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Students take classroom knowledge to the field

By Angela Woodard
For The Globe

When Point Park Humanities and Human Sciences professor Sean Martin volunteered his time and expertise last year to a local Army Reserve Company, he had no way of knowing that his desire to show his appreciation for the men and women dedicated to military service would turn into an out of classroom learning experience for his students.

Last week, Martin took a group of students that included undergraduates, military veterans and graduate student alum of the criminal justice and intelligence studies program to McGarity Army Reserve Center in Coraopolis, Pa. to participate in a training exercise with the 303rd Psychological Operations Company.

"Normally I just go out by myself," Martin said. "But I'm always trying to find a way to get experience and resume material for my students."

Martin began volunteering as a civilian instructor with the 303rd when one of his students, Ryan Vickers, a senior national security and intelligence major and active drilling member of the company, saw the value of the coursework for his fellow soldiers and introduced Martin to the company's operations officer.



photo courtesy of Sean Martin

Students of the criminal justice and intelligence studies program participated in a training exercise at the McGarity Army Reserve Center in Coraopolis, PA.

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USG approves new community service club Pay It Forward

By Christine Manganas
Co-Features Editor

USG

Two students reached out to United Student Government (USG) Monday, seeking approval for a new club to begin in the upcoming fall semester.

Freshmen Patty Sorg, a criminal justice major, and Mackenzie Sugrue, a mass communications major, petitioned to approve Pay it Forward, a group which will focus on community service jobs around the city. USG approved this club, which will begin to develop now, but start in fall 2015.

Co-President Sorg and Vice President Sugrue explained that they plan to differ from other groups on campus. While certain clubs tend to focus more strictly on the University, they plan to venture outside the school's borders.

"What we want to do is kind of go out into the Pittsburgh community and not as much Point Park," Sorg said. "Obviously, we want our students to be involved as much as they can, but we want to step off of Boulevard of the Allies, get away from Wood Street and just work on the Pittsburgh community as a whole."

Pay it Forward's long-term plan for next semester, and future semesters, involves tree planting, animal shelter visits and nursing home visits. They also incorporate a specific event called the Bag it Forward series.

"What this does is have different bags students can make to go to homeless shelters or women's shelters, children in hospitals, or animal hospitals, and that's basically what we are all about," Sorg said.

USG page 2

Students vulnerable to cyber security threats, phishing scams

By Tyler White
For The Globe

Most students have experienced a computer crash that results in lost work, but the crash may actually be due to a cyber-security breach. Technology has opened doors for hackers to acquire private information and destroy computer users' property.

This type of attack has happened twice on campus, according to Help Desk Manager Annie

Shean. The situations involved ransom-ware, a relatively new form of malware. The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information describes it as "a type of malware, which restricts access to the computer system that it infects and demands a ransom to be paid to its creator."

"The makers say they will deliver an encryption key when you pay them," said Shean. This key is said to unlock the infected files.

Malware can cause anything from mild

CYBER page 2

Veterans share their stories at Breakfast Club

By Matthew Petras
For The Globe

Two students will be contributing their stories at a Veterans Breakfast Club event in late April at the Heinz History Center.

The meetings revolve around discussion and storytelling among veterans of all ages and backgrounds. These events take place all over the Pittsburgh area, covering six or seven locations, according to Todd DePastino, executive director. Typically, these get-togethers take in 50 to 150 guests, most of which are older veterans.

"[The events] tend to be very uplifting and very high-energy," said DePastino.

The heart of these events are found in the informal telling of stories rather than formal

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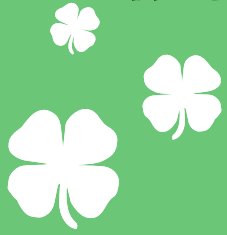
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New malware, scams threaten tech security for students

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frustration to complete system failure. According to PC World, "malware is a term used to describe a broad category of damaging software that includes viruses, worms, Trojan horses, rootkits, spyware and adware."

Phishing scams are generally delivered through emails. They may be disguised as a promise of riches or a request for the username and password for a specific account. The creators hope to trick a user into submitting personally identifiable information (PII) by offering chances of great fortune or by pretending to be a trusted authority.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," said Don Gearhart, coordinator of the Computer Service Center.

Will Elmes, director of Information Technology (IT) Security and Operations, said not to give up information, especially if it's unexpected. He also encourages not opening attachments from unknown senders.

Question everything – emails, text messages or advertisements. Frequently misspelled words or misrepresented names can indicate a scam, according to Gearhart.

Assistant Vice President of Information

Technology Tim Wilson said to "make sure OS X and Windows are always updated with the latest updates available."

"Be careful what you install," Gearhart said.

Malware can also be disguised in free software. Pirated content increases the chances of falling subject to harmful malware.

"Staying mainstream is the best bet. Do not download pirated music, movies or games," Gearhart said.

In a worst-case scenario, Point Park offers resources to fight against malware and hackers. The Computer Service Center, located on the second floor of Thayer Hall, can address viruses and other malware issues students may encounter.

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Students combine education and training with Reserves

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"The military is very big on training, while academia is very big on education; I think to be a master of anything you need both," Vickers said in a phone interview. "I just thought it was a great opportunity to bring both together."

As part of the Psychological Operations and Misinformation course that Martin developed and teaches for Point Park, students learn psychological aspects of communicating effectively to accomplish a variety of goals. In preparing for the exercise, students participated in the development of scenarios following guidelines set forth by Martin.

"We set up four scenarios involving humanitarian missions and the types of realistic situations that the soldiers might find themselves in when deployed; trying to foster cooperation between local populations and the army," Martin said.

Some examples of the types of humanitarian scenarios that were developed and enacted with the soldiers included setting up vaccination stations, introducing clean water supplies where the water had been contaminated and cooperating with local leaders of whatever communities the soldiers may be deployed in order to foster goodwill.

The scenarios are devised to simulate potential obstacles that maybe posed by suspicion, or differing cultural perspectives that might make people resistant to help. Through role-playing, participants seek to find common ground.

The students took on the roles of the resistant populace and were positioned at various locations around the base. Soldiers came in groups and would take turns engaging them in conversations while contending with distractions such as loud music or entrusting the accuracy of an interpreter, explained Martin.

"One of the main objectives of our training was to get the soldiers to practice being open-minded, not to get frustrated, to be adaptable, to adjust to different perspectives and not be frustrated when they faced obstacles," Martin said.

Students drew upon some of their own unique abilities while engaging in the roleplaying exercises with the soldiers.

