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Winner of The Globe Saint Patrick's Day Photo Contest

An unicyclist and marchers take part in the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh. The Parade took place right outside of Point Park's campus on the Boulevard of the Allies.

USG allocates funds for the second half of the semester

By Christine Manganas
Co-Features Editor

USG

Members of the United Student Government (USG) thanked specific clubs for their presence and stressed the importance of attendance Monday during the allocations of funds for the second half of the semester.

"It really looks good on you guys when you show up," said USG Treasurer Thaddeus Covaleski. "Rugby Club is always here, Slow Clap is always here, and I want you to know we take into account your presence at these meetings."

Among these club leaders was senior broadcast journalism major and vice president of the Rugby Club Nathan Keenan. Because of his attendance, he was able to answer some questions that USG members had about where the money would specifically be going regarding their Highway Cleanup project, where they received all \$150 they asked for.

"We adopted a highway through the Pennsylvania Adopt A Highway program, and we are essentially requesting money for the transportation to and from the destination, which is about an hour or hour and a half away," Keenan said.

Although they may have received partial funding for their cleanup project, the budget was completely cut for their bone marrow drive. Covaleski addressed the matter, asking members to be patient, because the funding for this event is an ongoing process.

"We are going to be continuing talks with the Rugby team and a couple of the other possible funding sources within the University to try and make this happen," Covaleski said. "Please don't think that we are heartless because we cut this. We just don't have the funds to make this happen at the moment."

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Phipps Conservatory recognized as seventh greenest building in world

By Nicole Miller
For The Globe

Phipps Conservatory was recently named one of the greenest buildings in Pittsburgh for having its own sustainable resources like energy and water.

Point Park is adapting some of these transitions by reusing a lot of the materials already in the buildings, reducing water and energy consumptions, and encouraging the students to recycle all over campus.

"PPU has committed to sustainable construction and renovation for all of its buildings by reusing and adapting existing buildings in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh," said Chris Hill, Vice President of Operations.

Phipps has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) status. Their Center for Sustainable Landscapes meets all the energy

and sustainable requirements, making it only the seventh to do so in the world.

"The key is to create a better outcome for people and the planet," said Sara Englert on behalf of Phipps. Their new building will use 80 percent less energy than an office building and generates enough power for 12 homes. In addition to conserving energy, they manage 3.5 million gallons of storm water a year, enough to fill five Olympic swimming pools.

Point Park also has a LEED certified building. The George Rowland White Performance Center received LEED gold status for its energy efficiency.

Hill advises students to "Reduce-Reuse-Recycle." Things such as paper and plastic can be recycled in the bins found throughout the University. Turning off lights and turning down heating or cooling can bring down energy usage, and not leaving water running can help reduce water usage.

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New attendance policy helps students stay on track

By Sara Rowe
For The Globe

Point Park is enforcing a new policy that requires all members of the University faculty to take attendance for every class and to report students who are having difficulties in them.

This is done to not only help with a school budgeting system called Census, or as part of federal guidelines for financial aid reports, but to help with students who are struggling in school with the University's Early Alert system.

It was Karen McIntyre, Senior Vice President of Academic Student Affairs, who had the idea to begin this process of requiring professors to record

attendance to help the University keep better track of their students in order to reduce drop outs and to intervene early when necessary.

Last year, about 30 full-time faculty tested it, but as the word got out, she ended up with between 50 to 70 faculty members volunteering to use it. Although at first this only applied to full-time faculty, starting last semester, it now applies to all faculty, full-time and part-time.

"We practiced it, we piloted it last year, now we're doing it," said James Thomas, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs in his office Feb. 5.

According to Thomas, McIntyre's requested these volunteers because of the budgeting system

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Saturday: Mostly Cloudy, H 51, L 28

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USG thanks leaders who attend funding meeting

