Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen. Three Nazi death trains. The deadliest attack on Jews on American soil.

Juda 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—particularly the elderly—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.

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Alumnus searching for life-saving donor

By Julia Felton
Editor-in-Chief

La Roche alumnus needs a life-saving kidney donation. Roy Engelmann—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, Engelmann was born with only one kidney.

Now Engelmann and his wife, Janice, are searching for a living kidney donor.

“...on new master planning process

By Julia Felton
Editor-in-Chief

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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La Roche embarks on new master planning process

By Julia Felton
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Holocaust, Tree of Life survivor shares life story

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Now Engelman and his wife, Janice, are searching for a living kidney donor.

“This if he gets a donor, the odds of him living a long, full life are great,” Janice said.

Engelmann 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,
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 was 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 Neuroopathy ATP Depletion, 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
Editor-in-Chief

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

SGAs 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 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’s 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 is 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...
On Campus

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

BY Maura Fallone
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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 Harbula, 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.

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

By Mina Holland
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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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.

On 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 set out when the temperatures fell, and dissipated when the weather became warm. Banks said that her mood has out when the temperatures fell, and dissipated when the weather became warm. Banks said that her mood has

“How does weather impact students?

BY Mina Holland
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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

“The music scene in Pittsburgh was way different than it is now,” Bahl states. “There were probably seven shows every Friday and every Saturday at VFW’s, 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
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
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I t's an idea that has been on the move since 2014, when Terese Jungle began working at the Mattress Factory in Pittsburgh. Jungle, who teaches graphic design at La Roche College, has been working with the factory for more than 10 years and has helped to create many of the artist installations that have been on display there. Now, Jungle continues to teach, and her work has been featured in many different stores in the Pittsburgh area.

Jungle got an idea when she was working at the Mattress Factory, and she decided to turn that idea into a reality. She and her daughter, who is named Chicken, started creating art together, and they have been doing so ever since. Jungle said, "Once I realized what I wanted to do, I knew that I needed to take this little market.' Jungle and her daughter, who is named Chicken, started creating art together.

"I 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 who you are, and have fun.'

The project 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 the Mattress Factory. The book is called "Chicken's Story" and it has been well-received by everyone who has read it. Jungle said, "I couldn't NOT do it.'

According to Jungle, it takes strategy and effort to keep her side business running and up and running, but it is something she is really enjoying. She wishes that she had more time to pursue her own work in 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 anything could be interesting. The same thing happened with the book. But I couldn't NOT do it.'

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

"It was a true story. When my daughter 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.

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When In Rome

Students on Rome campus immerse themselves in cultural experience

By Sarah Santucci
Contributing Writer

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, a 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 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 Rome with special attention to Italian history and culture. Education major Meholick could coordinate 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 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 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 midterms. 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?

By Ryan Eshenbaugh
Contributing Writer

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. It’s expressed as a number from 300 to 850 with a higher score being better.

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What is a good score?

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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

BY JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

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 33-10-1 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 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 an 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.

Predicting MLB awards for 2019

BY JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

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:
CB: Salvador Perez, Royals
1B: Justin Bour, Angels
2B: Ian Kinsler, Angels/Red Sox
SS: Andrelton Simmons, Angels
LF: Alex Gordon, Royals
RF: Mookie Betts, Red Sox
CF: Jackie Bradley Jr., Red Sox
1B: Matt Olson, A’s
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: Dallas Keuchel, Astros
P: Zack Greinke, D-Backs
P: Steven Matz, Mets
C: Salvador Perez, Royals
P: Madison Bumgarner, Giants
1B: Freddie Freeman, Braves
2B: DJ LeMahieu, Rockies
3B: Matt Chapman, A’s
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In 2018, the American League Platinum Glove winners:
1B: Franmil Reyes, Indians
1B: Matt Olson, A’s
3B: Nolan Arenado, Rockies
CF: Ender Inciarte, Braves
RF: Nick Markakis, Braves
C: Salvador Perez, Royals
C: Yadier Molina, Cardinals
P: Madison Bumgarner, Giants
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Pens playoff run looks dismal

BY JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

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 Canadians all have a playoff spot in the East.