"I was able to use some of my language abilities...a lot of the study I've done has been related to cultures in the Middle East and I

was able to utilize that and utilize some of the vocabulary from Arabic that I know in order to make the training scenario more realistic for them," said freshman Intelligence and National Security major, Josh, (who requested that his last name not appear in this article) in a phone interview.

After the Psychological Operations training exercise was completed, students participated in a feedback and question and answer dialogue session with the reservists. Soldiers who had already been overseas shared with the group some of the details of their experiences, and how their training in psychological operations was used in building relationships while deployed.

"Most people think that our military in Afghanistan is widely unpopular, but the people establish good relationships with them, a soldier was telling me how an Afghani family would have them over for dinner sometime," Megan Potter, a sophomore Intelligence and National Security major, said. "We had the chance to meet amazing people; we established great connections while we were there."

Between 40-50 Army Reserve soldiers participated in the training exercise that was split into two sessions, lasting four hours each. As a matter of routine, whenever a training exercise is completed the 303rd conducts an "after action review," Operations Officer Captain Michael Schwille said in a phone interview. "Overwhelmingly the soldiers liked the interaction with the students...and said they wanted to work with the students again."

According to Schwille, plans are being looked into to continue to expand opportunities and partnership between the 303rd and Point Park.

"Within the realm of things that are possible we definitely want to have the students out again," Schwille said.

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World News in Brief

Aggregated by Matthew Salinger

Asia

Thousands of Indian citizens in New Delhi, India raided a jail and dragged out an accused rape suspect. Police tried to save the suspect using tear gas and bamboo poles on the crowd, but were unable to rescue the man before he was beaten to death.

New York Post

Africa

Nigeria's biggest outlaw Abubakar Shekau announced on Saturday his allegiance with ISIS. Shekau is the leader of renowned African extremist group Boko Haram. The announcement came from Shekau, speaking in an Arabic audio message with English subtitles. The Nigerian group, following their Islamic State "brothers" began publishing videos of beheadings, the most recent on Mar. 2.

New York Post

Europe

Austrian painter Gustav Klimt's most celebrated work of art, "The Beethoven Frieze," has been denied from its original heirs. Painted directly on a wall of Vienna's Art Nouveau Secession gallery in 1902, it's a treasured part of the exhibit. After being taken by the Nazis during WWII, the painting was supposed to be returned to its original Jewish owners. However, after being moved around for years, an Austrian panel finally voted against giving it back to its original owners. The president of the Secession Museum, Herwig Kempinger said, "leaving the Frieze in its current place maintains the art-historical connection between building and work."

BBC News

North America

Thousands of Americans this week, including the first family, gathered in Selma, Ala. to honor the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and participate in the commemoration of the fight 50 years ago between peaceful protesters and the Alabama police force.

Channel 7 Miami News

Middle East

Mohammed Emwazi, better known as Jihadi John, apologized to his family this week. Emwazi relayed the message to London Media through a third party. The apology is for the "problems and trouble the revelation of his identity has caused" to his kin. However, he never expressed any remorse for his killings.

The New York Post

The Islamic State (IS) is struggling to get itself together as a state with an increasing amount of problems. Insiders from the IS reported that water in some cities is undrinkable. The states services are collapsing, and medicines are scarce across the "caliphate" infected parts of Iraq and Syria. Much of the assistance being provided comes from western agencies that secretly continue to help areas of in the Islamic State, like Syria.

The Washington Post

Washington

Hillary Clinton is under fire as it was revealed that during her time in the office of Secretary of State, Clinton, as instructed by her superiors, used a personal email instead of a government issued one. The only word from Clinton came from her Twitter account, saying that she wants the public to see these emails.

New York Times

Pittsburgh

With the warmer weather right around the corner, the famous Pittsburgh potholes are sure to make their yearly appearance. This week, starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, the city is planning an around the clock patching blitz. Planned to end Friday at 6 p.m., Mayor Bill Peduto stresses citizens to report pothole fix requests to the city's 311 hotline.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

This Friday the 13th is Pittsburgh's Popular Food Culture Tour, a day to tour what Bon Appetit magazine called "The Next Big Food City." Guests of the tour will be able to try food that has been featured on "Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives" and "Man V. Food" starting at 10 a.m. at 2 PPG Place's Crazy Mocha and lasting until 1p.m.. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

DowntownPittsburgh.com

Students share to raise awareness to veteran life

Point Park veterans bring awareness to larger issues

from VETERANS page 1

speaking roles, with tales that span from humorous anecdotes to accounts of prisoner-of-war scenarios.

“Every time I think I heard it all, someone comes up with a new story I’ve never heard,” DePastino said.

The next event coming up is on April 30 and runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for general admission. A VIP reception is held the preceding hour, according to the official invitation.

Veteran’s Club advisor and senior political science major James Gaddis, a Navy veteran, plans on attending the event. Gaddis tries to talk about veteran life in a way that doesn’t bring attention to his own experiences but rather to the issues at hand. Bringing awareness to veteran life and incorporating veterans into the “public community” is essential to helping veterans, according to Gaddis.

“If people don’t know about [veteran life], they’ll be less willing to work with veterans,” Gaddis said.

Senior intelligence and national security major Ryan Vickers also hopes to share his story at the event, he said. He served in the Army as a scout, which is a job concerning the gathering of intelligence.

Point Park involvement in Veterans Breakfast Club events is not new. Associate professor of photography and photojournalism Christopher



photos by Elizabeth Berie

Senior international and National security major, Ryan Vickers (left), and Senior Political advisor major, James Gaddis (right) will speak that The Veterans Breakfast Club event April 30 at the Heinz History Center.

Rolinson put together a film with the same title as the events, “The Veterans Breakfast Club.” In this film, which was finished in 2014, he conducted interviews with World War II veterans who attended the breakfasts.

Rolinson has attended over 20 of these Veterans Breakfast Club events, as an Army veteran himself, he said. What really stuck out from these events for him was how “humble” the

veterans were.

“They’ve spent years not telling their stories,” Rolinson said.

According to Rolinson, a lot of veterans keep these stories to themselves until they’re older.

“I haven’t heard any stories from [younger veterans],” he said.

Despite their young age, Vickers, Gaddis and the Veteran’s Club is impassioned in helping a group of

people filled with many elderly folks.

“What was really moving [at Veterans Breakfast Club events] was seeing younger and older vets bond,” said DePastino.

