

Holocaust, Tree of Life survivor shares life story



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Judah Samet, a Holocaust survivor who also survived the Tree of Life shooting, shared his story with the La Roche community.

A uschwitz. Bergen-Belson. Three Nazi death trains. The deadliest attack on Jews on American soil. Judah Samet survived it all. On February 5, 1938, Samet was born in Debrecen, Hungary, to an Orthodox Jewish family. Samet described a rather normal early childhood—he had two older brothers and a sister. He lived across the street from the local synagogue, where his parents were among the biggest donors. But when the Hungarian government allied itself with Nazi Germany in 1941, everything changed. “They came for us.” Those were the dismal opening lines of the speech Samet gave at La Roche College on February 12. Samet spoke in front of a standing-room only crowd. Though the room was packed, there was a reverent silence. Samet said the Nazis came for the approximately 7,300 Jews of Debrecen in the spring of 1944. He recalled: “We heard the sound of goosesteps coming up our street and stopping in front of our house. We heard a voice using a megaphone, ordering us to assemble outside in 15 minutes. We were told to leave everything except for our valuables, our papers, and some change of underwear. We col-

lected those and carried them out in a small suitcase. We saw the Gestapo.” By this time, Samet’s father had already become wary of the anti-Semitism he was encountering in Hungary. Samet said his father was attacked by an anti-Semitic gang one night. They were aware of the systematic violence that was sweeping from Germany into Hungary. “The same laws Hitler enacted in Germany, they enacted in Hungary,” Samet said. Samet explained that his father had made preparations to get his family to safety. “He got us all passports and tickets to America, where we had family,” Samet said. “We would not get the opportunity to leave.” Rather than leaving Hungary and moving to America, the Samet family found themselves leaving their home and marching to a train station, guarded by Nazis the whole way. “They herded us by yelling, screaming, pushing, shoving, beating, marching us to the rail station. It was a cold and rainy day and many couldn’t keep up with the pace,” Samet said. He added that those who couldn’t keep up—particularly the elderly—were simply killed. Samet said: “At the station, we were joined by many more Jews from the countryside. My mother volunteered

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La Roche embarks on new master planning process

BY JULIA FELTON
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Do you want to see more usable outdoor spaces on campus? Have you been hoping for a more permanent solution than the modular units? Does the detention pond in the front lawn seem like an eye sore? Are you frustrated with the administrative offices in Peters? Do you find it strange that the admissions office is off campus? These are just some of the concerns that will be addressed as La Roche College formulates a new master plan. According to Vice President of Business and Finance Bob Vogel, the college began working on its new master plan in January. This master plan will replace the one that was created when La Roche consolidated after selling its West Campus property. Vogel said: “If everything is done correctly, everything starts with the mission of the college, then there’s a vision, and then there’s a strategic plan. Then there’s other things—like a college master plan, which primarily pertains to facilities. Each of those

should support each other. So, the college master plan should support the strategic plan, which ultimately supports the mission of the college.” La Roche College hired Derck & Edson, a company who specializes in campus master plans, to work on the project. Vogel explained that a committee of La Roche administrators have been discussing the school’s needs and goals with them. The master planning process is still in its early stages, but Vogel said they have an ideal objective. “Ultimately, we want to see every student that comes into La Roche be very content personally and socially, be very challenged academically, and we want to see them graduate. Certainly, that’s not always possible, but that’s the environment that we want to offer. A campus master plan goes a long way in doing that,” he said. Though specific plans are still in progress, Vogel did mention that the college wants to address certain issues.

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Alumnus searching for life-saving donor

BY JULIA FELTON
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A La Roche alumnus needs a life-saving kidney donation. Roy Engelman—who got his Bachelors and Masters degrees at La Roche—received a heart transplant 11 years ago. Though the heart transplant saved his life, the anti-rejection medications began to kill his kidney. To further complicate the issue, Engelman was born with only one kidney. Now Engelman and his wife, Janice, are searching for a living kidney donor.

“If he gets a donor, the odds of him living a long, full life are great,” Janice said. Engelman explained that he needs a living kidney donor for numerous reasons. Living donors offer kidneys that have not experienced trauma, like many kidneys taken from cadavers have. Kidneys from live donors last longer. And—most importantly—when a living donor offers a kidney,

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Students

La Roche student writes to raise awareness for mitochondrial disease

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Jenevieve Woods has written four books about her experiences living with Mitochondrial Disease.

Jenevieve Woods is a junior psychology major here at La Roche College. Jenevieve is living with a debilitating chronic illness called Mitochondrial Disease.

Diagnosed when she was 16 years old, Jenevieve is currently 21 years old and has overcome many obstacles that impede on daily life, such as walking and having very low energy.

Jenevieve has also succeeded in publishing four books that detail her life and experiences of living with mitochondrial disease, in addition to publishing a book of poetry.

Through writing, Jenevieve hopes to bring awareness to Mitochondrial Disease, which is very rare.

There are many different variations of Mitochondrial Disease, but Jenevieve has a strain of the disease which no one else has, called Mitochondrial Neuropathy ATP Deletion, which is characterized by nerve damage, muscle damage, and energy deficiency.

Before receiving the diagnosis of Mitochondrial Disease, it was first thought that Jenevieve had Cerebral Palsy because of her difficulty to walk.

When Jenevieve was about 15 years old, she and her mother knew that she did not have Cerebral Palsy and demanded to find out what this disease really was.

After going to numerous doctors in hopes of receiving an accurate diagnosis, Jenevieve was diagnosed in 2014 when she was a freshman in highschool.

She recalls her experience as “isolating” and “crazy” because not much

information about Mitochondrial Disease was known at that time.

Mitochondrial Disease is a progressive disease. The damage it causes to the body only worsens with time, very similar to ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

A large majority of Jenevieve’s energy is consumed by going to classes and walking.

Once her energy is gone, she can’t get it back. Jenevieve equates her energy levels to a cell phone battery.

“Normal people start out the day with about 100 percent energy, but people with Mitochondrial Disease start out the day with about 85-90 percent energy,” Jenevieve said.

Despite these struggles, Jenevieve has maintained a positive outlook on life and says that she is not suffering.

Jenevieve tries to make the most of each day. “I live everyday to the max. I only want to put positive things into the world,” she said.

With the psychology degree Jenevieve is pursuing, she hopes to one day work at the child life department at Children’s Hospital. Jenevieve would like to help children undergoing medical treatments by making sure they are happy and content with their treatments.

Above all, Jenevieve wants people to see her for who she is, not the disease she happens to have.

“I may do odd things, but they do not define me. I wish people could not see the Mito and just see me,” Jenevieve said.

SGA uses student feedback in planning

BY JULIA FELTON
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La Roche’s Student Government Association (SGA) launched a survey to better understand student needs as they plan for the future.

SGA’s Academic Vice President Sarah Thomas spearheaded the survey project last semester. She has since reviewed the results and is working to find ways to implement student feedback into SGA’s plans.

Thomas said, “We sort of informally know that it’s hard to get students to come to events, but the survey is able to give [us] an idea of how to plan events for the future.”

Thomas said she was impressed by the number of respondents—136—and said their opinions will be beneficial to SGA. “We were surprised at the amount of feedback that we got. Generally, when you send out a survey like that, you can expect a low response rate. But considering the

size of our college, we did get a good amount of responses,” she said.

She said that the survey gave SGA a better idea of when they should schedule events. According to her survey, 40 students would like to have events at night, 14 would prefer early evening, 12 suggested afternoons, four like mornings, and one student asked for events over weekends.

According to Thomas, the survey made it apparent that they should be scheduling more events with an international or multicultural focus. The survey said that 94.9 percent of students believe that “the campus community is properly educated concerning multicultural and international issues.”

Thomas said SGA will use the survey results to plan events for next semester and beyond. She said the problems addressed in the survey will

likely persist unless SGA addresses them now. “La Roche sort of attracts the same types of students—we’re going to attract athletes, we’re going to attract commuter students from the surrounding communities—and the problems that they have, if we don’t solve them this year, they’re going to continue to need to be solved,” she explained.

One issue that she said stood out to her from the survey was Wi-Fi. “There was some interesting feedback regarding the Wi-Fi. Just to hear that this is a problem, we should do something about it,” she said, noting that SGA’s Executive Vice-President Allison Bosworth launched a survey about Wi-Fi difficulties last semester. Three students mentioned Wi-Fi issues in the survey.

She also said she hopes this will help encourage SGA to communicate

with the student body better in the future. “It sets a precedent for student engagement,” Thomas said. “I think SGA should do this every year, maybe even every semester.”

Though Thomas said she believes the survey was helpful, she still wants more communication between SGA and the student body. She said: “I think this is the first step. I really don’t think this the end-all be-all. There is a communication gap. The survey is the first step. Student Appreciation Week is also going to work on getting SGA’s name out there. This was just the start to improve and increase communication.”

To further improve communication, Thomas told students to come to SGA meetings. “I would encour-

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On Campus

Professor has best of both worlds as teacher and pop punk musician

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See page 18 for the Courier's coverage of the concert.

Rishi Bahl experiences the best of both worlds as his roles of a marketing professor and pop punk musician come together for the first time at La Roche College's spring concert.

Bahl started playing music his senior year of high school in 2005, playing covers of his favorite band: Blink 182.

"I went to this really strict private high school where you didn't have much room to breathe, so I got into punk rock because of my sister and then I was hooked ever since," Bahl said. "It was really just a creative outlet to not have to deal with every day high school stuff where I had to wear a coat and tie."

The band members consist of vocalist and lead guitar player Rishi Bahl, bass guitar player Joe Harbulak, and drummer Andy Mayer. Bahl said he went to high school with the members of the band but connected with them at rock shows around Pittsburgh.

"The music scene in Pittsburgh was way different then than it is now," Bahl states. "There were probably seven shows every Friday and every Saturday at VFWs, halls, and peoples' basements. You'd go and meet people and that's how I met the rest of the guys in my band."

Those who knew "Eternal Boy" prior to 2016 knew that Bahl's band used to be called "The Space Pimps." The change came from wanting their name to better represent who they were, Bahl said.

"I'm a big proponent of not growing up, like at heart and the Latin word for eternal boy is "puer aeternam." It's like a Peter Pan complex which is almost like a psychiatric disorder where people have problems growing up and they stay in this like juvenile age range," Bahl said. "Eternal Boy" is a more tasteful way than saying Peter Pan complex. Youth is

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How does weather impact students?

BY MINA HOLLAND
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Starting on January 27, the weekly temperature plummeted into negative degree weather. Due to drastic weather changes, La Roche College closed classes on January 30 and 31. Professors revised their course schedules while students relaxed on their two day break.

