



Uptown brings Motown and Soul to the Bicknell



Ali smiles after gesturing to the crowd to sing along with the others at the Friday night music show. The event was a part of Uptowns tour across the United States. | Photo by Christopher Law

Mat Dains reporter

An energetic celebration of American music history took center stage at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts this week. As a touring vocal and dance group, “Uptown” brought the sounds of Motown, soul, and classic R&B to a packed Bicknell Performing Arts Center, blending humor, history lessons, and a powerhouse of harmonies into one unforgettable evening.

From the moment the show opened with a tribute to Earth, Wind, and Fire’s “September” and continued with trivia about a 1966 billboard chart topper, the performers Ali and brothers Joel, and Jonathan made it clear this would be more than just a concert. It would be an interactive journey through decades of influential music stretching from uptown New York to Detroit City and the south.

“Some of the most influential music of all time was first performed uptown,” Ali told the audience, referring to the birthplace of jazz, gospel, and soul traditions that shaped generations of artists. A major focal point of the night was the legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem. Uptown described it for its famously demanding audience, who were not shy to not only cheer for great performers but also boo for those who

failed to impress.

The storytelling quickly shifted to Detroit and the rise of the unstable Motown sound. Paying tribute to Motown Records’ legacy, the performers explained how artists blended gospel roots with deeper rules and stronger baselines to create what would become rhythm and blues as modern audiences know it today. As the crowd roared and recognition went uptown, they launched into hits from the Temptations, including the timeless classic “My Girl.” Audience members were encouraged to sing along to the charming melodies.

The concert also highlighted other vocal groups whose tight harmonies and short choreography defined the era, and Uptown member Joel teased that younger audience members might not recognize some of the names, prompting laughter and good-natured groans. But the evening was not limited to Motown alone.

The group shifted to honor Bill Withers, the West Virginia native known for blending country, bluegrass, and gospel influences and two soul-infused storytelling songs. The performers shared that Withers’ upbringing, his playing acoustic guitar, and his attendance at church shaped his distinctive sound. They performed a heartfelt, self-composed acoustic medley featuring “Lean on Me,” “Lovely Day,” and other Bill Withers songs, inviting the audience to sway and sing along.

“That’s what music is about,” Joel said. “Bringing people together.”

The tribute pays homage to Stevie Wonder, who famously began his career at Motown at just 11 years old. Uptown praised his decades-long influence before delivering a passionate performance celebrating his contributions of love songs and socially conscious anthems alike. Later in the show, the ensemble honored Marvin Gaye with a moving rendition of “What’s Going On.”

Between songs, the performers shared the stories of their travels across the country from New York, to California, to Missouri, and to Kansas, emphasizing that no matter where they go, the audience always connects through music.

“People from all different walks of life aren’t enjoying something together,” Jonathan said. “Music is universal.”

The evening concluded with a standing applause as the group thanked the performing arts center staff, musicians, and crew. They also took a moment to recognize couples on the eve of Valentine’s Day, for celebrating those married for 30 years, 40 years, and even 50 years, a tribute to tonight’s devoted songs about love, joy, and perseverance.

Teacher Interview Day encourages networking

Mat Dains reporter

Students pursuing careers in education filled the Robert W. Plaster Center Feb. 12 for Teacher Interview Day, a career fair designed specifically to connect future PSU educators with school districts from across the region. Organized by the university’s office of career development, the event brought 84 schools to campus to meet primarily with seniors, post-grads, alumni, and education majors preparing to enter the workforce. The fair targeted students in teacher education programs as well as students in the school of psychology administration and other education-based professions. December graduates were also invited to participate, offering them a chance to secure positions ahead

of the traditional spring hiring cycle.

“This is our affair that is targeted towards education majors,” event organizer Kim Hull explained. “We have 84 schools here ready to connect with our seniors and education.”

While the primary focus was on graduating seniors, organizers emphasized that the event was open to more than those just actively seeking full-time employment. The event was held from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., inviting underclassmen and undecided majors to explore opportunities, ask questions, and begin building professional relationships. Any students who are undecided and just need a little bit more time and information can come here as well.

Hull said it’s a great opportunity to talk to schools and learn about their districts and ask educators what got them into the field. For many students, the value of teacher interview days extends beyond immediate job offers.

The office of career development frames the event as part of a broader effort to help students feel more comfortable and confident about their next steps, whether they are pursuing internships or full-time positions. “We are all about promoting help and resources to students to make them feel more comfortable,” Hull said. “Any opportunity that a student has gotten in front of an employer builds confidence.”

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Alumni Elementary ed Tyler Pasquarelli interviews with Jeff Hughes with Mcdonald county school district. The event hosted School districts from several states and lasted into the afternoon with hundreds of students attending. | Photo by Christopher Law

BSA hosts Haircare Bingo

Bryce Bicknell reporter

Hosted in the Carver League building on Feb. 11 was Haircare Bingo, hosted by the Black Student Association (BSA). Participants who won bingo were able to pick out a prize related to haircare. When asked what the event was about, BSA president and senior elementary education and Spanish major Kennadie Campbell said, “The event is called Haircare Bingo, and basically we are giving away free hair care supplies,” later on saying, “Especially during Black History Month, it’s a good time to highlight ways to take care of yourself and promote self-care, especially for people of color, so this event is about self-care.”

Winners had many things to choose from, like oils, bonnets, and shampoo along with much more. When asked about the importance of the event, Campbell said, “Our theme this month is “strengthen community,” and I think that really ties into that

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Kennadie Campbell, the president of BSA a senior majoring in elementary education, reading out bingo squares for hair care bingo. | Photo by Ky Boterf

Love Hurts is an action packed rom-com

Masynn Acheson reporter

Ke Huy Quan starred alongside Ariana DeBose in the 2025 movie "Love Hurts," a film packed full of action but is all about finding love when it seems out of reach.

Quan is known best for his roles in "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" as Short Round and "The Goonies" as Richard "Data" Wang. He took an acting sabbatical from 2000 until 2020 due to difficulty finding work in the U.S. but has recently returned to the world of acting with roles in "Loki," "Zootopia," "Kung Fu Panda 4," and more. He is also the first Vietnam-born actor to receive an Academy Award.

Meanwhile, DeBose has earned her fair share of awards and even hosted the Tony Awards from 2022-2024. DeBose was recently added to the Disney family as she voiced and sang the role of Asha from Wish.

In the film, Marvin Gable has a past that comes back for him, despite him wanting to go back to his successful real-estate career. The mysterious Rose has come back, stirring up trouble since she was supposed to have been killed by Marvin. Meaning, Marvin's estranged younger brother, Alvin "Knuckles" Gable, has violently reinserted himself back into his life, and he fights tooth and nail to keep it.