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CAB plans removal of community service section

from USG page 1

Pay it Forward is a group that will grow partially from members of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) due to the future cut of the community service section. CAB’s administrators realized that the community service within the club was not getting the attention that it deserved, and therefore needed to be let go.

“CAB really loves community service and the message behind it. They just couldn’t do it any longer because they were not getting much attendance to the events,” Sorg said.

Sorg and Sugrue hope the word will spread about their new club. With help from social media and word of mouth, the two hope students get involved in their events.

“Social media will really help, and we have just been trying to get people involved. Just by people coming to events now for CAB, we are getting the word out about what we are doing,” Sugrue said.

With the cancellation of community service, CAB plans to add a new section: pioneer series. The organization will put on different programs, four continuous series that will happen each month, and

will feature new themes to attract programs that the students desire.

Although no events have yet to be confirmed, the group aspires for success. The two plan to finish out their work with CAB and leave on a good note with the club.

“We don’t have anything set in stone yet since we are just getting started, but we are going to have so many different smaller events, and with the connections we have with CAB, we hope to be successful,” Sorg said.

Because it will not begin until next semester, Pay it Forward will not be seeking money for the next funding period that begins this week. According to USG Treasurer Thaddeus Covaleski, the finance committee meetings for the clubs are underway and continue until Thursday. USG hopes to have their next funding meeting Mar. 16.

Back in Jan., they allocated \$21,621 to the 32 clubs. Only \$7,500 of what was given out was spent this first funding period, so the remaining \$14,059



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will be added to the second period. “Because of the money added to this second funding period from the first, we are looking at around the same amount as we gave out in January,”

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CRIME REPORT

February 23 - 28

<p>FEB. 23RD 10:48 pm Conestoga Odor Investigation</p> <p>FEB. 24TH 12:59 pm Patterson Hall Odor Investigation</p> <p>4:48 pm Lawrence Hall Misconduct</p> <p>FEB. 25TH 1:57 pm University Center Odor Investigation</p> <p>FEB. 26TH 4:26 pm Lawrence Hall Theft - referred to Student Conduct</p>	<p>FEB. 27TH 8:02 pm Wood Street Public Intoxication - Arrest</p> <p>1:24 pm Thayer Hall Theft - referred to Student Conduct</p> <p>FEB. 28TH 8:59 am West Penn Trespassing - Warning Issued</p> <p>12:38 pm Lawrence Hall Elevator Entrapment</p> <p>10:26 pm Lawrence Hall Odor Investigation</p>	<p>Total Calls: 200</p> <p>Lock Outs: 28</p> <p>Medical Calls: 7</p>
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<p>MARCH 2ND 2:15 pm University Center Panhandler</p> <p>10:34 pm Pioneer Hall Odor Investigation</p> <p>MARCH 4TH 7:52 pm Thayer Hall Drug Violation - referred to Student Conduct</p> <p>MARCH 5TH 10:24 pm Lawrence Hall Odor Investigation</p> <p>MARCH 8TH 10:31 pm Lawrence Hall Odor Investigation</p> <p>11:06 pm Lawrence Hall Alcohol Violation - referred to Student Conduct</p>	<p>Total Calls: 248</p> <p>Lock Outs: 18</p> <p>Medical Calls: 1</p>
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Features

University class slices into real world company

Pizza Hut gets a taste of students' corporate advertising plans

By Tyler Banash
For The Globe

Seated in an circle of tables and chairs, the nine students of Bob O'Gara's IMC Capstone - Ad Competition course assembled to devise a campaign of national scale, which could possibly change the way the entire country eats pizza.

Pizza Hut is this year's sponsor for the National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC), which is being held mid-April in New York City, Co-Account Executive Kelli Murphy explained.

"Our team's challenge is to build a 27-page book and a presentation for Pizza Hut to improve its online and mobile ordering," Murphy said. "They don't want people to call in anymore."

Among the exciting ideas the class plans to bring to New York are app incentives, textbook discounts and a pop-up pizza truck akin to the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile. Murphy said the team is working on attracting young pizza-eating adults by rewarding them for using their mobile phone applications to make orders.

The philosophy behind their campaign, which has contributed to its overall theme, leans on fond retrospective memories of growing up with Pizza Hut. Members of the millennial generation have fallen out of touch with the company as the market for pizza becomes oversaturated with op-

tions. Even the Pizza Hut menu has gone to excess, admitted Jon Ermlick during a focus group organized by him and the rest of the advertising team, giving additional reasons as to why Pizza Hut prefers orders made online as it reduces the chance for miscommunication.

The campaign the students create for the competition will be presented before a panel of judges to be appraised on categories such as overall presentation, ability to answer questions and practicality. O'Gara, who will be returning to New York with the students for his 10th consecutive year, stressed the importance of this competition and how it benefits the participants.

"It reinforces the value of the education that these guys get for four years here. And it is as professional and real-world as it could be," O'Gara said. "I've shown these books to some top people at ad agencies and they go, 'Wow, your students did this?'"

Co-account Executive Melanie Vadney considered the class as it pertains to a career in advertising with severity, but also with confidence.

"I think if you're at this point and you're not sure, this is a surefire way to get you out of it. It's a very high-intensity course, and we have really high expectations, but I don't think it's anything that these people can't meet," Vadney said.



photo by Tyler Banash

Jon Ermlick leads a focus group in discussion on ways to make Pizza Hut more attractive to millennials.

Past competitors have proven an invaluable asset to the current preparing team, offering insight and warnings to better prepare current students for what's in store. Noelle Novakovich and Travis Zimmerman, both participants of last year's NSAC, visited O'Gara's class with a copy of their own book and a lot of stories to tell. After hearing about the plans for this year's competition, they were not displeased.

"You guys definitely have a good direction," Novakovich said.

Winners of this competition will be sent to Las Vegas for the final round. The winning team of the Las Vegas competition will see its ideas

put into effect by Pizza Hut for the following season. However, an exciting detail about the competition is that as the sponsoring company, Pizza Hut has the option to pick and choose.

"If we make something cool, we could see something that we've made Pizza Hut using later on, even if we don't win," Murphy said.

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University offers room to reflect presentation skills

Librarian presses play to improve students' verbal techniques

By Jackie Graham
For The Globe

For years, University librarian Liz Evans wanted to add a presentation and recording room to the library. During months of discussion, she persuaded others that such a room for students to work on speeches and presentations was needed on campus.

After collaboration with other University officials, the new room is in operation on the library's lower floor next to the magazine section.

