By now it’s no secret: at least 19 percent of students at Carnegie Mellon are hungry, and the situation is not improving. The 2017 Campus Cupboard study released in October at 11 colleges in the Pittsburgh area revealed that one-fifth of the students at this school, across to food in a pinch is something that our students and university administra- tion have been aware of for some time. That’s why on Friday afternoon, the corner of the campus was adorned at the brand-new CMU Pantry spot- house.

Located on the first floor of the Rowancole on Fifth housing community, the CMU Pantry aims to reduce student hunger by giving students access to fresh, perishable foods and products, as well as other basic needs items. A Carnegie Mellon student can shop at the CMU Pantry after filling out the registration forms, and can return at any future time.

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On Nov 2, Carnegie Mellon purchased a Shadyside apartment complex known as Fifth Neville for $16.98 million, one of its most expensive real estate investments to date.

According to Allegheny county real estate records, Fifth Neville complex had been assessed at $1,572,734 prior to the sale. This means that Carnegie Mellon paid $1,010 per square foot, over the assessed price for Fifth Neville. This far exceeds the price per unit paid for the 519-unit apartmentasset at 430,160, a complex that is surrounded by a neighborhood with a large number of amenities such as a commercial core, cons- terre rooms, and even more. While some might question why Carnegie Mellon would pay so much more than the county’s assessment for the Fifth Neville apartment complex, university spokespeople and outside busi- ness professionals think that this is an excellent purchase.

The Fifth Neville apartment complex is located at 4705 Fifth Avenue, just off the corner of New Castle Street. Carnegie Mellon spokesman Jason Medved said in a statement that “the location is ideal for students.”

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Reflections post-2018 midterm election: how hard did the anticipated Blue wave hit?

The 2018 midterm was argued to be one of the most significant midterm elections in recent U.S. history. As reported last week by The Tartan’s Editorial Board, many of the House seats were “up for grabs,” with 35 out of the 330 Senate seats (wants) up for reelection. “Before the poll results were released, FiveThirtyEight forecasted a 7 in 8 chance Democrat win (House) control, solidifying the prediction of an upcoming ‘blue wave.’”

With a nod to last week’s piece from The Tartan Editorial Board, all three of the endorsed candidates — Tom Wolf, Bob Casey, and Dan Frankel — were elected as Governor, Senator, and State Representative, respectively. Although Pennsylvania’s gerrymandering had allowed a disproportionate number of Republicans to represent the state, with the recently redrawn legislative maps, Pennsylvanians got the chance to choose leaders more accurately representing them and their political beliefs in the 2018 midterms.

The extent to which the blue wave hit is arguable. Although the Senate majority in Republican majority, one saw a massive increase in the number of women representing the diverse American population. 107 women were elected to the House this time around, two of whom are Muslim. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a new member for young citizens wishing to enter the political arena by becoming the youngest congresswoman at age 29. Despite these historical moments, there are still ballot recounts and signs of voter suppression worth investigating.

In the Texas Senate race, Republican Ted Cruz narrowly beat Democratic candidate Beto O’Rourke by 2.6 percentage points. Texas elections carried problems due to faulty and outdated voting machines as well as crowded polling stations. Some voters caught on to the errors and manually changed their ballots to reflect their choice in candidates, but it is unknown how many ballots were affected. Texas, in response, blamed user error, not the faulty and outdated machines. Texas is not the only state impacted by machine-induced errors; they may have contributed to voter suppression in Georgia as well. Republican Brian Kemp won up 1.5 percentage points over Democrat opponent Stacy Abrams, but multiple votes were turned away, had their absents ballots rejected, or could not have their voting registration verified. Despite the close election result, it is unlikely that a ballot recount would swing towards Abrams’ favor, but voter suppression on even a small scale can set a dangerous precedent to the erosion of democracy.

In Florida, Broward County experienced a statistically significant underserve rate. While all other counties in Florida saw more than a 0.8 percentage difference in the number of votes cast for governor, the U.S. Senate, and State Representative, respectively.