Marvin's efforts to cling to his peaceful life as a realtor is sadly short-lived when Rose meets him face to face again and fighting intensifies. Along the way, through all the violence, every character has found or reignited a love they thought they had lost, even the bad guys.

The movie was a box office bomb, having only made \$17.6 million in revenue from the box office in comparison to the \$18 million budget it was given, and received generally negative reviews from critics. However, if you are looking for a lighthearted, action packed, and Valentine's Day themed movie to kick on and not have to think too hard about, then this is the movie for you.

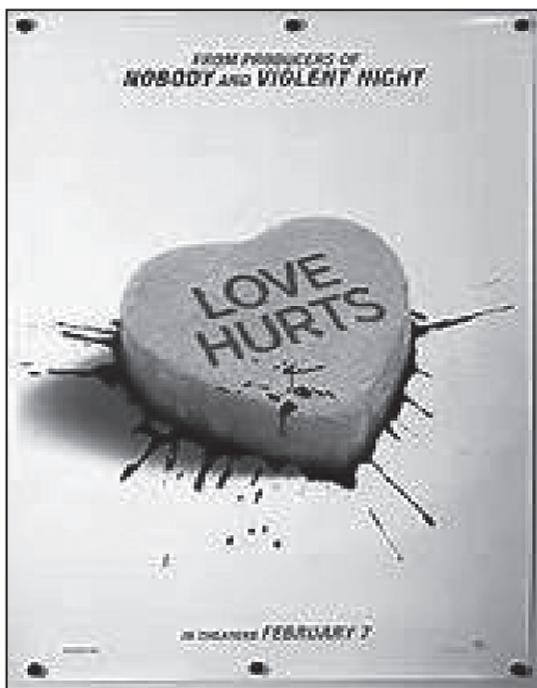
The plot is straightforward, easy to follow, and easily satisfies that action itch you get

sometimes. The cast is packed full of diverse characters from many diverse backgrounds.

They tried to mix a romantic comedy with a martial arts action movie and partially succeeded. Bringing a hitman character who used feathered quills, throwing knives, and arm blades he stores in the soles of his boots was where it got more goofy than life threatening. Of course, being a romantic comedy, there is a confession of love at the end of the movie that is heavily hinted throughout the movie. The execution fit well for the characters' personality types but felt a little out of place with how it was done.

There are guns featured in the movie, but the primary fighting style is martial arts, and you can truly see the background in martial arts from both Quan and Daniel Wu, who plays Alvin, while seeing a classic football tackle from King, played by NFL player Marshawn Lynch.

While it was a box office flop, it was easy to follow, lighthearted, and a pretty good movie to chill out and watch.



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'Untitled Home Invasion Romance' is incoherent

Bryce Bicknell reporter

"Untitled Home Invasion Romance" is a movie that has zero idea what it is doing. From the script to the acting, it seems nobody knows what is going on, jumping around so much it ends up being about nothing.

The film is directed by Jason Biggs who also stars as Kevin alongside Meaghan Rath as Suzie, Anna Kokle as Heather, Justin H. Minas Stu, and Arturo Castro as Ernie. Kevin is an actor most famous for an erectile dysfunction commercial, and an attempt to save his marriage takes Suzie to her old hometown so they can bond more. Suzie is upset about coming to stay there for the weekend due to past trauma when she was younger. Kevin's plan is for his friend Ernie to act as a burglar in order for Kevin to step in and save Suzie as a way to rekindle their love.

Suzie connects with her old friend Heather who is now the police chief. Heather ends up taking Suzie home and Kevin gets in a wreck

before he can arrive to pretend to save Suzie and win back her love. When Ernie breaks in Suzie ends up killing him causing Kevin's plan to fail. An investigation begins, old friends show up, and past memories come up all affecting our lead couple. This all leads to a plot that is all over the place and deeply confused.

The film is at best dumb fun and if you can turn your brain off you might enjoy it. But besides that the film has so many problems. It drags along for way too long and honestly could have been a short film. The acting might be the worst part of the movie. Nothing the actors say or do feels real; it feels fake. It's a comedy but when the movie tries to be serious, it fails. The emotions the actors give are not at all believable. Meaghan Rath is the only actor that's enjoyable to watch and gives the best performance. The script is awful with the movie moving from one thing to the next for little rhyme or reason. It feels at times like three different movies stitched together making no movie at all. The movie is full of plot holes, but

Oven beef skewers

Fatimah Bader reporter

Beef skewers don't need a grill to turn out flavorful and tender. Using the oven makes this recipe simple year-round, with juicy marinated beef and roasted vegetables cooked all on one pan. These skewers are a great option for a quick dinner served with rice, salad, or warm pita.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds beef sirloin or stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice or vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon honey (optional)
- 1 bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 1 red onion, cut into chunks
- Wooden or metal skewers

Directions

1. Soak wooden skewers (if using).
2. Place wooden skewers in water for 20-30 minutes to prevent burning.
3. Make the marinade.
4. In a large bowl, mix olive oil, soy sauce, lemon juice, garlic, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper.
5. Marinate the beef.
6. Add beef cubes and toss until coated. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, or up to 4 hours.
7. Assemble the skewers.
8. Thread beef onto skewers, alternating with onion and bell pepper pieces.
9. Bake in the oven.
10. Preheat oven to 425°F.
11. Line a baking sheet with foil and place a wire rack on top if available. Arrange skewers in a single layer.
12. Bake for 12-15 minutes, flipping halfway through.
13. Broil for a finishing char.
14. Turn the oven to broil for the last 2-3 minutes to brown the edges. Watch closely to avoid burning.
15. Rest and serve.
16. Let skewers rest for 5 minutes before serving. Enjoy with rice, couscous or a simple yogurt sauce.

Recipe Tip

For tender skewers, choose sirloin or another quick-cooking cut and avoid overbaking. The broil step adds the grilled flavor without needing an outdoor grill.

it's also not funny enough for the viewer to be able to ignore that. It's not suspenseful to actually be a thriller. None of the stakes of the movie are exciting enough to get invested in either. It's clear that Biggs' first time directing has been quite the failure all around.

The movie does, however, have an interesting message: To be a fighter and not rely on others to protect you for everything. It's an empowering message in a quite stupid film. Don't watch this movie. Do not spend your hard-earned money to rent it on Amazon Prime Video. You can waste your money on far better things. Overall, "Untitled Home Invasion Romance" gets a 2.5 out of 10.



