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USG discusses Playhouse assets

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USG

United Student Government (USG), alongside many other student leaders, met with members of the Playhouse committee last week to acquire updates on the progression of the new Pittsburgh Playhouse that will be located on Forbes Avenue in Downtown.

USG President Julian Singleton, Vice President Andrew LeDonne, Senator Kelsey Veydt and other members sat in on this meeting in order to gather more information of what this new addition will provide for not just Conservatory of Performing Arts students (COPA), but for the entire student body.

“Basically, within this committee, we took a look at the new Playhouse, and we discussed really making it a place that is not only for COPA students,” Veydt said in the meeting Monday. “One of the things that stood out to me is that there is going to be a big student lounge on the third floor. It sounds awesome, and it will be a great place to be because, think about it, none of us really want to be in the park when it’s 10 degrees out.”

The 92,000-square-foot structure that sets to open in 2017 is not the only space anticipated to receive attention. The library will be renovated and updated, which will include the classrooms and construction of the current math lab.

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Senior forward Alan Heter blows past his opponents for a lay up in the first half against the Carlow Celtics last Tuesday.
photo by Madison Turiczek

PointAlert experiences technical difficulties

By Angela Woodard
For The Globe

Point Park students were unable to sign up for PointAlert emergency notification system this week because of error notices encountered while following a link provided on the schools web page.

The problem was a dead link, the result of “internal reorganizing of the website,” said Louis Corsaro, Managing Director of University Marketing and Public Relations.

“If a student searched for ‘Point Alert’ as two words, a dead link was listed first,” Corsaro said in an email interview. “The proper link was underneath it. If they search for ‘PointAlert’ as one word, the proper link is on top.”

Students, faculty and staff can sign up for PointAlert to receive emergency notification and school closing messages from the Point Park Public Safety Department via email and/or text messages.

For commuter students like Olivia Mazzocco, sophomore photography major, the choice to enroll in Point Alert centered on her concern for traveling roadways during winter.

“I don’t want to travel on dangerous roads just to get to school and find that classes have been

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University bids farwell to Provost Candidates excited for Point Park’s potential

By Anothony Mendicino
For The Globe

Beth Aracena wants to be a part of the vibrancy of Point Park’s campus and its private, urban dynamic.

The school’s focus on providing students with a broad education draws John Murray to campus.

The passion of Point Park’s faculty and students makes Lisa Gentile want the job.

These are just a few of the many reasons these three candidates are vying to replace Karen McIntyre as provost when she leaves the position next year. All three of the candidates were on campus last week meeting with faculty and staff to present their credentials.

According to an email sent from President Hennigan’s office, the candidates will fully replace McIntyre after getting a better feel for the position and school.

“...we are searching for a candidate to become vice provost for one year under Karen’s mentorship,” the email said. “The candidate will rise to the level of provost when Karen retires a year later.”

McIntyre has been Point Park’s provost

since 2010 when she was promoted from vice provost. She has been with the University since 2005 when she served as a chairperson of the Education department.

Aracena has been the Dean for College of Arts and Sciences at Alvernia University since 2012. She is one of the three candidates in line to replace McIntyre. As dean at Alvernia, Aracena helped complete a general education reform that had been in the works for 10 years.

Aracena said she would focus on listening to students and faculty if she wins the job. She stressed that point saying she continues to teach in order to stay close to the student experience.

“Point Park is a university on the move,” Aracena said. “I have an interest in reaching out to community partners to help grow the University.”

Another candidate, Murray, comes from slightly further away. Murray is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana State University. Indiana State is a larger school than Point Park with a little over 13,000 students enrolled, the largest department being the College of Arts and Sciences. The University’s smaller sized is appealing to Murray because “it

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PointAlert error did not cause security issues

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cancelled. If I need to know something, I don't usually check my email. If it's important, it's easier if it comes to my phone."

On the other hand, Kaitlyn Frazier, junior mass communications major, was frustrated when she encountered the dead link.

"I am not likely to try again," Frazier said. "I'm looking for convenience; a website should work."

Shortly after the problem was brought to the attention of

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Kaitlyn Frazier

*Junior Mass Communications major
Point Park University*

Information Technology Services late Wednesday afternoon, the dead link was removed. Now, whether students search PointAlert as two words or one, they will be led to the proper active link.

The problem did not cause any

security issues, according to Point Park officials.

"Point Alert system operation was not affected by the dead link on the university web page," Bernard D. Merrick, director of Public Safety, said. "The PointAlert system on our campus and other campuses across the country use e2Campus software. Protocols are followed and there is a plan and procedures in place to determine how the message is sent out."

The emergency notification software, e2Campus was developed by Omnilert. According to the company's web page, after reading about college freshman, Jeanne Clery, who was raped and murdered in her residence hall in 1989, the founders thought "there must be a better way to keep students safe and aware."

The founders combined their backgrounds in web and mobile technology to introduce the world's first campus emergency notification system in 2004. According to the website, it was "the first time schools were empowered to quickly send emergency alerts to students via their mobile phones, email and web from a single intuitive

interface."

"I enrolled in my freshman year, and remember receiving a text alert about a man on campus with a machete...I was glad to know that," Aidan Daughenbaugh, sophomore

psychology major, said. "I definitely feel safe and informed."

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Students split over traditional, developing news services



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Sophomore Premedical and Preprofessional Studies major, Anna GoForth, looks for news on Twitter on an Academic Hall computer lab PC.

Student media tries to keep up with changing technology

By Nathan King
For The Globe

As a freshman commuter, Josh Wright generally keeps up with the news, preferring to view it on his phone instead of browsing a newspaper.

Elle Wallace, a second semester cinema student, shares the same trend. With the internet at her fingertips, she can access any important news story within minutes.