USG FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

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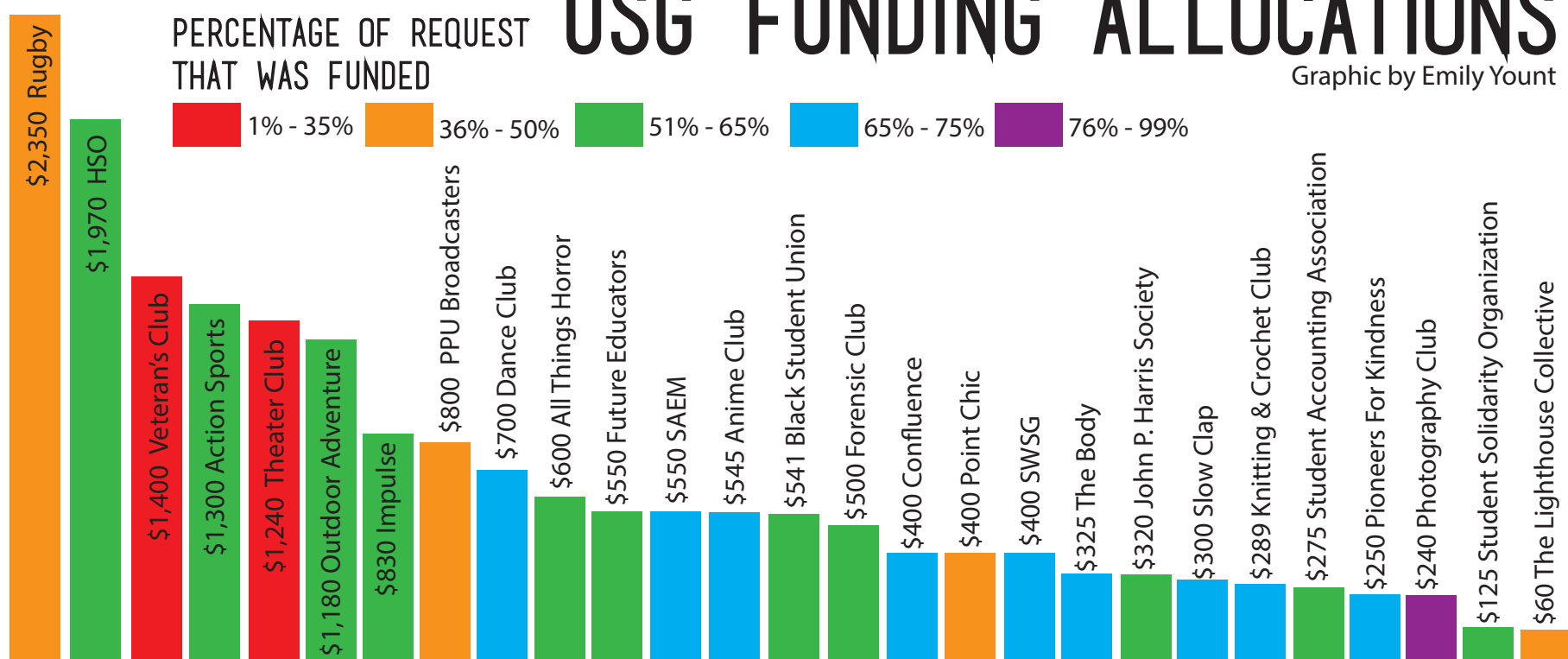


photo by Dominique Hildebrand

Market Square Public Art is currently hosting A Winter Landscape Cradling Bits of Sparkle by artist Jennifer Wen Ma. The small forest set against the city landscape will be on display through April 12. Visitors are encouraged to visit multiple times to contemplate the changing seasons while walking along a pathway among trees painted black with Chinese ink.

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Senator Nick Moran added to what Covaleski had to say about the event, stating that they needed to save money for other services the Rugby Club needed.

"We cut that event completely so we could leave money open to them to go to and from their actual games," Moran said on Monday.

Eliminating this event cut the Rugby team's budget almost in half with the help of reducing money for their away jerseys.

A total of 24 clubs requested funding this period, which is less than the average number in previous semesters. Covaleski said that number was six or seven clubs shy of what they normally get, but some clubs failed to provide a budget by the allotted time.

Just some of the clubs that did not reach out for funding were Global Cultural Studies (GCS), Her Campus and Student Photojournalist Union. These three groups received funding for the first funding period.

The initial proposed amount that USG received from clubs was nearly \$40,000, but the actual amount they could allocate is \$18,440. Because of rollbacks, this number is only a few thousand dollars short of what was given out during the first funding period this semester.

Club leaders from the newly reformed Veterans Club were also in attendance to see what funds would be allocated to them for their first official

funding period. They were among the clubs who requested the most amount of funding, asking for almost \$5,000, but were granted only \$1,400 of that desired amount. They will be using this money for guest speakers, fundraising supplies and a memorial event.

The Honors Student Organization (HSO) also faced major cuts, asking for \$3,160 but only receiving \$1,970. The club recently used \$500 for students to attend the Alternative Spring Break in New York City.

The money that these clubs do not use will roll back to USG at the end of the semester. This number is not to be confused with the money that is raised by the clubs themselves.

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Attendance policy to help students, not lower grades

from ATTENDANCE page 3

used by the school, Census. During the beginning part of the semester, there is a snapshot taken of each class, which shows how many people are currently present in each. It helps the school to keep track of who's attending classes and how many registered and never showed up.

The Early Alert system can be used by all faculty to report student attendances, absences and comment if there are any complications the student may be having in class.

This new policy requires extra work for faculty, but this is "far outweighed by the benefits," according to Fred Angiolieri, who teaches Honors Visual Communication Design for Point Park.

"There's an avenue that I have to try to help a student in a class, rather than let them fail out," Angiolieri said.

Josh Hutton has some experience with the Early Alert system. "Overall, I think it's a good idea for kids who are having issues," Hutton, a recent transfer student, said.

Hutton has suffered from depression and is happy that if he starts slipping, someone will notice.

When he fell into the throes of his illness, it was difficult for him to get out of bed on some days and his grades began to dip. Because of the Early Alert system, he was contacted and informed of the re-

sources to help get back on track.

The system is not only built to intervene when students are troubled, but also to contact students who have other issues, ranging from financial insecurity, difficulty in courses, keeping track of students and student success.

"More importantly, is to make sure students are progressing and doing well in their courses," Thomas said.

Outside of budgeting and keeping track of student success, this policy also helps with federal financial aid guidelines. In order to follow the guidelines, Point Park is required to give a verification of all students getting financial aid, and confirm that these students are in the classes they are registered for. This can be used when a student withdraws from a course or transfers to a different school.

"On the whole, it seems like a good policy," Paul Thomas Houghton, English Composition professor, said.

Thomas says since the programs are new, he does not want students to think these changes are in place to lower their grades.

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Point Park strives to be energy efficient, green

from GREEN page 3

"Point Park does a great job with recycling paper and plastic, but there are not many places for glass," said junior dance major Hailey Turek

Derek Monroe, a freshman public relations major, had other suggestions for making Point Park more energy efficient.