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Women in STEM try to expand their organization



Freshman biology major Pari Smith and freshman biology major Josie Penny have a discussion while tabling for women in stem in the Overman Student Center. Women in Stem is an organization on campus fostering connections and relationships between all women in the field. | Photo by Kaylee Dillow

Brianna Barnes chief editor

Women in STEM celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science Feb. 11 in the Overman Student Center. The organization was tabling to expand their organization and give out candy, buttons, and valentines.

Halle Finnerty, a junior majoring in chemistry with a minor in biology and a pre dental emphasis, helped with the event.

“So, today is international Women in Science Day, so we are just out here tabling, and kind of trying to grow the organization,” Finnerty said. “We’re giving out candy, buttons and valentines, just to get the word around about our organization.”

The day was established by the UN General Assembly in 2015. There is a theme every year, and this year it was “From vision to impact: Redefining STEM by closing the gender gap,” according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. This day is meant to promote and support women in the science fields, so it pairs with the Women in Stem organization.

“International Day of Women and Girls in Science is important because it promotes the participation and success of Women in Stem,” Jody Neef, chemistry professor and co-advisor of Women in Stem, said.

The group does many things, including community service and raising money. The organization got up and running last semester, so they are trying to build it up and have tabling. The women also make plenty of buttons, especially to sell when raising money.

“We do community service,” Finnerty said. “We’ve only been up and running for a semester. So last semester we opened this club back up and did a lot of tabling events. We raised money for breast cancer last semester. We did community clean up. We raised money for the organization itself but doing a lot of bake sales and selling other things that the girls in the organization made. As well as buttons, a lot of buttons.”

As these women are in science, many are in organic chemistry with Neef. Being their professor and advisor, Neef is impressed by these students and wants their success.

“Many of these young ladies have taken or are currently taking my organic chemistry class, and they are an outstanding group of students,” Neef said. “They are very intelligent and motivated, and I am committed to their success.”

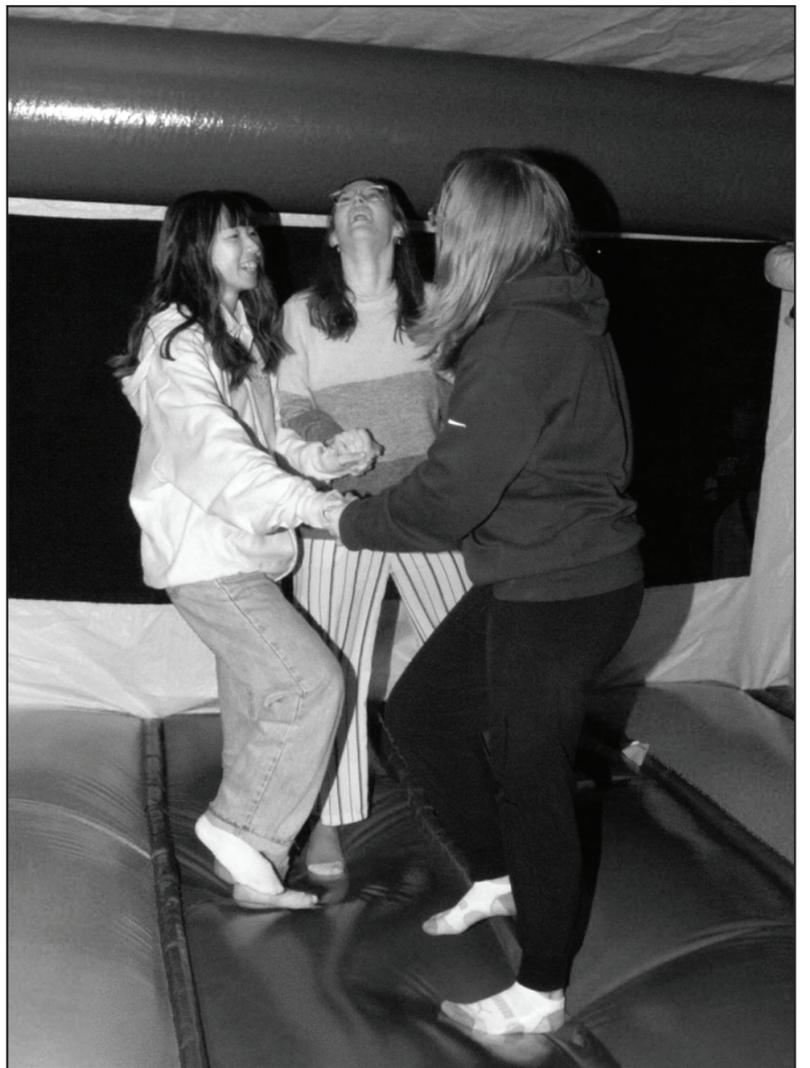
The goal of Women in Stem is to make women in the field feel their voices matter and their intelligence matters, Finnerty said. This directly counteracts the problem she sees in science, technology, engineering, and math subjects. Finnerty added that advocacy is important.

“I think it’s very important to advocate for women in rooms that they don’t feel welcome or places where they’re overlooked,” Finnerty said. “A big problem today in the science, technology, engineering, and math array of subjects is women are overlooked a lot. Basically, our goal is to make these women feel like their voices do matter and they can speak up and show their intelligence and out having to worry about being hunched down on or overlooked.”

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Sophomore english major Adrienne McCoy laughs at the bounce house event at National Hall, Tuesday, March 10. This event was hosted by Student Housing. | Photo by Kaylee Dillow



Junior Psychology major Sarah Huang, Chemistry Masters student Jill Bierkaemper, and Sophomore english major Adrienne McCoy enjoy the bounce house at the Nation Hall Bounce House event on Tuesday, Feb. 10. This event was an evening full of adrenaline and laughter. | Photo by Kaylee Dillow

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SGA calls for higher education funding at visit to Kansas Capitol

Fatimah Bader reporter

Student leaders from Pittsburg State University traveled to the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka on Feb. 4 to meet with lawmakers and discuss higher education funding and student support.

The visit was organized by the Student Government Association as part of Advocacy Day, an annual opportunity for college students across Kansas to speak directly with legislators about issues affecting higher education.

“The main goal is to create connections between Pittsburg State and local representatives,” Darrel McLeod said, student body vice president of the Student Government Association. McLeod is an Honors College student at PSU studying strategic communications and business with an emphasis in marketing.

McLeod said the purpose of the trip was to ensure legislators understand the role higher education funding plays in student access and affordability.

“It’s important because it directly affects them,” McLeod said. “That’s money that a lot of students need to even receive an education.”