"Within speech giving, it's not just about being verbal and your actual speech, but it's your body language as well, and that's what this room is going to really help teach is to see your full body language whenever you are giving a presentation," access services and archival coordinator, Phil Harrity said.

Presentation rooms are being offered at other schools such as the University of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania State University. Evans felt Point Park should join the trend, so she started to figure out a way to add one to campus. Evans partnered up with Harrity, along with others, to orchestrate the new resource for students to use.

The space provides a resource for students to get

comfortable with presenting in front of the camera.

"Your presentation is a performance," Evans said.

The presentation room is available to all students and can be accessed or reserved for any time the library is open except for the last hour. It closes an hour earlier in order to prevent disruption during practicing in the event that the library is closing.

Signing up to use the room is simple, according to Evans. Students can go online to the library's website under the tab "reserve a room" in order to schedule a time for the presentation room as well as other group study rooms.

As long as the room is not reserved, students can come and use the room in their free time as well. When a student uses the room, he or she checks out a bag with items just as they would with a book. Inside the bag, students will find controls for the camera, microphone pack, remote and key.

There are instructions inside the room for students to follow if they get confused at any time. The room has a stand with a computer, a television screen for broadcasting media and a camera.

Once the student is in the room, he or she can set up the camera and screen however they want. The camera can zoom in and out and pan the room.

A recording is downloaded directly to the student's USB device, allowing them to reference the recording once they leave.

Advertising and public relations major, Noami Owens plans on using the room for her classes. One of her professors has assigned her class to record their presentations in the room and upload them to Blackboard.

"I think it's a good way to be more realistic about how your performance goes instead of doing it in front of a mirror because you can't play that back," Owens said.

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Musical brings love and laughs to Playhouse stage

Critically-acclaimed director focuses attention to romantic drama

By Brandon Flournoy
Staff Writer

The classic 1950's musical "The Boy Friend" hit the Pittsburgh Playhouse stage and is now a part of the Point Park's theater archives.

Point Park students can see the performance free of charge and can experience life in France during the 1920s through the outlet of acting, music and fashion.

This comedic musical was written in 1953 by Alexander Galbraith Wilson, who was born on May 19, 1924, and passed away on Aug. 27, 2014, at 90 years old.

In England, this influential composer, songwriter and author was popularly known as "Sandy" Wilson. Even though the musical title is often presented as "The Boyfriend" by some individuals, Wilson's production and performance earned its right to be called one of the longest running musical productions on Broadway, according to critics.

The performance began on Feb. 27, but because of Point Park's spring break, the next performances will take place from Mar. 12-15. Tickets are available on the Pittsburgh Playhouse website for \$18 to \$20.

Jack Allison, a critically-acclaimed director and Point Park professor of musical theatre course. Period Styles of Acting, and Beginning Directing, said that this musical is a "spoof of the 1920s."

"It's fun, and it's mindless. It doesn't pretend to have a deep message," Allison said. "[A] young girl meets at night, falls in love in the morning."

Kristin Serafini, a senior musical theatre major, is playing the role of "Polly Browne," a young and attractive girl who falls head over heels for a delivery boy Tony Brockhurst. With excitement, Serafini explained how she felt about the character that she is playing.

"I love playing Polly Browne because she's just a young girl that wants a boyfriend. She's also kind of a pathological liar, but not in a bad way," Serafini said.

According to Serafini, a small amount of research was needed to be able to become Polly. A glimpse at Julie Andrews, the originator of the role at the age of 18, and a pinch of history is all that it took for Serafini to play the character.

"I looked up what Polly was like in the 1920s, but she's not too complicated of a character that I really had to do too much research on," Serafini said. "There hasn't been too much that I had to tap into.

She's kind of shy around the girls, but they all really like her, and they're always wondering what she's up to."

In the musical, Tony Brockhurst's animated and wealthy father Lord Brockhurst is played by Keaton Jadwin, a senior musical theatre major. Lord Brockhurst is an older man who does not hesitate when it comes to pursuing younger women.

"It's a fluff musical," Jadwin said. "Lord is a very character-driven type of man. He's a 65 year-old man who is sick and tired of his wife pounding him, so he runs off and try to get with an 18-year-old, or 17-year-old."

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Point Park police pursue safe environment on St. Patty's Day

By Gigi Hoffman
For The Globe

As the city is bustling with people and festivities, Chief of Point Park Police Jeffrey Besong is not naive enough to think students will refrain from joining in the celebration of the annual Pittsburgh St. Patrick Day's Parade.

Besong has a series of tips – starting with staying with friends – to ensure the day, when more than 100,000 people converge on Downtown and campus for one of the largest parades in the country, goes smoothly.

"Treat yourself and others with respect. Sexual assaults, physical assaults, vandalism, destruction of property and other violations of our community standards will not be tolerated. If you observe behavior that's dangerous or concerning, say something or contact public safety for assistance," Besong said.

No spoilsport, Besong encour-

ages students to have a fun time, but also warns students who violate Point Park's Code of Conduct or Pennsylvania law that they could face criminal charges and disciplinary probation or suspension from Point Park.

"If going out with a group of friends, have everyone buddy up to make sure they get home safely. Travel in numbers and wear green. Let someone know where you are and what time you are due back to campus," Besong said.

He realizes everyone wants to enjoy themselves, but stressed that students should know their limits, so they don't become a burden on others and can remember what happened the next morning.

Students should carry their University identification card at all times. He also encouraged not carrying valuables to the St. Patrick's Day Parade or any other celebration.

Besong says there are plenty of fun

things to do on St. Patrick's Day with family and friends, but it's important to have a high level of awareness when it comes to safety.

"Remember, the choices you make reflect on not only your reputation, but also that of the University," Besong said.

Freshman forensic science major Bria Marsonек was standing on the parade route last year with her family when they noticed a large, orange-haired, shirtless man running full speed through the tightly packed crowd.

"Luckily, I jumped out of the way, but my cousin was basically trampled by this man, and that was the last we saw of him," Marsonек said.

Marsonек's story should remind everyone to always be looking out for anything that could go wrong to keep out of harm's way.

Freshman Cheyenne Rychoriewicz was getting lunch while watching the parade last year and when walking by a building she noticed a

young man, clearly intoxicated, vandalizing property.

"When I was walking by, I saw him smash the glass casing of a fire extinguisher with his head. It completely shattered, and his forehead started bleeding instantly," Rychoriewicz said.

Junior acting major Perris Drew has definitely seen his share of interesting people on the day of the parade, especially last year.