February third's week soared into the 50s. Classes resumed, and students only wore light jackets outside. The week after, it snowed, warmed up again, and wind speeds rose up to 26 miles per hour. Power outages surged throughout the whole college and McCandless community, and students experienced difficulty walking outside.

"I don't like that the power was out all day, because even though I was at work, there were students that had to do online homework and couldn't get it done," a graphic design major, Natasha Banks, said on Sunday, February 24. "Some of the hallways were cold, and when the weather frequently changes like it has been, people in Bold [Hall] can't really control the temperatures in their rooms."

As the temperature fluctuates, so do the students' moods. People with SAD (Seasonal Affective Depression) on campus have had this disorder act out when the temperatures fell, and dissipated when the weather became warm. Banks said that her mood has been up and down with the constant weather changes.

"I didn't enjoy the weather chang-

es in Pittsburgh," Banks added, saying she did not grow up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "But, there's nothing the school can do about it." Though some of the student body expresses concern on the current weather, there isn't much the school can do to ease the situation at hand.

"I think the school should invest in a generator for the dorms," Banks suggested. "Other schools are able to afford it and I think it would really help us."

Both students and faculty experience difficulty through power outages with the school's Canvas system. "I also wondered how professors could post assignments when the power is out, and how students can complete them," said Banks.

Even though the weather is out of the campus's control, there are minor ways that the campus can ease the students' situation. The Cantelops Dining Hall and the Wright Library usually have power when there's an outage around the rest of the campus, so that students have somewhere to use their electronics, do homework, and get meals.

Sudden and drastic weather changes impact everyone, but students handle it by preparing for these situations. The best way to handle these temperature swings is to check the weather on the news or internet, charge electronics ahead of time, and to get online homework done early.



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Winter weather--and the resulting power outages--can impact students' mental health and make it difficult to finish assignments.

Man on the Street

*Entertainment Editor Sarah Hefferin asked students:
If you could own a food truck, what would you call it
and what would you serve?*



FOOD TRUCK: THE BOSTON TEA PARTY
KNOWN FOR: TEA AND CRUMPETS
MATTHEW KNIGHT, FRESHMAN FILM MAJOR



FOOD TRUCK: WIBACHI!
KNOWN FOR: HIBACHI
KAILEY WOISTMAN, JUNIOR EDUCATION MAJOR



FOOD TRUCK: KETO, KALE, & KAULIFLOWER
KNOWN FOR: KETO FOODS
JENNIFER FRITSCH, JUNIOR EDUCATION MAJOR



FOOD TRUCK: BARRY'S BACON
KNOWN FOR: BACON BURGERS
BARRINGTON RATLIFF, JUNIOR GRAPHIC DESIGN



FOOD TRUCK: KIRA'S KUPCAKES
KNOWN FOR: CUPCAKES
HUNTER KIRA, JUNIOR GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR

Faculty

Graphic design professor shares passion for art with community, LRC

BY SARAH HEFFERIN
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It starts with an idea. A passion to begin a product. For Terese Jungle, it is both of those things, and an adventure.

In January 2019, Jungle was a featured artist in Mattress Factory store, located in the Northside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her journey to get to this point, however, took her in many directions.

Jungle currently teaches as an assistant professor in La Roche's graphic design department. But outside of class, she designs for clients and businesses, where she creates business cards, logos, among other things.

Some of her favorite projects came from designing from local businesses here in Pittsburgh, and she got to see her skills in action close to home.

"My favorite project was working with a client here in Pittsburgh, a local patisserie called Gabi et Jules. They said they wanted to bring macarons to the Pittsburgh market, and what I really loved about it was the flow of working with clients and how the final solution came about and then seeing it in the space," Jungle said. "Seeing (my design) on all the surfaces and then all of the pastries had my logo on them on a little chocolate disk—that was a happy designer moment."

However, it did not start out this way for Jungle. She graduated from Point Park with a degree in journalism, took her to San Francisco to write. But when she saw graphic designers who worked with her, she realized that she wanted a career change.

"I went off to be a journalist because I love to write as well, and I took a job as an assistant editor for a small magazine in San Francisco. But the whole time I was looking over at the other side of the room at where the graphic design people were and I (said to myself) 'I think I like what they're doing more.'"

After this inspiration, her graphic design career took off and flourished, as she expanded her horizons in the field. After graduating with a masters of fine arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Jungle knew she was doing exactly what she wanted to do.

Flash forward to 2014, where Jungle gets an idea. At that time, the Mattress Factory had a pop-up market in which artists could go and showcase their work and sell it to the public.

"So (my daughter) and I were making stuff and when the pop-up market came up I thought, 'Oh, let me apply and see if we could get into this little market.' And I thought, there's no way, I was sure it was going to be really competitive, but I got in!" Jungle said.

The market itself was a one-day event, but Jungle said that, to her surprise, she and her daughter were sell-

ing things rapidly. Her and her daughter's first collaboration was a mini zine titled, "The Frizzball from Outer Space," and was first sold at the pop-up market. It also featured a matching plush. Her booth also featured items such as prints and silk screens made both by Jungle and her daughter.

"It was pretty incredible, and the people who owned the (Mattress Factory) shop said that they would like to carry my stuff in their shop! I was amazed," Jungle said. "So they carried (my products) in their shop and they have just kept doing it. I just keep bringing them inventory when they need it."

This has been going on ever since the show, and Jungle often comes up with new ideas to send as updated inventory. Her daughter often helps her brainstorm, and has actually come up with some of the ideas herself.

Jungle said, "One day, my daughter and I built a piece of IKEA furniture, and the next morning, we said 'some assembly required' would make a good t-shirt and we put it on a little post it and threw it in a drawer. And that was probably in 2012. It wasn't until 2014 when I made it into a shirt. Sometimes if you just grab a little idea that seems simple and silly even, it could (end up a bestseller)."

This led to the productions of art prints, comic strips, and cards to be sold in the Mattress Factory shop.

"So it's really surprising what can happen when you just dare yourself to do something and when you have that deadline, you really have to commit to it," Jungle said.

What Jungle said she takes most from this experience is becoming an entrepreneur and how important it is to producing and selling her products in stores. She realized that she had a responsibility to manage her inventory and keep things running smoothly. Originally, Jungle's products were in four different stores in the Pittsburgh area. She experimented with pricing and manufacturing, along with retail, to get an honest feel of selling her art.

Now, she has streamlined her business to strictly sell out of the Mattress Factory's store, where she knows her products will do well. Jungle continues to do something she loves and makes products that she loves, which allows her to really be there for her daughter.

"When you have a particular aesthetic, no matter what you do it's going to look like it's part of the same thing. I didn't really set out to have 'merchandise,' but it was something fun to do and to be a good model for my daughter. It was a good way to see that you could do anything that you set your mind to," Jungle said.

Once she had set up her merchandise in the Mattress Factory,



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Terese Jungle's handmade products are being sold at the Mattress Factory.

Jungle began a new project: a book. For awhile, she had been putting off designing the story of her past cat named Chicken, and how he came to be a part of her and her daughter's lives. She often debated whether or not it would be good enough to be published.

Jungle said, "It was a lot to learn in the process. I think every person who's creative goes through moments where they don't feel like (doing the work) and wondering whether anybody would be interested. The same thing happened with the book. But I couldn't NOT do it."

While she was between jobs one year, Jungle got to work on her book about her cat named Chicken.

"It was a true story. When my daughter Ana was five, she asked, 'how did we get Chicken?' And I told her the story, and she wanted to hear it every single night. Then she asked for pictures. In other words, (she asked me) 'can you make the book?'" Jungle said.

The book slowly took shape, as Jungle sketched pictures and added words to bring Chicken's story to life. It took Jungle nine years to realize that she had a real book that she could publish and bring it out of simply sketch form. She worked on the book furiously to get it done.

Jungle said, "Once I realized what it took to do one single panel, I re-

alized I would have to work on (the book) day and night. And once you're halfway in, you can't stop."

In the end, the book not only demonstrates how Chicken came to live with Jungle and her daughter, but it expressed how pets find us and how we find them.

According to Jungle, it takes strategy and effort to keep her side business endeavors up and running, but it is something she is really enjoying. She wishes she had minored in entrepreneurship, but she is overall happy with where her path has taken her.

Now, Jungle continues to teach, and work with clients. She also is thinking of another book; it would be a graphic novel set in Prague highlighting stories told by her grandmother. In June, with a journal in hand, Jungle plans to travel to Prague with the anticipation of finding inspiration. She hopes that, by continuing to work, she will inspire others to never stop being creative.

"I think there's a tendency to think that once you're out working in the world, when you have kids, stuff like that, that you don't do as much creative stuff. Maybe that's a limiting thought. I would just encourage everyone to stay creative, stay true to what you feel like you need to do, even if there are challenges and it's not a perfect process."

When In Rome

Students on Rome campus immerse themselves in cultural experience

BY SARAH SANTUCCI
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One month ago, La Roche students found themselves walking around the city center of Rome with their future Italian professor, Chiara Roberts, and the Assistant Director of Study Abroad, Nicole Gable. Just days before, most of the students traveled internationally for the first time. The following week, the first week of class, they started to get more familiar with each other.

The Rome campus is a 30-minute bus ride from the Colosseum, 15-minute drive from Vatican City, and a 10-minute walk from the nearest gelato shop—all locations that students will visit during their study abroad, as well as other activities coordinated by their professor, Roberts. La Roche wants to immerse the students in the culture as much as possible. Students will participate in other events such as visiting the Vatican, a weekend trip to Venice, and more accompanied by Roberts and La Roche professor, Dr. Paul LeBlanc.

Within the past month of being in Rome, the students have already experienced a cooking class in their local neighborhood, a tour of the Colosseum, a visit to the Opera House to see Carmen, and a trip to Florence. International Affairs student Samantha Osman said she loved Florence. She said “The river was beautiful. [Florence] was very small and easy to get around.” Paige Meholick, said, “I fell in love with the culture. I love that we could go to another city and

experience another part of Italy. I am really looking forward to Venice and traveling to other parts of the country as well as other countries.”

The neighborhood around the housing facility is not very busy. Most the students like the noise-free environment. Education major, Natasha Florence, said, “[Living in Rome compared to living on campus] are similar because the area is a quick 10-15 minute walk away similar to La Roche.” Other than a privately-owned UPMC hospital next door, the area is foreign to the girls. Le Blanc states, “[Students] are learning in an exciting, new, and different context by being in Rome.”

Study abroad in Rome offered many new experiences as well as aiding the students’ growth. Living in close quarters requires students to adjust their lifestyles in a way that is respectable of one another. Although all the students have lived with a roommate before, Self Design major, Sarah Nichols said, “[Living in Rome] doesn’t feel like school, yet at the same time it is, and you get the experience of learning a different culture for a semester.” In regards to the courses being taught in Rome, Le Blanc said he tied his Modern Europe class in with Rome with special attention to Italian history and culture.