Higher education funding can impact several areas across Kansas universities, including state appropriations that help support campus operations, academic programs and staffing. It can also influence tuition costs and the availability of financial aid, including scholarships and need-based assistance for students, which can affect the student’s successful experience in college.

According to SGA, 16 student government members participated in the advocacy day and met with 18 representatives during about four and a half hours of scheduled discussions.

McLeod said the meetings were meant to help lawmakers connect policy decisions to the students who experience the impact. “That we care,” McLeod said. “That there are real students who are affected by their choices.”

McLeod said the trip was not only about speaking on behalf of Pittsburg State, but also about representing public higher education across Kansas.

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Gorilla Baseball remains undefeated

Curtis Meyer reporter

It's beginning to look like an historic season for Pitt State Baseball, as the team is off to a blistering hot 10-0 start, breaking the previous school record of 9-0. The #6 Gorillas have been mopping the floor with opposing teams so far, with their closest game being a 6-4 win, while the other nine have been wins of at least five or more.

"Our guys have done a really good job in all three phases, head coach Brock Buckingham said. "We've hit it really good, we've pitched it really good, and we played outstanding defense. All the credit goes to our staff and players."

Pitt State hosted the Maryville University Saints this weekend for a three game homestand, and the results were right in line with the rest of the season. Pitt State's first homestand started with a 13-3 win in just eight innings, as the Gorillas got off a 6-0 lead in the third inning thanks to a pair of three run innings. The Gorillas would continue to pile on the points, only being held scoreless in the second and fifth innings.

Senior Preston Giltner limited the Saints to one run on four hits over 5.0 innings of work. He registered three strikeouts. Junior Bradyn McClure got the final nine outs to pick up a save. Junior Eric Bacon collected three of the Gorillas' 12 hits in the contest. He tripled, scored three times and drove in a pair of runs. Senior Dagen Brewer extended his school record hitting streak to 28 games with a third inning single. He also doubled and compiled two RBI. Fellow senior Andrew Branson had two hits and two RBI, while junior Landin Midgett posted two hits and secured his team-leading 22nd RBI of the season.

The Gorillas returned to the field on Sunday at noon, coming away with a 10-5 win over the Saints. Things were knotted up at zero until the third inning, when the Gorillas would knock in eight runs to take a commanding lead. Maryville would score three runs in the ninth inning, but Pitt State would shut them down for the win.

Bacon and senior Grant Nottlemann each collected four hits in the game. Bacon drove in four runs, while Nottlemann doubled twice and posted two RBI. Senior Jadyne McNealey had two hits, scored twice and stole a pair of bases. Graduate student starter Zach Voss picked up his third win of the season, allowing two runs on six hits over 6.0 innings of work, registering a season-best eight strikeouts. Redshirt junior Ty Blecha tossed 3.0 innings of two-hit relief with four strikeouts.

The final game of the series came later that same evening, as the Gorillas defeated the Saints 10-0. It was a closer game than the final score indicates, as the Gorillas scored three in the third inning, but both teams were held scoreless until the Gorillas exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the eighth to end it by run rule.

Redshirt sophomore Elijah Seitz started, while redshirt junior Cason Long, redshirt junior Bradley Neill and junior Ethan Froud combined on a two-hit shutout in relief. Brewer, who extended his Pitt State record hitting streak to 30 games, smacked a two-run homer in the Gorillas' three-run third inning and he capped the squad's seven-run eighth inning outburst with a two-run double to end it. He finished 3-for-4 with two runs scored in the game. Midgett also smacked a bases loaded triple to raise his team-leading season RBI total to 26.

"We are just preaching at them, hey, we got to keep getting better and they have," said Buckingham. "They are focused up, and it's going to take the whole locker room to accomplish what they want to accomplish."



General studies senior Preston Giltner, throws a pitch for a strike on Friday. Preson pitched 3 innings resulting in 3 low hits.

| Photo by Christopher Law

Gorillas go 1-3 at home

Curtis Meyer reporter

It was a bit of a rough week for the Gorillas, as they began the first three games of a five-game homestand. It will be the Gorillas' last five home games of the season, during a crucial stretch as they look to make a run towards the MIAA tournament.

The Gorillas began their homestand hosting the Missouri Western Griffons, but came up short, 78-70, against the Griffons. The Griffons held a razor thin two-point margin against the Gorillas at halftime, but Pitt State was unable to close the divide, getting outscored 38-32 in the second half of the game.

Junior Connor Rogers scored a team-leading 20 points for the Gorillas on seven of 18 shooting from the floor. Freshman Mason English hit five 3-pointers and finished with 19 points and six assists, while redshirt junior Donald Coats chipped in with 14 points and nine rebounds. Pitt State was held to 41.8 percent shooting (28-67) and Western owned a 41-29 edge in rebounding in the contest.

Following the close loss, Pitt State was able to rebound with a last-minute win over the Northwest Bearcats on Saturday. Northwest led at halftime 37-33, but Pitt State was able to overcome the deficit, thanks to a game-winning three by freshman Ethan Sage with just 41 seconds left. Some tight defense forcing a couple of missed shots by the Bearcats allowed Pitt State to take the win. Sage made nine of 12 shots from the field and posted a game-high 19 points. Mason English added 17 points and Donald Coats finished with nine points and a career best 17 rebounds.

The Gorillas ended the homestand hosting rivals Missouri Southern on Monday night. The Gorillas trailed for the majority of the game, down 34-26 at halftime, before making a late comeback bid. Pitt State would find themselves just four points behind, 74-70, with 51 seconds left, but the Lions would sink several free throws to end the game with a 83-75 win. Rogers led Pitt State with 19 points, while English added 17 points. Sage chipped in with 16 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots. The Gorillas shot 42.9 percent (32-59) from the field in the game.

"To me, it all stems from the first half; they were the hungrier team. About the 12-10 mark, they out-toughed us. We complained about foul calls instead of getting back into transition defense. Everything they did tonight was just out toughing us," head coach Jeff Boschee said.

The Gorillas now have just four games left in the season, sitting 8-7 in the conference, tied with Missouri Southern and Central Oklahoma. The Gorillas sit at seventh overall in the conference and will need to win some more games to put themselves ahead of the stiff MIAA competition.

"We are all desperate right now. We are all trying to fight to get out of this jumbled mess in the standings and try to make our way to Kansas City," Coach Boschee said after the game.

Gorillas struggle through sickness

Curtis Meyer reporter

The Gorillas have been going through it for the past two weeks, as the flu has ripped through the team and coaching staff. Despite the adversity, Pitt State is still battling and hosted Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri this past week.