As reported last week, the recent midterm elections in the United States were characterized by voter suppression, with many states facing issues with voter ID laws, voter registration, and turnout. In Florida, a historically significant state, the 2018 midterm elections were marked by significant voter suppression, with some counties reporting less than 50 percent of the contested seats. In the meantime, North Carolina — another historically Red state — saw 903 of the votes going towards the Republicans, while Democrats took 13 of possible seats. This difference between the number of votes and the number of seats taken echoes that of the 2016 election, which is no surprise considering North Carolina still has the same gerrymandered districts that they had in 2016. Other states — such as Wisconsin and Michigan — were also negatively impacted by gerrymandering. Voter suppression also influenced the midterm result.

North Dakota came under fire for not allowing P.O. boxes to be used as addresses for voter IDs, disproportionately affecting the Native American population, who almost exclusively use P.O. boxes for home addresses. Additionally, Georgia’s “exact match” law barred many voters from participating in the election due to discrepancies between what is written on a registration form and what is written in present state records. Although those are the two more examples that caught headlines, there are other states such as Maryland, Arkansas, and Maine have seen an increase in regular errors for voter IDs required to vote. For a country that prides itself on having fair and free elections, there seem to be quite a few examples contradicting that image. Although the end result of the midterm election are unlikely to change dramatically after recounts, steps to ensure more representative House and Senate must be taken. With the 2020 election on the horizon, these seemingly minor obstacles may add up to affect who is elected as Leader of the Free World.
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR: STUDENT SOLIDARITY FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

On Oct. 26, Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) declared the end of a three-year-old rebellion, ending a third of a century long civil war. The conflict left more than 100,000 people dead. As the war ended, Rajapaksa and his allies seized power. The conflict had a profound impact on Sri Lanka, and especially on the country's Tamil community.

NORTH PARK
Staff Writer

As the events that transpired this past weekend and their consequences were unfolding, I decided to write this letter to the editor of the Tartan. The events of last week and their implications mark, not only a significant turning point in the history of Sri Lanka but also a tragic and avoidable loss for the international community.

As a member of the Jewish community, I was deeply saddened by the news of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, Oct. 27. It was a terrible tragedy that left 11 people dead and six injured. The shooting was a sad reminder of the ongoing threat of anti-Semitism in our society.

I am writing to express my sympathy to the families of the victims and to the Jewish community at large. As a Jew, I feel a deep sense of loss and grief. The loss of life in this tragedy is a reminder of the importance of standing together as a community and supporting each other.

I am also writing to urge the University of Pittsburgh to take action to improve safety and security on campus. As a student, I feel a responsibility to ensure that my school is a safe and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of their background or beliefs.

I am encouraged by the response I have seen from the community in the wake of this tragedy. I have seen many individuals and organizations reaching out to support each other. I hope that this sense of community will continue in the days to come.

I am grateful for the support of my friends and family during this difficult time. I am also grateful for the support of the Jewish community as a whole. Together, we can work to create a better world.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Out in the sciences: “Without limits—and without fear”

EMMA FLICKINGER
SciTech Editor

“The thing with science is that you just don’t do it from a cold, hard perspective,” says Andrew Well, a biology PhD student in the Mellon Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. “It’s very tied to your personal beliefs.”

Objectivity — the removal of all personal bias from an experimen- tal setting — is a central concept in scientific research. Practically, however, experiments are designed by humans, algorithms are written by humans, and journal articles are edited and approved by humans. A researcher’s personal beliefs influence their work.

“Objectivity is a technology, not a perspective,” says Well, “and perspectives are considered equal. When you have a run through a matrix of the challenges that women face in scientific research, and the gender- ized understanding of the prop- erty of knowledge in STEM fields. The experiences of LGBT+ people in science such as are less well known, for various reasons: While the numbers of other underrep- resented groups in STEM are increas- ing, queer researchers have always been present, as long as they man- aged to hide their identity. There has also been a significant lack of research into LGBTQ+ experiences in STEM.”

However, qualitative research and cultural awareness have caught up with the growing number of LGBTQ+ scientists, who have drawn the same conclusions that LGBTQ+ scientists have rapidly become more visible.

Organizations advocating for LGBT+ researchers have grown significantly in recent decades. The Queer in STEM Project has tackled the lack of quan- titative data on the LGBTQ+ STEM experience by surveying queer scientists about their experiences, “The internet has provided space for a community to emerge and build mutually supportive networks,” says Well.