"I wish that in the dorms we could have energy efficient lights or be able to dim them to save energy," Monroe said in an interview on March 12.

According to Monroe, having these types of lights all over campus could reduce the energy that students and faculty waste while leaving lights on. Hill advises that students turn their lights off when they can or when they are not using them.

"The City of Pittsburgh, Phipps Conservatory and Point Park are all taking the

initiative and trying to make this world a cleaner place," said Justine Wiley, a freshman public relations major.

These renovations will not only affect Phipps, but all of Pittsburgh.

"In these ways, our commitment to conservation results not only in tremendous savings for Phipps but also reduces demand on the City of Pittsburgh," Englert said.

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The George Rowland White Performance Center has received gold status from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for its energy efficiency.



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Father John Misty	I Love You, Honeybear
Until the Ribbon Breaks	A Lesson Unlearned

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Asia

Xu Caihou, former general of China's People's Liberation Army died of bladder cancer at the age of 71. Caihou was disgraced last year when he was found to have been accepting bribes. There was no trial due to his illness, but he had his position of general revoked.

CNN

Africa

The Nigerian military uncovered a Boko Haram bomb factory inside a fertilizer company in the town of Buni Yadi. It was discovered after soldiers took over a northern tower from Islamist extremists, who gained control of the town back in August.

CNN

Europe

Two 17-year-olds and a 19-year-old from northwest London were arrested on charges of "suspicion of preparation of terrorist attacks." The teenagers allegedly had plans to travel to Syria and join the terrorist group ISIS. They were arrested in Turkey after they landed in an Istanbul airport.

CNN

North America

Millionaire real estate heir Robert Durst, the subject of an HBO documentary series called "The Jinx," was arrested over the weekend. Durst was previously a suspect in the 1982 disappearance of his wife, an investigation which fell flat when Durst's friend Susan Berman was shot execution-style in her home in 2000. Durst was later acquitted of the murder of his neighbor Morris Black, which he admitted to. Durst was arrested for the murder of Berman after the documentary aired a recording of him saying, "What the hell did I do...killed them all of course," as well as Berman's step son revealing a letter from Durst with handwriting that is similar to a note that was sent to police tipping them off about the murder.

CNN

Middle East

In an interview with Israeli news site NRG, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that as long as he is the Prime Minister, there will never be a Palestinian state. This statement came the night before elections and reverses his previous stated support for a two-state solution. "Whoever moves to establish a Palestinian state or intends to withdraw from territory is simply yielding territory for radical Islamic terrorist attacks against Israel," Netanyahu said.

New York Times

Washington

A bill designed to create a "Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund" for victims of human trafficking has had its progress halted because of language in the bill that would prevent any funds being used for abortions that Democrats say they were not aware of. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says there will not be a vote to nominate Loretta Lynch for attorney general until this bill is passed.

NPR

Pittsburgh

The city of Pittsburgh had a three day "pothole blitz" to fix the multitude of potholes that have appeared following the winter season. There were 400 requests in the center's database, and eight crews with 102 employees were sent out to fulfill them.

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Features

Local students soar into energy drink competition

Red Bull-hosted event to take flight in nearby airplane hangar

By Victoria Mikula
For The Globe

In elementary school, building paper airplanes was just a hobby to see who could fly the furthest in class, but this playground pastime transforms into something much bigger during a competition created by Red Bull.

Red Bull Pittsburgh is hosting a qualifying event for the Red Bull Paper Wings paper airplane competition, which finds the best paper airplanes in the world. Students from Point Park, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh will be competing for a free trip and a place in the final competition that will take place in Salzburg, Austria.

The event will take place Sunday, March 22 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Atlantic Aviation KPIT in Coraopolis, Pa. A shuttle for students will be leaving the First Avenue Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m.

Junior sports, arts and

entertainment management (SAEM) major Molly Burns is thrilled to participate in her second Red Bull competition. Last year she competed in the Red Bull: Can You Make It Campaign with two other team members.

"We are expecting the environment to be fun filled and action packed," Burns said. "We've seen videos on YouTube from other universities and cannot wait to see what type of event Point Park has planned."

Frequent Red Bull drinker Tyler Bogden, a freshman SAEM major, has helped out at Red Bull sponsored events on campus and watched their televised events, but this will be his first time participating in an event. Ali Chain and Tyler Curry will also be first-time event participants and are excited to visit the multi-million dollar airplane hangar where they will be spending the day.

Students are able to enter three different categories: lon-

gest distance, longest airtime and aerobatics. There is no limit on how many they can enter.

The distance and airtime categories have strict rules to follow for the building and throwing of airplanes. Each plane must be made on site with only standard letter-sized paper and can only be modified by folding. The throw must be done by one contestant, unaided, and the launcher may only move past the throwing line once the plane has landed.

In contrast, the aerobatics contest has a much looser code of conduct. Contestants may build their planes before or during the event with no restrictions on paper size, weight or quality. Launchers have one minute to show off their aerobatic skills to the judging panel, who will judge the construction, creativity and flight performance of each plane.

No plane may be remote controlled or use stored energy. "I'm most excited to see

the crazy airplanes that people make because I know traditional airplanes you can make out of a napkin don't go very far, but I have a feeling there's going to be some serious airplane building going on," Bogden said.

Senior dance major Curry said that he is ready for anything because Point Park has really encouraged him to come out of his shell and participate in other events.