"We are just trying to survive. I think I had a 103-degree fever after our game Wednesday, can't let your guard down still. I know how I felt, and I didn't have to go out, run around, and play. I can't imagine the toughness our kids displayed," head coach Amanda Davied said.

Pitt State was able to scrape out a 64-61 win over the Missouri Western Griffons despite the flu, rallying in the fourth thanks to redshirt sophomore Hannah Miller scoring three straight baskets between the 4:41 and 2:51 mark of the final period to turn a 56-54 advantage into a 62-57 margin. Neither team scored again until the Griffons made two free throws with 42 seconds remaining. Western Missouri was fouled on a potential game-tying 3-point field goal attempt with 0.8 seconds left on the clock, but missed their first two charity shots. They intentionally missed on the third try, but Miller rebounded the miss as time expired.

Sophomore Clara Swearingen scored a game-high 18 points to pace the Gorillas, while Miller finished with 11. Freshman Kaycee McCumber added eight points and 10 rebounds. Junior Amanda Byrnes and freshman Marin Adams chipped in with six points apiece.

"We had a couple of people that hadn't practiced due to the flu, had about five kids out with the flu. We were able to get that win, and I was thinking that if we could escape that one, it'd be good for us to keep this train rolling," coach Davied said.

Following the narrow win, Pitt State hosted the Northwest Missouri Bearcats on Saturday, losing 59-65. The Gorillas fell behind early, getting outscored 23-11 in the second quarter, and were unable to overcome the deficit down the stretch.

Junior Ja'Miya Brown provided a team-leading 12 points and eight rebounds to pace the Gorillas, while senior Harper Schreiner finished with 11 points and five rebounds for the Gorillas, who shot just 34.5 percent (20-58) from the floor in the game. Adams and freshman Karolina Kiraga added eight points apiece while junior Marie Wembadjonga chipped in with four points and seven rebounds.

"When you look at Northwest's scores, they have generally held people for the most part their program holds people in the 50s, low 60s. With that being said, going against a strong defense and not having a great week of practice, honestly a pretty tough week for us," coach Davied said.

Pitt State will need to pull it together for the last four games of the season, as they turn their attention to the MIAA tournament and the NCAA postseason.

"Right now, we are sitting outside of national tournament opportunities, so we are really going to have to finish strong these last four games," coach Davied said.

The Gorillas will return to action on Thursday, when they will host the Nebraska Kearney Lopers.

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Throwdown moving feet and fellowship at St. Pius

Mat Dains reporter

Every few weeks during the semester, students gather for an evening of fellowship, a brief swing dance lesson, and socializing, which was held Feb. 12. Kellen Quinn, a sophomore majoring in woodworking technology, described the recurring event, known as “Throwdown Thursday.” Held every three to four weeks, this dance night serves as both a social outlet and preparation for one of the group’s major traditions, the “Barty,” short for barn party.

“We mainly do it for our Barty,” Kellen said. “It’s basically this huge barn party we have every semester. It’s a time for people to connect, learn swing dancing, and have fun.”

The barn party is usually hosted on land generously provided by a local family and is open to various Christian groups. While the location changes, it is often just outside town, allowing students to gather in a relaxed, rustic setting.

Throwdown Thursday helps make the larger event more accessible. Organizers recognize that many students arrive at college with little or no experience in swing dancing. Their regular lessons offer a welcoming introduction, not only to the dance steps but also to the community.

“When people come to college, they’ve either never heard of swing dancing or never really gotten into it,” Kellen explained. “So, we have a Throwdown so we can let more people know about it, what people actually like to do when they swing dance, and just let them get to know each other.”

The event is entirely student-led through Saint Pius X, the Catholic campus ministry. The student board organizes activities, with each member holding specific responsibilities from promoting events to coordinating instructors. The board oversees the planning and execution of each dance night.



Students review line dance steps taught by Katie Davis and Tyson Weber during Catholic Throwdown | Photo by Jack Bruntz

On a recent evening, students gathered in a large open space as volunteer instructors. Tyson Webber, a sophomore marketing major, and Katie Davis, a community member who grew up locally, demonstrated one of the night’s featured moves, the princess dip. Some attendees were seasoned dancers. While others admitted they have never tried swing dancing before.

“We try to keep it pretty casual and friendly,” Weber said. The lessons are designed to be short, energetic, and easy to follow.

As the music played, the instructors broke down the move step by step. Leads were instructed to raise the left hand to guide a spin, place the right hand on their partner’s lower back, and step behind for support. Students were shown where to place their hands and how to shift the weight safely for the dip.

Laughter and encouragement filled the dance hall as students repeated the move, occasionally asking for another demonstration. The tone remained lighthearted and supportive, with instructors emphasizing safety and comfort over perfection.

Weber and Davis first connected at a previous throwdown event during Weber’s freshman year. After successfully teaching last semester, they were invited back.

“It’s all good casual fun,” Davis said.

Outside of official events, many participants gather informally on weekends to dance together. Friendly rivalries emerge over who can master the flashy moves, but the focus remains on enjoyment rather than awards.

Beyond dance, the hosts a variety of events throughout the semester. Among them is the restored speaker series, held twice per semester. Each event includes a mass, a free dinner, and a talk by a visiting professional speaker. Recent topics have included friendship in building meaningful relationships. The upcoming Restored speaker is scheduled to present in March.

The center also offers a free lunch every Wednesday from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., prepared by the church’s volunteers. Along with outgoing four campus missionaries who regularly engage across the campus.

For Davis, the welcoming environment stands out.

“It never hurts to step in the door and just make a new friend,” she said. “You never know where it’ll take you.”



Students practice line dancing with partners during Catholic Throwdown | Photo by Jack Bruntz

Celebrating Valentine’s Day painting and eating candy with GAB

Ky Boterf reporter

On Feb. 12 in the Overman Student Center, the Gorilla Activities Board (GAB) hosted “Candy Crush and Canvas,” their big Valentine’s Day event. Students lined up to get a Valentine’s themed canvas that they could paint. They were also given bags that they could fill with many different candies that were laid out in bowls near the entrance.

Elena Thompson, a junior majoring in graphic communications, talks about why she came to Candy Crush and Canvas. “I love art, and I thought it’d be fun to go with a friend who also enjoys art.” Thompson continues on about being able to relieve stress before the semester picks up. “With new classes coming around, it seemed like a good time to take a breather and just enjoy candy and have a little portrait to do.”