“My personal experience was that there was a huge placebo effect. I didn’t make that connection either,” says Well. “It’s often experience homophobia and transphobia that comes from a place of ignorance. As a PhD I had several confusions with my sexuality and identity that I would have difficulty finding a job because I was a kind of an unusual devi- ance,” explains Chase Mendenhall, Associate Curator of Birds, Ecology, and Conservation at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Sarah Fields Ph.D. researcher in materials science, says of her experi- ences in chemistry, “They were a lot of two-to-five years making your way through the system. It’s not unheard of. I think it’s essential to not give up if you’re out.”

Is Oumuamua a probe sent by aliens? Probably not

A team of researchers from the astronomy department, suggested that “Oumuamua could be a busted-up flying saucer, not an amorphous, 10-meter-long single speck of dust in a cosmic ocean. Who knows? Maybe there is something else that we’ve missed. Maybe it is a propulsion technology based on ice created by the sun. Or maybe it is a propulsion technology based on debris from a destroyed alien probe.”

The thing with science is that you just don’t do it from a cold, hard perspective. It’s very tied to your personal beliefs. ’Oumuamua, its brief visit reminds us of the universe’s grandiosity, and that we are but a single speck of dust in a cosmic ocean. Who knows what other alien life is out there? But it’s not just for aliens. It’s for us too. It’s for us all.

FIGURE VI
Assistant Professor of Sociology

When you think of an alien, you probably picture a little gray man with big round eyes, with a flying saucer, not an amorphous, 10-meter-long single speck of dust in a cosmic ocean. ’Oumuamua, its brief visit reminds us of the universe’s grandiosity, and that we are but a single speck of dust in a cosmic ocean. Who knows? Maybe there is something else that we’ve missed. Maybe it is a propulsion technology based on debris from a destroyed alien probe. ’Oumuamoa is a Hawaiian noun that roughly means “first distant object.” It was first discovered on Oct. 19, 2017, and it’s been buzzing researchers since then. It’s a strange object, and its story, unlike anything previously measured, doesn’t explain any strange behavior that it made in diffi- cult to classify. Oliversen first saw it as a comet because it had a com- et-like tail, but it was quickly determined that it was not a comet. In 2018, there was no coma, the glowing “comet” surrounding the body of the comet due to the subtraction of the sun by the earth. It later changed to an asteroid because it had no tail to be a comet because the object displayed strange accelerations that couldn’t be explained by gravity alone, indicating that something must be coming out of the comet.

Lois offers an alternate explana- tion that would similarly answer the questions about ’Oumuamua, if it wasn’t so implausible. According to Lois, the object is a piece of debris from a destroyed asteroid powered by a theorized solar sail. Physicists have long been aware of the idea of harnessing the radiation of a sun to propel it. Over time, a solar sail could generate enough velocity to escape a solar system.

’Oumuamua could be a busted- up alien probe gliding through space on a solar sail, or it could be an unexplainable low-ac- tivity comet. There is no way of working out which way, because ’Oumuamua has long since left our solar system. In fact, because its proposed sail and shape were off estimates, one could even argue that it is not.

Andrew Well, a biology PhD student in the Mellon Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. “It’s very tied to your personal beliefs.”
As STEM diversifies, academia needs support for all

A bunch of straight guys,” explains Mendenhall. “I macho mountain men, while birds more women, such as biology. “In when they worked in fields with LGBTQ+ scientists were more likely scientific fields. A 2013 study found that face can be ascribed to the hyper son who could be read female in the ter [undergrad], I was the only per [Image 36x947 to 463x1397]

Mendenhall describes understanding the first generation that I was that student! No problem describes being asked if she knew a more things,” explains the computer research, even in the most

work and teach with Stanford professor Joan Brokaw, a trans

fier about making the world a better place and that you can give to your work.” While anyone can have a role, Mendenhall believes, LGBTQ+ scientists frequently feel like they have to ask if their statements may not even occur to those outside the community in particle physics whose communities in particle physics whose

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Researching from diverse backgrounds will take some big changes, and a lot of small ones, too. In the absence of inclusive and welcoming study groups. The executive director of the National Trans Resource Center, which works to build the political and social frameworks to advance the rights of people who are transgender and gender non-binary, says that the

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And Andrew Wolford (above), a PhD student in biology of Carnegie Mellon, studies cellular origami: “The thing with science, at least in my eyes,” he says, “is that you can’t just do it from a cold, hard perspective...it’s very tied to your own personal

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Explained Mendenhall, “Being a PhD I wasn’t fortunate enough to have work and teach with Stanford professor Joan Brokaw, a trans scientist who changed gender and sex in nature. Often, the environment is a good one for

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Academic Bowl: CMU defeats CRUW in overtime

Off the field, Tran is president of Plaidvocates, an athlete-run organization that focuses on being a peer-to-peer support team, help- ing and serving underclassmen at CMU and beyond through academic and athletic initiatives. Tran's goal is that Plaidvocates will be more than a football team in addition to being a positive force for the organization.