"Alex [Jones, PPU Red Bull Representative] mentioned this, and I was like, 'I don't know, I've never flown a paper airplane before, but why not,'" he said.

Any students interested in participating in the event can check in and register by searching "Red Bull Paper Wings Pittsburgh Qualifier" on Facebook or visiting http://www.redbullpaperwings.com/Countries/United_States/Qualifying/Red_Bull_Paper_Wings_Qualifier_Pittsburgh.html.



photo by Alex Jones

Red Bull Pittsburgh is hosting paper airplane competition on Sunday, March 22. Point Park students have the opportunity to compete at the qualifying round for a chance to win a free trip to the finals in Salzburg, Austria.

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Scarce availability of scholarships create frustration

By Nicole Miller
For The Globe

When applying to colleges, Amber Cole's parents encouraged her to go where she would be happy but to keep in mind the cost. The price of a college or university can make or break a student's decision.

The pressure to get a college education increases, and so does the price. The fear of student debt has brought on a lot of stress. The University does a good job with merit scholarships for students. Scholarships are also given away in each of the schools. Although the school offers money to the students, that is not enough to pay the remaining cost.

In the School of Communication, there are eight different scholarships that are open to students. These total \$8,300.

For the School of Arts and Sciences, there are four different scholarships available. The money given to students in the Arts and Sciences department ranges from \$2,500 to \$4,500.

In the School of Business, there are six scholarships offered. The requirements for each of these scholarships can be found on the Point Park website; if you follow the Academic tab to each of the schools, on the side bar for each school, there is a tab for scholarships.

Cole held a 3.88 GPA in high school and was awarded the Vice Presidential Scholarship.

"Price played a big factor in my college decision," Cole said of applying to colleges.

The University offers money for undergraduate and graduate students in all departments. Merit scholarships provide aid in the total tuition cost. They range from \$10,000 to \$17,000 for

undergraduate students in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Communication and Business. These are given away based on SAT scores, GPA and if they are a full time student.

For Conservatory students, there are scholarships starting at \$2,000 to \$14,000. To obtain these, student's GPA and auditions are the factors in the scholarship process.

Louis Spanos has found a dead-end when searching for outside scholarships. On the scholarships page at the very bottom is where they list seven different sources in which students can use to find outside scholarships. Most of these sites require one to make an account that helps find scholarships. These sites are hard to find so looking for them can be a hassle.

"I was not able to find any and was left confused," Spanos said.

In addition to these websites, plac-

es like local churches and community clubs offer scholarships to undergraduate students.

Students should look out for certain prerequisites and fees when applying for scholarships.

"Students should read through scholarship requirements and never pay a fee to apply," George Santucci, Director of Financial Aid at Point Park, said.

If the student does not meet the requirements, they should try and find ones that cater to them. He advises students to get out and know their options.

"The money is out there if you are willing to put the work in," Santucci said.

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St. Patty's Day celebrations march through campus

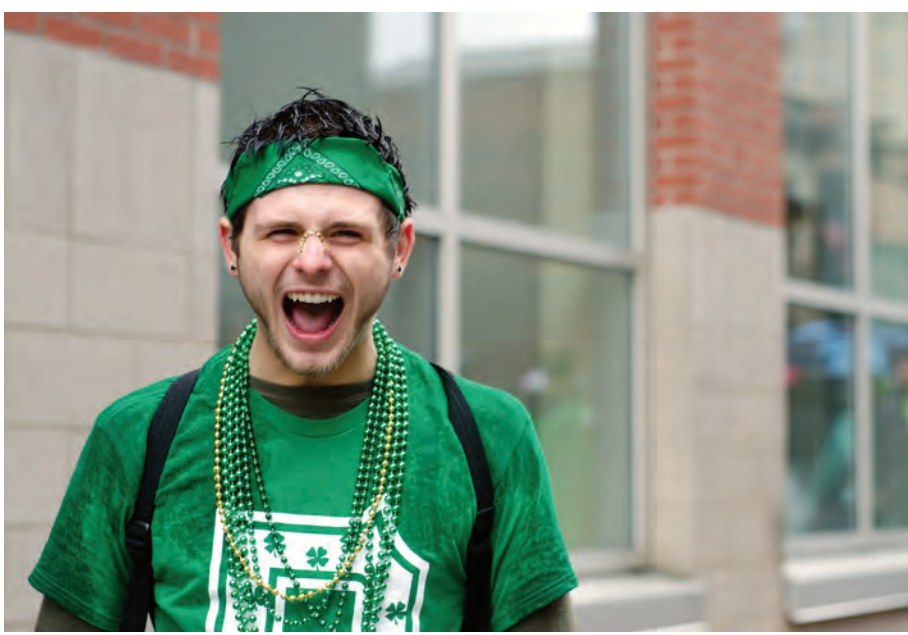


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Freshman dance major Mark Schlaegle enjoys his first St. Patty's Day Parade in Pittsburgh.



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South Fayette High School's Little Green Machine Marching Band participates in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, along the Boulevard of the Allies



photo by Adrian Mendez-Hutchinson

The Greater Pittsburgh Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drum marches through campus in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sat. March 14.



photo by Chloe Jakiela

Pittsburgh Irish Classic Theatre takes part in the St. Patty's Day Parade.

Social media leaders speak to University students

Charlie Batch hands off advice with panel to inform students

By Jessica Federkiel
Point Park News Service

Sree Sreenivasan spends up to six minutes composing every tweet he sends.