Students lined up at the entrance to the U-Club in the Overman to get checked in and receive their choice of canvas. The canvas had designs ranging from cute birds to bears, with all of them having a theme of Valentine’s Day. Students were able to fill bags with different candies to have as a treat. There were many different options for painting, allowing for full creativity from the students to paint.

Charlie Judd, a senior majoring in elementary education, talks about his favorite candy at the event. “Ooh, I love the nerd gummy clusters, they’re such a staple, I had to stop buying them a few months back because I was just obsessed. But I fear this little bag right here will feed my addiction.” He continues on about going to GAB events, “I saw some advertisement that they were doing a little candy salad thing, and I’m free this Thursday evening. I love to support GAB and all their adventures. So, I was like, why not? Take some time, decompress, do a little painting, have some candy. It’s always a great time at a GAB event, so it’s like, why not go to one, you know? Get something out of it.”

Planning these events happens in advance, allowing GAB to set up many different options and brainstorm different options. Events are a group effort, working with their team to be able to host as many students as possible.

Emilio Cereces, a sophomore GAB exec majoring in nursing, talks about the brainstorming



Charlie Judd, a senior majoring in elementary education, taking a break and painting while eating his candy at GAB’s candy crush and canvas event. | Photo by Ky Boterf

behind their events.

“We plan our events really ahead of time,” Cereces said. “Since last semester, we have been planning all of this.”

Cereces continues to talk about how they got the idea for Candy Crush and Canvas and how they brainstormed.

“One of my friends thought it was a good idea to do something cute for Valentine’s Day, and we thought that candy salad was a good idea along with a painting activity.”

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Students picking their paint colors and brushes at the candy crush and canvas GAB event in the overman student center. | Photo by Ky Boterf

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AI convenience comes with environmental costs

Fatimah Bader reporter

Artificial intelligence has quickly become part of everyday life. Students use it to generate ideas, workers rely on it to complete tasks faster, and companies continue to expand AI systems across industries. The technology feels instant, simple and easy to access.

What many people do not see, however, is the environmental impact behind that convenience. AI tools depend on large data centers filled with powerful servers running continuously. These systems require major amounts of electricity and water, raising questions about sustainability as AI use grows.

The International Energy Agency reported that data centers worldwide consumed about 460 terawatt-hours of electricity in 2022. The agency also projects that electricity demand from data centers could more than double by 2026, driven partly by the rapid growth of AI applications (International Energy Agency, "Electricity 2024").

Electricity use matters because much of the world still depends on fossil fuels for energy production. As AI becomes more widespread,

the energy required to support it adds pressure to power grids and increases emissions in many regions.

Water use is another concern that is often overlooked. Data centers generate significant heat, and many facilities rely on water-based cooling systems to prevent overheating. Researchers at the University of California, Riverside, examined AI's water footprint and found that even short AI interactions can indirectly consume water depending on where the data centers operate and how cooling is managed (Li et al., 2023, "Making AI Less Thirsty," UC Riverside).

Technology companies have also acknowledged these growing demands. Microsoft reported that its total water consumption increased in 2022, partly due to expanding data center operations to support AI workloads (Microsoft Environmental Sustainability Report, 2023).

None of this means artificial intelligence should be dismissed. AI

has useful applications in research, education, and efficiency, and it may even contribute to sustainability solutions in areas such as energy forecasting or climate science. At the same time, it is important to recognize that these tools come with real environmental costs.

AI is often presented as invisible and effortless, but it depends on physical infrastructure, constant computing, and large-scale resource use. Most users never think about the electricity or water required behind a simple prompt.

As AI becomes more integrated into daily routines, the conversation should expand beyond innovation alone. Companies should be transparent about resource consumption, and researchers should continue developing more efficient systems. Users should also think critically about how often and why these tools are being used.

Artificial intelligence is shaping the future, but sustainability must remain part of that future as well. Convenience should not replace responsibility. If AI continues to grow, its environmental footprint should remain part of the public discussion.

Home is where you parked it

Mat Dains reporter

For generations, the path of adulthood was: Graduate, get a job, rent an apartment, start a family, then eventually buy a house. But in the case of Gen Z, that path feels more like a pipe dream every day. In cities like Kansas City and Overland Park, rent can swallow half or more of a young professional's paycheck. "Starter homes" no longer cost what they used to, and student loan debt lingers, making it hard to keep up with inflation. Instead of chasing an unattainable vision of stability, many are choosing something more radical: The age-old Nomadic lifestyle.

The mobile lifestyle resurgence, known online as Van Life, has exploded across platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. Doom scroll long enough, and you'll see it. Converted cargo vans with cedar panel walls, compact kitchens, fold-down beds, and scenic sunsets framed through open back doors. It looks less like downsizing and more like financial freedom.

Critics will dismiss it as a social media aesthetic, but for many young adults, it's an economic survival strategy. Instead of spending \$1500 a month on rent and utilities, a fresh Gen Z graduate could invest \$20,000 in a used van and slowly convert it into a livable space. Solar panels replace electric bills. Mobile data replaces Wi-Fi. Parking tickets replace rent. The cost does not disappear; insurance, property tax, gas, maintenance, running water access, the eventual traffic ticket, and Internet access still add up, but they shift where the money goes to. Housing becomes variable rather than fixed, and geography becomes flexible rather than binding. In a housing market that feels predatory, flexibility is power.

Since the 2020 pandemic, remote work has become possible in ways that would have been unthinkable a decade ago. The normalization of digital careers, from design and marketing to tech support and freelance contractors, means income is no longer tied to a ZIP Code.

Companies like Airbnb have leaned into digital nomad culture, reflecting a broader shift in how young professionals live and travel. If your job exists in the cloud and your office is a Zoom meeting, why does your home have to stay in one place?

Van life isn't just about economics; it aligns with Gen Z's values. This generation is more skeptical of consumerism, more economically independent, more environmentally conscious, and more willing to reject traditional milestones. A smaller living space means fewer possessions. A mobile setup often means lower energy consumption. Experiences in national parks, along coastal highways, and under desert sunrises take precedence over square footage.

Still, it would be naïve to paint van life as the ultimate solution. In places like San Francisco, vehicle dwelling often is not a lifestyle choice but rather an economic necessity. Local ordinances often restrict overnight parking, and safety can be a concern. Showers require planning or a gym membership; weather becomes a constant variable, and, unlike home ownership, living in a van does not build equity. Lastly, in such a compact space, it leaves no room to start a family. That raises a harder question: Is Van Life a loose definition of home, or a symptom of systemic failure?