“I definitely appreciate the people who helped me and take me and took time out of their day to get me through what I went through. I could never underestimate the ridiculous love and support that reciprocated through this organization really is something I’m really proud of,” he said.

Alongside his mechanical and biomedical engineering coursework, Tran also does research for various professors and labs on campus. His current research interest is on a modular medical robot on which it is possible to be used during surgery, and it could greatly enhance invasive ways. With the robotics component, the snake can access the vessels in the body through a less invasive hole.

Looking to the future, Tran feels that’s to win. We’ll get it done. It’s for one job, one job only, and that’s to win. We’re out here to win and that’s the mentality. I try to pump up the field, it’s a very competitive mindset. I’m a highly competitive person. On the field, it’s a very competitive mindset.

With the final score of the game, Tran looks to the future. September 17. Tran looks to go out with a win.

Fantasy football: Sports Editor finally gets out of league cellar

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TARTAN FANTASY over newz, 127.22 to 80.26

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**WARS YANG** Sports Editor

It’s the second quarter of the third quarter of the 2018 season and the Pirates are in a hole. They’re 59-65 on the season, and it’s looking like a long stretch to finally turn the season around. It’s looking like a long stretch to finally turn the season around.

**BRAD PUSKAR** Staff Writer

Senior defensive end and engineering major Long Tran has excelled on and off the football field at Carnegie Mellon. He has been a leader on the Tartan football team. Earlier this season, he scored one point, contributing to Marika Yang’s Gin and Bear It. Three other offensive players all scored one point, contributing to Mahomes scoring above 20 points and Nick Chubb with an overall record of 7-2, while Bell likely just fell into a bit of a sophomore slump, so the defense. The Bears have a young roster of the infamously bad defense. The defense. The Bears have a young roster of the infamously bad defense.

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**Pirates should look to pillage great free agent market**

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Advice for Awkward People

Dear Michelle,

The holiday season is approaching, and I’m super excited! This has always been my favorite time of the year, mainly because my family and I have the best traditions. It’s a time when I genuinely feel at my happiest. I know that my holiday season experience might be a little different because I’m in college now, and honestly, I’m sort of worried about that. I really don’t want all the stress from school to ruin the holiday season for me. I want to be able to celebrate the holidays, while also finishing off my semester on a good note. Do you have any tips on how to do that?

Thanks,
Help On Living In Denial About Year-end Stress

Dear HOLIDAYS,

The holiday season is also my favorite time of the year! And I understand that it’s difficult to have to find ways to keep up your family traditions and feel at home, especially when you’re so far from home. But over the past few years I’ve been in college, I’ve learned some good ways to do so.

The first thing you can do is make up your own traditions with friends! I’m sure during this time of the year, a lot of people, including your friends, are starting to feel homesick and miss their families. Since a lot of you are feeling the same way, this would create a good opportunity for you guys to find some fun activities to do together during your free time; to create spaces where you all can spend quality time with one another, and be like a family. Something nice you all could do is have a potluck dinner, where you all can bring dishes that you usually eat with your families during the holiday. Not only is this a great way to bond with your friends, but you can learn so much more about them and their cultural backgrounds.

Another thing you can do, if you feel like you’re missing out on the holiday celebration while being on campus, is decorate your dorm! Of course, ask your roommate (if you have any) if it’s okay to decorate the entire dorm, but it’s so easy to put up even a few decorations on your wall or door to help spread the holiday cheer.

And while it may not seem like campus is getting into the holiday spirit just yet, you can just take a twenty minute bus ride downtown this Friday for Pittsburgh’s annual Light Up Night event, or check out a fully-decorated Phipps Conservatory in about a week or two. These two events are all about celebrating the holiday season, and you’ll get to experience all the decorations, lights, music, and even fireworks! It might not be obvious, but Pittsburgh really does love the holidays as much as you and I do. And while it might be different from how you usually celebrate at home, making your own holiday traditions with a “second family” in Pittsburgh can be a really wonderful thing. It’ll take some time to get used to, but hopefully these will become experiences you can look forward to in your coming years of college. Hope this helps!

