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Pitt-Greensburg Bobcats basketball team huddles before basketball game -photo courtesy of Anthony Williams

Pope Confirms 2015 Trip to Philadelphia

by Aliza Mulloy

Pope Francis has confirmed a trip to Philadelphia, in 2015, for the World Meeting of Families. This marks the Pope's first visit to The United States. Since Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis, on March 13, 2013, he has been making headlines. Immediate attention was received for his statements on evolution in its relation to faith.



Pope Francis -photo courtesy of telegraph.co.uk

Nationality Rooms Open to Public

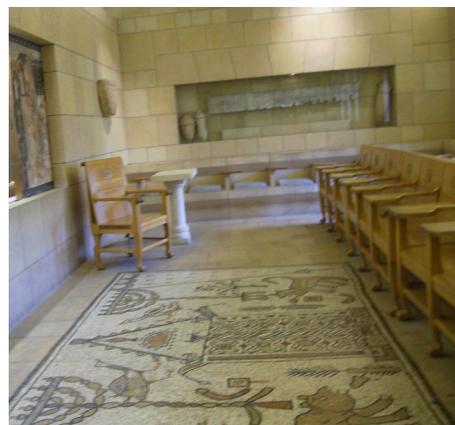
by Barb Stern

They are one of southwestern-Pennsylvania's hidden gems—the 30 Nationality Rooms located in the Cathedral of Learning, at the University of Pittsburgh's main campus, in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Celebrating nations of Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, the Nationality Rooms will be open to the public during the 20th-annual open house on Sunday, December 7, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds from refreshments will go toward scholarships that enable students to study in other countries.

The main foyer will resound with dancing and music. Many student groups at Pitt will have information tables about their organizations. Every

room will display the traditions of the country it represents. Speakers, dressed in traditional attire, will give brief lectures on the countries' holiday traditions.

The Nationality Rooms were the



A Nationality Room from the University of Pittsburgh's main campus. -photo by Barb Stern

brainchild of John Bowman, University of Pittsburgh Chancellor, from 1921-1945.

"He had never met immigrants before," explained E. Maxine Bruhns, executive director of the Nationality Rooms. "He wanted to reach out to these immigrants and to celebrate the good things that these immigrants brought to America."

Bruhns said that each room has its own personality. "In the Chinese Room, Confucian ideas abound. Confucius believed in teaching by inspiring students gradually and steadily. The English Room looks like the House of Commons. It embodies democracy."

She said that future plans include constructing an Iranian Room. "IRASSEE NATIONALITY, PG 4

"The Big-Bang [sic], that is placed today at the origin of the world, does not contradict the divine intervention but exacts it. The evolution in nature is not opposed to the notion of Creation, because evolution presupposes the creation of beings that evolve," Pope Francis said, in a recent article from The Atlantic.

Despite backlash and misconstrued press coverage, his beliefs are in alignment with the beliefs of the Catholic Church. For years, the Church has not denied the connection between science and faith. In fact, the big bang was first theorized by a Catholic priest—Georges Lemaître.

Statements on homosexuality also caused media uproar. In a press conference, aboard a papal plane, Pope Francis said, "If someone is gay, and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"

The message does not condone homosexual marriage, but is a gospel message of mercy and compassion.

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Police Blotter

These are the events that happened between Friday, November 4, 2014 and Tuesday, December 2, 2014 on the Pitt-Greensburg campus.

Tuesday, November 4

10:00 p.m. –Other offenses. CSA reports one underage student found possessing/consuming alcoholic beverage.

Monday, November 8

12:10 a.m. –Other offenses. CSA reports eight students under the legal age found possessing/consuming alcoholic beverages.

Thursday, November 13

7:00 p.m. –Disorderly Conduct. Student reports female feminine products adhered to her vehicle. No damage. Case open.

Monday, November 17

3:00 p.m. –Larceny-Theft. Student reports money missing from wallet which had been mislaid. Money recovered and returned to victim. Suspect referred to judicial board. Victim wishes not to prosecute.