"It shocks people when I tell them how much thought I put into each post," said Sreenivasan, Chief Digital Officer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. "I write every post like it's the last thing I will ever write. I might be fired, a bus might hit me. You never know. I feel I have to really take and use this opportunity to do this as right as I can."

Sreenivasan will be the featured speaker at #Burgh @ Point Park, a social media strategy workshop presented by the Point Park News Service. It will be held in Point Park University's third-floor ballroom in Lawrence Hall at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. The event is free, but seating is limited (Registration: <http://ppnews/BurghEvent>).

"Everyone is talking about social media these days and wondering about how to get the most out of their limited resources," said Andrew Conte, Point Park News Service Director and an investigative journalist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. "We felt like it would be a great time to bring in a leading expert on digital content to talk about what works and how to best use it."

Heather Starr Fiedler, associate professor and Director of Wood Street Communications at Point Park, said she feels excited to have a prominent digital innovator coming to campus.

"The opportunity to have some-

one on a national scale here at Point Park is great," Starr Fiedler said. "It shows a broader picture of what is happening in the social media sphere in New York and nationally. That is really a treat. I hope people take the time to hear what [Sreenivasan] has to say."

When it comes to social media, Sreenivasan said he's more interested in quality than quantity.

"I always tell people on social media it's not about how many people follow you," he said. "It's who follows that matters. You should be trying to get influential people to follow you rather than worrying about your overall number of followers."

Sreenivasan said he plans to talk about how to not get fired, divorced or lose your sanity on social media.

The event also will feature panel discussion with social media innovators from Pittsburgh. Speakers include Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review columnist Rob Rossi and WESA-FM's Josh Raulerson, as well as experts from Smith Bros. Agency, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and the Black-n-Gold Girls sports fan club.

"By bringing in a panel of experts to appear with Sree, we're going to take the event even further," Conte said. "We hope to have a lively discussion about what works — and what should be avoided."

Sreenivasan will join the panel, but says he always tries to learn something himself from events like this.

"There are so many interesting panelists," Sreenivasan said. "I go to these events around the country, and

I always learn more than I ever teach."

Sreenivasan was a full-time professor at the Columbia Journalism School for more than 20 years before joining the Metropolitan Museum of Art. As chief digital officer at the Met, he leads a staff of 70 people.

"My job with the Met is to tell a million-plus stories, about a million-plus pieces of art, to a billion-plus people," said Sreenivasan. "That means reaching out with our digital tools to teach what the museum does and tell our story. Our curators take the art and put together a beautiful exhibition. Our job is to get people to understand the art, and come see it and participate."

The career switch was a happy ending to a long love story.

"I had grown up four blocks from the Met, and I went to school one block from the Met," Sreenivasan said. "I had developed what I called a 30-year, one-way love affair with the Met. If you love someone for 30 years, and they call you, you have to take the call. Then with your wife's permission, move forward."

Conte, who studied online journalism under Sreenivasan at Columbia, said the switch to the Met created awareness for digital media.

"Sree generated a lot of interest in digital content when he moved to the Metropolitan Museum of Art," Conte said. "A lot of people were wondering why the museum would invest so heavily in technology, but he and others are proving that social media plays a very important role for many traditional institutions. The lessons he has learned there should be rele-

vant to journalists, marketing professionals and anyone seeking to share their story online."

Social media has become a key part of many industries, and especially journalism, Starr Fiedler said.

"Journalists are using social media to share the story, but they also use it to get the story," she said. "They hear about events on social media before they are even happening. Social media is really changing how we consume media, so journalists need to change how they do their jobs."

In an ever-changing world, Sreenivasan said he focuses on what it means to be a journalist.

"In journalism, we have to understand these forces and adjust to them and capitalize on interests," he said. "We continue to play the leading role that journalists have played for over 100 years — being the people that tell the stories that matter to the public. If we continue to do that, journalism will continue to be strong."

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Tuition increases should be explained

The Globe's Point

To absolutely no one's surprise, tuition has, once again, been raised.

Here are the reasons given in the campus-wide email from the President's Office last week: We're enjoying the renovations in Lawrence Hall, more people are applying to Point Park, our alumni are successful, there are online classes now, the costs of infrastructure and "talented faculty" are rising and (of course) technology and Wi-Fi is always a priority.

But don't worry: None of it is going to the new Playhouse, and we've been assured that the University strives to "keep a quality education affordable."

Let's break it down. The renovations in Lawrence Hall include a lounge and a glass-encased meeting room. They've also included replacing student media outlets, WPPJ and UView, with MTV University as the entertainment in the Point Café. Tell us again how we "provide our traditional students the ability to expand their educational opportunities and experience what it will be like as they become lifelong learners after they graduate." Shutting out student media doesn't feel like a "student-centered, career-focused education," and exactly how much did MTV pay for our airwaves?

We're told that record numbers are enrolling in and attending Point Park, so obviously that means we all have to pay more because there are more of us to charge? Yeah, that math works out.

Our graduates have a 94 percent placement rate. That's very impressive. We're also told that this success is owed to faculty mentors, and with the cost of these faculty members, of course, tuition is rising. But that doesn't explain why

our freshly-unionized adjunct faculty, aka 70 percent of our "talented faculty," haven't seen a pay raise or change in working conditions.

And Wi-Fi? Totally worth the \$320 technology fee.