For some, it's an adventure, a temporary chapter to save money, travel, and delay the pressure of a 30-year mortgage. For others, it's adaptation in the face of a housing system that no longer works for young adults. When rent consumes opportunity, mobility becomes resistance. What is clear is that Gen Z is not waiting for the housing market to correct itself. They are improvising, reimagining stability as freedom rather than permanence, and choosing movement over mortgages. Van Life may not be a permanent solution to unaffordable housing. It is not scalable for everyone and does not address the root cause of skyrocketing prices. But it does show something powerful: A generation unwilling to measure success by square footage alone. For Gen Z, home is no longer just an address. It is autonomy, and sometimes autonomy comes with four wheels and half a tank of gas.

Meanings of love

Masynn Acheson reporter

The Ancient Greeks had several different kinds of love. The kinds that are commonly celebrated on the day of love, also known as Valentine's Day, are Eros, Ludus, and Pragma. Respectively, these words refer to passionate love, playful love, and enduring love. However, a day to celebrate love in the modern day should be more than a day for couples and should include the other kinds of love too.

The day was originally called Lupercalia, an ancient Roman festival of purification and fertility, which dates back to 500 BC. Pope Gelasius I officially determined Feb. 14 as St. Valentine's Day in 496 AD. According to tradition, Valentine refused to obey the Emperor Claudius' command that banned young men from getting married. Emperor Claudius thought single men would make better soldiers, and the Roman legions proved central to imperial power. So, he outlawed marriage for young people. Valentine believed in the institution of biblical marriage, and he started secretly performing weddings for couples, which led to him being arrested and killed.

However, while the day started as a day for couples, messages to love yourself seem hollow with so much commercialism focused on marketing towards couples. At some point, all the hype, panic, and anger towards others on a day meant for love makes all of it nothing more than uncontrollable, obsessive love; Mania, as the Greeks called it.

Philautia is the kind to focus on most if you are ever lonely on Feb. 14, every other day of the year too. Philautia is described as self-love and is one of the main things the Greek Goddess Aphrodite is worshipped for in the modern day. Loving yourself is the first step in finding a healthy and sustainable relationship.

A study published through Utah State University suggests that having confidence in yourself can be attractive to potential romantic partners. More importantly, you will be happier, have more initiative, and feel more optimistic about the world, according to an article published by Science Direct.

Love for yourself can come in many forms. Some people find that journaling about their day and how things made them feel can be helpful for them. A good start for anyone is giving a genuine, heartfelt compliment to yourself while looking at yourself in the mirror. When you can be kind to yourself, loving others can be easier.

Love is universal and touches all parts of your life. A day of love should be celebrated as such.



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Martin Mechanical speaks to students

Fatimah Bader reporter

Pittsburg State University students learned about careers in mechanical contracting during a recent meeting hosted by the Mechanical Contractors Association student chapter.

Martin Mechanical representatives visited campus on Feb. 12 at Crossland Technology Center to speak with students about the mechanical contracting industry, internship opportunities, and the differences between mechanical and general contracting.

Seth Rogers, general manager and senior estimator at Martin Mechanical, said the company came to Pittsburg State to share insight into the day-to-day work of mechanical contractors.

“We came down here today to give an insight on what we do day-to-day as mechanical contractor and just the differences in different opportunities between mechanical contractor versus general contractor,” Rogers said.

Rogers said Martin Mechanical is looking to hire one or two interns this summer, depending on student qualifications. He said internships allow students to gain experience in estimating, project management and design work.

“You basically get the opportunity to learn the full-fledged part of project management estimation,” Rogers said. “Getting to see that day-to-day, and some design engineering, some drawing, a little bit of 3D modeling.”

Jim Rogers, president of Martin Mechanical, encouraged students to explore the range of opportunities available in the trades and contracting field.

“The world’s a wide-open place right now,” Jim Rogers said. “There’s a lot of opportunity.”

Jim Rogers said success in the industry depends on personal effort and willingness to pursue opportunities.

“I think the only thing that would hold them back is

themselves,” he said.

The event was supported by the Mechanical Contractors Association of Kansas City, which works with student chapters and contractors across the region.

Kathleen Livingston, outreach manager with the Mechanical Contractors Association of Kansas City, said Pittsburg State hosts a local MCA student chapter that meets regularly.

“There is a local student chapter for Pittsburg State, and they host monthly meetings,” Livingston said.

Livingston said the chapter helps connect students with professionals in the mechanical contracting industry.

Bergen Souder, a junior at Pittsburg State studying construction management, said the meetings give students a chance to learn directly from companies working in the field.

“The goal of the meetings is that we have companies come and talk to us to show what the companies are about,” Souder said.

Souder said Martin Mechanical’s visit provided students with another perspective on career options in construction.

“They’ve been in business for almost 100 years, and they know what they’re talking about,” he said.

Brooks Scheelk, president of the PSU Mechanical Contractors Association student chapter, said members also participate in a national MCA project that gives students experience with proposal and estimating work.

“We make a proposal for this year and do our own estimate, our own schedule, create our own company,” Scheelk said. “It’s a whole semester-long process and it really teaches people a lot about creating proposals and becoming a mechanical contractor.”

Scheelk said the student chapter invites guest speakers each semester to introduce students to careers within mechanical contracting.

“Mechanical contracting flies under the radar, and we just want to expose it to everyone,” he said.

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“The main goal is to create connections,” McLeod said, adding that student leaders want to maintain communication with legislators beyond one visit.

Higher education funding remains a statewide topic as policy changes continue to affect financial aid and institutional support. McLeod pointed to recent reductions in need-based aid as an example of decisions that can influence students’ ability to attend college.

“That’s money that a lot of students need,” he said.

McLeod also described a moment during the visit when Chuck Smith spoke with the group at the Capitol.

“He’s someone who has never forgotten his roots,” McLeod said. “He always makes time to support Pitt State.”

McLeod said student government leaders plan to continue participating in state-level conversations related to higher education.

SGA members also attend Kansas Board of Regents meetings each month and meet with university administrators to discuss the students’ priorities and needs.

McLeod said advocacy remains part of SGA’s role in representing students.

“That we care,” he said. “That there are real students who are affected.”

The Feb. 4 Advocacy Day visit was one of several ways student leaders are working to ensure student voices are included in discussions about the future of higher education in Kansas.

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She finished by talking about the benefits of “Finding that joy in a place where you can talk about things that are difficult, or, you know, joke around with friends about how your hair’s so nappy and you need to get new products and things like that.”

Members of the Black Student Association also chimed in.