Ask A

Advice column that answers the questions of Pitt-Greensburg Students

Dear A,

I'm going to graduate in the spring, but I'm not sure what I want to do. Should I go to grad school? Should I look for a job? What if I made a mistake and I should have stuck with my original major? I don't know what to do. Help me.

Dear Spring Graduate,

First off, it's too late to dwell on the past. You chose your major, you're about to graduate, now you have to be proactive.

Keep your options open. Study for the GRE. Take the GRE.

Apply to grad schools. Try to apply to grad schools with TA (Teacher Assistant) opportunities, which can lower or eliminate tuition costs. Some programs even offer TAs a stipend.

Apply for Spring internships, which could lead to job offers upon your graduation. I would suggest finding a part-time summer job.

You will have time to hear back from grad schools, time to apply to jobs, and time to think about what you want, away from the chaotic-college environment.

Make your own decision, not the decision other people expect you to make.

Happy graduation.

Good luck,

A.

Dear A,

I'm in a relationship and imagine a future with my partner. I want to find out if they feel the same way. How?

Dear Committed Partner,

Typically, if they do feel the same way, it will be mentioned in casual conversation. They will tend to ask questions about your future plans and will want to be involved in those plans.

Drop subtle comments. It's easy to ask about future events like holidays, birthdays, or summer plans. It's a good sign if your partner expresses your involvement in simple future events. If they "don't know," what they're doing, don't stress. You know your partner, maybe they don't like to plan for things.

Depending on how long you have been together, I would suggest talking to your partner formally. I would only suggest a formal conversation if you've been exclusive for over a year. Relationships are all about timing. Don't ruin a good thing because of poor timing.

If you feel ready to have the conversation, be honest and express your exact feelings. Hopefully, your partner expresses similar feelings. If they avoid the topic, I might reconsider the imagined future you have with them.

Overall, trust your own instinct.

Good luck,

A.

Do you have a question for A?

Scan the QR code or go to our website at InsiderUPG.com to submit a question to our advice columnist.



Pope Confirms 2015 Trip to Philadelphia

FROM POPE, PG. 1

person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person? We must always consider the person,” Pope Francis said.

Acknowledgement and acceptance of current issues create more excitement for his Philadelphia visit. It is estimated that over 15,000 people will attend the World Meeting of Families. World Meeting of Families started, in 1994, and was organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The goal is to strengthen family bonds. Speech-

“Tell me, when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?” -Pope Francis

es led by church leaders will address the issues of modern families. It is the first time the meeting will be held in



Pope Francis will come to Philadelphia during September 2015. -photo courtesy of outsidethebeltway.com the U.S.

To be a part of the events, held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, you must register online, on the event’s website. Early registration ranges from \$95 to \$325, depending on the package, and ends on April 30, 2015. Advanced registration will be more expensive and ends on September 15, 2015. On-site registration begins September 16.

If you are not interested in attending the conference but still want to see the Pope, you can attend his public appearances. While Pope Francis’s exact itinerary has not been released, he will likely make two public appearances on the visit. The appearances will likely be made at the closing ceremony of the Festival of Families, on Saturday, September 26, and a Papal Mass, on Sun-

day, September 27. Events will be held on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Volunteering at the event is also an option. The events will demand thousands of volunteers to “help manage crowds, assist visitors, translate for thousands of international visitors, and more.” Volunteers can register through the event’s website or email volunteer@WorldMeeting2015.org.

Start to make arrangements now, if you plan to volunteer for or attend the conference or public appearances. An estimated 15,000 people will attend events. But the city has approximately only 11,000 hotel rooms. Organizers hope to find over 10,000 households willing to house visitors for a low cost. It is suggested to charge between \$30 and \$50 a night (the average cost of a hotel room in the area).

For more information and updates, consider following the World Meeting of Families on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or Youtube.