One of the factors that made a few students hesitant to attend the Study Abroad Rome program was staying on track with their majors. Educa-



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(From left to right) Natasha Florence, Paige Meholick, Chiara Crippa Roberts, MeiMei Santucci, Samantha Osman, and Sarah Nichols visited the Colosseum during their study abroad trip to Rome.

tion major Meholick could coordinate with a local private school to complete her observation hours needed for her major. She states, “I love learning about the education system in another country. I’m so happy I was able to coordinate this observation and I would definitely encourage education majors to come on the trip, knowing they can do the same.” The school she observes at is an international school. Elementary-aged students come from

Italian I, Elementary Italian II, Life and Society (fulfills an LRX course of the student’s choice), and Modern European History (can fulfill multiple different requirements). All of the students are taking at least one course online as well. When asked about another course that may be applicable in Rome, Le Blanc states, “[Another course] would be more focused on Italian history and culture. By culture, more music, art, and literature. It



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(From left to right) Sarah Nichols, MeiMei Santucci, Paige Meholick, Samantha Osman, Natasha Florence posed at the Villa Borghese.

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-Sarah Nichols

all over the world to attend.

Sometimes, students will take a five-minute walk to the local coffee shop where they befriended the owner as well as the staff. The neighborhood is friendly and welcoming. Two main streets are home to a few of the favorite spots for study abroad students. During orientation, Roberts said, “You’ll go somewhere once and not know anyone. Then, when you go again, by the third or fourth time, they’ll remember you.”

Currently, there are four courses being offered in La Roche in Rome, but are not all mandatory; Elementary

would be fun to read more Italian literature and study history deeper and more thoroughly.”

With approximately 50 days left, these students are about to have their Elementary Italian I midterm. Their trip to Venice is coming up in one month, a trip to Vatican City, and more. Although there has been lots of sightseeing, there is lots more to come!



Finance

How can your credit score impact your financial future?

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So, in this article we're going to explain what a credit score is and how a college student can improve their credit score. For you to understand this though, we're going to have to start with the basics.

What is a credit score?

An easy way to think about a credit score is that it's a grade for your previous financial obligations. Its expressed as a number from 300 to 850 with a higher score being better.

What is a good score?

The ranges given by Experian (a credit reporting agency) are shown below:

Score	Rating	Percent of people in category
300-579	Very poor	17%
580-669	Fair	20.2%
670-739	Good	21.5%
740-799	Very good	18.2%
800-850	Excellent	19.9%

What affects my score?

Payment history-Have you missed any payments? If so how many and for how much money? This makes up about 35% of your credit score.

Credit Utilization-What percentage of your available credit is being used? For example, if you are maxing out your credit cards every month

you probably don't handle money as well. This makes up about 30% of your credit score.

Length of credit history-How long have your accounts been open and what was the last activity on them? This makes up about 15% of your credit score.

Credit Mix-This is how many types of credit you have, such as revolving credit vs. installment loans. Revolving credit is like a credit card where you spend money then pay it off on a revolving, usually monthly, basis. An installment loan is when you make monthly payments towards a large

sum of borrowed money, such as a car loan or your student loans. This makes up about 10% of your credit score

New credit-If you open too many accounts at the same time this could indicate poor finances since a lot of credit access is needed. So don't just get credit cards for the sake of your

score, only do it as needed. As a college student this will be one credit card under most circumstances. This makes up about 10% of your credit score as well.

Why does this matter?

Your credit score is an indicator of how well you handle your finances. So for a business to take on that risk and give you a loan, in the form of something like a mortgage, they want compensation for the risk. Therefore, you will get charged a higher interest rate for your poor credit score. Conversely if you have a good credit score, you are less of a risk, so you get better terms on your loan because you are less of a risk.

What can you do as a college student?

Now that you have a bit of a background to help understand all this, you may be sitting there saying "I'm a college student, what can I do about this?" Well the reality is that as a college student you have limited resources and limited opportunity until you get a real job. The easiest one for you to do is to get a credit card. Do your independent research and make sure it works with your financial situation,

but this is probably the most feasible way to improve your credit score as a college student. Another thing that some students do is buy a car. A lot of times this requires a loan; make sure you can make the regular loan payments required. While it would be helpful to have another type of loan you are making payments on, make sure you can make the payments. The most relevant one to a lot of college students though is student loan debt. If you ever find yourself falling behind and unable to make payments, always remember that deferment is an option. It is too complicated of a topic to get into in this article but do your research if you find yourself in that situation. Missing a payment on an installment loan or a credit card can be a significant blow to your credit score. If there is one thing you remember and take away from this, don't miss your payments, don't take on debt for the sake of it and make sure you don't take on more than you can afford. The last thing you want is to stretch your money too much and not be able to make the payments needed, this will hurt more than it helps.

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Sports

La Roche baseball looks to repeat as AMCC champions for seventh year

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Coaches around the AMCC have predicted La Roche to win a seventh consecutive AMCC title. They are currently ranked sixth in the nation in Division 3.

Last year the Redhawks finished with a 35-10-1 overall record, including going 16-2 in the AMCC conference. The team had a .341 batting average and .415 on base percentage; 13 homeruns and 356 runs total.

Senior outfielder Jonathan Spina, the team's leadoff hitter, finished fourth in the AMCC last season in batting average last season at .412. He was first in games played, at bats, and plate appearances. He was first in hits with 80, and third in runs with 50. He had the most triples with six and second most stolen bases with 23. He was behind teammate Dylan Urban who had 30 stolen bases.

Last season, Redhawks pitcher Tre Thomas was AMCC pitcher of the year. He is expected to be the leagues #1 pitcher again. He was All-American, pitching nine wins, 70 strikeouts and a 1.47 ERA. He'll look to continue his success this year.

Senior starting catcher, Joe Professori is AMCC player to watch. Last season he was second in plate appearances with 209, third in at bats with 172, third in hits with 65 and tied first with Spina in triples at six. He had

a .378 batting average and got two homeruns.

I asked Joe what he thinks he and the team need to do to repeat and make a deep run in the NCAA tournament. He said, "What I believe we have to do as a team is stick to our plan. We have a good group of guys with a lot of talent. Our pitching is probably the best that I've seen throughout the years. Our offense is very good and consistently getting better every day. All that's left at the end of the day is being mentally tough and keeping a pitch to pitch mindset. Personally what I believe I have to do is continue to work hard and just play the game I know how to play."

La Roche will start their upcoming season in Baltimore, MD. They will face famously known Johns Hopkins on Friday, March 1st. Then Cortland and Rutgers-Camden the following day.

Their spring break trip will be between March 9 - 14. They will head to Port Charlotte, FL and play in the Snowbird Baseball Classic. They will play eight games while there in FL.



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Senior Joe Professori is an AMCC player to watch.

Predicting MLB awards for 2019

BY JORDAN SMITH
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In the 2018 MLB season, the World Series went to the Boston Red Sox once again. 2019 is looking to be another competitive season.

In 2018, the American League Gold Glove winners:

C: Salvador Perez, Royals

1B: Matt Olson, A's

2B: Ian Kinsler, Angels/Red Sox

3B: Matt Chapman, A's

SS: Andrelton Simmons, Angels

LF: Alex Gordon, Royals

CF: Jackie Bradley Jr., Red Sox

RF: Mookie Betts, Red Sox

P: Dallas Keuchel, Astros

The Platinum Glove winner was Matt Chapman from the A's.

Clearly some of the best players were on the same couple of teams. Specifically, the World Series winners. I'd expect Mookie Betts to win this

award again. I believe Jose Altuve will win a Gold Glove in 2019.

The National League Gold Glove winners:

C: Yadier Molina, Cardinals

1B: Freddie Freeman, Braves; Anthony Rizzo, Cubs (tie)

2B: DJ LeMahieu, Rockies

3B: Nolan Arenado, Rockies

SS: Nick Ahmed, D-Backs

LF: Corey Dickerson, Pirates

CF: Ender Inciarte, Braves

RF: Nick Markakis, Braves

P: Zack Greinke, D-Backs

The Platinum Glove winner was Nolan Arenado from the Rockies.

Yet again, the best players came from the same couple of teams. Co-

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Pens playoff run looks dismal

BY JORDAN SMITH
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A team full of star power with Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Phil Kessel and Kris Letang is supposed to be doing better than this.

As it stands currently, the Penguins are one spot out of the playoffs. They have a record of 32-22-8. Currently the Islanders, Capitals, Blue Jackets, Bruins, Lightning, Maple Leafs, Hurricanes and Canadiens all have a playoff spot in the East.

I see all those teams staying in except I do believe the Penguins will make it in over the Canadiens for a wildcard (or at least they should).

On the bright side in the East it's neck and neck throughout the standings, excluding the Lightning who will ease away winning the Presidents trophy. So, if we put together a good record in the next 10 games, we can get

ahead of opponents.

The western conference has been a mess, as teams are so hot and cold over there. There are losing streaks left and right from great teams. This way I'll believe whoever makes it to the final from the East will win the cup.

Three of the next six games for the Penguins are against division rival, the Blue Jackets. Those are all important four-point games. These are crucial wins for the Pens, winning at least two against them would be great to hopefully push them out of the playoffs and get us back in.

Being over 60 games in, there are only four players that have stood out:

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As I See It...

Student reflects on first job experience

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Everyone's experienced at least one job they regret in their life. Whether it's a part time job at the mall, the fast food industry, or even at a local business, at some point, you will have a job you regret applying for. Mine was my very first job, at a family owned pastry shop in Castle Shannon, Pittsburgh, PA.

I was seventeen when I upheld my two-month position at the run-down pastry shop, obscure from all the other stores on Route 88. I stumbled upon the shop on an overcast day in early April of 2016, because my mother and grandmother wanted to scope out the place. We swung open the shop's glass door and stepped inside. Corny signs bought straight from JoAnn fabrics littered the walls

That's when the woman who trained me on my first day introduced me to the owner's son. Resembling the combination of a Twenty One Pilots band member and an abusive husband, the son was at least 25 years old, donned a baggy shirt and cargo shorts, tattoos scrawled all over his arms as filler space, and he favored yelling at me. Day one on training, and he yelled at me for not putting cupcakes in their wrappers fast enough. However, one would expect attitude from an almost-30-year-old working for his parents, so I wasn't shocked.

However, the owners said that I would have until November of 2016 to know the names and prices of the pastries, so I assumed it wouldn't be a hassle.