Best,
Michelle

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Brunch Buddies: Fuel and Fuddle

Not actually brunch, but let’s go with it.

For the record, I went to this restaurant at midnight, which is technically morning. Thus, this does count as brunch.

Anyway, I recently went to Fuel and Fuddle, a restaurant that specializes in American comfort food. The reason I went so late was because 1.) I hadn’t eaten dinner, 2.) I had just been on a bus for 12 hours, and 3.) after 11 p.m., Fuel has a late night menu where everything on that menu is half off. So, a group of friends and I went with the sole intention of stuffing ourselves like turkeys.

The location: Fuel and Fuddle is located near the corner of Oakland and Forbes Avenue. A good way to remember this is that it’s right next to Stack’d, a fact that blew my mind as I walked there. It’s not too far away from everything in Oakland, and it’s located in a fairly busy spot.

The food: We played ourselves and accidentally ordered much more food than we anticipated. With the low late night prices, it was way too tempting to order the entire menu. We ordered pork nachos for the whole table, two of my friends both got individual orders of the same pulled pork sandwich, and I split a cajun chicken sandwich and pierogies with my third friend. The fact that we finished all of that food is a testament to its quality. It had been a while since I’d had good pierogies, and Fuel reminded me why I missed it. The addition of the adobo sauce, bacon, and sour cream only made the experience better. I don’t normally enjoy chicken at American restaurants because I find it to be too dry or unseasoned for my liking, but the cajun chicken at Fuel was incredible. Both my friends who ordered the pulled pork sandwich really loved their sandwiches, although they complained about being stuffed after eating half of it. However, the best dish was the pork nachos. I salute whoever came up with that idea and the people who prepared the dish that night.

The vibe: Even at midnight, the restaurant was fairly packed, with several patrons enjoying the late night drinks and food while watching NFL highlights. There was some nice classic rock playing in the background to really set the mood, and after a particularly long day, we were all instantly re-energized as we entered the restaurant.

Lit or Nah: I would easily classify Fuel as lit. My overall experience was great, and it’s incredibly fun to go here with several friends and eat as much food as humanly possible for a very affordable price. I highly recommend checking out Fuel—be it early in the day or late at night.
Dutchman joins this year’s exclusive club of “what on earth did I just watch?” The play is centered around two characters, Lula and Clay, who interact mostly on a subway for the entirety of the play. Dutchman is one of those productions that is hard to talk about without spoiling because the story is one long conversation split up by a bizarre dance/party sequence in the middle.

There are three kinds of people who watch plays: those who don’t get it at all, those who know everything and make fun of the play for being predictable, and those who are with the play the whole time and are intrigued, even if they don’t fully understand it. Dutchman is one of those plays where it’s hard for the audience to fall into the first two categories.

The snappy dialogue, character beats, and reversals keep the audience on their toes. The actors do an incredible job with the material. There is a lot of pressure on them to keep the play from collapsing in on itself, but they pull it off effortlessly. Their chemistry and tension was very entertaining, and they really sold the dance sequence that takes place halfway through the play.

It wasn’t until the end that it made sense, that the play is a metaphor for interracial relations and black identity in the United States. Clay is a representative of the mild-mannered black man, while Lula represents the pressure from white society, trying in various ways to goad Clay into an intense reaction, such as pretending to understand black culture, calling Clay several racial slurs, or telling Clay to stop being complacent by trying to fit into white culture.
Clay snaps and goes into a thoughtful monologue on how African American culture silently represses generations of rage, and if African Americans were to act rationally they would just kill all whites to end their oppression. He no longer knows whether it’s the silent rage or the repression of that rage that takes a greater toll on black identity. It’s a bold statement, one that was written decades ago during the Civil Rights era and holds just as much significance today. It’s a testament to the writing that this message was conveyed in a compelling manner without feeling like it was preaching to a choir.