#LoveIsLouderThan

by Kyle Holland

Now that we live in a world where mundane complaints can be seen by everyone, it’s important to remember to look for the good things, rather than focusing on the bad. Meena Gella, president of S.G.A., organized an event to help people do just that.



Meena Gella, president of S.G.A. -photo courtesy of Kyle Holland

“#LoveIsLouderThan” is a movement to take a stand against physical, mental, and sexual abuse,” Gella said. “The event was November 13, so the week

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leading up to it we had black hearts with negative Yik Yak posts from our campus posted around Chartwells and up at Village Hall, and then we had positive posts which were on gold hearts written with blue sharpie, and students filled them out and said #LoveIsLouderThan or #LoveIsLouderWith and they wrote what they thought it was louder than. We got some silly ones like ‘Genetics’ and ‘Physics’ and all that stuff, but

we got some good ones, too. Love is Louder with Friends. Love is Louder with Family. [. . .] Mine said Puppies. Love is Louder with Puppies.”

Flyers could be seen around campus—a heart with a megaphone that screamed “Love is Louder Than,” drawn by Seth Anderson.

Deanna Ferry came for an event sponsored by S.G.A. and The Blackburn Center for Domestic and Sexual

Abuse, a Westmoreland County organization.

“She spoke about what Blackburn has to offer,” Gella said. “She did a sort of interactive activity about relationships and what people thought were abusive and weird characteristics of relationships.” Some students cited “knowing your partner’s password on his or her phone” as an unhealthy characteristic. “But when we had group discussion,” said Gella, “some people said it was OK, like if they wanted to play a game on their partner’s phone, it’s not that big of a deal. It was nice because we just talked about it. And the girl who was involved in the [Senko] incident was actually there, and she came up to me afterwards and told me it was a really good event to have. We’re thinking about making it an annual or a semestral event.”



Pitt-Greensburg Capstone Students Help the Community

By Christy Walters

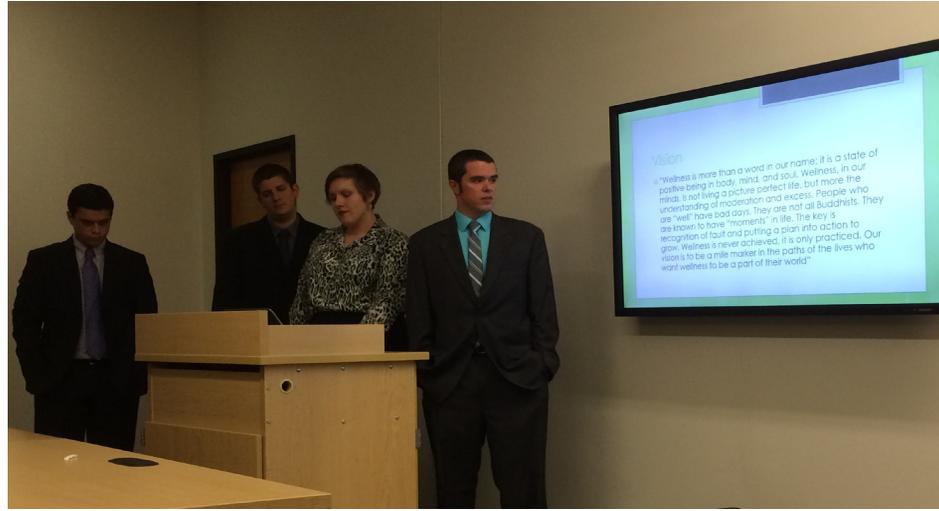
Instead of creating a fictional business for their senior project, like most other “Business and Accounting” seniors, Kalli Hinkle, Ryan Weiner, Jarred Kelley, and Michael Pisone took a different path with their Capstone project, this semester. They worked with Jeff Lutz, owner of The Pain Treatment and Wellness Center in Greensburg.

“Originally, we were supposed to work on business plans and financial models for a fictional taxi cab company,” said Hinkle. “That became impossible because there are no public cab companies in the Greensburg area. We didn’t have a comparable market.”