"With everyone having a mobile device now, we're able to see it [news] firsthand and put it up on social media in an instant," Wright said. "I don't think we get the paper anymore."

According to a study released by the PEW Research Center at peoplepress.org, these new sources of news represent a growing trend. The study, which is written from data collected between the years 1991 and 2012, shows a decline in radio, television and newspaper while online news sources skyrocket.

As stated by PEW Research Center, "online and digital news consumption, meanwhile, continues to increase, with many more people now getting news on cell phones, tablets or other mobile platforms. And perhaps the most dramatic change in the news environment has been the rise of social networking sites."

The 2012 study by PEW Research Center also showed the dramatic increase of mobile news sources, even as the other news mediums decreased in use. According to the graph, in 2004 online news is introduced for the first time and is the lowest of the four forms of

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Traditional media falling behind mobile, social media

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news recorded (the other three forms being radio, newspaper and television).

In 2010, it has already surpassed newspaper and was tied with radio, which it surpasses the following two years. This trend shows the growing popularity of online news as a source of news information.

Point Park's radio station, WPPJ, is transitioning to have more of an online presence.

"I want to direct the station to doing a lot more online based content... since it is a more digital age," Nathan Keenan, a senior broadcast production and programming major, said.

Recently, WPPJ rebuilt their website, which now allows viewers to stream their music online. They also have a presence on the Tune-In Radio App, which premieres music from multiple stations in

the area.

However, there are still plenty of students that still use non-digital media as a primary source of their news information.

"I read the paper generally every single week," Baylee Zimmerman, a freshman sports, arts and entertainment management major, said. "I tend to like hard copies of stuff... If a news article catches my eye online, I'll definitely read it, but I like having it on hand."

Despite the transition of the various forms of news that exist, there are still students that use all of these forms of news, new and traditional.

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Playhouse offers student lounge, cafe, study spaces

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Along with these changes, new spaces and additions are also in the plans.

"There will be new places to work and more space for group projects," LeDonne said. "There will be the opportunity for cool technologies such as conference video materials and capabilities. This is going to be useful to the entire university in so many new ways."

There will be three separate theaters that range in size. The largest of these three will seat roughly 500, the second floor theater will be able to open up, which will allow students to engage from outside, while the third floor will house the smallest space. A café will provide refreshments for those inside as well as a small area that will be available for the public.

USG is taking initiative with these plans and is seeking clubs to voice their opinion on this new project. Playhouse committee members labeled the new playhouse and the project itself as a "national

laboratory," and Singleton used that as a signifier of ideas and creativity.

"If you talk to a club leader, just ask them, 'Hey, how do you think your club can utilize these new plans? What can you personally bring to the atmosphere?'" Singleton said to the members.

University shuttles were in question during discussion, regarding transportation to and from Oakland to Downtown.

"That is always one of the main discussion topics. I don't think, from talking to different people, that they will run anymore, or they will just be phased out," LeDonne said. "This is a decision that will be talked about more at a later date."

Prior to the discussion of the Playhouse, Angela Scaramucci, Coordinator of Employer Relations at the Career Development Center, spoke to USG members about the Job Fair that took place Tuesday. Scaramucci explained that, although a fair may be focused on a certain department, there is usually opportunity for all majors.

"My role in the Career

Development Center is to reach out to those companies that you want to see at the fair, so what I always encourage to students is if you want a company there that you do not see, email me and I will reach out to them and inform them about the fairs and other activities," Scaramucci said.

If students missed the chance to attend Tuesday's fair, Career Development offers more opportunities throughout the semester. They are involved with Senior Week where they provide different types of networking sessions to students. Scaramucci is also involved with an Internship and Job Fair at the Monroeville Convention Center on March 11. Shuttles will be provided the day of, and attendance is free with prior registration.

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Provost candidates boast diverse backgrounds, career paths

“ Point Park is a university on the move. ”

Beth Aracena
Provost Candidate
Point Park University

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puts students at the center of their own education.”

"There are just so many neat things happening, and that's something that really draws me," Murray said.

Gentile, the final of the three finalists, is currently dean of Arts and Sciences at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah. She echoed the statements made by Aracena and Murray on what stands out

about Point Park as she appreciates how the University integrates itself with the city.

Gentile said she wants to help with "access, affordability and accountability" at Point Park.

"I see Point Park as a university that is making, and will continue making, a difference," Gentile said.

The email from the president's office included a survey for faculty to express their feedback after meeting each candidate to the search committee.

Administration has not announced when the decision will be

made but each of the three finalists has made it clear that they intend to listen to students and faculty.

"I want to be a part of making Point Park more successful than it already is," Murray said.

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University offers opportunity to earn credits in croissant capital

By Ty Smith
Features Photo Editor

Point Park students can venture to England for a semester and study at Regent's University London.

Or they can jet off to Italy and take courses at the American University of Rome.

If those aren't what students seek, they can sign up for a variety of non university-affiliated study abroad programs. This will allow students to go where they please; however, they run the risk of not receiving full credit.

"If you're looking at an outside program, you have to look at their specific criteria," said Sarah George, Director of Student Engagement at an informational meeting Thursday.

A total of 289,408 American students studied abroad for academic credit from their universities in 2014, an increase of 2 percent from the previous year, according to the Institute of International Education's Open Doors 2014 report. At Point Park, students can take courses in their field of study to get a full semester's worth of credits by paying Point Park tuition and for the host school's room and board.

Hannah Harley, a junior photography major, was one of those students who studied overseas in the City of Love last semester.

"I originally fell in love with photography in Paris. I went for a softball tournament four years ago in high school. I decided the day of to bring a camera," Harley said in her apartment Feb. 6. "My skills then were bad but the photographs were better than I've ever created. I fell in love with the images that were coming out and fell in love with the city and how beautiful it was in every turn."