One- he was incredibly sexist and racist, telling me my only motive in life is to "marry a rich, white guy." Two- he said to me that the name people are born with defines them, which could go a lot of emotionally unintelligent ways. Three- he threatened to stab me because I misplaced an order for a cake. And, four- according to him, I was driving away customers. He said that I wasn't calm enough with the way I talked, and that's what was driving them away. Not the constant horse flies buzzing around the shop and landing on the pastries, but because of the way I talked. As for the horse flies, they were never an issue to the store, which resulted in an angry review from a kind stranger on their Yelp page.

windows? You never told me to wash them?"

The son screamed and swore at the top of his lungs at me about the windows, so I just stood there, stared at him, and walked right out of the store to "wash" the side windows. I looked at the windows for thirty seconds, saw that they were spotless, and walked back in. The owner's wife, sitting in her office, said to me, "Why are you washing the windows? That's a job for the landlord."

Why I decided to keep that horrible job after that day, I had no idea.

The next day, after a customer decided to order three trays of brownies, I was called into the store's office. The owner's wife sat me down in front of her desk and told me that a girl who used to work for them asked for her job back. "Because of this, we're going to have to lay you off," she said.

I figured the real reason they were laying me off- or firing me for that matter- was because I wasn't properly trained, they came up with things on the spot, and were sick of me asking about them. That, or they were using me as a replacement until someone better came along. It certainly explained why I wasn't given proper paychecks, they never had me sign any contracts, never put me in their books so I couldn't use them as a resource for future jobs, was almost forced to work nine hours one day the following week- which is illegal to have a 17 year old do, and they gave me landlord jobs. I wasn't sure if it was just me, or if they treated all their employees like that. The bakery owners don't do anything about bugs on their pastries, and they let their son vape in front of the pastries being made in the back of the shop, so I figured they never took their business seriously, anyway.

Having a bad experience with my first "job," I gained enough confidence to know my self-worth, realize how employees shouldn't be treated, and learned to stand up for myself- after I got laid off. Though I wished I'd known these things beforehand, I learned from experience to never continue working at a bad job, and that there's more cake icing options other than buttercream.



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and three glass cases filled with pies, cakes, cookies, brownies and cupcakes stood ten feet away from the door.

A woman with bottled red hair and her work uniform came up to me and asked if I wanted to buy anything. After purchasing a few cupcakes and cannolis, my mother and I talked to the woman, and she said that the bakery was hiring. A skinny man with glasses and a beer gut, and a woman, who I first assumed to be his mother, walked out of the shop's office area. He introduced himself and the woman who turned out to be his wife, as the owners of the store. I told them I was looking for a job, the woman handed me an application, I filled it out when I got home, my mother drove me back to the shop, and I turned it in. I was interviewed and hired on the spot, and I was asked to start working at the bakery in early May, since various high schools events occurred for me the rest of April.

At the beginning of May, two days before my high school marching band trip to Maryland, I came into the bakery for training. Required to wear my hair in a bun, tennis shoes, and a work uniform that covered my behind because "it would be a distraction" if it wasn't covered, I was immediately trained on the register. The problem was, the register was at least thirty years old, the pastries were never marked, and prices changed on different pastries, every day. Therefore, it was hard for me to keep track of pastry prices, as well as their names. However, I figured I'd learn it over time.

Meanwhile, that May, I graduated from high school and was expected to know all the names and prices of pastries at that point. Even though I was only working three days a week for less than a month. Since the shop kept putting out new pastries and made up prices on the spot on the daily, it was hard for me to keep track of all of them. I also had to ask for the prices, since they never bothered to tell me them firsthand. Having to keep up with new pastries and new prices every single day, I ended up making the owner of the store so angry that he would yell and swear at me for not knowing the price of new pastries he just came up with. Even when he wouldn't yell and swear at me, he would dramatically sigh, close his eyes, and wait thirty seconds before giving me an answer on the price of, per say, a new cupcake.

"It's always better to ask for help than to assume you know what you're doing and screw up," the owner, who loved to belittle me, said to me on my first day at work. Knowing by May that what he said was a lie, I also picked up on a few other things about the man.

The day after I was told that the bakery's customers were driven away by my words, the owner's son told me to wash the windows outside the front of the store. Having never done this before, I asked him, "Where do I get a bucket and a rag?"

That's when the owner got in my face, demanded I look him dead in the eye, and screamed, "You've been working here for three [expletive] months! Quit asking for help! You pulled this [expletive] last week and I don't want to [expletive] see it happen again!" Even though I've only worked there for one-and-a-half months, since this was mid-June.

Not knowing what to do except go outside, wash the windows, and cry because I was completely petrified, I contemplated quitting. However, the only thing stopping me was because I thought I needed the money for college. I went back inside when I was done, and the boss's Neanderthal son-who's favorite hobby in the world is screaming at his wife in front of customers- looked at me, and asked me if I washed all four windows on the side of the store. I said, "No. What

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History

Aspiring sister predicts her own death

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Mary Margaret Dominick's grave is one of many graves in the Sisters of Divine Providence Cemetery.

White stone crosses rise from the graves resting in the Sisters of Divine Providence Cemetery. Each is inscribed with the name of a sister and the letters I.H.S., a symbol for Christians and Latin for "Jesus Christ." These inscriptions are carved into every cross—all except for one. Tucked in the back right corner, underneath the low-hanging branches of a hemlock tree, is a grave half the size of the rest. It bears a short cross, with no symbols of a life dedicated to faith. The headstone tells nothing more than two facts: a teenage girl is buried among the sisters, and her life ended the same day it began.

Mary Margaret Dominick was an aspiring sister who died at age 14.

Born on March 15, 1916, Dominick was the youngest of four sisters. After her mother, Anna Barilovic Dominick, died of influenza in 1917, Dominick was separated from

her siblings at 10 months old. Her father, Nicholas Dominick, passed away in 1923, leaving Mary Margaret orphaned at the age of seven.

Not much is known about her life until she came to The Sisters of Divine Providence. When she was 12 years old, Dominick arrived at the aspirant school. Although she was young, Mother Appalonic permitted Dominick to finish her schooling there since she had an adamant desire to become a sister.

At the aspirant school, Dominick was reunited with her sister, Anna, who took the religious name Sister Mary Stephen Dominick.

"I was so surprised that she came because I never knew she had the desire to become a nun," Mary Stephen said.

She added that Dominick always said she wanted to die on her birthday.

While studying with the sisters,

"Her 14th birthday came and all she talked about was that she was going to die that Saturday evening."

-Mary Stephen

Dominick contracted pulmonary tuberculosis. The disease left her sick for a full year.

"Her 14th birthday came and all she talked about was that she was going to die that Saturday evening," Mary Stephen said.

During the afternoon of March 15, 1930, Mary Stephen said that Dominick went to confession. Afterwards

she went outside and made the sign of the cross, and then took a walk to the cemetery. She carried out the rest of her day as usual, saying the rosary and benedictions that evening. When her prayers were over, Dominick gathered all of her belongings at the school.

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Sister Mary Margaret died of pulmonary tuberculosis on her 14th birthday.

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The North Park Pool: A love story and an all but forgotten landmark

BY KATHLEEN KENNA
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North Park is a testament to the history of our country. Opening in 1927, covering over three thousand acres, much of what we see in the park today – Lake Marshall, the boathouse, the arboretum – are part of the New Deal that Franklin Roosevelt brought about to save our country from the Great Depression.

During the Cold War it acted as a secret nuclear missile site. For many years it was a home to buffalo and a Native American Chief. Just a quick detour off of one the countless trails will show you forgotten ruins of shelters or other buildings in the woods.

For many people living north of Pittsburgh the park is a daily routine: a place to walk your dog or ride your bike. But unfortunately, for many more, most of the park is a forgotten resource just begging to be rediscovered. After all, the park is right in La Roche's backyard; and everyone should be getting more use of it. One of the park's gems has an especially exciting history: the swimming pool.

There are few people alive today who remember the opening of North Park pool but in 1937 it made history. Many local sources of the time boast of it being the largest in the country and second largest in the entire world. Although that fact has been disputed, it was most certainly the largest pool that the majority of people living in Allegheny County at the time had seen. Even in present day it is probably the largest any of us have seen.

It took a few years to be able to find an architect who could build a pool of such magnitude and countless "swimming pool experts" were brought in. Park officials announced a pool was coming in 1927 and 10 years later a behemoth was born. It holds over two million gallons of water and can fit up to 5,000 people. The North Park pool dwarfed all other pools of the surrounding area and other parks. And people from all over the county (and further) flocked to it.

Many newspaper and witness accounts tell just how important the swimming pool was to people in the North Hills community. It is an institution.

I spoke with Marcia Rymarchyk,

lifelong resident of Allegheny County, who lived about three miles away from the pool. "It was really some of the best times I ever had," she said of being at the pool, "a long time ago, though."

She described her and her friends trying to get out of school during the last few weeks of the school year as soon as possible so that they could get to the pool every night. As soon as school was out, she said, "we would go to the pool most every day." She remembers getting there as soon as it opened at 11 and teasing her friends

would go to the baby pool; I can picture them getting kicked out of the baby pool by the lifeguard just like my friends and I were.

If they were hungry, they ate. "The snack bar had the worst food ever," she said, but they would still eat it.

She was terrified of the high dive and had to go back down the ladder twice before she could finally work up the courage to jump off. "I think it was the highest in a public pool at that time" she told me, although everyone seems to have their own world record made up about North Park pool; it

5,000 people-- that you would have to get a colored band when you went in and you could only stay for an hour before you had to go back outside to wait for another turn. Bus after bus from downtown Pittsburgh would bring hundreds of people to the pool; there simply was nothing like it at the time in the city.

Just like Marcia, countless teens and families spent their entire summer at the pool.

In 1952, a playful "civil war" broke out between the bathing beauties of North and South Park.

Maurice Silverstein, then superintendent of the pool, couldn't help but brag about his "mermaids" when he was interviewed by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "Not only are they attractive," he said, "but they act with decorum." The South Park swimming pool superintendent just had to reply to the Post-Gazette and let it be known that no, his pool goers were more attractive and even more well behaved. And thus, what can only be described as the most 1950's style feud ever heard of ensued.

The pool has also seen days that people would probably like to forget. Being over 80 years old, it has seen very tumultuous times in our country. At one time, it was a segregated pool. Of course, that is no longer the case – any landmark that has been around for so long has seen dark days – but it is important to remember them.

In 2000, the pool faced public scrutiny and consequences when lifeguards were not in their assigned positions and a 12-year-old boy drowned. The pool has obviously seen its share of tragedy. How can a landmark like this counter the darker times? Perhaps with all the glorious memories of sun filled days.