The fact of the matter is, we don't know where our tuition is going. The Student Solidarity Organization (SSO) has been protesting the lack of tuition transparency and tuition raises, citing President Hennigan's income, the Village Park waterfall and the shiny new bronze bison hanging out in Academic Hall as the ways the University is wasting our money.

We chose Point Park. We are actively supporting this University, and with our money, we are saying that we believe in and trust this institution.

That trust has not been returned. We are not told where our money is going. Maybe we'll have better computer labs and better resources for student media and more innovative learning opportunities.

Maybe we're getting an entire menagerie of bronze animals.

We are students, but in this country and at this school, we're also consumers. We should know what we're buying.

Blind trust in Point Park isn't going to give us a better education, and telling us that alumni are successful doesn't mean anything when we don't know if our money is going to support the factors of our predecessors' success.

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Abercrombie makes yet another *faux pas*

By Kariann Mano
Business Manager

Over the past few months, there has been a significant amount of racial discrimination incidents that have gone viral. With the disgustingly bigoted chant that came from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of Oklahoma, to the discovery of racist emails between Ferguson police departments and city officials, I'm having trouble remembering if the civil rights movement actually happened because it feels like we are moving backward instead of forward. It seems that everywhere I go, I'm always hearing some sort of discriminatory bulletin on the news or seeing it on my Twitter timeline.

With that being said, it shouldn't come as any surprise that Abercrombie & Fitch is in the news for a discriminatory act since they must keep up on the "latest trends." Abercrombie & Fitch hurt its reputation in 2013 when CEO Mike Jefferies said he didn't want "fat" or "not so cool" kids wearing his company's clothes.

Just recently, Abercrombie & Fitch has been back in the spotlight due to a ridiculous offense that happened all the way back in 2008.

Samantha Elauf was a 17-year-old Muslim girl just looking for a job like most teenagers her age. She applied to Abercrombie & Fitch to work as a sales associate but was apparently denied a job because her hijab, or headscarf, violated the company's dress code.

Abercrombie & Fitch is no stranger to discrimination cases in the past with the company paying \$40 million to several thousand "minority and female plaintiffs" in 2005 to settle racial and sexual discrimination, among other lawsuits.

The case with Elauf will now be heard in the Supreme Court, brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Op-

portunity Commission, or EEOC.

At the time, Elauf was interviewed at the store in Tulsa, Okla. when the sales manager Heather Cooke assumed Elauf wore the headscarf for religious reasons, but didn't ask for her confirmation. Elauf was given a weak score in the "appearance and sense of style category" in the interview process, after Cooke consulted with a district manager. That manager told Cooke "employees were not allowed to wear 'hats' at work," as stated in an article in The Guardian. Cooke told the manager Elauf was wearing the headscarf for religious reasons and was in compliance with EEOC guidelines when she didn't ask about religion during Elauf's interview.

Abercrombie & Fitch attorneys are arguing Elauf did not tell the company of her religious beliefs, saying "an employer must have actual notice that an applicant's mandatory religious practices conflict with an employment requirement." The EEOC fired back saying that "if actual knowledge of an employee's religious beliefs is required by employers, companies could discriminate against employees because of perceived religious practices," as presented in The Guardian.

It is 2015. Our society should be at the point in time where every single person is equal. It shouldn't matter what you are wearing or what color skin you have. We should all be entitled to the same rights. Abercrombie & Fitch shouldn't be so entitled to their ridiculous policies. A person of minority could bring some much needed change to a company clearly stuck in the past.

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Good riddance to racist fraternity members

University of Oklahoma students' expulsion a small step toward progress

By Brandon Flournoy
Staff Writer

The display of racism from Sigma Alpha Epsilon's University of Oklahoma chapter can be used as prime evidence to prove that racism does exist beyond closed doors.

The video can also be used to prove that hate is being perpetuated by today's youth, especially students. Yes, people. Today, racism is being fueled by the youth.

The n-word was used seven times by Beaton Gilbow, the "house mother" within the University of Oklahoma's SAE chapter, who appeared to be inebriated. However, I truly do not believe, nor do I accept that as a valid excuse for what happened in this video.

"You can hang them from a tree, but they'll never sign with me; there will never be a [expletive] in S-A-E," said the enthusiastic white student and fraternity member in the Vine video.

I wonder about the sanity of these particular individuals, especially Gilbow, who "blamed it on the alcohol," as that 2008 Jamie Foxx hit single puts it.

Perhaps the focus here should be the negative effects of intoxication and alcohol abuse, especial-

ly the part where drunkenness can simultaneously control young human beings into uttering racist statements, and how it can also pressure young adults into creating hate-themed songs for frat brothers to recite during a bus trip. Please, give us a break, people.

According to a March 10 Dallas Morning News article, the two songbirds that were chanting their hateful song, Levi Pettit and Parker Rice, apologized for their racist outburst. Any individual would be apologetic after being expelled and having a countless amount of death threats sent their way via social media.

CNN reporter, Eliot C. McLaughlin, pointed out that Rice was reportedly "concerned about the fraternity friends" that are still enrolled at the university, especially since they are still living on campus, "feeling unsafe", and "have been harassed by others."

Yes, Rice, your fellow racist friends are suffering because of you.

According to McLaughlin, Rice has been avoiding CNN reporters. I wonder why. Isn't it cool to be a popular bad guy?

Protests have been breaking out on campus. Clips of students protesting with taped mouths can easily be found on social media outlets.

Eric Striker, who is a linebacker for the Uni-

versity of Oklahoma, took it upon himself to speak on camera for the whole World Wide Web to witness. In this video, Striker did not hold any of his punches back.