Harley knew that she was going to Paris despite having to do it externally through Cultural Experience Abroad, instead of through one of the University-sponsored programs.

"I already knew I was going. When I turned in my application is when I found out that they cancelled [the] program like two days before. I was dis-

appointed, but that in a sense kind of strengthened my resolve," Harley said. "It wasn't easy but when I got there, it made it that much more worth it."

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Keith Paylo said that Point Park is hoping to get Paris back as a university-sponsored program in the future. The University previously had a partnership with Wells College, who cancelled their Paris program in 2013.

"We hated giving up Paris. We didn't give it up; no offense to the University we were working with," Paylo said Feb. 5. "We would love to open the doors of Paris. We have made contacts, and we're working with some departments. In the best interest of you all, we're trying to find it for the best price that we can so that there's not a lot of out-of-pocket cost."

Federal and state financial aid can be used for study abroad. But only a portion of institutional aid can be used through University programs depending on the location and whether you're Conservatory of Performing Arts (COPA) or a non-COPA major.

Currently, Point Park offers Rome, Italy and London, England as study abroad destinations. Full-time undergraduate students who are sophomore status or higher, have at least a 2.5 GPA and cleared of required obligations can study abroad according to George. There's a maximum of 15 students per semester allowed if done internally. The Office of Student Affairs is currently in the works of organizing programs in Manchester, England at the University of Salford and Spain.

"We are working on a third program for the fall [and] it will not be ready for summer—at Salford in Manchester. We had a cinema group go there this past May," George said at an informational meeting Feb. 5. "We're also in the talks of doing a program with the Dance Conservatory in Spain but that's most likely not going to be until 2016."

Dan Dix, a junior sports, arts and entertainment management (SAEM) major spent last spring in Italy and

said that doing it through Point Park made the process easy.

"They took care of all my paperwork and scheduling and stuff like that so that was really helpful," Dix said.

While in Rome, Dix had the opportunity of visiting many other countries including Austria, Amsterdam and Czech Republic.

"I like traveling and I wanted to experience new things, I thought it would be a good opportunity to do that," Dix said.

For students who cannot spend a whole semester abroad and still would like to travel to a foreign country, different departments offers shorter trips usually in May. The School of Communication is preparing for its eighth annual global trip as a part of the International Media course, which will go to Spain and Portugal this year. The class that non-communication majors can also take as an elective has been to the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and France in the past.

Students who chose to do outside programs can run into problems with getting credits to transfer. Doing a non university-affiliated program is also on a pass/fail basis and will not be weighed into students GPA, ac-

ording to George. Harley is still waiting to see if any classes she took in France will transfer.

"I have high hopes that they will transfer but I went knowing that there's a possibility that none of these credits will transfer," Harley said. "I think there's so much to gain in another culture that you can't measure in a classroom."

Alli Noto, a senior acting major, spent a semester in London in spring 2014. Noto described her international studies experience as the best.

"I wouldn't trade it for the world. Traveling is such a big deal to me and I'm so happy I was able to do it," Noto said.

Applications to study abroad in the summer and fall of 2015 are due on Monday, Feb. 23 and can be accessed via OrgSync through the university's website.

"You can't put into words the things you learn interacting in another language, interacting with people that dress differently, talk differently and see the world in a different light is an eye opening experience," Harley said.

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French tour guide Vincent Lauferon speaks to Point Park students about the history of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France on May 15. A group of Cinema and School of Communication students traveled to London and Paris this past May creating films and visiting various media outlets.

Campus clubs unwrap the importance of playing it safe

Carnival to hand out condoms, educate students about healthy relationships

By Madison Krupp
For The Globe

The Condom Carnival brings together Silly Games and Education.

Valentine's Day is a romantic occasion for couples, but one that should be approached with precaution when it comes to sex.

Point Park's traditional Condom Carnival will arrive just in time for the holiday to teach students about the importance of practicing safe sex.

"You get a lot of free condoms, but you also have these games that might just seem like games to some people, but they actually have an educational [aspect] that CAB really tries to push forward," said sophomore multimedia major Shanah Hupp.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) and Her Campus Point Park partner up with several other campus groups to continue this annual experience on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 9-11 p.m. in the Lawrence Hall Ballroom. The carnival-style event will combine games such as balloon darts and races.

Hupp attended the carnival last year and plans to return with her friends. She enjoyed the entertaining side of the event but also acknowledges the carnival games have another purpose.

"They blew up a balloon or something, and they were tossing it back and forth. You had to keep it off the ground, and if it fell on the ground then you got pregnant," Hupp said. "It was funny but behind it was if you don't wear a condom or take the proper precautions, then you have a higher risk of getting pregnant, and your whole life is just not as you planned it to be."

Hupp said she believes everyone knows the facts of safe sex, but unless it directly affects students, they are less likely to practice those methods.

"STDs, pregnancies, stuff like that. They don't see the effects of because it's not right there in their face," she said.

Along with the food and games, there will be tables from each sponsoring organization that will provide students with information ranging from protection methods to domestic violence. Those additional sponsors include the Rugby club, U-View, The Outdoor Adventure Club, The Body Christian Fellowship and some others that have not been confirmed.

"They're not going to be doing a formal talk. It's more of an event where students can go up and ask questions and receive information that way," said Colten Gill, Public Relations Coordinator for CAB.

Gill says CAB hopes to promote communication about safer sex, domestic violence and relationship conflicts that can arise in the "turbulent years" of 18-24 years and beyond.

"They will learn the dos and don'ts of situations of sex," said Brendan Dazen, a member of the CAB public relations committee. "They'll also learn how to keep themselves protected, and they'll learn about different consequences of not being protected."

CAB's Spirits and Traditions Coordinator Morgan Mitchell reached out to Her Campus because of their successful past.