As it stands currently, 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.

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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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. Corin signs bought straight from JoAnn fabrics littered the walls and 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 any- thing. 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 school events occurred for me the rest of April.

At the beginning of May, two days before my high school marching band trip to Orlando, I came into the bak- ery for training. Required to wear my hair in a bun, tennis shoes, and a work uniform that covered my behind be- cause “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 dif- ferent 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.

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 cup- cakes 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 rac- ist, 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 be- cause 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.

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 perplexed, I contemplated quitting. However, the only thing stopping me was because I thought I needed the money for col- lege. 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 cus- tomers- looked at me, and asked me if I washed all four windows on the side of the store. I said, “No. What windows? You never told me to wash them!”

The son screamed and swore at the top of his lungs at me about the wind- downs, 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 spotted, 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 hor- rible job after that day, I had no idea.

The next day, after a customer de- cided to order three trays of brown- ies, 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 treating them with respect on the spot, and were sick of me asking about them. That, or they were us- ing me as a replacement until some- one better came along. It certainly explained why I wasn’t given proper paychecks, they never had me sign any contacts, never paid me their taxes so I couldn’t use them as a resource for future jobs, was almost forced to work nine hours one day the follow- ing week- which is illegal to have a 17 year old do, and they gave me landlaid 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.

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History

Aspiring sister predicts her own death

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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 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 Bartloovic 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 Appalonice permitted Dominick to finish her schooling there since she had an adamant desire to become a sister.

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

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

By Kathleen Kenna
Contributing Writer

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 dived all other pools of the surrounding area and other parks. And the news traveled far and wide: pools in 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’s 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. But after bus from downtown Pittsburgh would bring hundreds of people to the pool; there simply was nothing like it at the time.

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 1950s 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 life-guards 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 “throngs 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 pool are closed.

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Contest

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“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 couldn’t make it.”

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

By JULIA FELTON
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Sister Veronica Kim says she never imagined she would be working 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 she took pride in her own Catholic education 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 she took pride in her own Catholic education and to support family.

While growing up in Korea, a nine-year-old Kim took a seemingly sick. She cited the Biblical stories of see God and He asks me, ‘How did I 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 priest candidates 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 living in America without speaking fluent English. She said, “I thought, if I have to work here, I need 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 sees to do best—helping others. “I volunteered with Alpha School students as a tutor and as a mentor,” she explained. Kim volunteered at the La Roche College library to help librarians. Kim 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, she found yet another new ministry to explore in America. “In Korea, I had done most of our ministry 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 Fr. Joseph M. Conroy, CSC, offered her a position at La Roche, Kim embraced the new experience.

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

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

Though Kim said she never expected to find herself working at La Roche, she is grateful for the opportunity. “I did not do anything—[I] just became a good listener. I think God worked through me,” Kim said.
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Crosby, Guentzel, Letang and Dumoulin. They have consistently earned the team in the all year. The first line on offense and defense. Unfortunately, now with Letang and Dumoulin out for the foreseeable future, thanks to back-to-back concussions, our first defensive pairing 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 someone from the minors. This is going to look good on the blue line right now.

Malcolm has picked it up the past few games, scoring goals only be knows how. 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.

Coaches Mike Sullivan and Jeff Dahm need to get Malkin to play better. He needs to return to the 2-way Malkin we saw in 2017. He’s proving it’s his expiration date. Nick Bjugstad has made him a healthy scratch some games while playing minimal minutes on the fourth line. He’s an NHL player. He’s been more productive than Blueger needs to be in the lineup every night.

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

The committee considers student input as part of their overall 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.”

“I think there will also be opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to communicate directly with Derek & Edison.”

“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 Derek & Edison will start reaching out to the community.”

According to Vogel, the company they used for the last campus master plan hosted a charrette to hear opinions from the La Roche community. He said he believes Derek & Edison 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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36 games. What they need is Blueger blue the line. Head Coach Mike Sullivan for this season 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 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.

The Penguins have so much potential. With Letang and Dumoulin being out for however long, it doesn’t 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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-Judah Samet

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 of her children due to their hunger. She just couldn’t take the crying anymore. They all got on the first transport train and left, never to be seen again by any family. They were all killed.”