"The same [expletive] [that are] talking about racism doesn't exist, are the same [expletive] that are shaking our hands, giving us hugs," Striker said with authority in the video that he posted on Snapchat. It's clear to me that he has made war with "white fraternities," as he put it in the beginning of his video.

Here is the brighter side of the report: The SAE Oklahoma chapter has been completely shut down. This, by no means, is the end of racism in America, but it is encouraging to see that racist students are being punished. This will serve as a warning to those who believe showing discriminatory and racist behavior cannot seriously affect their future. I can gladly say that justice was served.

Everything is all fun and games until it backfires and is brought to the public eye.

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Croup's Corner

By Josh Croup
Sports Columnist

High Expectations

Expect a lot from the Point Park baseball team this year.

This is a team that has had more success than any other team on campus over the past few seasons. This is a team that finished 19th in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Top 25 Coaches' Poll the past two seasons with a combined record of 88-34 overall.

The two-time defending Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Association (KIAC) champs are 31-10 in conference play over the past two seasons. Winning the KIAC shouldn't prove difficult for the Pioneers, who were ranked first in the preseason coaches' poll. The only team that could give them problems is Indiana University Southeast, who was ranked second.

IU Southeast finished second in the KIAC the past two seasons, but began their 2015 campaign with three impressive wins over Cumberland University, the NAIA's No. 1 ranked team at the time. Point Park defeated IU Southeast last in the 2014 KIAC championship 3-1. The two will meet for what should be a pivotal four game series at the end of April.

The Pioneers are led by head coach Loren Torres, who is in his fifth season at Point Park. Last week, he picked up career victory number 300 with the Pioneers' 8-6 win vs. Madonna. Torres is 193-88 (.686) at Point Park after spending the 2003-07 seasons at Judson (Ill.), where he was 107-104-2.

Point Park's senior class consists of seven players who were freshmen during the team's magical 2012 season.

It was the last year for the Pioneers in the American Midwest Conference (AMC) before making the move to the KIAC. During that season, they went a perfect 11-0 in AMC play and 53-11 overall. The team finished fifth at the NAIA World Series. The current seniors that were on the team have rings from their run to show from it. Earning another ring this season is not out of the question.

After posting a 9-1 record over spring break in Florida, the Pioneers landed the 20th spot in the first NAIA Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Last week, they dropped both games to 13th ranked Davenport as a part of a 1-3 week.

Entering last week, Perfect Game Baseball ranked the Pioneers as the 11th best team in all of NAIA baseball. The expectations are high, and the possibilities are endless for this team.

The Pioneers return to Point Park Field at Green Tree Park Wednesday for the first home game of the year against Penn State Greater Allegheny.

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Sophomore lead-off batter and starting center fielder Alyssa McMurtie bats at a game Sat. April 5, 2014 against Brescia (Ky.) University. The Pioneer girls softball team won 1 of 2 games that day.



photo by Christine Cestra

A catcher and captain of Point Park's baseball team, Ossie Alfonzo has helped the Pioneers for the past three years.

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Resilient track star returns to sport after six-year absence

By Ty Smith
Features Photo Editor

At age 25, Taelor Fowler is not your average Pioneer track and field athlete.

The sprinter from Penn Hills has returned from a six-year, injury-fueled hiatus to earn a role as a leader and top performer during the first indoor season.

And if her performance is any indication, the senior forensic science major, who has set three school records for the University in various events, is well on her way to the form that helped her enter state championships in high school and a NCAA Division I scholarship.

She said that returning to running track after a layoff has been amazing.

"After six years of not running and coming off an injury, I'm back out here doing what I love to do and that is to run," Fowler said. "The courage for me to actually be out here amazes me."

Head track and field coach Kelly Parsley said that Fowler continues to improve every week. "Taelor is a leader by example," Parsley said in an email interview. "She is always positive. Her improvement over the season has been inspiring."

As a child, Fowler played soccer until her mother noticed she was very fast on her feet and put her in track programs. She later began running track for Penn Hills Eagles, a local track club in her hometown, when she was 10 years old. She also ran for Steel City Express, another track club based in the Penn Hills area.

At Penn Hills High School, she ran indoor and outdoor track and went to state championships all four years. She ran multiple events in high school, including the 4x400-meter relay, 200-meter dash and 60-meter dash. Some of her personal records in high school are 25.03 seconds in the 200-meter dash, 7.24 in the 55-meter dash and 7.91 in the 60-meter dash.

Her high school performance earned her a scholarship to the University of Akron, but she was immediately and repeatedly struck with injuries. A stress fracture in her left ankle in December 2008 caused her to be redshirted, then a torn ACL prevented her from being able to compete in the April 2009 season.

She'll never forget the knee injury. She said she was working hard while at practice and landed on her right knee, resulting in a subluxation in which her knee popped out and back in.

"I didn't know what happened, so I tried to keep going. I was in so much pain," Fowler said. "I didn't want the other athletes to know, but I eventually had to stop because my knee swelled up like a melon."

The injuries forced Fowler to take a break from track and eventually leave Akron. Her mother, grandmother, aunt and high school track coach

Carlson Christian were key supporters throughout the six-month recovery process.

"I got discouraged and was depressed. Going to physical therapy every day and doctor's appointments once a month was very tiring," Fowler said. "Teaching myself to run again without a limp



photo by Ty Smith

Taelor Fowler, a senior sprinter from Penn Hills, runs in the 200-meter dash at the Kent State Tune Up in Kent, Ohio on Feb. 21. This is Fowler's first time competing in track in six years.

was hard, so I would stop and give up and cried."