To hear everyone's memories, the pool seems almost too good to be true. Surely so many children and teens are having the time of their life there in present day summers too? But, no. Today the pool shows a very different scene than the glorious "throng of people" who attended the opening in 1937. There are no more buses from the city bringing in hundreds of people. The vast parking lot is never full.

In the last few years, lower and lower attendance has seen the pool start to struggle. Some days during the summer, different sections of the

"I can remember those cheesy lockers so well. I just have to smell chlorine and I am right back there."

-Marcia Rymarchyk

about getting stuck in the old-fashioned metal turnstiles. The turnstiles led into the locker room and she said with a sigh, "I can remember those cheesy lockers so well. I just have to smell chlorine and I am right back there."

She couldn't tell me the number of years it had been since she had even been back to the pool but she told me it seemed like it was just yesterday she was giggling with her girlfriends, changing into their swimsuits. Then, after the locker room, they would go to "their spot". She said "everyone had a spot on the concrete where they would leave their towels and things every day." It was the same spot every time they were there, she knew if she went back today she could tell me where it was. A kind of unofficial assigned seat; the regulars would never take your spot.

Like most teenage girls of that time and now, they would sit and tan and gossip about boys or school. She remembers there not being a lot of shade, but no one really cared. If they got too hot and didn't want to get in the main pool, her and her friends

is a shimmering mirage in everyone's memories, with mythic proportions.

One of her favorite memories of the pool? Her surprise 16th birthday. Since she has a summer birthday, her mother brought about 20 of her friends to the pool for her sweet sixteen and she said she felt so good because that was quite a "large party for that time." They ate cake and had a good time at their favorite place to be. "I even smoked my first cigarette that day," she told me with a laugh, "it was a different time."

Sadly, of course, children grow up and leave their daily haunts. She left home for college and has travelled the country. But she remembers her days at the pool so well and oh so fondly.

"The main thing I remember, though, is just the immenseness of the pool. We would try to swim across the entire thing and you just felt like you wouldn't make it!"

For Marcia, the pool was an integral part of her life: she came of age there and she came into her own. This was the same for countless others. The pool would be so crowded some hot days --remember it hold

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Sister reflects on a life of service, shares love for La Roche community

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Sister Veronica Kim says she never imagined she would be working in the education field in America.

Sister Veronica Kim loves the La Roche College community so much that she refers to herself as the campus mom. But Kim admitted that she never would have imagined she would one day work in the education field in America.

Kim was born and raised in South Korea—a place she credits for profoundly impacting her life. She said that Korean culture taught her to respect people—particularly elders—and to support family. But most importantly, Kim suggested that her life in Korea prepared her for a global perspective. “In Korean culture, it’s very open to other cultures,” Kim said, explaining that the Korean culture strived to blend different cultures and generations.

While growing up in Korea, a nine-year-old Kim took a seemingly small step that would define her life: she asked her mother if she could go to a Catholic church.

“Suddenly, one day I asked my mom to go to a Catholic church. My mom found it strange,” Kim said, noting that her family was not Catholic.

Though she found it strange, Kim’s mother found another girl in the neighborhood to walk her to the church on Sunday, Kim recalled.

“Each Sunday, I went to Catholic Mass by myself,” Kim said, “I prayed very, very hard.”

Kim said that a sister at the church noticed that she regularly attended Mass alone and began to speak with her. She soon encouraged Kim take Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults classes, which she immediately did.

There was, however, one problem. “In canon law, I cannot be a Catho-

lic without one of my parents,” Kim explained.

Kim said that the sister she had met at the church spoke to her mother, urging her to become Catholic for Kim’s sake. “My mother was touched by the story and she became a Catholic,” Kim said.

“I got baptized one year after her and became Catholic,” Kim said, adding that she continuously prayed for the opportunity to attend a Catholic school.

According to Kim, that prayer was granted. She attended a Catholic middle school and a Catholic high school.

In Korea, education was of paramount importance, according to Kim. She explained that parents often worked hard to ensure their children got quality educations. She seemed to take pride in her own Catholic education.

Kim’s Catholic schools encouraged her to volunteer—which she called getting an education outside of the classroom. She said, “They asked us to volunteer to help one another, especially with poor and suffering people. That impacted me.”

Volunteerism was not the only thing that made Kim consider dedicating her life to helping others.

She said she had a philosophical reason, as well. Kim described herself as an introvert, which she credited as being the reason she gave so much thought to these ideas. She said, “I started to think, if I go to Heaven to see God and He asks me, ‘How did you live?’, how can I answer Him?”

As she contemplated what to do with her life, Kim said she wanted to become a nurse, so she could help the sick. She cited the Biblical stories of

leprosy as inspiration for that calling. “I wanted to be a nurse, because I wanted to help suffering people, especially the kind of patients who are nearly out of society, suffering psychologically,” she said.

Then, she found the Sisters of Divine Providence—and she found them in a rather unique way. Kim recalled that she read about the congregation on the back of a Catholic magazine. That magazine story inspired her to request admission to the community.

“I wrote a letter to them,” she explained. “They wanted to invite me to join their community after graduation. I was preparing to go to college, but they wanted to get me before I go to college. So, after high school graduation, I joined the congregation.”

Kim was 19 years old when she became a religious sister.

After joining the Sisters of Divine Providence in 1980, Kim said she waited about ten years before going to college.

Kim did eventually become a nurse—a career she said she enjoyed. “I liked to work with the really poorly suffering patients who cannot get healthcare,” she reflected.

Despite her passion for nursing, Kim said she had to change jobs often while living as a sister in Korea.

Kim said: “It was different between Korean style and American style in our community—though they’re the same community. Here, I can find my ministry for myself first. If I find that, I can work there. If I cannot find any ministry, our community will help. But in Korea, it’s different. I will be sent to any kind of ministry. In Korea, my ministry was very often moving, but I had a good experience with the hospital.”

Though Kim said she was happy with her time as a nurse, she also looked back fondly on other ministries.

One of Kim’s other roles was as a chaplain for the South Korean Navy. “I worked at the headquarters of the navy in Korea,” Kim explained. “It was according to our community’s request.”

In this role, Kim said she taught church doctrine and provided emotional support to sailors. “I met navy soldiers who really needed help, psychologically,” she said. “I listened to what they needed. Sometimes, I visited [them] on ships with the priest. I listened to their hardships and I gave them advice.”

Kim said she felt that the sailors appreciated her work. “I think they loved to see me. They can see the chaplain priests easily, but not chaplain sisters,” Kim said, noting that chaplain sisters were rare.

According to Kim, some sailors would even visit her at the Motherhouse when their tours ended. After their time in the military, Kim said she would help them transition into civilian life. “They shared their story, what was going on. And after they met with me, they transformed themselves,” Kim recalled.

Though Kim felt she had a positive impact on these servicemen, she was humble about her contributions. “I

did not do anything—[I] just became a good listener. I think God worked through me,” Kim said.

Kim worked in other ministries—including roles as an assistant pastor, the director of a vocation and retreat center, a business administration director at a hospital, and an instructor for postulants and novices for the community.

After serving in many ministries in Korea, Kim was given a new opportunity. In 2003, she was offered the chance to move to the United States and join the congregation at the Marie de la Roche Province.

“I have a brave mind to say yes,” Kim said, explaining that she spoke little English when she came to the country.

Nonetheless, Kim did say yes to the call. “I had an open mind to God’s calling,” Kim said, adding that moving to a new congregation felt like a second calling.

Kim said that the hardest part of the transition was the language barrier. She lived with American sisters who spoke English, a language with which she still struggled. “Living together in different cultures was fine,” she explained, “but it’s hard to live with a different language.”

Kim also remembered worrying about working in America without speaking fluent English. She said, “I thought, if I have to work here, I needed to learn how to write correctly in English.”

She took two semesters of ESL classes through La Roche, as well as College Writing classes. Kim perfected her English by talking with others. She said, “I had to work with our students and I had to work with our staff and faculty in English, so I practiced English very much.”

Once Kim became confident in the language, she returned to doing what she seems to do best—helping others.

“I volunteered with Alpha School students as a tutor and as a mentor,” she said. “I volunteered at La Roche College library to help librarians. I volunteered at our Motherhouse [with those] who are sick among our sisters.”

Though Kim had worked in a plethora of ministry positions in Korea, she found yet another new ministry to explore in America. “In Korea, I had done most of our ministries there except education, so when I came here, I never thought I’d work [in] an education field,” Kim said.

But when La Roche College President Sister Candace Introcaso offered her a position at La Roche, Kim embraced the new experience.

Kim now serves as La Roche’s Assistant Director of International Student Services.

Kim explained, “I work on legal documentation, immigration things. But mostly, I like to work with [students] on advising.” She added that she enjoys simply talking to students about their lives or their problems.

Though Kim said she never expected to find herself working at La

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Vogel said he'd like to see student support services offices closer together. "The student support services are frequently called a hub. Student support services usually include the registrar's office, financial aid, [and] student accounts," he explained. "I'm very glad that student accounts is right next to the registrar, because they can converse about a given situation. To put financial aid somewhere in that general proximity would be great."

The same could be said about international student services. Vogel said: "There is also a hub function that looks at our international students. It would be very good if international support services were in closer proximity. It might be ESL, international admissions, everything that supports the international student."

Moving related offices into close-knit hubs should make life easier for students and staff. Vogel said: "We're hoping that the campus master plan helps make it easier for the student. It will also make it more efficient for the people who work in those offices. Being close to each other sometimes makes a big difference."

Vogel added that he would also like to see the administrative offices in Peters Hall—including his own—move out of the residence building.

Another concern is finding additional space for meeting areas. Vogel acknowledged that the Father Peter Horton Lounge, the additional seating in the upper level of Kerr Fitness Center, and seating near the bookstore have been beneficial. But Vogel said he would still like to see the master plan promote more formal and informal meeting spaces.

Vogel suggested that finding additional meeting spaces could mean better utilizing outdoor space. "We have a beautiful campus," he said. "There are some who would like to see an outdoor classroom. People would like to see us do something more with the courtyard."

Another major issue he would like to resolve is the modular units. He said the master planning committee hopes to have them removed.

Moving the admissions office onto campus may also be part of the master plan. "[On] most college campuses, the admissions office is on the heart

of campus, so that when the prospective students come on campus, they get the full flavor. That's the first impression that you can't change," Vogel said, adding that moving the admissions office onto the campus was a high priority. The college rents the space that currently houses the admissions office.

Ultimately, Vogel explained that the master plan should help the college better utilize its space. "They look to see what is the most efficient way to use space," he said. "It's all space planning."