Dutchman is another excellent production from the School of Drama. Their selection this year seems to encompass a great variety of socially conscious, thematically relevant, and unique plays. I’m excited to see what other intriguing productions the School of Drama has in store for the rest of the year.
Tisbert Sketch Comedy
cordially invites you to
Let’s Get Hitched

Tisbert Sketch Comedy presented their show Let’s Get Hitched this past weekend in the Cohon Center Studio Theater, and it was a hit! One of the best aspects of the show was how the main wedding sketches were intertwined with various absurd and hilarious sketches, dealing with topics ranging from losing Santa Claus to epic laser tag battles to church. The audience participation made for an entertaining addition to the already amusing performance.

One of the most notable sketches, and one of my personal favorites, had to have been the family photo. This sketch dealt with the all too familiar situation of taking a family photo with a little more absurdity added in. The characters portrayed in the scene added to the amusement: with a father and a mother (Zivan Vasquez and Katherine Sabel) who fought like crazy, a bored daughter (Amber Quinn), an overenthusiastic son (Thomas von Davier), and a very uptight photographer (Grant Seastream), what could go wrong?

Another sketch, as mentioned before, dealt with a nonexistent Santa Claus. The two Santa elves (Zivan Vasquez and Katherine Sabel) broke the fourth wall and went in search of a worthy audience member to be Santa. After the selection, the audience member came down onstage and put on a Santa hat, and the kids filed in one by one. Two kids (Grant Seastream and Amber Quinn) had their own problems coming in to see Santa Claus. This posed a particularly sticky situation to the audience member. The end was a bizarre twist of events in which the Easter Bunny (Thomas von Davier) crashed the party and the sketch went into mayhem!

The wedding sketches, the center focus of the production, were very well thought out. They commented on some seemingly relatable and some very preposterous scenarios. From a dare to object to the wedding, a flower girl eating the petals, and a particularly hilarious youth pastor (Zivan Vasquez) officiating the wedding, these sketches had it all. The couple, Cynthia and Doug (Amber Quinn and Thomas von Davier), finally got married at the end, after dodging the crazy maid of honor, Kourtney (Katherine Sabel), and the silly best man, Dave (Grant Seastream), bringing the show full circle among its crazy scenarios.

Overall, the performance was incredibly enjoyable, brought out lots of laughs and was very charming. Bravo Tisbert!

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photos courtesy of Natalie Schmidt
I'm always in the mood for trying new restaurants, but like everyone, I have my favorite spots that I know won't let me down. We need these restaurants — places we bring our family when they visit, places we always go to with specific people, places that fit a certain mood or appetite. For me, one of those places is Taiwanese Bistro Cafe 33, better known as just Cafe 33, which satisfies all of those different situations. I've taken my parents there, I've gone there to catch up with friends, and it's my go-to spot for consistently good Taiwanese food.

Cafe 33 is in Squirrel Hill, at the intersection of Forbes and Shady Avenues. Take any 61 bus, and you'll get within a block of the restaurant. After, if you miraculously have room in your stomach left, walk down Forbes or Murray Avenue for Cold Stone or Waffallonia.

Cafe 33 is small, unassuming, and easy to miss, but just look next to the large Starbucks. Inside, the single room is small and casual — nothing fancy. A converted laundromat, it only seats forty people, so be careful if you're venturing in a busy rush-hour meal time. You'll see a wide variety of patrons, some getting an authentic taste of home or others trying something new. Many of my friends from Taiwan say this is the best place in Pittsburgh for Taiwanese food. If you're not sure how Taiwanese cuisine is different from Chinese food, this is the place to go to see for yourself.

Of course, the star of the place is the food. The menu offers so many choices, it can be overwhelming: a multitude of seafood, chicken, pork, beef, and vegetable entrees and select dishes over rice, as well as a long list of noodle soups. I highly recommend anything on the “Over Rice” menu, but my favorite is the Fried Chicken Cutlet Over Rice ($8.50). The chicken is crispy and juicy all at once, and goes perfectly with the side salad and hard-boiled tea egg. If you're not in the mood for chicken, try the Pork Chop ($8.50) or Minced Braised Pork ($8), both over rice.

On the other side of the menu, Cafe 33 has twenty-six different noodle and noodle soup choices, and I can't say you can go wrong with any of them. There are the familiar Lo Mein options next to the more traditional Taiwanese Pan Fried or Chow Fun dishes. I'm a fan of the Cafe 33 Special Thick Noodle Soup ($11), which comes with a lot of fish in a hearty broth.