After encountering issues with their fictional company, management professor Ewa Rudnicka suggested the group switch to a real-world project. One month into the semester, the group started working with Lutz.

“Our practice revolves around the three services that are different, yet complementary,” he said. “We treat pain using “trigger point” therapy, which works with the muscular system of the body, as muscles can be potential and significant generators of pain.”

After establishing that “trigger



Kalli Hinkle, Ryan Weiner, Jarred Kelley, and Michael Pisone presenting their capstone project. -photo courtesy of Christy Walters

point” therapy is effective, the Center’s therapists show clients how to perform certain aspects of their therapy at home, though this might not always be an option.

“It is important that people know that we do believe in scientific reasoning and strive to provide honest and responsible care,” Lutz said. “We are not looking to replace the advice of a medical practitioner, but are looking to provide a solution to a pain complaint that is conservative and medication free.”

In addition to administering “trig-

ger point” therapy, The Pain Treatment and Wellness Center also offers massage therapy and skincare services.

Lutz wants to expand the Greensburg location of his business, almost tripling it in size, to include a yoga studio and be able to incorporate movement classes into the practice. Big plans require careful business and financial planning, and that is where the Pitt-Greensburg capstone students come in.

“The group has significantly helped us recognize issues with the way we are recording our books,” Lutz said.

“We now know specifically how we should be recording our transactions, and we will have a better idea of our actual financial position, which is essential to making better business decisions, especially as we expand.”

This opportunity has been a learning experience for both parties.

“From doing this project, I’ve definitely learned that not all financial statements are created equal,” said Hinkle. “I’ve also learned that it’s easier to start doing finances for a business from the beginning rather than coming in in the middle.”

The Pain Treatment and Wellness Center in Greensburg is located at



4000 Hempfield Plaza Blvd. (behind Wal-Mart) in Suite 982. For more information or setting up an appointment, visit musclepainhelp.com or call 724-853-2353.

Nationality Rooms Open to Public

FROM NATIONALITY, PG. 1



Austrian Nationality Room in the Cathedral of Learning at The University of Pittsburgh, Oakland. -photo courtesy of Austrian American Cultural Society

nian architecture dates back to the 8th century,” Bruhns said. “We hope to celebrate that history and look beyond the current political situations there.”

Bruhns said that the requirements for constructing a nationality room have changed. “It used to be that a nation had to be independent. Now, it need not be independent. It must have a distinctive culture.”

She said this change came about during the 1980s, when Pittsburgh’s

Ukrainian community wanted to construct a Ukrainian Room. “Ukraine was not an independent nation at the time. It still was a part of the Soviet Union,” she said. “Still, the Ukraine had its own language, its own culture. We saw no reason why the Ukrainian community shouldn’t build a room.”

There is no admission fee to the open house. Other tours can be arranged by calling (412) 624-4141.

Pitt-Greensburg Alumna Meghan Tutolo Reads at Written Spoken Series with Local Pittsburgh Writers



Resolutions

I hope everyone listened when they were told to appreciate their family over Thanksgiving break. We at Pitt-Greensburg have lost one of our own. I think this shows, more than ever, how small some of our problems are, and highlights why you should appreciate the time you have with the ones you love.

If you didn't take the time to appreciate your family over Thanksgiv-

ing break, the good news is that you get another chance. Many of you are taking finals right now and working on essays, but you'll get your chance to breathe shortly. And now you'll have three weeks to spend some time where you're loved the most. Plus you'll be getting presents, which is pretty sweet.

Oh, and a new year is beginning, too. Time to make those resolutions. Study more. Drink less. Exercise more.

Watch TV less. Love more. Hate less. Hopefully everyone follows through with these, and the world becomes a better place.

But that's not realistic. Pretty soon you'll be sitting in front of the TV on the third season of Breaking Bad, when you started the first season earlier in the day, with a half-gallon of Butterfinger ice cream and a hatred for yourself.