Vogel said the master plan will encompass beautification efforts, too. He explained: "We want to strengthen the appearance of the front lawn that serves a detention pond. I hope, I pray that there's an opportunity to turn what some people consider a negative into a positive. We have some plans to design around it, to lessen the attention to it. But then there's also an opportunity [to make] it a learning opportunity. Maybe there's a little observation deck, and students can go over and read about it."

As La Roche is working on its campus master plan, the Sisters of Divine Providence are doing the same. Vogel said: "The college is doing a plan with Derck & Edson. Derck & Edson is also doing a separate plan with the Sisters. Then, Derck & Edson is looking at synergistic opportunities that may exist between the two entities."

Vogel suggested that the space La Roche needs may be found at the Sisters of Divine Providence property. "Maybe the Sisters have some excess space and the college has a need for additional space. Maybe there's some resolution that effects each of those," he said.

These changes, however, will not happen overnight. Vogel said the master plan should be completed in the fall. Once it is completed, its effects will take place over time.

"There's fixes that are achievable in the short-term without interrupting something else and they can be addressed financially without too much of an impact, so you try to prioritize all of those," Vogel said.

According to Vogel, most major changes will have to work around



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The campus master planning committee hopes to beautify the front lawn of campus, where the detention pond is currently an eyesore.

the college's academic schedule. "It's pretty hard to do things during the academic year," he said. "There's a very small window during Christmas break. Some changes would probably occur that first summer."

Vogel also acknowledged that the campus master plan's goals will take years to achieve. Though they have not decided on the term yet, Vogel said most campus master plans are five or ten years. Derck & Edson's recommendations will dictate the length of the plan. Vogel said scheduling projects around the academic calendar and potentially fundraising for larger projects could take time.

As the campus master plan committee works to finalize their plan, Vogel said students are at the heart of the matter. "I really do believe the students' best interests are at the heart of this study. We're here because the students are here and we have a sense of what we believe the students would like to see socially, would need to see academically," he said.

The committee considers student input as part of their process. Vogel said, "We look at the student satisfaction survey, we gain an understanding about what concerns the student,

what they're happy with, and we use that in the campus master plan."

Vogel said there will also be opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to communicate directly with Derck & Edson.

"This turns into a very collegial process," Vogel said. "Yes, it began with a committee, and yes, there [are] overall thoughts that the committee shares, but now representatives from Derck & Edson will start reaching out to the community."

According to Vogel, the company they used for the last campus master plan hosted a charette to hear opinions from the La Roche community. He said he believes Derck & Edson will do something similar. Vogel said that there will be numerous opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to contribute their ideas to the master plan.

Vogel stressed the importance of student involvement in this process. "It's just like voting—we can't complain about a president if we didn't vote," he said. "Your voices will be heard."



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Crosby, Guentzel, Letang and Dumoulin. They have consistently carried the team all year. The first line on offense and defense. Unfortunately, now with Letang and Dumoulin out for the foreseeable future, thanks to bad hits from players on the Flyers, are first defensive pair is gone. If they are out long-term, our chances of making it in the playoffs are slim.

Jack Johnson and Justin Schultz, as well as Marcus Pettersson are going to have to pick up a lot of playing time. Johnson has been weak all year, Schultz just got back from an injury and Pettersson is young. Maatta is on the IR, and they'll have to call up somebody from the minors. It doesn't look good on the blue line right now.

Malkin has picked it up the past few games, scoring goals only he knows how to. Phil Kessel has been unproductive lately and will most likely be traded in the off season I think, unless we make a deep run this year. The

additions via trade in Jared McCann and Nick Bjugstad have been good, although they can be better.

What the Penguins need is energy from the youth. Guys coming in on cheap contracts that make a difference. They're getting that from Zach Aston-Reese. He has 15 points in

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36 games. What they need is Teddy Blueger to stay in the lineup. Head Coach Mike Sullivan for no reason has made him a healthy scratch sometimes. The rookie being called up has put in three goals and an assist in nine games while playing minimal minutes on the fourth line. He's an NHL player. He's been more productive than

fellow wingers Dominik Simon, Garret Wilson and Tanner Pearson. On the plus side, Blueger can play center as well.

Goalies, Matt Murray and Casey DeSmith have shared the starts all season. DeSmith's stats have been much better than Murray, which is

not what's supposed to happen. Murray completely blew the Stadium Series game against the Flyers. He needs to be better.

Five things that need to happen if the Pens want to make the playoffs:

1. Sullivan needs to trust someone he doesn't know. Blueger needs to be in the lineup every night.

2. Phil Kessel needs to wake up. He's proving it's his expiration date soon. Players like Phil who are not coachable come with an expiration date. He needs to shoot the puck more, shoot one timers more often, and back check.

3. Malkin needs to continue to play how he has. He needs to return to the 2-way Malkin we saw in 2017.

4. Matt Murray must play better. No excuses. Period.

5. Line combinations need to be figured out. Mike Sullivan and assistant Mark Recchi have been dicing the lines all season. We need to gain some momentum and switching it up every game won't do that.

The Penguins have so much potential. With Letang and Dumoulin being out for however long, it does not help. It doesn't matter what your seed is in the playoffs in the NHL. You just got to get in. If we get in and stay healthy, maybe something special will happen.

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to cook. She was always an activist, always the first to offer her services.”

According to Samet, the Nazis gave them each one slice of bread and a little soup to feed them for 24 hours. “The starvation had begun,” he said.

After waiting weeks for transport trains, the first train—a cattle car, actually—arrived.

Samet said his aunt and her children boarded that first train. He said: “My aunt with her six children started to leave. My mother begged her not to go. My aunt said she could not stand the constant crying from her children due to their hunger. She just couldn’t take the crying anymore. They all got on that first transport train and left, never to be seen again by any family. They were all killed.”

A few days later, Samet said a second transport train arrived. This would be the first of three Nazi death trains Samet and his family would board.

The Nazis put one bucket of water in each car—one bucket of water for 80 or 90 people. Samet said his mother, who spoke, read, and wrote fluent German, was serving as an interpreter for the German commandant.

He said: “In her most respectful voice, my mother addressed the commandant, telling him that she knew where we were going and that this little bucket of water wasn’t going to make it. We were going to Auschwitz. The Gestapo sergeant unholstered his pistol and put it to my mother’s head, ready to fire. A Jew was not permitted to address the Germans unless spoken to—that was a direct order by Hitler. If a Jew opens his mouth, you

chest.

While staying in the lumberyard, Samet said his mother would sneak out to a nearby farm to barter for food. He said, “This was a very dangerous enterprise, for had she been caught, she could’ve been shot. The farmers would have been shot also.”

One night, the unthinkable happened. Samet said: “One night, my mother didn’t return as usual. We had no idea what might have happened to her and we were worried sick. Panic set in. Without my mother, we were doomed. She was like an eagle, spreading her wings, covering and protecting us.”

Samet said his mother did return a few days later, telling them she had been caught and jailed. She never explained how she was released.

“Not long after our mother’s return, a transport train arrived and the Germans loaded us into it. That was the second death train I was on,” Samet said.

The train was headed to Bergen-Belson concentration camp in Northern Germany.

“We were supposed to die at Bergen-Belson,” Samet said.

Unlike Auschwitz, Bergen-Belson had no gas chambers. At Bergen-Belson, starvation was the killer. Samet explained that starvation hindered their immune systems, making them more susceptible to the illnesses that swept through the camps.

Samet said that they resorted to rather desperate measures to battle the starvation. “My mother’s solution to this problem was to have us eat the lice. Lice are blood suckers and blood

“From the darkness, we heard a loud rumble. Not knowing what to expect, panic took over. This, we thought, would be our final destination.”

-Judah Samet

shoot him on the spot.”

Samet said the commandant intervened and saved his mother’s life. The commandant admonished the sergeant. If he had killed Samet’s mother, they would have lost their only interpreter.

Samet said the Germans offered them no food on the ride to Auschwitz. “There was no need to feed us,” he explained. “Once we arrived in Auschwitz, within 15 minutes, we would be coming out of the smokestacks.”

The distance between Debrecen and Auschwitz was typically a two-day train ride, according to Samet. But, since military trains had priority, they were often delayed. Samet said the trip took three or four days. “That’s what saved us,” he said. “Otherwise, we would have made it to Auschwitz.”

In that time, Czechoslovak partisans blew up a segment of the railway on their route to Auschwitz.

“Hungary didn’t want us anymore, so they took us to Austria. We were dumped in a large lumberyard,” Samet said, noting that the lumberyard owner was a Nazi who liked to show off the Swastika he had tattooed on his

is protein and protein will keep you alive,” Samet said.

While at Bergen-Belson, Samet said that he began complaining of a bad headache. His mother found an abscess on the back of his head. Luckily for Samet, one of their fellow prisoners was a physician, who was able to remove the abscess.

“He couldn’t believe that I was still alive,” Samet recalled. “My will to live was so strong that nothing could affect it.”

Samet said he doesn’t know what happened to the doctor after they met at Bergen-Belson. “I wish to God I had the chance to thank him,” Samet said.

Bergen-Belson revealed the atrocities of the Holocaust to a young Samet. He said: “Many people just gave up, laid down, and died. By the age of seven, I have seen more death than life. I lost all regard for dead people.”

Samet said, “In April of 1945, after 10 months in Bergen-Belson, the Germans began to load transport trains to transport several thousand of us to another camp.” That was the third Nazi death train Samet boarded.



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Judah Samet survived both the Holocaust and the deadliest attack against Jews on American soil.

“We were traveling for days, perhaps weeks, stopping only periodically to unload the dead,” Samet said.

Samet said the man next to him on the train died. His dead body sat next to Samet for two or three days. When the train stopped and they removed the body, Samet remembered his reaction. He said, “This angered me, because I had just lost my cover and my pillow. He didn’t mean anything to me—just another dead person.”

Before the train reached its destination at another concentration camp, something strange happened.

Samet said: “We awoke one morning to find the doors to the transport car wide open. Haltingly, we left the train and discovered that the Nazi guards were all gone. The train had stopped in the middle of the forest. From the darkness, we heard a loud rumble. Not knowing what to expect, panic took over. This, we thought, would be our final destination. Here’s where the bastards would slaughter us all. Sure enough, we spotted a tank crawling out of the woods. It came closer to the train. The tank was not aimed at the train. We knew right away that something was strange. The hatch opened and the soldiers’ heads popped out. We could all see that his uniform was different from the Nazis. My father yelled, ‘Americans!’ We were safe. We were liberated by the Americans.”

The Americans took the trainload of Jews to Hillersleben, Germany. From there, they could begin new lives.

Samet’s father died of tuberculosis days after their liberation. The rest of the family then moved to Israel, where Samet and his siblings were educated. Then, they moved to America—as they had planned to do before the Nazis came for them that fateful day.