"Last year, they had a week where they did something about domestic violence, and we just thought they would be a great organization to work with on campus, especially to get that message out there" Mitchell said.

The range of games may seem ridiculous, but are made to be enlightening. Her Campus will be hosting a game where students will race to put a condom on a banana and other veggies. The fastest contestant will win a prize.

CAB's game will be a spin on balloon dart. Instead of using balloons, students will be throwing their darts at condoms.

"It always has the spin that it's fun like a carnival, but it's also for sexual awareness, whether that be sexual violence or just education in general," Mitchell said.

Although many students may have had some form of sexual education in high school, college is still an important time for learning about safer sex.

"This is a time when many students become sexually active, or become more sexually active," said University nurse Heather Capo. "The risks increase significantly for this age group, particularly if alcohol usage is involved."

Abstinence is the best way to stay safe, but condoms are also very effective, according to Capo. She encourages females to have yearly gynecological checkups while males should have STD testing performed if they've been in a situation without protection. Capo also tells students they can stop in her office for any information.

"We always have free condoms available in the Student Health Center. We have referral resources if students should need gynecological care or STD testing," she said.

Many Point Park students have shown interest in the carnival. Sophomore Marissa Rayes sees the event as beneficial.

"I think it's a good thing to get

knowledge out there. I feel like it's a good way to learn about safe sex," Rayes said.

Sophomores Eva Espey and Kristen Musloe agree that teaching serious content in a fun way is something students will enjoy.

"I think there are so many people that don't get the adequate sex education either at home or from their school, and so I think this is a nice kind of light-hearted way to learn and be safe," Espey said.

She supported CAB's choice to host the event.

"As a campus, we kind of come together and say, 'it's ok, sex is not taboo, and neither are condoms,'" Espey said.

As a college student on a budget, Musloe understands the need for easily accessible protection.

"I think it's a different way for kids to get protection because I know some people feel uncomfortable going to a store and buying [condoms]," she said. "I know CVS is really expensive and that is really the only place we have down here, so I think it's a creative way to benefit kids."

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University to spread kindness through various random acts

Student organization stresses goodness and thoughtfulness year-round

By Brandon Flournoy
For The Globe

Emily Bowen, a junior mass communications major, was surprised to see that her clothes were folded neatly after putting them in the dryer on campus.

When Lena Faustel, a sophomore global studies and photography major, forgot her college identification card, a random student purchased her meal for her.

Troy Potter, a senior information technology major, recalled a time when he saw balloons on campus for seniors who were graduating.

"Weirdly enough, somebody folded my stuff for me after it was done in the dryer, instead of just throwing it on the ground, which is normally how things roll," Bowen said. "Somebody folded it for me, and I thought that was very nice."

Awareness concerning "random

acts of kindness" will be recognized this week. International Random Acts of Kindness Foundation week will begin on Feb. 9, and will end on Feb. 15.

According to the foundation's website, this week can be used to "step out of your normal routine or comfort zone, and attempt a new random act of kindness each day of the celebratory week."

The organization has coined a new hashtag, "#RAKweek2015," which will be used by people that participate through social networks by sharing their stories, recording videos and even taking photographs to depict moments of kindness that happened to them, or what they've done for another individual.

Bowen can recall times in which she has held doors for fellow students and was not given any kind of compliments at all from it. According to Bowen, today's technology and the atmosphere of city is the cause of this.

"Most people I hold the door for

don't say anything," Bowen said. "People are plugged in all the time. In a way, people kind shut down from interacting because we also in the city, and I feel like you have to adopt a certain attitude when you're in the city. Not many people allow their social aspects to come into play, I guess."

Paustel have experienced the same thing when it comes to holding doors for strangers and students, but what happened to her at the cafeteria overshadowed those short moments of not receiving gratitude, which doesn't happen to her often.

"There was somebody in front of me, and I didn't know them," Paustel said. "I was just getting a drink or something, and they were like, 'I got it for you.' That was really cool."

Potter remembered a time in which he was able to text a professor at any time and would receive a response about his assignments.

"I texted him, and he answered back," Potter said.

On campus, Random Acts of Kindness week will be acknowledged. Pioneers For Kindness, a student organization, will participate in raising awareness on campus when the international week begins. Pioneers For Kindness set up meetings in Academic Hall Room 606.

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Editor's Note

Emily Bowen, a source used in this story, is a contributor to The Globe.

Color and convenience to come to campus classroom

By Tyler Banash
For The Globe

Behind a tan, metal door with its window obscured by black paper and gaffers tape and a vaguely imposing "Knock, or else" sign, a machine sits humming softly while the gears and chains of its internal mechanisms rotate resolutely every day from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. It performs as a complete development machine for students in the photo department who choose to make photographic prints in color. Its time in service, however, is quickly drawing to a close, while students anticipate the arrival of a vital replacement.

The new machine will not have so many moving pieces, being that it is for the most part entirely manual. But the significant advantage it will bring to students as well as Point Park is the capability of developing color film and paper.

"It's extremely valuable on a university level, mainly because there are so few schools that have it. It definitely makes us one of a kind in that sense," said April Friges, Assistant Professor of Photography.

Until now, students have relied on the automatic roller processor to develop, fix and dry their prints.

"You just slide the paper in the slot and wait about five minutes for your print," Chloe Jakiela, a freshman photojournalism major, said.

Using the device is quite simple, allowing students to expose their images and create final prints in complete darkness. The new Jobo CPP2 from Catlabs may have a complicated nametag but the introduction of a new manual contraption will likely be a quite simple transition.

Jakiela expressed confidence in students adapting to the change, rationalizing that most students who will encounter the machine would be fresh out of the Intro to Black and White class and therefore would be quite familiar with how to operate film processing manually.

The advantages expand beyond easy assimilation. Because this model will allow students to not only develop prints, but their film as well, they can abandon their considerably inconvenient previous methods.