But that's the one thing that

shouldn't happen. Do or do not fulfill your resolutions. Work out more or don't. Study more or don't. Just make sure you love yourself, and happiness will follow. That happiness will carry over to loved ones, whom you should be spending time with, anyway, because we all just got a wake up call that not everyone's going to be around forever. #LoveIsLouderThan Grief.

Regional Commander Fills In for Chief of Campus Police

Since Chief of Campus Police Dale Blasko's retirement last month, Regional Commander Kathy Schreiber has been asked to fill in. While Schreiber has often been on campus before, now she will be here on a more consis-



tent basis. As Regional Commander, Schreiber is required to oversee all of the regional police departments—Greensburg, Johnstown, Bradford, and Titusville.

"I oversee their operations," Schreiber said, "work with their chief, so that we can bring all of the police departments under one umbrella, with respect to policies, with respect to types of equipment that we use, and with respect to training."

Schreiber received her undergraduate degree in Criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She then went to the University of Pittsburgh to

earn her master's in law.

"I've really been in the field for many years, in different capacities," Schreiber said. "You know, first as a patrol officer, and then in investigations, and then investigations supervisor. Then as a commander, with Oakland in operations in administration. This [Regional Commander] job was created because the police officers on all of Pitt's campuses are certified as municipal police officers."

Now that Schreiber has been asked to fill in as interim police chief, some people wondered if that would bring in any new policies.

"No," Schreiber said. "Nothing has changed now [that Blasko has left]. I mean, we're always looking at making improvements and making changes. We want to make those particular changes. Upgrade of equipment, upgrade of police vehicles, scheduling the training. Dale Blasko did a very good job while he was here. But the department is continuing to function as it was."

When asked if there was anything that could be done in the future to prevent a crisis, that maybe hadn't been

thought of before, Schreiber said, "You can't predict a crisis. So what we do is we make sure that we have good policies in place. That we have adequate staffing. That the officers are trained to respond. Although most of what they're doing is very service-oriented. 98 percent of the time, it's all service calls here. But we want to make sure that the officers are prepared in the

event of an emergency. And I believe that they are. In addition to that, in addition to having very good police officers here, we have really good students here.

"[W]hat's very interesting is that, several months ago, we hired a new supervisor to work the night shift. And one of his comments after a couple of months was that, being out here in the afternoon and the early morning hours, he said, 'Students here, are here to learn, they are really great students. They seem to be very focused and they want to be here and they want to learn all they can.' And that says a lot for this campus."

There may be a new chief named in January. But if there isn't, Schreiber will continue functioning in that role.

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Obituary



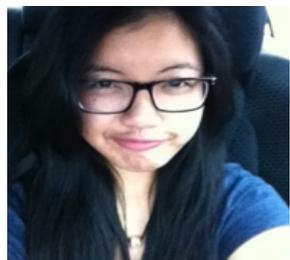
Dr. Bado Hewa Defranco

Dr. Bado Hewa Defranco, adjunct professor with the N.S.M.E. Division, passed away on November 24, 2014.

Dr. Defranco earned her Ph.D in Cell Biology and Physiology in 2009 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She taught science courses at the Westmoreland County Community College and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

A homecoming was held on Saturday, December 6th at the Greater Burnette Baptist Church, in Detroit, MI.

What Was Your Weirdest Holiday Present?



Nguyet Ngo
Inflatable Santa Suit



Daniel Willis
Redwood Pinecone



Sabrina Nguyen
Hannah Montana Trading Cards

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays

By Christy Walters and Michelle Boring

Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays. It's the great debate. What do you say to customers, classmates, friends, or family when you're wishing them greetings over the next month?

Merry Christmas- Christy Walters

Is it rude to say Merry Christmas to someone who doesn't celebrate Christmas? In a world where everyone tries so hard to be inclusive and politically correct, it might seem that way, but I'll let you in on a little secret: it's not rude to wish someone Merry Christmas.