When asked why he came to the event, junior automotive technology major Evan Oliver said, “Well, I’m pretty involved with the BSA, I help with all the events,” later adding that “Kenn is the president. She is my close friend, so anything she’s doing, I try to help.” Then when asked what he hoped could be accomplished with the event, Oliver said, “Just to build more of a sense of community with African American students on campus, just try to show them that there is a place where they can feel included and feel like they belong.”

According to the Kansas Board of Regents, as of 2025,

only around 3.1% of the Pittsburg State University student population are African American, with another 5% identifying with more than one race. BSA members believe it is important that they have a place where those students can feel included.

Other students also had thoughts about the event. When asked why she came to the event, freshman elementary education unified major Nia Imhof said, “I just always wanted to join BSA and saw this was the first event that was open.”

The event drew a few nonmembers to the event. When asked about the importance of the event, Imhof said, “I think this is important because it more so allows students to always have the right to equipping their hair, and sometimes people figure out not everyone’s hair is the same, and you want to be able to take care of it.”



Looking at her board Serenity Everett, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, counts how many spaces she has until a bingo. | Photo by Ky Boterf

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The emphasis on exposure has echoed by students navigating back-to-back interviews throughout the day. Joe Lancaster, a music education major, registered for the event the morning it began. Although he plans to relocate to Indiana after graduation, he still sees value in participating in the event.

“Unfortunately, I’m not going to be here,” Lancaster said. “I’ll be in Indiana when all these jobs open up, so I’m doing this for experience and professional feedback.”

Lancaster scheduled interviews across a range of districts, including rural communities and larger metropolitan areas. He recently completed an interview with school districts in Wichita. The district was primarily seeking local candidates with specific terminal degrees. He also spoke with representatives from Garden City and other districts in Western Kansas. His final interview of the day was scheduled with Shawnee Mission.

Despite knowing relocation would limit his immediate prospects, Lancaster approached the day as practice as much as preparation for a performance.

“As a music person, practicing interviewing is a lot like practicing performing,” he said. “You don’t get worse by doing it.”

He described the physical and mental toll of multiple interviews, the nerves, the adrenaline, and the exhaustion, as well as the learning that follows.



Alumni in elementary education Paige Morey waits patiently for her next interview during the teachers interviews on Feb. 11. The event hosted School districts from several states where students and alumni sign-up for professional interviews. | Photo by Christopher Law

“It’s like when you’re in an argument, and later in the shower you think about what you could have said,” he said with a laugh. “You’re winning interviews in your head. That’s the rehearsal part of it.”

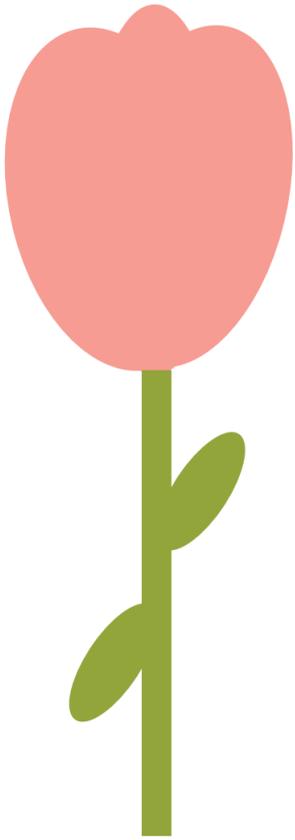
Lancaster believes that students planning to move out of state should attend events like this because the experience you get is still valuable. Organizers hope more students will adopt them and attend in future semesters. Beyond job offers, the event provides networking opportunities, insights into distinct cultures, and firsthand experience navigating professional conversations.

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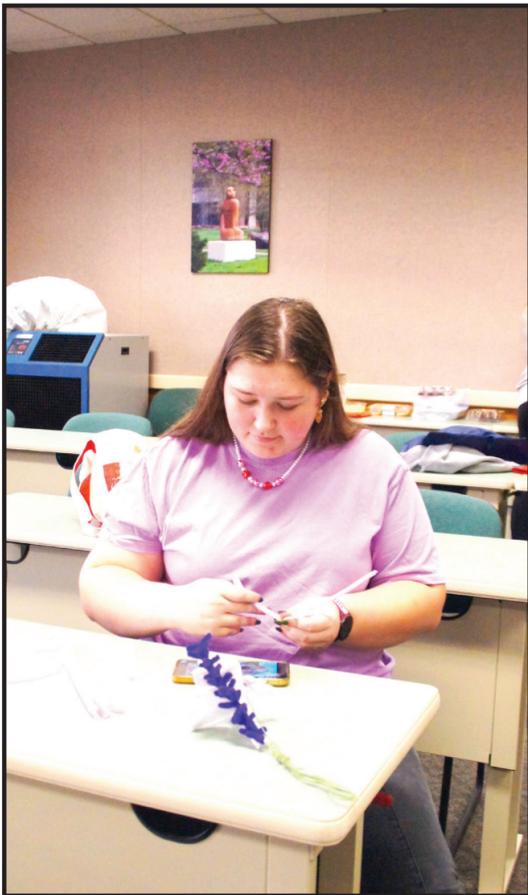
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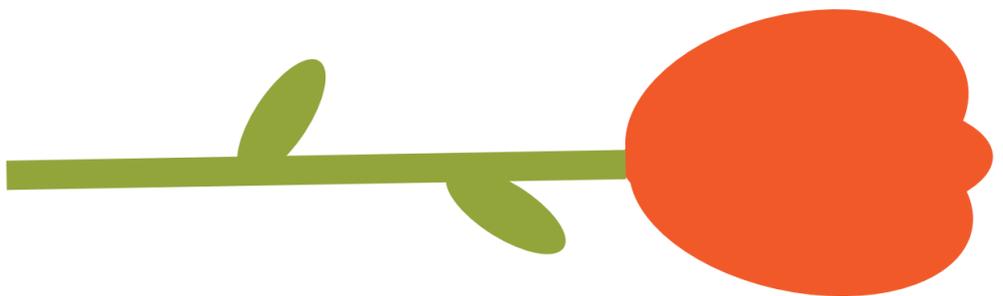
Junior accounting major Katy Burke is making a handmade card at the Galentine's event hosted by woman@work February 10th at the Kelce. | Photo by Ava Kietzman



Freshman business management major Kennedy Barnes is making pipe cleaner flowers at a Galentine's event hosted by woman@work February 10th at the Kelce. | Photo by Ava Kietzman



Freshman accounting and finance major Mia Conrad, junior accounting major Kari Bever, and Sophomore management major MaKenna Hawkins are getting materials to make pipe cleaner flowers at a Galentine's event hosted by woman@work February 10th at the Kelce. | Photo by Ava Kietzman



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