Though Samet survived the Holocaust, his difficulties were not over yet. In October, 2018, Samet survived the deadliest attack against Jews on American soil. Robert Bowers killed 11 people at the Tree of Life Synagogue, of which Samet is a member.

Samet said: “I’m the one who was four minutes late and I got caught in the fire line. I saw him three cars away from me. He was shooting at a detective and didn’t see me, because he focused on the detective.”

Now Samet is being recognized as a survivor. On his 81st birthday, Samet attended the State of the Union Address. Samet said, “[President Donald Trump] said it was my birthday and they started to sing happy birthday.” He said one of Trump’s top advisers told him that was the first time Congress sang happy birthday at the State of the Union.

Samet said, “Another one [of Trump’s top advisers] told me, ‘You united America for two minutes. There was no Republican, no Democrat, only Americans.’”

Samet said the president also received a standing ovation after telling the story of his dad exclaiming ‘Americans!’ at their liberation.

“My will to live was so strong that nothing could affect it.”

-Judah Samet

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important and staying young is important no matter what age you are. If you stay young at heart then you always feel like your young and that's how we kind of feel."

"Eternal Boy" has toured all around the world: Japan, China, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, and Spain. One minute Bahl and his band are playing at their talent show and the next they're touring around the world. Bahl's all-time favorite place to play, he said, is a club in Tokyo Japan called "Club Quattro," where he played in 2010.

"It was the first time we ever went to Japan and didn't really know what to expect," Bahl said. "But we went there and everyone knew every word to every song. It was massive and sold out as a headliner. That was the first time I was like 'okay, I can do this and we can succeed in this.'"

Bahl said that being a professor and a musician are 50/50. When he's at La Roche he is 100% devoted to being a professor. Teaching to him is like performing to some degree, he said.

"I love the content of marketing, I have a PhD in it. Somebody asked me once, 'Do you feel like you entertain students since you're an entertainer?' And my answer is yeah. I think you have to entertain students because they get bored super easily," Bahl said.

Bahl believes that nowadays stu-

dents' attention spans are the worst they've ever been. In a way he's entertaining them, but with important content. Bahl said that when he is playing music, he is informing his audiences of whatever the song is about.

"I'm not a professor or a musician, I'm both," Bahl said. "It's easy to go to family functions and say 'I'm a professor' and then when I go to band stuff it's like 'I'm in a band, but I'm also a professor.' It compliments each other in more ways than people think, but convincing academia that you're a legitimate professor is super hard."

Bahl said that he loves how close knit La Roche college is to their students; he would rather know the students' names and what they're going through in life and if they're okay rather than not knowing anything about them.

"The balance between musician and professor is hard at times, but I've been balancing this since I've been a freshman in college," he said.

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"Eternal Boy" also won Stage AE's "Home for the Holidays" contest, and winners get to play at "X-Fest" next year. They chose eight or nine bands to play heavy rotation on 105.0X and they chose two of the bands to play on the radio. "Eternal Boy" was one of them.

"I feel like a lot of students don't know what they're getting into when they come to the concert, not until they see people crowd surfing, moshing, and jumping off of stage," Bahl said. "That was sort of my 'ah ha!' moment for punk rock. I saw a basement show and "New Found Glory" was playing and it was packed and people were jumping off ceilings, and I was like 'Dude this is where I'm supposed to be.'"

Bahl said that students could hate his music but at least they will be able to experience it, because college is about experiencing new things. He added that he is a little nervous to play in front of students. With the spring

concert approaching it's becoming clearer that he's a little apprehensive to have both of his worlds clash.

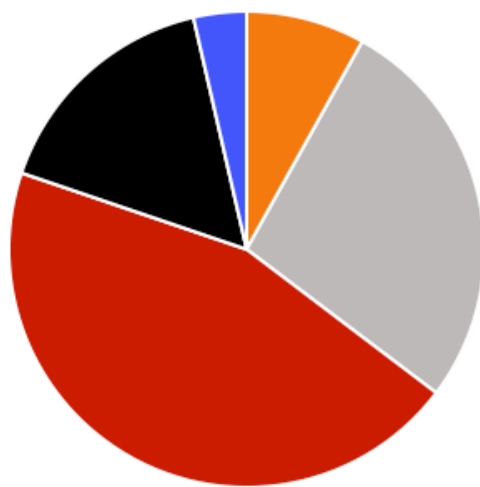
"It's entertainment. Normally I swear a lot on stage; I'm still me, I'm no different. I'm just me on steroids," Bahl said. "I'm more stoked than nervous because I love my band, the music we write, everything we do."

Bahl said he understands that not everybody loves rock and he doesn't expect them to, he's just excited to be doing the concert with his friends. Eight hundred tickets have been sold already. Bahl said that there will be more people on this campus than at graduation and he's interested to see what the administration is going to think about the concert. "Eternal Boy" is bringing people to La Roche that didn't even know La Roche existed until now.

"Students need to be encouraged to go to these concerts because they'll never know what they're missing. I just hope the student body supports it, because it's not for the 800 people who bought tickets outside of La Roche. It's for the 250 that buy tickets inside La Roche," he said. "I just hope people will come and experience what I experienced as a kid going to shows, and that first show I went to being like 'Dude this energy and whatever is happening here, I have to be a part of it.'"

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Do you generally attend events on campus?



■ Never ■ Barely ■ Sometimes ■ Most of the time ■ Always

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SGA's recent survey revealed how often students attend events on campus.

age [students] to attend meetings. You're always encouraged to come to the meetings," she explained.

She said she is also trying to make board members' contact information more easily available.

"It's almost impossible to do this job without communicating with the students," Thomas said. "It's the most important part of the job. That's why we're here."

Thomas said she hopes her survey will help improve communication beyond SGA. She said, "They're supposed to bring [survey results] in front of the Academic Senate, so I think that's also important that professors will be able to access this."

As another method of improving relations between SGA and the student body, the group is hosting a

Student Appreciation Week, which is scheduled for the week of April 23. Lauren Ranalli, director of student activities, is organizing the events.

"The purpose of putting all these events together is to increase both SGA's presence and our role in student life," Ranalli told the SGA board.

Though the plans are still in progress, Ranalli suggested partnering with Convive for a coffee giveaway, offering a yoga class, participating in a service event, hosting a student appreciation dinner, and organizing a tailgating event for baseball and softball games.

The SGA board is also brainstorming ideas for an SGA gift that would benefit students. Bosworth suggested an array of ideas—including a mov-

ie room, outdoor seating, outdoor charging stations, a wellness room, lighting by the grill, elaborate flower landscaping, and seating at the baseball field.

President Brittany Premick suggested launching a student survey to make the final decision.

SGA elections are also coming up this semester. According to Premick, many board members are considering re-election. "I would like all the seniors to work on it," Premick said, noting that members running for re-election cannot work on elections.

Thomas said she wants to reach out to more international students during the elections.

SGA members have been working on a variety of other projects this semester, as well:

- SGA is trying to promote the upcoming spring concert. So far, Bosworth said, "Student sales [are] very low."

- They hosted an active shooter presentation in January. Premick said only four or five students attended. "I'm sure we'll try to do another presentation, maybe make it bigger, at a better time," Premick said. The event was hosted on a Thursday night, which Director of Green Initiatives Abby Doyle noted may have been a poor time.

- SGA sent representatives to a conference in Akron. Premick said she hopes the entire board will be able to attend a conference next year.

- Public Relations Chair Caitin Girdwood said she created an SGA FaceBook page.

- Jennifer Kardos, director of community service, helped host a blood drive and a letter writing campaign. She also scheduled dates for highway clean-up.

- Director of Resident Affairs Alexandra Mroczkowski said she hosted sexual harassment awareness events the week of Valentine's Day.

- Rheanna Abel, director of commuter affairs, said she is preparing to officially launch a commuter board. She is working on bylaws, as well as an official name and logo.

- Ryan Eshenbaugh, financial vice-president, said he is keeping up with student organization budgets.

- Cory Rezak, judicial vice-president, said he is working on ideas to suggest to the master planning committee.

- Director of Design and Technology Rachel Hibshman said she is organizing a trade show for interior design students.

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-Sarah Thomas

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the recipient can bypass the lengthy wait time for a normal kidney donation.

Engelman has dedicated much of his life to giving back to the community. He and his wife volunteer at the Providence Institute. They provided a loving home for foster children. Currently, they are raising two adopted sons who are 13 and 15 years old.

"I desperately would like to stay alive to help my children get to the point of self sufficiency," Engelman said.

Now, Engelman is praying to find someone to give him the gift of life.

Donors will not be charged for the associated medical bills. Donors

typically spend about two days in the hospital.

Donors need to be at least 18 years old and in relatively good health.

"Organ donation is so important," Engelman said. "It saves a life. Plus, it impacts every single life that that person's life impacts."

If you are interested in becoming Engelman's donor, please contact him at 412-228-2743. You can also reach out to his transplant coordinator Jennifer Blyer at 412-359-6077 for more information.



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La Roche alumnus Roy Engelman, his wife Janice, and their two adopted sons are hoping to find a living kidney donor to save his life.

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pool must be closed because the park simply cannot afford to keep life-guards around the entire proximity. A quick walk around the pool will show cracks in the facade and grass growing between much of the concrete. Efforts have been made to increase admission numbers: an obstacle course for children has been added and many different events, including water yoga, now are scheduled during the summer months. The city buses had an ad campaign this past summer that advertised the North and South park pools and the routes they offered to get there. But, some weeks it seems that the pool can just not stand up to the competition of neighboring pools and parks. What, then, has caused this extreme deficit in people going to the pool? There is not just one cause.

The first is that there are so many more pools now. Sure, the North Park pool was a novelty in its day.

But, now many more people in the suburbs have their own personal pool and in the city, there are a multitude of neighborhood pools. No pool can match North Park in size, but, it is difficult to heat and there are always complaints of temperature and, sometimes, cleanliness. At South Park, there is a wave pool and that is a winning competitor most days of the summer even for people from the North Hills.

Another cause is simply that times have changed. Technology like video games and cell phones govern many children's summers—kids don't want to be outside anymore. More summer camps than ever before take up many children and teen's days as well. Gone are the days of unstructured and unsupervised fun. And, in addition to that, most parents simply would not allow their children to spend all day, every day at the pool.

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Roche College, she has come to love the position.

"I like this position. I like this work. I love our students, especially international students. I would like to continue until I die," Kim said.

Because she was an immigrant herself, Kim said she has a unique ability to connect with international students. "I have experienced what they're feeling—how it was difficult. They feel the same thing at the beginning of their American lives. I love to help them," Kim said.