"Seeing the amount of drunk people downtown on this day is a sight to see," Drew said. "It was also somewhat funny seeing intoxicated people being pulled into Lawrence Hall lobby because they couldn't keep it together outside amongst all the action. One of my friends became so drunk, they were passed out for at least an hour. The turn-up is real on St. Patrick's Day."

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University hosts events to help involve students



photo by Courtney Giles

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted their annual Ping Pong Ball Drop in Lawrence Hall Ballroom on Wednesday Feb. 25. The event that had more than \$700 in giveaways was held to promote awareness of the club and how to become involved.



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Students socialize and play games at the CAB Ping Pong Ball drop on Wednesday, Feb. 25 in Lawrence Hall Ballroom.



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Transparency key in Title IX investigation

The Globe's Point

On March 6, students received an email from Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Karen McIntyre regarding a complaint that was filed with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) against the University.

The complaint, which alleges the University has discriminated against one or more students on the basis of sex and/or race, involves Title IX and the handling of a sexual misconduct case.

The University appeared in local newspapers and even on local news stations, as the complaint from the OCR resulted in a federal investigation of the University.

"Point Park University takes very seriously its obligations under Title IX and its commitment to provide a safe and secure environment for our students and other members of the University community," McIntyre said in the email. "Point Park does not tolerate sexual misconduct of any kind."

Title IX, which went into effect in 1972, prohibits discrimination against students on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities. Under Title IX, sexual misconduct is seen as a form of sex discrimination.

According to McIntyre, the University has specific policies in place to address cases of sexual misconduct and has followed those policies accordingly. Point Park is cooperating with the OCR to resolve the issue, according to the email.

The Globe reached out to the University for more information regarding the federal investigation, but was instead forwarded the same

statement that was sent to students last Friday via email.

It goes without saying that the names of the people involved cannot be released as it involves a case of sexual misconduct; however, students deserve to know more about the situation at hand.

Sexual misconduct is serious. Federal investigations are serious, especially when pertaining to sexual misconduct. The email sent to students was vague, and many students are confused as to what the investigation is exactly pertaining to.

Obviously, the University has to obey the confidentiality agreements of Title IX involving sexual misconduct. That being said, the University can and should reveal more information about the matter without revealing said confidential information.

As a newspaper, we value transparency. We realize that there is information that cannot be shared with the public by the University, but we also think the University is trying a bit too hard to keep the situation under wraps, potentially confusing and alarming students.

What student wants to receive an email notifying them that their University is under federal investigation for its reporting and handling of something as frightening and serious as sexual misconduct – something that, unfortunately, is an issue that is running rampant at universities across the nation?

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How to deal with the millennials in your life

By Laura Byko
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Millennials are the worst. They are entitled, narcissistic children who cannot function even the slightest bit in the real world. They demand a room full of trophies for every quirk they exhibit, and they will slap you in the face if you do not compliment them.

At least, that's what I learned from the internet.

In reality, it's not that difficult to work with millennials. As one myself, I thought it would be helpful to include a guide to dealing with them, dispelling some myths and spreading more accurate information about what's been pejoratively labeled the "Me me me" generation. So I present here some Frequently Asked Questions, a guide to millennial life.

Q: How old are millennials?

A: Younger than you, but if you look in their eyes you'd think they were old enough to have died twice. Just know that they are younger than you and hungrier than you and not quite sure what they are hungry for.

Q: What do millennials use Snapchat for?

A: To be honest, exactly what you think. They coordinate there in 10-second fragments. A plan of attack seems an ungraceful way to phrase their communications, but both plans and attacks are involved, in addition to jokes, quips, insults, prayers, curses and targets.

Q: How many millennials are there?

A: So many. More than you'd like there to be. Enough to crawl into the corners of your dreams, but not enough to turn them completely into nightmares.

Q: Is it true that all millennials can unhinge their jaws and breathe in deeply with a truly hellish noise and suck out my

soul if I do not have a Snapchat account?

A: No, of course all millennials can't do that. Only about 40 percent were granted soul-sucking powers, and most of them would most likely abstain from such a complex venture with so little payoff. Forcibly extracting a physical manifestation of your spiritual self from your body is exhausting. The effort would not be worth it for something as small as your soul. They want all of you.

Q: Are they trying to hurt me?

A: Well, yes and no. They don't want to cause you any physical pain; that would be too easy. Anyone can break a leg or a strategic blood vessel. If a millennial wants you to hurt, she will make you hurt from the inside, smudging the lines between the way you see yourself and the way you see monsters, until every time you look in the mirror you can't help but flinch.

Q: Am I in danger?

A: We're all in danger, aren't we? A cartoon piano could fall from the ceiling and squash your little cartoon body, arms and legs bulging as your center is flattened. A fish could swallow you whole. A millennial could try to wipe your sense of identity off the face of the Earth, until no one remembers you, until remembering you is an unnatural act, until the sound of your name brings only screams of incomprehension because now there's a name for the ruinous void we try not to think about, and the name is your name.

Q: Why me?

A: Because you're the one asking the questions.

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Sleep deprivation plagues many Americans

By Eddie Trizzino
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You've probably heard that America is a sleep-deprived nation. But our youth seem to be getting hit the hardest with what is being called "The Great Sleep Recession." A recent article published in the Pediatrics Journal by researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health found that teens are getting an average of seven hours of sleep per night when they need nine.

According to a Dec. 19, 2013 Gallup Poll article, 40 percent of all Americans get less than seven hours of sleep a night, which raises some mental flags.

As college students, we are just exiting our adolescent years, and we aren't getting enough sleep either. As you're reading this, you're probably strung out on about three hours of sleep and a large cup of coffee, struggling to keep your eyes open as you squint to read the fine print. You may be part of the 40 percent that sleeps less than seven hours a night, because you're busy with other things such as schoolwork or Netflix marathons. At least 40 percent of America stays up with you.

Being sleep deprived can be a serious problem for most people while others just shrug it off and catch up when they get the chance. That chance may come when you least expect it, sitting in a lecture or meeting or at the steering wheel while barreling down a highway. You just never know.

So while you're drooping through the day on

your personal college sleep schedule, you overhear another dead-eyed person talking about how they only got a mere three hours of sleep the night before. Instead of ignoring and forgetting about the random ramblings of a perfect stranger, you step in to tell them that you only got two hours of sleep last night, and you're the one who deserves all the sympathy. You then walk proudly away, having won the contest.