Typically, students have been re-

quired to develop their color film at CVS or by mailing them out to places like Dwayne's Photo in Kansas and The Dark Room all the way on the west coast. This method has agonized students with absurd expenses and wait time.

"I spent about one to two hundred dollars last semester from sending out film [that] took a week to get back," Tyler White, a sophomore photography major, said.

Additional issues coincide with relying on third parties to create crucial work for classes.

"When I would get my film back from Dwayne's Photo, I would find it impossible to color correct and match my hues with the ones from their machine," White said.

The advanced control students will soon have over their artistic process is certainly a boon to the expansion of their skills and darkroom finesse, especially considering this is the first interaction many students will have with a functioning darkroom environment.

Julie Kooser, a freshman photojournalism major, explained how her decision to attend Point Park was largely motivated by the presence of analogue processes in the program.

"It's definitely been interesting compared to digital. There's a lot more work involved but I feel like I have more freedom. I like both; I feel like you need to learn both to be an artist," Kooser said.

The Point Park photo department has spent years pushing its students forward by taking a step back. Through learning methods and techniques considered outdated by modern standards, students are taught to see things differently and slow down. It is the primary opinion of Friges that this way is much better than focusing solely on cutting edge technology to prepare students for the real world.

"Will they use it in the future, who knows? But they can. That's something that I think is really promising," Friges said.

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PEOPLE OF POINT PARK



By Chloe Jakiela
For The Globe

Shayna Mendez, freshman photojournalism major from Jamaica, has been passionate about photography since receiving her first camera from her grandfather at age 5.

Eventually, her passion enabled her to work in commercial settings.

At 16 and 17, Mendez took pictures for Dacx photography then lived in Miami for 9 months.

Now the Jamaican is studying photojournalism at Point Park University, which she hopes will lead her to covering real people in real conflict zones around the world.

"It's a universal language, something anyone can understand. Once you have that camera you basically speak a language that anyone can understand," Mendez said.

Mendez was born in Kingston and grew up in a coastal city in southern Jamaica called Portmore, St. Catherine with her mom and younger sister.

Life was hot, boring and full of beaches according to Mendez, and the majority of houses there looked alike since they were all built by the same housing company that controlled most of the area.

While families in Pittsburgh and other places in the United States are independent, families in Jamaica are encouraged to help each other grow and to put family first before anything else.

Mendez began her photographic journey with a picture of a flower.

Even though it wasn't her most successful photo, it was her most symbolic one.

After taking that picture of a flower with her Kodak Instamatic

100 from her grandfather, she continued taking pictures of nature in Jamaica along with pictures of her baby sister.

Mendez was devastated when her grandfather passed away when she was 6, but he made her the inquisitive person she is today.

From an early age, Mendez wasn't babied in the aspect of death.

"He was the type of person who treated you like an adult even when you were 5. I interpreted it as he was gone and never come back, but I would see him again; I was and still am confident that I'll see him in heaven," Mendez said.

She didn't look into photojournalism as much because artistic talent wasn't encouraged in Jamaica.

"I'd end up doing law if I didn't realize photojournalism is where my heart lies; you can pursue your dreams no matter what," Mendez said.

With her first photo agency experience at Dacx, Mendez hopes to work her way up to National Geographic.

"When I see agencies like National Geographic going about their work, it helps me get rid of stereotypes and understand things that I don't get a chance to experience for myself," Mendez said.

If she earns the opportunity, she'd like to go into different conflict zones and different cultures to help the world understand largely unseen things.

"Not everyone ends up at National Geographic, but if I do end up there it would be because of my own perseverance," Mendez said.

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Correction

In last week's story "Campus show love to students with themed events," by Emily Bowen, Colten Gill's name was incorrectly spelled "Colton." The Globe apologizes for the error.

Williams sets poor media example

The Globe's Point

If you have been keeping up with recent news, you would have seen the disappointing revelation about NBC "Nightly News" anchor Brian Williams. Williams, a well-known and popular journalism figure, admitted that he lied about what happened during a helicopter mission he was on in Iraq in 2003.

He said he was on one of the helicopters that got hit, but he was not. This has caused quite a controversy for NBC as well as the journalism community.

Should Williams be fired? Is journalism as a whole being tarnished by the actions of some journalists? How do we come back from something like this?

It is unfortunate that Williams is in this position, but he did it to himself. As the years went on, he exaggerated the story more and more during speeches or television appearances. What he did not understand is that he will always be Brian Williams, the journalist. Yes, he is a human being. However, he is a person with journalism credentials. Everything he says is put under a microscope because of who he is and what he does.

It did take great guts for him to finally come clean about his lie. It was also noble of him to apologize on television and take himself off the air for a while. But that still does not excuse his actions.

As young journalists, we look up to people like Williams to set a path and good example for us. For some of us, he is the down-to-earth anchor on primetime

television. For others, he is one of the many journalists we look up to. When an incident like this occurs, it leaves us in an uncomfortable position. If the journalists we look up to are not doing their jobs right, we have to be the ones to change the game in the future.

At The Globe, we strive to be the best kind of journalists there are. We follow the Society of Professional Journalists' code of ethics that tells us that we should always seek the truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently and be accountable and transparent. We follow the rules, but sometimes we color outside the lines.

There have been instances where stories had the facts wrong, but we have always made sure to correct our mistakes. The difference between Williams and us is that we don't wait until someone calls out our mistakes to apologize. We admit to our faults as soon as possible to remain a credible newspaper.

We don't want to become journalists that lie to the public. We don't want journalists like Williams ruining our chance before we even get the opportunity to show we can be trusted. We will work hard to show our audience that not all journalists are the same. At The Globe, we value honesty before anything else.