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“External Boy” has toured all around the
world: Japan, China, Canada, the
United Kingdom, Ireland, France,
Germany, Russia, Ukraine, and Spain.
Bahl has been balancing this since he’s
been a freshman at La Roche.

The SGA board is also brainstorming
ideas for an SGA gift that would
benefit students. Bosworth suggested
an array of ideas—including a mov-
ietheatre, outdoor seating, outdoor
charging stations, a wellness room,
lighting by the grill, elaborate flower
landscaping, and seating at the base-
ball field.

President Brittany Premick sug-
gested launching a student survey to
make the final decision.

SGA elections are also coming up this
semester. According to Premick,
many board members are consider-
ing 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.

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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,
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sworth said, “Students sales [are] very
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• Public Relations Chair Catin
Guroos said she created an SGA
Facebook page.

• Jennifer Kardos, director of
campus service, helped host a bl-
ood drive and a letter writing cam-
paign. She also scheduled dates for
highway clean-up.

• Director of Resident Affairs
Alexandra Mroszkowski said she
hosted sexual harassment awareness
events the week of Valentine’s Day.

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

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

• Director of Design and Tech-
ology Rachel Hihomans said she
is organizing a trade show for interior
design students.

“It’s almost impossible to do this job without communicating with the students. It’s the most
important part of the job. It’s why we’re here.”

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the recipient can bypass the lengthy wait time for a normal kidney dona-
tion. Engelman has dedicated much of his life to giving back to the commu-
nity. He and his wife volunteer at the Providence Institute. They provided a
loving home for foster children. Currently, they are raising two adopt-
ed 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 Jen-
ifer Blyer at 412-350-6077 for more information.

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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
that feeling—having been a college student—You feel the same thing at the begin-
ing of their American lives. I love to help them,” Kim said.

She added that she feels she does more than 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 interna-
tional students, saying, “I think every-
one here is friendly to international students, so they love that.”

Kim said she hopes that—through her own work and the welcoming en-
vironment the college creates—inter-
national students can succeed. “They can feel like they are important mem-
bers of the college. They can think, ‘I
belong here.’ They can really do very
well,” Kim said, noting that she en-
courages students to engage in clubs and

Kim also organizes conversation partners—a system in which a flu-
ent English speaker, often a domestic
student, volunteers to help an inter-
national student with English. Hav-
ing conversations in English is a good
way for international students to im-
prove 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 also finds this work enriches her, too.
She said, “It gives me happiness. It gives me good energy.”

According to Kim, helping stu-
dents 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 pleth-
or of ministries, she said that work-
ning at La Roche has been the most rewarding thing she has done.

Kim teaches the La Roche commu-
nity a key philosophy about embrac-
ing an accepting global perspective.
She said, “We are all human beings.
God. I always tell our students, we are the same human beings.”

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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
scratches in the facade and grass growing
between much of the concrete. Ef-
forts have been made to increase ad-
mission numbers: an obstacle course
at the entrance to the pool. Kim
welcomed this change with open arms.

But, now many more people in the
suburbs have their own personal pool
and in the city, there are a mul-
titude 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
competitions than ever before take up many
children and teen’s days as well. Gone
are the days of unstructured and un-
supervised fun. And, in addition to
that, most parents simply would not
allow their children to spend all day,
every day at the pool.

Marcia Rymanczyk 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 dinn-
ner time. Mareia 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 in the 21st cen-
tury? Or is it destined to be a forgotten
landmark of days gone by?
It has seen the end of the Great
Depression, the end of the finish line 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 al-
ready abandoned. A pool never looks
sadder than in the winter. But the pool
is alive and golden in the mem-
ories 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, Mareia and
her friends will always be there at her
sweet 16, laughing and eating hotdogs.
Dinners of people will be waiting in line.
The girls from the newspaper will always be posing in their swimsuit, beaming for the picture.

Merry 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 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 will-
ing—many will in the future.

“We are all human beings in God. I
always tell our students, we are the same
human beings.”

-Veronica Kim

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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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 Alacoque. 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 situation. 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 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.

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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 ascendency 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.”