I should make my point clear. It is not rude to say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy Kwanza to someone, depending on which holiday you celebrate. None of these statements are offensive. Just because you can't guarantee the person to whom you are sending greetings celebrates the same holiday as you, that doesn't mean you should change your wording or worse, stop sending greetings all together.

Take Christmas cards for example. They're called Christmas cards yet the messages inside rarely contain the words "Merry Christmas." This is something I don't understand. They're called Christmas cards and they are sent out for Christmas, so why must we wish people "Happy Holidays" with Christmas cards. I've never seen a Hanukkah or Kwanza card, but the



The carousel at Overly's Country Christmas located at Westmoreland Fair Grounds. -photo courtesy of Christy Walters

bigotry but out of kindness. If someone says Merry Christmas to you, they're not saying it because they think other holidays are less important: it's because they celebrate Christmas.

Instead of worrying about if your greeting is going to offend someone, just say what you want. It's more important to be nice and send good wishes to people than it is to overthink things. If someone gets offended, that's on him or her, especially if you're just trying to do something kind.

surprise me. If you wish people a Happy Valentine's Day, they might get mad because they're single. So is the teddy bear for your dog? During Easter, people get mad because they aren't religious. I see you've decided to buy this hunk of chocolate purely because of its egg shape? Halloween offends people because it's a dark holiday. But you have no problems wearing that Twilight shirt out in public? The list goes on. It seems everyone has a grievance for some kind of holiday, but the worst is the cluster of celebrations in December.

I say Happy Christmas because it makes me feel British. I'm only kidding, well a little. I say Happy Christmas because I was raised celebrating Christmas. We put up a Christmas tree, and on Christmas Eve, we have a traditional Slovak meal that has been passed down in my family for generations. We go to church, and on Christmas Day, my family celebrates with food, presents, and music.

When I'm shopping or when I'm wishing friends, family, or strangers a good holiday, I say Happy Christmas. I say it because it's what I celebrate. I expect the same from everyone else. Wish me what you celebrate. Wish me what you believe. I've had people wish me a Happy Hanukkah, and I've never been offended by it. In all honesty, I felt honored to be included in their celebration.

At work though, I say Happy Holidays unless I've already been wished a Merry Christmas. My employers have never told me to say one or the other,

but I've always been taught to separate my personal life from work. I think it's an important lesson. While I want to wish customers a Happy Christmas, I understand that they don't all celebrate the same. I understand that maybe it's hard to celebrate Hanukkah or Kwanza in an area so dominated by Christmas. Maybe people don't want Christmas shoved in their faces everywhere. I celebrate Christmas, and I don't want that.

Happy Holidays is a safe way to go. It's easier to wish the masses a Happy Holiday than trying to decipher if a Merry Christmas will offend them.

But the debate seems to be growing, even to the point that Happy Holidays offends people now. Can you believe that? Someone offended by Happy Holidays? How stupid. How petty. I've been lectured more than once about saying Happy Holidays. People believe that if you take Christmas out of the sentiment, then the meaning behind the holiday goes away. I disagree, and even so, don't you think we are already there? Christmas sometimes seems like nothing more than a commercialized, greedy, gift-buying extravaganza.

Do me a favor this season, wish people what you celebrate. Don't be offended if someone wishes you a Happy Holiday or a sentiment that's not what you personally believe. Let's fill this season with a little more cheer and happiness. Oh, and be nice to the retail workers. They are overworked and underpaid this time of year. Plus, they really are trying their best to help you, even if you think the stock room is some form of Narnia.



same rules apply. If you send someone a Hanukkah card, you're wishing that person a Happy Hanukkah, not Happy Holidays.

Personally, I would rather have someone tell me Happy Hanukkah than not send well wishes my way at all. The important thing to remember here is that people wish each other Merry Christmas not out of spite or

Happy Holidays- Michelle Boring

I've worked retail over the holidays for six years now, and the most important thing I've learned is that people get offended easily and often. I work at a card shop, so I often deal with the major holidays in the form of cards and gifts.