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Strippers deserve respect and dignity

By Dominique Hildebrand
News Photo Editor

Ladies, how excited are you for "Magic Mike XXL?" Channing Tatum and his abs are perfection, moving in sync to "Pony" in the new trailer for the movie. Everything about his life seems glamorous. What about the strippers in all those Playboy movies? The girl dances as the hero of the movie tips her a pile of Benjamins. Through the eyes of Hollywood, stripping seems almost as exciting as being a spy.

However, in reality, strippers are often looked down upon as almost less than human.

It's time for a reality check. Stripping is not for the weak of heart, and we should not put a negative connotation on the individuals who choose to make money this way.

First and foremost, why do we continually put these people down? Why is okay for Channing Tatum to have once been a stripper but repulsive to think that a teacher or businesswoman was once a stripper? I have heard stories of women who stripped their way through college. You know how much debt they had? A whole lot less than I do. And then they are fired because someone found out what they used to do. The emphasis is on "used to," as in they no longer are, but it shouldn't matter either way.

Strippers are physically fit. They are strong. They lift themselves up on a spinning pole and make it look sexy and effortless. It takes an impressive amount of body strength to do the work they do. There are even classes anyone can take. I tried it and I couldn't even raise my hand to write the next day. So how come when stripping is a fitness class it's okay, but when it is someone's job it's atrocious?

Strippers know what they are getting into when they make the choice to become sex workers. Many feminists find it liberat-

ing to show off their sexuality. They don't need protection from a sex-driven market. What they do need protection from is the people running these clubs.

Did you know that strippers have to pay to strip? They actually have to pay the club a fee to strip there. That's how the clubs get away with not providing health-care, and they can unjustly fire strippers. You can be hired to work at a strip club then have to pay the club for stage time. Then they will take out more money for their "cut." Strippers essentially have to pay to work. Imagine having to pay Starbucks for the pleasure of working in their fine establishment. Starbucks would get sued pretty quickly and there would be an end to that nonsense.

Strippers have been trying for years to advocate for better working conditions. They deserve a change. The most famous of these stories is The Lusty Ladies, who fought to unionize in the late 90s. Today, there is another movement for better working conditions for strippers. Sex workers in Oregon are lobbying for safe and fair working conditions.

This is a right. Anyone making taxed money and working full time should, at the very least, have a clean and safe working environment. How hard is it really to make sure the stage won't cave in and the pole won't come unhinged?

Strippers can't even organize to try and improve these conditions. The Lusty Ladies were lucky, they got a union. But more often than not, clubs threaten and forbid strippers from thoughts of unionizing before they can even attempt a negotiation.

Treat strippers the way you'd treat any other person who works hard to make a living: with dignity and respect.

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Anti-vaccine movement harms innocents

By Jon Andreassi
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The following headline was in the news Feb. 2: "Obama to parents doubting 'indisputable' science: 'Get your kids vaccinated.'"

You'd be forgiven for thinking that came from The Onion, but this is from an article published by The Washington Post. This is an actual issue - more and more parents are refusing to get their kids vaccinated.

It's an actual issue, but it shouldn't be.

Recently, there has been a surge in this "anti-vaccination" movement. Those who prescribe to this train of thought, commonly referred to as "anti-vaxxers," are severely misguided and are putting those around them in danger.

The "debate" over vaccinations has been refueled following a recent measles outbreak in Disneyland. Measles have been reported in 14 states, and 2014 was a record year for reported cases of the measles, even though the disease was considered to be eliminated from the United States back in 2000.

The word "debate" was put in quotes in the last paragraph because that's not what this should be. Anti-vaxxers should be taken as seriously as 9/11 truthers. Their claims are backed by nothing but paranoia and faulty science. The current talking point for anti-vaxxers is that vaccines cause autism.

Except they don't.

This belief comes from a 1998 study that was published in BMJ, a British medical journal. Dr. Andrew Wakefield, the author of this study, claimed to have found a link between the measles, mumps and rubella

vaccine with autism using a sample size of 12 patients.

This should immediately set off alarms in your head. A sample size of 12 is laughable, not enough to prove anything. Anyone who has taken the most basic of statistic courses could tell you that.

It gets worse.

BMJ has since retracted that study, claiming that Wakefield altered the medical history of these patients. Fellow authors of the research also withdrew their names from the study after learning that Wakefield accepted money from a law firm - a firm that planned on suing vaccine manufacturers. In short, the study was fraudulent.

This has not stopped the inane rhetoric that vaccinating your children is going to make them autistic. In fact, the falsehood has been further perpetuated by public figures such as Sarah Palin and Jenny McCarthy. It isn't clear if they genuinely believe the lies they are telling or if they are grasping at whatever will potentially keep them relevant. But as public figures with fans and supporters, they have a following. It is irresponsible for them to spew this nonsense, and quite frankly, they owe the public an apology.

What they are doing is dangerous.

What people like Palin and McCarthy are spreading to the public is a big part of what led to the current measles outbreak. Children are not supposed to get the first part of the MMR vaccine until they are 12-15 months old. This means that any parents with a newborn child who live in affected areas (mainly California, the epicenter of the measles outbreak) cannot even leave the house with their child without the fear of the baby getting measles. This wouldn't be a problem if other parents would do the responsible thing and get

their kids vaccinated. It simply isn't fair that the majority of parents fear for the lives of their children due to the paranoia and ignorance of other parents.

Now that Obama has told parents to make sure their kids are vaccinated, politicians on the other side of the fence have come out of the woodwork to turn this into an issue about personal liberties. Republicans like Rand Paul are saying that parents can't be forced to vaccinate their children.

No. This isn't a political issue and it shouldn't be turned into one, much like it isn't a debate. We can't turn this into liberal versus conservative. This is not a situation where we have to respect the opinions and beliefs of both sides because in this situation, one side is wrong. They are wrong about their science, and they are wrong about the beliefs they draw from that science.