If you've ever said anything in public about how tired you were, this has probably happened to you. Someone always has to turn sleep deprivation into a contest, as if winning will somehow make all those hours of insomnia mean something. This may not be surprising, but nobody is going to give you a medal or even a sticker for your 'accomplishment' in staying awake.

Being constantly tired is one thing, but there is a deeper problem besides the chance of passing out in history class: you love sleep. You can't get enough of sleep. You'd sleep as much as possible if you had the chance, but sadly, you seldom get that chance.

In this case, you have to choose between sleep and other aspects of daily life. You may choose to abandon some bland and optional activities such as walking or even feeding your dog in exchange for your warm, soft bed. You don't need that real life because you can spend a whole day dreaming of doing trivial tasks, but with a hundred times more excitement.

On the flipside, sleeping too much or too long

could come back to haunt you because when you wake up, everything comes back to you. Maybe that's why sleeping is sometimes much more favorable than being awake. Other than nightmares, there really are no troubles or worries that exist in your sleeping world.

Being sleep deprived is a real issue, and you should take sleep seriously because failing to do so can result in harm to not only yourself, but to other people. Obviously, you don't want your doctor operating on you on three hours of sleep, and you definitely don't want your bus driver falling asleep at the wheel. Nobody wants themselves, or you to be tired, so do your best to get enough sleep (and not complain about it) as often as you can.

Even though much of the country is being deprived of precious sleeping hours, it's hard to blame any individual person for not getting enough sleep. Being tired is not totally harmless, but it is relatable, and there are ways to deal with it. Some of the time, you do have to just keep your eyes open long enough to find your way back under the covers while other times you want to be as wide awake as possible to enjoy whatever's going on. Just make sure to get up to feed your dog every once in a while.

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Croup's Corner

By Josh Croup
Sports Columnist

Fans should be proud

If you are a fan of Point Park basketball, you have a lot to be proud of after the 2014-15 season ended over spring break.

Both the men's and women's teams failed to win the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Tournament after securing first round home games. The men lost in the conference championship game to Indiana University East 84-67, and the women lost in the conference semifinals to eventual champion Asbury 65-57.

The women entered the season as the three-time defending KIAC champions and had a starting five that could compete with any school in the country and a bench that was just as good.

Five games into the season, sophomore center Sam Weir - their leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker up to that point - suffered a season ending knee injury.

But the Pioneers did what they always had. They persevered and did their best to overcome the injury.

It was the second year in a row they went without one of their top players. Ja'Nia McPhatter, who was their leading scorer and rebounder the previous year, missed all of last season with an ankle injury.

The team went 21-4 without Weir, finished second in the KIAC North and hosted a first round playoff game. During that game, McPhatter left early with a knee injury to not return; however, they persevered through McPhatter's injury and escaped with an 82-79 win over Midway.

Without Weir and McPhatter, they fell to Asbury in the conference

semis 65-57.

The men entered this season with a different story. They were coming off a disappointing 11-17 overall 2013-14 season and a first round tournament conference tournament loss.

This year, they improved to 16-13 overall and 6-7 in conference play, good for second place in the KIAC North.

Despite finishing sixth overall in the conference and with a losing record in conference play, they were able to host a first round playoff game because of their second place finish in the North. They knocked off Cincinnati Christian for the third time this season then went on the road and rolled over Brescia en route to the KIAC Championship.

The team of underdogs did something they weren't supposed to do: win in the post season. And they won on the road, too.

Williams and Kelly Johnson were named KIAC Newcomers of the Year after carrying their teams throughout the season. Also, they joined McPhatter as All-KIAC selections.

No, neither team will make the trip to nationals this year.

However, the achievements from the players, the perseverance they showed and their never give up attitudes this season should make Point Park basketball fans proud of both teams accomplishments.

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Pioneers fall in KIAC semifinals Miss nationals for first time in four years

By Michael Richter
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The Point Park women's basketball team saw its season come to an abrupt end in the semifinal of Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Tournament.

On Feb. 25, the Pioneers defeated Midway 82-79 in the opening round of the KIAC Tournament. Prior to the game, Midway held a 12-15 record and lost to Point Park back on Jan. 24. However, the game was a tightly contested matchup throughout its entirety. It contained nine lead changes, 12 ties and a combined 52 turnovers from both teams — 25 of those turnovers were committed by Point Park, which was a season high for the team.

"Midway forced us to play poorly," said Pioneers head coach Tony Grenek. "We had way too many mental errors. We threw the ball out of bounds carelessly a few times. We stepped out of bounds accidentally a few times. But we prevailed, and that's all that matters."

Point Park starting point guard Kelly Johnson finished the game with 27 points, five assists, four steals, and she made the game-winning basket from inside the paint with 1:26 remaining in the game.

"Driving to the basket is one of my strong points, and it came in handy tonight," Johnson said.

Pioneers starting forward Carly Forse went 6-7 from the field and scored 16 points whilst only playing 19 minutes.

"I saw some of my teammates struggling, so I decided to pick up my play," Forse said.

Asbury defeated the Pioneers 65-57 on Feb. 28 at home in the semifinals of the KIAC Tournament, which cut Point Park's season to an end, leaving it out of the NAIA Division II

national tournament.

Point Park led 32-31 and had the rebounding edge at the half, but Asbury started to gain momentum toward the end of the first half, which carried over into the second half. By out-rebounding the Pioneers 31-15 in the second half, the Eagles ended up winning the rebounding battle with a 51-35 advantage.

The loss marked the first year in Grenek's four years as Point Park head coach that the Pioneers have not competed in the NAIA Division II Tournament. Furthermore, the defeat closed the final chapter in the respective careers of Kayla Kiriau, Natasha Moss and Vianka Cotton.

However, Johnson and forward Ja'Nia McPhatter received individual awards for the 2014-15 season.

Johnson received the KIAC Newcomer of the Year Award following her first season with the Pioneers after transferring from Clarion University. She finished the season with 17.1 points per game, 4.4 assists per game, 3.6 steals per game and 109 total steals, which is now a school record.

McPhatter won the KIAC Comeback Player of the Year Award after a season in which she scored 10.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. She missed the entire 2013-14 season due to injury.

Moreover, Johnson and McPhatter were also named to the 2014-15 All-KIAC team.

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Powerful pitching propels Point Park to nine wins in Florida

By Christine Cestra
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The No. 22 ranked Point Park University is back in full swing for the 2015 season. After losing about 18 players over the past two seasons, baseball coach Loren Torres will be starting with almost all new players.