I usually base what I say to people off a purchase, but sometimes people

“The Endless River” Evokes Memories

By Nikki Pena

“The Endless River,” by Pink Floyd, has brought the band, minus Roger Waters, back from a pile of ashes into a glowing phoenix. Listening to it brings back memories of how my love for Pink Floyd has defined me as person.

Every avid music lover has an awakening, or a slap in the face that will get them on the right path to find what they truly love. For me, that happened when I was 12, a goth-wannabe living with my grandparents during the worst year of my life. My grandma was my best friend, but at the time, she was overprotective, and I was a hormonal nightmare in the midst of puberty.

I wanted to get my grandmother a Christmas gift. It couldn't be just anything, it had to be special. I struggled until I overheard a phone conversation between her and my mother. Talking about their impressive vinyl collections, my grandmother expressed how upset it made her that she lost her vinyl record of “The Dark Side of the Moon,” when her best friend, and roommate, snapped it in half, in the heat of an argument, almost 40 years ago.

I thought the name sounded cool (my seventh grade mentality), so I looked it up on the computer. I might not remember my exact reaction, but I do remember thinking, this is the greatest thing I've ever heard.

listening to her new C.D., my grandma excited beyond logic. “You know why the clock noises come in at such a weird time? They were really stoned when they made this,” she said, coming from a woman who used to play classical music to her many house plants to “make them happy.”

I share this story because this is how the new generation of “Pink Floyd” fans are bred. We may never see them in concert, but we have aging fans that teach us to appreciate the band's music. There are a plethora of musicians and bands, of all different sorts, of which Pink Floyd is their main source of inspiration, opening the doors to hundreds of new genres. Floyd is so much more than a sensation or a cult, it's a groundbreaking movement in rock-and-roll history.

“The Endless River” is almost completely instrumental, the exception being the song “Louder than Words.” The group didn't deviate much from their usual intimate sound—the relaxing, ambient, drawn-out synthesizer with carefully calculated drum beats, boldly outlining mesmerizing guitar riffs—which is comforting for fans.

As close as they come to sounding like a compilation of their complete discography, all songs are unique and provoke new feelings in the listener, with different concepts to match their weathered lives. Concepts include cop-

ious albums “Momentary Lapse in Reason” (1987) and “Delicate the Sound of Thunder” (1988), did not make nearly as big a splash as “The Wall” (1979) or “The Dark Side of the Moon” (1973).

When Rogers left the band, in

“I'm not saying I've ever thought of them as unpolished, but you do get the feeling that they've gotten sharper over the years.”

1985, three things happened. Both Waters and Gilmour started solo careers. Gilmour and Nick Mason, the drummer, rehired keyboardist Richard Wright, who was fired, before they started working on The Wall. Then Waters sued Pink Floyd for using intellectual property of the music he created with the band and props used during their tour of “The Wall.”

Both Waters and Gilmour experienced nearly the same success in their personal endeavors. However, Pink Floyd struggled for a couple decades. Richard Wright died, in 2008 and, four years later, Waters admitted regret for suing his former bandmates. “The

bites of Richard Wright's voice—an eerie effect.

Each song has a spacy balance of tremolo, synthesizer, chimes, slide guitar, and chord progression. Then, you get occasional bursts of percussion. Returning to my grandmother's comment about their “stony time measures,” I'm not saying I've ever thought of them as unpolished, but you do get the feeling that they've gotten sharper over the years.

The album is short in length, but worth its weight in gold. The songs are separated by “sides,” each side having its own introduction. This does not mean that the disc is double-sided when you purchase it. The “sides” imply sides to a story, and each song is a different part.

The band are known for having biographical themes in their albums, like “Wish you Were Here” (1975), a tribute to Syd Barrett, and “The Wall,” which was based on Roger Waters's own life. It makes sense that six years after the death of Wright, they dedicated the first “Pink Floyd” album of the twenty-first century to him.