There are legitimate reasons to not get vaccines, such as allergies or a weak immune system. Your "personal beliefs" are not one of those legitimate reasons.

So if you are an anti-vaxxer who does not currently have children, do the rest of us a favor and never have them. Also, do some soul-searching. If you believe getting your child vaccinated will lead to autism - it won't - ask yourself this, "Would I rather have a dead child or an autistic child?"

If your answer is the former, you have no business being a parent.

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Croup's Corner

By Josh Croup
Sports Columnist

Track, field and bridges

The Point Park men's and women's track and field teams are competing in their inaugural seasons this year, and the first-year program has made a good impression on the rest of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC).

Last week, the KIAC outdoor track and field preseason coaches' polls were released. Both teams were picked to finish second out of four squads in the KIAC this season, ahead of Indiana University East and Brescia.

The University of Rio Grande received three out of a possible four first place votes in each poll.

Rio Grande is new to the KIAC and is scheduled to host the men's and women's track and field championships April 24-25.

Both Point Park teams are made up largely of freshmen and each has one senior. The women's team has 13 freshmen out of 18 athletes while the men's team has 17 freshmen out of 26 athletes, according to the University's athletics website. The freshmen majority is expected of first year program, but while experience may not be on Point Park's side, talent is.

One of those freshmen, Falonte Jackson, qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national indoor meet in the 200-meter dash with a 22:34 time at the Youngstown State University Icebreaker meet.

Freshman Eric Torres emerged as a stand-out cross country runner last semester, competing in the

NAIA Men's Cross Country National Championship, finishing 199th out of 320 runners at the meet. Torres didn't come to Point Park for just cross country, but also for the new track and field program.

"This is a beginning program, but we're making the best of it," Torres said. "It's getting better by the day."

Point Park's urban setting creates a challenging environment for distance runners like Torres to practice in.

"You're constantly stopping," Torres said. "Once you get out of the city, it's a little different. It's just crossing a lot of bridges."

The women's team crossed an important bridge when they picked up the first-ever event win for either team this past weekend in the 4x200 meter relay.

Point Park's track and field athletes are writing the record books as they go, breaking new school records every meet. The indoor season only has two more meets before the NAIA Indoor National Championships, and then outdoor season will begin.

For now, the teams will continue crossing bridges in the city for training, and hope this translates on the field as Point Park develops this new, promising program.

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Women's relay makes history: Records first win for University

By Ty Smith
Features Photo Editor

Point Park men's and women's track and field teams competed on Saturday at the Mt. Union Jim Wuske Invitational in Alliance, Ohio.

The women's 4x200-meter relay team that consisted of Amber Brown, Taelor Fowler, Chereese Langley and Jahniah McAllister competed for the first time and was the highlight of the meet.

The relay team won the first event ever for the University at their fourth meet with a time of 1:48.98. Langley, a freshman sprinter from Dubois Pa., said winning the race was an achievement for the group.

"Being able to put together a 4x200 relay team for our very first time running it and placing first was such an awesome feeling and great experience," said Langley, who ran the third leg in the event. "It felt very accomplishing to know we are the first people to get first in Point Park history, and I know there will be a lot more firsts coming from us in the future."

Darian Leighty, a sophomore sprinter, cheered from the stands and said the ladies did great.

"They did very well," Leighty said. "Especially Jahniah. She was the first runner and just booked it for the race. She just ran and they all kept up ahead."

On the men's side, senior shot putter Michael Beavis threw a career high of 10.19 meters.

Jryi Davis set a school record in the long jump. The freshman from Bangor, Pa., placed third with a leap of 13.49 meters.

Christian Capers, a freshman sprinter and hurdler on the men's

team, placed sixth in the 60-meter dash, breaking his personal record with a time of 8.95 seconds.

The track and field teams currently practice in the Student Center and travel to Youngstown State University in Ohio weekly to practice on an indoor track. The track the teams competed on Saturday was 200 meters, smaller than what they are used to. Freshman distance runner Eric Torres, who was second in the men's KIAC cross country championship last fall, said running on a 200-meter track can be difficult.

"On the 200-meter track things just shifted. The past couple meets we've been running on a 300-meter track. I guess jumping from a 300 to a 200 was just something that was brand new for a lot of people," Torres said. "We kind of struggled for a little bit, but we still pulled through."

Torres ran in the 3,000-meter run and came in 10th place with a time of 9:24.64.

More notable performances came from freshmen sprinters Alexander Vaughn and Zachary Watt. Vaughn led the Pioneers in the 400-meter dash coming in ninth place with a time of 52.90 seconds and Watt less than a second behind with a time of 53.11.

The Pioneers next meet is on Feb. 13 at the Baldwin Wallace Mid-February Meet in Berea, Ohio.

"I just want to continue to stay dedicated and keep working hard during the week," Langley said. "I know it will show at my next meets."

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In which event did the Pioneer track and field team record its first ever victory?

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Pioneers break even in conference: Come up short in upset bid of IU East

By Christine Cestra
For The Globe

The Point Park men's basketball team ventured away this past week, starting off with their first ever meeting against Carlow University.

The game took place at Oakland Catholic High School last Tuesday night, where Point Park ended their two game losing streak with a win.

The Pioneers crushed the first half in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) game, with Jerah'me Williams shooting a 3-pointer near the halftime buzzer to make the score 42-29.

Point Park kept the momentum going in the second half, expanding their lead to 65-45. Not stopping there, the Pioneers pushed it to 80-62 with five minutes left in the game.

"We knew we had to win to stay in the race for the first place spot in the conference," Art Christian said. "Coming off a two game losing streak, we took it a little personal."

Williams had nine assists and 24 points. Sa'iid Allen finished the game with 15 points.