Kim added that she feels she does more than mere office work. She explained, "Even though I work here as an office staff, it's not like office work. I like to move around campus and

She also applauded the La Roche community for welcoming international students, saying, "I think everyone here is friendly to international students, so they love that."

Kim said she hopes that—through her own work and the welcoming environment the college creates—international students can succeed. "They can feel like they are important members of the college. They can think, 'I belong here.' They can really do very well," Kim said, noting that she encourages students to engage in clubs and events.

Kim also organizes conversation partners—a system in which a fluent English speaker, often a domestic student, volunteers to help an inter-

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-Veronica Kim

be with our students and try to help them with whatever they need, like a campus mom."

Kim's office itself demonstrates that attitude. Instead of a formal office setting, Kim opted to create a comfortable seating area—complete with a couch—in her office. Kim explained that she likes to have students sit on the couch and talk with her about anything happening in their lives.

"I try to give them a good feeling," she said. "I try to get their story—how they're living, what [are] their hardships. When I talk with them, [I try] to support and help their problems or issues or hardships."

Though Kim has regular office hours, she said she needs to be available to students at all times. She said that she gives students her e-mail address and cell phone number so they can contact her when she's not in the office. She reiterated that she always makes sure to answer those messages right away.

Kim said that one of her main goals is to make La Roche feel like home for international students.

national student with English. Having conversations in English is a good way for international students to improve their English skills—much as Kim did herself.

According to Kim, that kind of positive interaction between cultures is imperative. "We can make it fun to learn another language, to learn other cultures," she said.

Though Kim works to help others, she said this work benefits her, too. She said, "It gives me happiness. It gives me good energy."

According to Kim, helping students at La Roche is what gets her out of bed in the morning.

"I can share my gift. I can share my energy," Kim said.

Though Kim has served in a plethora of ministries, she said that working at La Roche has been the most rewarding thing she has done.

Kim teaches the La Roche community a key philosophy about embracing an accepting global perspective. She said, "We are all human beings in God. I always tell our students, we are the same human beings."

Marcia Rymarchyk remembers some days walking the three miles home if they could not find a ride. She mentioned multiple times how it was just a different world. Roads of the surrounding area were less busy and people weren't worried about leaving their children alone until dinner time. Marcia and her friends never even bothered to bring a lock for their lockers because crime simply wasn't an issue in their minds.

The question remains: can North Park pool survive the 21st century? Or is it destined to be a forgotten landmark of days gone by?

It has seen the end of the Great Depression, the start and finish of multiple wars, and every other up and down our country has had in the past 80 years. But, will we see its closing and destruction? To see the pool at this time of year, it seems like it is already abandoned. A pool never looks

sadder than in the winter. But the pool is alive and golden in the memories of the people of this county. Their memories are so idyllic that it sometimes feels like a fantasy.

Even if the pool is seeing less and less people these days, Marcia and her friends will always be there at her sweet 16, laughing and eating hotdogs. Dozens of people will be waiting in line. The girls from the newspaper will always be posing in their favorite swimsuit, beaming for the picture.

Come Memorial Day, take a few hours and check out the pool. Its size is inspiring. The antique locker rooms and brick stadium seats are charming. It is such an important part of our community. Being at the pool is being a part of local and national history. You too can be a bathing beauty or just enjoy cooling off on a hot day. Many have before you and — god willing — many will in the future.

DOG DAYS



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Kennedy Smith takes a selfie with a therapy dog in CC Square.



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Erin Conner poses with Ziggy the therapy dog.

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“She went to the sewing room and took out all her sewing and then went to her room on the fourth floor south,” Mary Stephen said. “She cleaned out her washstand and packed her suitcase, just as if she were going on a journey.”

At 9:30 p.m. Dominick began to cough up blood. Various sisters were called, including Sister Clarita, Sister Gertrude, Mother Agnes, and Sister Alacoe. They in turn called for a doctor at St. John’s Hospital.

Believing that Dominick would live, Dr. Charles Boucek sent for an ambulance. Meanwhile the sisters informed Mary Stephen of the situa-

tion. She came to her sister’s bedside as Dominick drew her last breaths. As Boucek arrived in the driveway, Dominick passed away in the arms of the sisters.

Dominick was buried in the Sisters of Divine Providence Cemetery on March 18th, 1930.

Mary Stephen Dominick, 70 years after the death of her sister, wrote a letter detailing what she knew of her sister’s short life.

“I know Mary Margaret looks down with love and thanks on the community she desired to enter,” she said.

“She went to the sewing room and took out all her sewing and then went to her room on the fourth floor south. She cleaned out her washstand and packed her suitcase, just as if she were going on a journey.”

-Mary Stephen

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rey Dickerson has a good shot at winning this again. Nolan Arenado who had his best season yet is expected to win again. Teammate DJ LeMahieu is known for his great defensive play as well, and always hitting around a .300 average. I suspect Anthony Rizzo could repeat and maybe his teammate Kris Bryant at third base could battle with Arenado.

Silver Slugger Awards in the American League:

- C: Salvador Perez, Royals
- 1B: Jose Abreu, White Sox
- 2B: Jose Altuve, Astros
- 3B: Jose Ramirez, Indians
- SS: Francisco Lindor, Indians
- OF: Mookie Betts, Red Sox
- OF: Mike Trout, Angels
- OF: J.D. Martinez, Red Sox
- DH: J.D. Martinez, Red Sox

Mike Trout and J.D. Martinez are easy choices to win this award again. Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton have a terrific opportunity to have a better 2019 season. Both didn’t perform as expected last season, specifically Stanton. They hope to wow the Yankees crowd and hit some deep balls in NY.

Silver Slugger Awards in the National League:

- C: J.T. Realmuto, Marlins
- 1B: Paul Goldschmidt, D-Backs
- 2B: Javier Baez, Cubs
- 3B: Nolan Arenado, Rockies
- SS: Trevor Story, Rockies
- OF: Christian Yelich, Brewers
- OF: David Peralta, D-Backs
- OF: Nick Markakis, Braves
- P: German Marquez, Rockies

The Cy Young awards were won by Blake Snell from the Rays in the AL, and Jacob deGrom from the Mets in the NL. From the AL I see Chris Sale taking this one home. He has finished top five for the voting six straight seasons. He was looking good until an injury in the second half of 2018. He’s never won the award, so this finally might be his year. Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole will rival as well. From the NL you got to go with Max Scherzer from the Nationals. He has won the award three times. He was the runner-up last season. He had a career-high 300 strikeouts and went 18-7 with a 2.53 ERA. He could be the fifth four-time Cy Young award winner ever.

The MVP awards went to Mookie Betts from the Red Sox in the AL, and Christian Yelich on the Brewers for the NL. I predict one of the best ambassadors of the game Mike Trout from the Angels to win the AL MVP award for the third time. He has never finished lower than fourth in his seven full big-league seasons. Only 10 players have ever won the MVP three times. He’s a player that should be talked a lot more about than he is. He’s unfortunately not been on some talented teams. For the NL I’m choosing Paul Goldschmidt on the Cardinals, the Pirates rival. This might be the year he finally takes home the trophy. He was voted sixth last year for the award when he was on the Diamondbacks. He’ll have great success in his division I believe and will hit over 40 homeruns.

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The Rockies collected a lot of these awards. Christian Yelich as the former MVP is predicted to win a silver slugger again. I suspect this is something Starling Marte, or Gregory Polanco could win from the Pirates. Marte can hopefully gain his power hitting back. Although, Polanco is to be out till July, so his chances of winning it are slim, unless he has an excellent second half.

Overall best defensive player of the year was Matt Chapman from the Oakland Athletics. Kevin Kiermaier from the Rays or Billy Hamilton from the Reds have a good chance at winning this award next season. I think they bring a lot to the table with their speed and instinct to catch balls on the run-in tough situations.

AL Rookie of the Year was the Angels’ pitcher Shohei Ohtani. NL Rookie of the Year was the Braves outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. Everyone is talking about Vladimir Guerrero Jr. from the Blue Jays to win AL Rookie of the Year. He is the son of former Hall of Famer Vlad Sr. Last year in the minors, mainly in Triple-A he hit .381 with a 1.073 OPS. The expectations for him are high. I think Victor Robles an outfielder from the Nationals can win the NL Rookie award. He’s ranked No. 4 overall prospect in the MLB Pipeline. He got called up last year and batted .288 with an .874 OPS in 21 games. He also hit three homeruns, so a pace of 24 homeruns in a full season.

My final prediction to win the 2019 World Series is the Houston Astros. They could win two out of three years. They may have the best four players to start at bat down the lineup. Their leadoff George Springer hit .270 last year and had 75 RBI’s with 26 homeruns. Then Alex Bregman who is a potential MVP candidate, hit .286, had 12 stolen bases, had 98 runs, 27 homeruns and 91 RBI’s. In the 3 slot is Jose Altuve. The 5’5” fan favorite hit over .300 again at .328, a miraculous 23 stolen bases, 72 RBI’s, had 98 runs and 27 homeruns. Hitting cleanup is Carlos Correa their shortstop. He batted .271, with 23 homeruns (I expect him to hit more this season), had 85 runs and 95 RBI’s. As far as I’m concerned, all these guys are practically the same player. They have four outstanding players that all hit around the same statistically.

For their pitching, they have one of the best starting rotations in the MLB. Their big two guns, Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole both threw around 250 strikeouts in around 200 innings each. They had a WHIP of 1 (Verlander) and 1.16 (Cole). Both collected 15 wins and had low ERA of 3.1. 2 of their other starters also pitched around a 3.5 ERA.

The MLB is one of the hardest sports to be consistent in. Some guys will do well that we don’t anticipate to, and some guys will fail that we don’t anticipate to either.

Rishi rocks the Kerr Fitness Center



Rishi Bahl, La Roche College marketing professor, and his band Eternal Boy rocked the Kerr Fitness Center on Thursday, February 28.

On playing in front of his own students, Bahl said, "It was definitely awesome and a bit nerve racking. I have always kept my music life and my academic life separated, however, it was really great to see the campus embrace the show and have so many come out."

According to David Day, associate dean for student development, the concert attracted more than 800 fans. Day added, "The event was excellent! Everyone that attended had a great night. This is the second year in a row that La Roche has hosted a first class concert event."

Eternal Boy opened for up-and-coming power pop punk rockers State Champs. "This year we brought in State Champs who opened their 2019 North American tour here," Day said. "Most of their tour is sold out and there is no doubt that they are really in the ascendancy as a band. They bring a great deal of energy to their performances and they were impressed with our venue and the crowd enthusiasm."

Day said, "We were also very happy to be able to get Eternal Boy to open up and play the show. It has been a goal for Jeff Dailey and I for a few years to get them to play here. I think we can all agree that the event was a massive success."