She went on to take classes at Penn State Greater Allegheny before transferring to Point Park to complete her degree in the fall of 2013. According to Fowler, she did not really work out between colleges because she did not feel motivated, and she

was not in the shape she was prior to the injury.

Point Park's Athletics department announced in November 2013 that the University would start a track and field program in the following school year and sent an email blast to all students. Fowler received that email and thought she might have a second chance to compete at the collegiate level.

"I thought to myself, 'Why not go for it?'" Fowler said. "When I knew I was running again, I started training in the beginning of July 2014 with my high school coach."

One of her goals for the upcoming outdoor season at Point Park is to continue to get as fast as she was in the past, and she is not far off.

"Seeing myself getting back to how fast I was in high school really just excites me," Fowler said.

Fowler now holds the Point Park record in the 55- and 60- meter dashes with timings of 7.60 and 8.23 seconds, respectively. She was also a part of the first winning track and field event in the history of the University, running second leg in the women's 4x200-meter relay team last month at the Mt. Union meet with a time of 1:48.98 seconds.

Parsley said he believes Fowler will become a national qualifier once the outdoor season begins.

"I strongly believe that she will have a chance to qualify for the national meet in the 100- and 200-meter. [She] also has a chance in the 4x100-meter relay," Parsley said.

Freshmen sprinter Chereese Langley, who runs with Fowler in the 4x200- and 4x400- meter relays said that her determination makes her stand out as an athlete.

"Taelor works very hard. She's always dedicated," Langley said. "She definitely deserves anything she has gotten or worked for."

After college Fowler still hopes to be involved in track and field, depending on job opportunities. She said that she is not ready to retire her spikes.

"My dream was and still is to go to the Olympics," Fowler said. "My heart is still with track. Maybe I'll be a track coach."

Fowler will compete in her first outdoor meet in six years this Saturday at the California (Pa.) Early Bird invitational. This will be the first outdoor meet in the history of the men's and women's track and field teams.

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Loren Torres earns 300th career victory in 11-season coaching career

By Christine Cestra
For The Globe

The Point Park baseball team started off last week on a good note jumping up two spots in the regular season National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Baseball Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

The Pioneers opened the season ranked No. 22 in the NAIA Division II, but after winning nine games at the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational, they were bumped up to No. 20.

"It's nice to move up in the polls due to our team's success," senior Zach Zimmerman said. "But it is very important that through the rest of the year we keep taking every game one at a time and not to [be] complacent no matter what we are ranked."

Point Park started off their games last week in Grand Rapids. Unfortunately, their Florida luck did not follow.

The Pioneers lost both games to No. 13 Davenport on Wednesday. Davenport had also recently jumped in the polls, moving up six spots to their current No. 13.

The Panthers outhit the Pioneers, starting off their first game at a 5-2 lead.

Later in the game, Davenport added three more runs to make it a final score of 8-2.

Nolan Krivijanski, Point Park transfer from California University of Pa., took the mound for just over five innings. Krivijanski gave up five runs, but had six strikeouts.

Davenport pitcher Corey Murphy did not let the Pioneers get very far in hitting, allowing only two runs on three hits.

Murphy, the 2014 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) Pitcher of the year struck out

nine of the Pioneers and walked three.

In game two against Davenport, the Pioneers still did not have the momentum to win.

The Panthers scored 15 runs, six in the third inning, which made another early lead of 9-2.

Point Park had a couple hits and scored on a RBI single in the sixth and another in the seventh.

Davenport won the second game at a score of 12-4.

“ I can speak on behalf of the team that we all love playing for coach Torres and the rest of the coaching staff. ”

Nolan Krivijanski
Junior Pitcher

On Thursday, Point Park faced Madonna, splitting the games by losing the first and winning the second.

Madonna's Alex DeYonker threw a no-hitter in the first game, which has not happened to the Pioneers since 2012.

The Pioneers lost 4-0 in the first game against Madonna but made a comeback in game two.

Jordan Crowell had a double for a 2-1 lead in the third, and the Pioneers soared from there.

An inning later, Chris Hernandez hit a home run and Demetrius Mooror tripled home another, and Oscar Romero had an RBI single in the fifth to help the lead 5-3.

Mooror had two triples and three RBIs. Jarrad Brown took the mound for the Pioneers for five innings, giving up five runs. Zimmerman came in and after getting one out, Jake Horew stepped into finish the game.

The Pioneers won game two at 8-6.

"I feel our sense of urgency, will and drive to win went down a bit because of the success that we had in Florida," Mooror said. "Instead of building off of it, we took a step back, but made gains forwards again because the win we had versus Madonna. We were challenged by our coaches to step the urgency back up and play to our fullest potentials, and I believe we did that a bit."

With the game two win against Madonna, 11th year head coach Loren Torres earned his 300th career win at Point Park. Torres is 300-192-2 in his career and 193-88 at Point Park.

"It is an honor to be a part of coach Torres' 300th win," Krivijanski said. "That is a great achievement for a great head coach. He is the man for the job. I can speak on behalf of the team that we all love playing for coach Torres and the rest of the coaching staff. Congrats on 300, but it's time to keep adding."

The Pioneers will make their debut at home on Mar. 18 against Penn State-Greater Allegheny at 1 p.m. at Green Tree Park.

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