Carlow is in its first year of men's basketball, but that didn't stop the Pioneers from treating the team any different.

"Nothing different, it was just another game," Williams said after the game. "It feels alright to win, but it's not first place, so we are trying to get first to get home conference games. I think we're ready for the upcoming challenges."

Point Park's KIAC conference record was 4-4 after winning against Carlow. This put the Pioneers in second place in the KIAC North Division.

The Pioneers next game was against division leader IU East in an away game this past Sunday.

"We knew we had to win to stay in the race for the first place spot in the conference."

Art Christian
Sophomore Guard
Point Park Men's Basketball

The Pioneers came extremely close to winning against IU East, but just weren't able to pull through in the overtime game.

Williams put in his 21 points for the game with six assists also helping with early points in overtime helped bump the score 79-73.

A pair of free throws made by IU East tied the game at 79-79 with less than two minutes left.

The Pioneers were unable to come back from the tie, ending the game at 84-81.

With the win for the Red Wolves, they secured the KIAC North Division title, having a four game lead over the rest of the division.

With this loss, the Pioneers will have to focus on getting second place in the KIAC division, which would come with a home game in the KIAC tournament, which comes at the end of the month.

Alan Heter and Yandell Davis both totaled 15 points in the game. Davis also had nine rebounds and five steals.

The Point Park starters played all of the game except for eight minutes. Williams and Barry Smith played all 45 minutes. Heter played the whole game except a few seconds.

Point Park dropped to 2-4 KIAC road games but will be playing three of their final four games at home.

The Pioneers started off with Rio Grande on Tuesday, who they last beat on the road on Jan. 7, which is still the only loss for Rio Grande.

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photo by Madison Turiczek
Sophomore guard Celina DiPietro shoots the ball in hopes of scoring against Carlow last Tuesday.



photo by Madison Turiczek
Senior forward Barry Smith jumps over his opponent to score two points in a game against Carlow.



photo by Madison Turiczek
Junior guard and forward T.J. Lanier dunks the ball early in the first half in the game against Carlow.

Women's basketball recovers from losses

By Michael Richter
For The Globe

After a heartbreaking loss to IU Southeast, the Point Park women's basketball team defeated two conference foes on the road – increasing the team's overall record to 21-3 and its KIAC record to 8-2.

On Feb. 3, Point Park beat Carlow 75-64. Carlow led in the game for the first 1:35 but never recaptured the lead. The Pioneers started the game on a 23-5 run and never looked back. Starting guard Kelly Johnson contributed eight points to that opening run. At the end of the first half, Point Park had a 41-26 lead over Carlow. Throughout the second half, the Pioneers maintained at least an 11-point edge over the Celtics.

Johnson led the team in points with 33, which is a single game best for her. Johnson was perfect from three-point range; she went 4-4 on attempted treys. From the field, Johnson made 61 percent of her shots and racked up six steals and six assists.

Point Park starting forward Carly Forse generated 18 points – six of which were scored in the opening four minutes of the game. Starting forward Ja'Nia McPhatter put up nine points and grabbed nine rebounds.

A dominant second half gave the Pioneers a 103-79 victory over IU East on Feb. 8. The win gave Point Park a 2.5 game advantage over IU East in the KIAC North Division standings.

At halftime, IU East held a 48-40 advantage over the Pioneers; however, the Pioneers bounced back and outscored IU East by over 30 points in the second half.

"We knew we had to step up in the second half and face the adversity," said Point Park guard Celina DiPietro. "We came back from another deficit, and after we gained the lead, there was no way we were letting them come back."

After DiPietro made a basket to put Point Park up

52-50 with 15:48 remaining, IU East never led in the game again. The Pioneers started the second half on a 32-6 run, which gave the team a 72-54 lead with 11:41 left in the game.

For her second consecutive game, Johnson scored 30-plus points. She amassed 31 points against Carlow, and she produced 10 assists, which gave her a double-double. Johnson recorded seven steals; she was only three steals shy of a triple-double.

Alexa Xenakis – who is a starting guard for Point Park – scored 25 points versus Carlow. Xenakis shot 60 percent from three-point range.

"I just did my job that I'm put on the court to do, which is shoot," Xenakis said.

Junior forward McPhatter tallied 17 points, grabbed six rebounds and recorded two steals.

"All around I had to be more aggressive and that showed," McPhatter.

Next up on the schedule for Point Park is a home game on Feb. 10 against Rio Grande, the team that holds a one game lead over the Pioneers in the KIAC North Division standings.

"People may think it will be tough for us since we're playing a huge game two days after we just had a tiring game, but that's what we're used to, and that's what we live for," Xenakis said.

If the Pioneers defeat Rio Grande, they will reclaim first place in the KIAC North Division. And Point Park surely is determined to come out victorious.

"I think we are prepared for Rio," DiPietro said. "We showed against Midway and IU East that we can come back from anything. We aren't going to let anything stop us from getting to Sioux City [site of NAIA Division II Women's National Championship]."

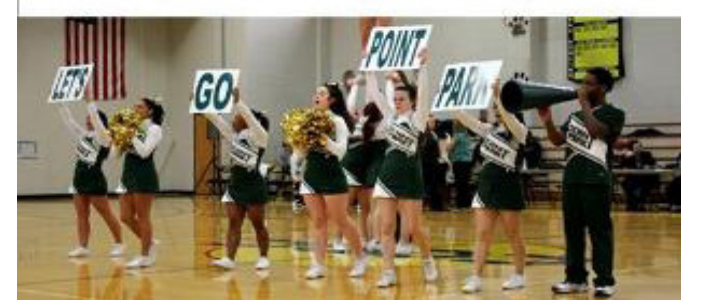
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PIONEER DRILL ANSWER: 4 x 200 meter relay