Many musicians were credited with helping the production of this album, yet a lot of the material came from Wright in the years before his death. Since it's still the original material, this is considered a posthumous release of Wright.

“Louder than Words” is the last song and part of the physical album. If you go on Spotify, you have an additional three songs (for reasons I'm not sure of), which aren't completely unrelated but are not part of the series of “sides.” I thought “Louder than Words” was a beautiful way to end this album. You have this whole instrumental story, beautifully done, with Wright's work completely undisturbed, then you have this ballad-like piece. I believe they did this out of respect to Wright, but also felt that a reflection piece was necessary. The lyrics speak years of experience:

This thing we do

These times together

This might be a response to the way that Waters reacted when he left the band. Gilmour and Mason were left in the rain, and they made it work after all these years, with the help of Wright. They may have fought a lot and faced some roadblocks along the way, but they know what they're doing is worth it. It's worth it, not just for their fans but also for themselves.



So I went through her vast C.D. collection, full of “new age” and ambient treasures like Enigma, Enya, Yanni, as well as a lot of classical, instrumental, jazz, and opera. “The Dark Side of the Moon” wasn't in sight. I saved up my change and bought her a special-edition copy.

Our friendship was restored on Christmas morning, which we spent

ing with bad relations, reminiscing about the good ol' days (“Autumn '68” and “Louder Than Words”), finding the voice of reason (“Talkin' Hawkin” was a series of sound bites by Stephen Hawking), and coping with the death of beloved bandmates.

It's been 20 years since the release of the group's last studio album, “The Division Bell,” which, like their previ-

ous “The Endless River” was made as a tribute to Wright, yet Waters still refused to have any part of it. At this moment, the twenty-first-century “Pink Floyd” album is topping the charts in the United Kingdom.

“Things Left Unsaid” is the first song, starting out with a delay like “The Dark Side of the Moon.” Within the first 30 seconds, you hear sound

Pitt-Greensburg Bobcats Basketball Team Starts Season



Upcoming Sporting Events

Wednesday December 10

Women's Basketball vs. Penn State Altoona 6:00 P.M.

Men's Basketball vs. Penn State Altoona 8:00 P.M.

Friday, December 12

Penguins vs. Flames 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 13

Women's Basketball at Pitt-Bradford 1:00 P.M.

Men's Basketball at Pitt-Bradford 3:00 P.M.

Penguins at Blue Jackets 7:00 P.M.

Monday, December 16

Men's Basketball at Waynesburg University 7:00 P.M.

Penguins vs. Lightning 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 18

Penguins vs. Avalanche 7:00 P.M.

Friday, December 19

Men's Basketball at Hope College 8:00 P.M. (Holland, MI)

Saturday, December 20

Men's Basketball vs. Olivet College 1:00 P.M. (Holland, MI)

Penguins vs. Panthers 7:00 P.M.

Monday, December 22

Penguins at Panthers 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 23

Penguins at Lightning 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 27

Penguins vs. Capitals 7:30 P.M.

Monday, December 29

Women's Basketball at Westminster College 4:00 P.M.

Penguins at Devils 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 31

Penguins vs. Hurricanes 7:00 P.M.

Missed Connections

A way for you to reach out to someone, even if you don't know their name.

"Hey. diddy1. diddy2. Thanks ;)"

"To the girl that seems to hate herself, stop. You're amazing. Please love yourself as much as I love you."

"Hey Teach, I wasn't really sick yesterday."

"Hey Napoleon."

"To the guy who had a moustache last month, why did you shave it off? Also, are you wearing underwear?"

"Guys in my building, your taste in music sucks. Turn it down."

"To the obnoxious girl from psych, it's not that hard to be on time."

"Asshole, you owe me."

"To the girl that calls herself a fuck up all the time, thanks for pulling this uptight girl out for a night."

"All of the girls I've seen on campus, I've missed you."

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