"This team has found its cohesive flow back in November," said Crowell. "The bond that we have built as a team is remarkable. It is our goal to be brothers both on and off the field. When people come to watch us play, we want them to see a team that communicates well, a team that feeds off each other, a group that is connected, a dominant force."

Back as starters are senior third baseman Jordan Crowell, senior first baseman Oscar Romero and junior outfielder Shane Conley.

The Pioneers started off their season with the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational Feb. 28 through March 6. With nine wins and one loss, the Pioneers took the tournament over.

The regular season opened with two games against Benedictine University in Florida.

Junior right-hander Nolan Krivijanski took the mound for the Pioneers and gave up only four hits in his six innings, which helped hold the 4-0 lead by Point Park.

Shortstop sophomore Jake Horew took on the last few innings on the mound for the win.

Center fielder transfer Demetrius Mooror started off for the Pioneers with a walk to first and a steal to second. Conley got an RBI, and Crowell followed with a two-run single.

Benedictine didn't score until the team earned three singles in the seventh inning.

In game two, the Pioneers started off with an early lead once again at 3-0.

Horew, Mrkonja and Chaz Russo all had hits, along with Conley who got knocked in by Romero's sacrifice fly.

Point Park won the first game against Benedictine at 4-2 and game two at 3-0.

The Pioneers got a little more footing with the next two games against Evangel on March 2. Point Park knocked in a 9-0 win in the first game and a 7-2 win in the second.

Nate Sphon came in on the mound for about three innings before the game was postponed due to rain.

After a day's rest, the team came back, and Sphon finished where he started, striking out one and walking one as well.

Keenan Smith and Anthony Garofalo each

came in to pitch a scoreless inning.

The Pioneers scored five runs in the third inning and four runs in the fourth, getting them to a 9-0 lead.

In game two, Crowell and Romero each had their own two hits for the lead. Horew also had two RBIs and a homerun in the sixth.

Evangel's Jared Gage hit a homer in the sixth inning, which got them on the board with 4-2.

Games were split on March 4 against Cornerstone with a win in the first game, but a loss in game two.

Point Park started with 11 hits in game one. Jarrad Brown pitched a complete game for the Pioneers for the win, allowing only four hits and one run, and struck out five and had zero walks.

Moorer singled, stole second and third to start off the offense. Andy Chacon knocked out a two-run homerun. The Pioneers won 6-2.

The team could not hold up as much in the second game, falling 13-7 to Cornerstone.

Cornerstone led just after two innings at 9-2. Ben Jarboe took the mound for Point Park, gave up nine runs, walked three and struck out one.

The Pioneers had some errors that worked to Cornerstone's advantage.

Zack Zimmerman came to the mound for an inning and retired all five batters he faced. Luis Romero came in for the final three innings, giving up four runs and walking one.

The Pioneers faced Benedictine again on March 5, sweeping them in both games.

Nolan

Krivijanski gave up one run in his six innings on the mound. Horew finished the with the last two outs for his second win.

The Pioneers went on to beat both Trinity International with 14-0 and Cornerstone with 5-1.

Nate Sphon threw five shutout innings in the

victory over Trinity International.

Roberto Rodriguez took the mound against Cornerstone and took the mound for six innings, giving up one run and seven hits.

"What we did this past week in Florida was exciting, but with our mindset, it wasn't good enough," Crowell said. "We like to stay humble and hungry through the thick and thin. Now that we went 9-1 we withstand the target on our back, and we know now Point Park will be circled on everyone's schedule."

Point Park will play again on March 11 against #19 Davenport in Michigan at 2 p.m.

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Basketball star determined to bounce back from injury

By Phillip Poupore
Co-Sports Editor

Sophomore center Sam Weir emphatically blocked a shot in practice Nov. 21, but when she landed back on the ground, her knee gave out.

Shortly thereafter, she learned she had torn multiple ligaments in her knee and needed surgery.

Refusing to give up, Weir attacked her rehabilitation with the same fierce determination that has earned her success on the basketball court, and hopes to return better than before.

"I've never had to sit out of a practice before," Weir said. "It has been tougher mentally than physically."

Weir has played basketball since fifth grade, but she originally focused on softball. It was not until her sophomore year at Riverside High School in Ellwood City that she decided to focus solely on basketball.

Originally, Weir attended Seton Hill University, but found after one year it was not a good fit. She began to look elsewhere, but nothing seemed right. That is, until Point Park women's basketball head coach Tony Grenek gave her a call.

"He sold me on everything," Weir said. "He scheduled a tour and I liked what I saw. I really liked coach Grenek and the program."

In her first season at Point Park, Weir established herself as a force in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC). She ended her first season with 490 points, 309 rebounds and 99 blocks in 34 games.

Weir and the rest of Point Park's women's basketball team came into this season fresh off an appearance in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II National Tournament, and expectations were high for the team this year as well.

"I definitely had high hopes for this season," Weir said. "We brought in Kelly Johnson, who's an awesome point guard, and I personally thought I was doing really well at the start of the season."

In the first scrimmage of the year, the Pioneers dominated Slippery Rock, and in their opening game, the Pioneers defeated NAIA Division I opponent, West Virginia Tech. The Pioneers would go on to win their first four games of the season, before losing to Davis & Elkins in Weir's final game of the season.

Starting last season, Weir began to have a nagging pain in her knee that did not relent this season.

"My dad was mad at me because I could have gotten it checked out last year when I said my knee felt like jelly," Weir said. "Actually the day of the tear I texted my dad asking for a brace."

The fateful injury occurred one day in practice.

"I went up and blocked a shot, and the best way to describe it is when I came down my knee wasn't there anymore," Weir said. "I immediately fell to the ground and started screaming."

As Weir laid on the court in agony, the rest of the team instantly knew something was wrong.

"You could tell she wasn't going down right and you heard a loud pop," freshman guard Shaniya Rivers

said. "Everyone got quiet and we knew it was serious. I immediately ran to her and saw it swell."

"When she screamed, I knew it was bad. It's unfortunate she got hurt. The block she did was amazing," junior guard Leah Hurst, who is currently sidelined with her own injury, said.

In her career, Weir had never missed a game, or even a practice for that matter.

She was rushed to the UPMC Sports Medicine



photo by Madison Turiczek

Sophomore center Sam Weir is recovering from a season ending knee injury, and is currently in rehabilitation to come back next season.

