazquez said that, while she doesn't believe every game will be as mentally draining as this one, the players on the team will still have to support each other in order to overcome the mental hurdles unique to soccer.

"I think that mistakes are going to happen because we're human, but supporting and encouraging our players is what's going to keep us in this season," Vazquez said. "I think that being there for each other and playing for each other is going to impact the game as well."

Vazquez also spoke of how she, as a team captain, can be a part of strengthening this team's mentality.

"I think I can continue supporting my girls and being there for each other when we have moments like today," Vazquez said, "and understanding that sometimes we simply couldn't get the win and we still need to keep our heads up and keep working forward."

Point Park now holds a record of 1-7-1 in MEC play.

The Pioneers will be home once again on Wednesday for a match against Wheeling University at 3 p.m.

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## Men's soccer wrap up road trip with a loss

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The Pioneers cap off their series of away games with a loss against Wheeling University that ended with a score of 1-0. Point Park played at Bishop Schmitt Stadium in Wheeling, West Virginia, on Sunday, Oct. 20.

"We can't underestimate any opponent in our conference," Pioneer Nils Benning said. "Wheeling, despite being last in the standings so far, can be a tricky opponent."

This match marks the fourth straight loss away for the Pioneers, their most recent win being the last game they played at home.

"After so many away games, returning home will be a huge boost. We need to defend our home...especially after our last great 2-0 [home] win," captain David Ali said. "That game was a turning point for our attackers, and I believe they'll find their rhythm again [at home]."

The first half of the game ended with the score 0-0. This was not due to a lack of effort from both teams, as both battled

heartily for possession of the ball and to tip the scales in their favor. The first half ended with five shots, one save and four fouls from Point Park. Wheeling had five shots, three saves, two corner kicks, three fouls and one yellow card.

"We can stay motivated knowing that the playoffs are within reach," Ali said.

As the teams entered the second half, the Cardinals scored the sole goal that ended up winning them the game. This goal was by Cardinal Antonio Herra-Blackwood, after an assist by Josh Timbrell.

The rest of the match was a battle for possession of the ball as Point Park made valiant efforts to catch up and the Cardinals fought to keep their lead. Ultimately, Wheeling took the win with a score of 1-0.

"As captain, my role is to bring out the best in each player, especially during tough times," Ali said. "Despite the losses we've accumulated, I know it's essential to [stay optimistic] in these final matches."

The second half ended with five shots, one save, one corner kick, five fouls and three yellow cards for Point Park, and six shots,



Senior Edward Bowers defends a West Virginia Wesleyan opponent on Sept. 25 at Highmark Stadium. Kyla Pothier | For The Globe

two saves, six fouls and three yellow cards for Wheeling.

"I'll keep pushing to make as many saves as I can and lead the team forward," Ali said. "With the goal of driving us to victory."

The Pioneers leave Wheeling with a record of 5-7-1 overall and 3-7-1 in the conference; Wheeling leaves the match with a record of 1-9-4 overall and

1-7-3 in the conference.

"As the season goes on, I hope we can build on some good performances that we had," Benning said. "Focusing on improving consistency and refining our tactics to get better results."

Point Park is set to play against Charleston (W.V.) on Wednesday, Oct. 23, and Frostburg State on Saturday, Oct. 26 at home.

"They're the best team in the conference, so we need to be on our toes and not give up easy goals, give them a hard fight," Pioneer Moritz Sarfert said, "Then see if we can get a result that would help us in the fight for the playoffs."

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