Center, where she underwent an X-ray and MRI. The diagnosis was grim: She had torn her meniscus, MCL, PCL and ACL.

"I started crying and the first thing I asked was if I'd ever play again," Weir said.

The doctors reassured Weir she would play again, but the recovery time would be a year. The MRI also showed that Weir had played all of last season with a torn ACL.

As soon as Weir received the diagnosis, she forwarded it to the team.

"At first we thought it was a slight twist or something," Rivers said. "We thought she would have time to rest over winter break. We finally found out what she tore and we gathered together to be strong for her."

For Grenek, the news was devastating.

"It was heartbreaking," Grenek said. "Obviously, because she was a great player. She was leading our team in scoring, rebounds and blocks, but more than that it was devastating to me because she came into this season with such a great attitude."

Weir went into surgery Jan. 12, and since then she has worked to cut her recovery time down significantly.

"Before the surgery her ACL was already repairing

itself," Hurst said. "That was really surprising to me I've never heard of that before. She's a freak of nature. She heals quickly."

Though physically Weir felt much better, the injury put a massive strain on her mentally.

"After the surgery I felt really good," Weir said. "Physically, I didn't feel much pain, but mentally, I felt really depressed. I couldn't go watch practice without wanting to cry."

Along with being Weir's teammate, Hurst was also Weir's roommate. Since Hurst had suffered these kinds of injuries before she was able to help Weir physically and mentally.

"I tore my ACL in high school, which is why I can relate to her so well," Hurst said. "I just kept telling her it's going to be better and that her knee will get stronger with dedication. The first two weeks I helped the most. I cooked for her, and even helped bathe her. We became like sisters because of the whole situation."

After the surgery, Weir was forced to use crutches and a brace, but by Feb. 10 she did not need them anymore. Thus far, Weir has not begun rehab, but recently she was allowed to start working on the bike and range of motion exercises.

Though Weir was not able to play for the team this season, she found other ways to aid her teammates.

"I still went to the games," Weir said. "At the games I told them in a calm manner what they were doing wrong. Personally, as a player, I hate coming to the bench and getting yelled at."

For her teammates, this support was crucial.

"She was on the bench yelling as loud as the coaches," Rivers said. "She told us how to adjust and make things better. She was a huge supporter and got everyone hyped."

At this point, Weir will be able to run again in a couple months, and according to doctors, her recovery time went from almost a year to seven months. Weir hopes to be back by August, just in time for the start of the basketball season.

Luckily for Weir, since she only played five games this season, she managed to redshirt. That means she gets a fifth year of eligibility. For her, this not only ensures one more year of collegiate competition, but it pushes back thoughts of what comes after Point Park. She is currently a civil engineering major, and is contemplating playing overseas after college.

"Luckily, since I redshirted, it gave me an extra year to put off everything," Weir said. "I'm kind of a homebody, but I realize going overseas would be an awesome experience I'll never have again. I'm sure if the right person persuades me, I will."

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Pioneers fall just short of invitation to national tournament

By Christine Cestra
For The Globe

The Point Park men's basketball team fought its way to the end this year. Before Point Park went on spring break last week, the Pioneers started off the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Tournament in a fight to the finish.

The Pioneers started with a home game against first year Carlow University.

Point Park had a lead of 9-0 after two minutes. Senior Alan Heter had 23 points and eight rebounds in the game. Heter's forward Barry Smith followed with 12 points and six rebounds.

The Pioneers kept their defense up with Carlow getting only as close as 57-39 with less than 13 minutes to go.

The Pioneers had their biggest lead of the night when Heter helped score for a 71-47 lead against Carlow, finishing with a score of 83-61.

Cincinnati Christian University (CCU) was the next team to get defeated by Point Park in the quarterfinals game.

In the very close game against CCU, PPU made seven of the right free throws in the ending of the game, which helped overcome the 20-game winner Cincinnati Christian.

Junior guard Yandell Denis played with 23 points and junior guard T.J. Lanier had 17 points and made five 3-pointers during the game to help the Pioneers with a 59-46 lead in the middle of the game.

CCU was not going down without a fight and came back 68-64 with less than nine minutes to go.

Nine minutes was enough time for the Pioneers to make sure they kept their lead going, working it

back up to 79-70.

The Pioneers had a well-deserved final score of 86-84 against CCU.

The win gave Point Park its first playoff win in eight years, which was last seen in 2006-07.

The Pioneers then moved to an away game against Brescia University in the semifinals. Point Park showed how badly they wanted to make it to the championship game and succeeded in doing so by showing their shooting skills, shooting at 62 percent against Brescia.

Heter ended with 24 points and nine rebounds from the floor. Smith added 23 points to the game.

Nine of the 19 three-pointers were made by Point Park, making it a 42 percent hit from outside the arc.

Yandell Denis added 22 points to the scoreboard, along with six rebounds and four assists. Junior guard Jerah'me Williams followed with 21 points, nine assists and six steals. T.J. Lanier snuck up with nine points and seven rebounds.

Brescia tried to storm back, cutting Point Park's lead to 82-74 with five minutes left in the game.

Brescia had better rebound game with 29-26, but PPU had better defense, which helped with the winning score of 99-84.

Point Park then traveled to the tournament finals against Indiana University East.

The Pioneers started off with a 32-29 lead, even though they had a shooting percent of 31 percent with the start of the game.

The Red Wolves did not let the Pioneers get much more ahead than that, storming back in the second half and shooting at 59 percent.

Williams had 17 points and seven assists and

Lanier followed with 13 points.

The Red Wolves led by 17 points with less than three minutes to go, the Pioneers had no chance for a recovery.

Even though the Pioneers lost to Cincinnati Christian 84-67, the last time the Pioneers had gotten to a championship game was eight years ago.

The team wishes they could have gone all the way, but they have no regrets for their season.

"It's bittersweet because it is the end of my collegiate basketball career, but I am happy that we made it that far into the tournament," Smith said.

"I think that we left everything on the court but just came up short."

"We are not happy being the runners up but it is also a good accomplishment especially with the group of guys that played this year," Denis said.

Lastly, Williams was named KIAC Newcomer of the Year. Williams leads the KIAC guards in field-goal percentage of 51 percent, which is seventh in the conference. From the three-point range, Williams ranks at 44 percent, as well as shoots at 81 percent from the free throw line.

"I am happy to be apart of the group of guys and I wish Barry, Alan, and Corey the best in life," Williams said. "I love my team!"

The Pioneers ended with a record of 16-13 overall, 6-7 KIAC for the season.

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