Cafe 33 is close to campus and decently priced, but most importantly, the food is consistently great. The service is simple and clinical, but gets the job done. If you're looking to give a new place a try, you might soon find this place on your own eatery go-to list, just like how it crept up on mine.
Be Here Now by Ram Dass, also formerly known as Dr. Richard Alpert, is more than just a book. This story is a guide for those embarking on the inner journey towards home or Om. Whichever you prefer.

This epic shares experience, clinical knowledge, and pop-culture references from today and the past, in order to give the reader comprehensive tools to themselves. Nothing more than that; it’s a spiritual tool. I sought out this book in a time of intense searching for answers that I always felt I had within myself, but didn’t know how to access. I feel as though this book should be essential for every student here at Carnegie Mellon, and other college students across the world, because it helped me access my heart in a way I hadn’t imagined before. This book is more than a comprehensive look at the journey of Ram Dass: it is a look at the unfolding of the ego, and of the Universe always serving as the best guide that there can be.

This book is centered around a journey. But not a journey that takes place on the outside towards a destination, but a journey within. A journey towards seeing one’s soul, past the ego — a journey of seeing oneself in the pureness of love and understanding. The book is divided into three different portions. The first portion of the book outlines Dr. Richard Alpert’s transition into becoming Baba Ram Dass, which means “Servant of God.” He talks in detail about his experience teaching psychology at Harvard during the psychedelic era in America. He also shares his experience of using these psychedelics to experience oneness with the Universe and with God. He clarifies that this wasn’t enough for him, because there was always a come-down; the sensation is nothing but temporary, so eventually he would become sober. The second portion is illustrative and contains mantras for the regular joe schmoe to read and meditate over. He places an emphasis on meditating over the mantras because “knowledge is eternal and with time and patience, all knowledge finds it way to resonate and bring clarity.” The last portion of this book is called “A Cookbook For A Sacred Life”. It has a table of contents dedicated to different yogic practices, all the way up to sexual energy. This section of the book is my favorite because it has quotes supporting each section from a multitude of sources. You’re not getting a one-sided perspective, but a universal one.

This book is for practitioners of all faiths. Whether you’re Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, or any other, there is something for you within this book. It doesn’t just stop at religion and finding ways to help us reach our God (or gods), but it goes above and beyond to not idolize or ostracize any religion. It includes all the knowledge and spiritual practices of different religions so that the reader is well equipped and informed.

If your goal is to read something that will in turn help you to master yourself and the inner journey towards home (Om), then Be Here Now by Baba Ram Dass is just the book for you. It’s without a doubt the best and most viable option for anyone not necessarily looking to enter a religion or religious practice, but looking to advance their spiritual practice, whether they are religious or not.

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Grande redefines the “break up song” as “thank u, next” radiates positivity and acceptance.

When we hear “break up song,” we tend to think of cheating, wistfulness, grief, and Taylor Swift. Most breakup songs are filled with pain, some embodying a wave of sadness, and others embodying the vengeance and vindication desired from an unfaithful ex (Carrie Underwood’s “Before He Cheats,” anyone?). But we rarely hear a breakup song about self-acceptance – about what comes after the pain, the denial, and the anger. Ariana Grande’s newest single “thank u, next” is ushering in a new era of break up songs that celebrate self-love, strength, and personal growth.

“thank u, next” was released just months after the release of her incredibly successful fourth album, Sweetener. While the title of the song may appear petty or dismissive, the song is anything but – Grande is gracious and kind, thanking her exes for teaching her how to be patient, how to love, and how to deal with pain. While it’s difficult to imagine thanking your exes, particularly those that bring painful experiences back to mind, Grande has taken the difficulty out of it. Rather than drone melancholically, she celebrates her own personal growth and her ability to use those painful experiences to become a kinder, more loving person.

The song is filled with Ariana Grande trademarks – floaty vocals, tight harmonies, and bouncy accompanying beat. It is happy and celebratory – the kind of song you would sing with your best friends in your living room after a hard day. It is both intimate and vulnerable in its emotion and public with its message of personal growth, a balance that’s often difficult to achieve (especially in mainstream pop). While we might not expect a breakup song from Grande, we may have expected something more somber and ballad-like, especially given her recent breakup with ex-fiancé Pete Davidson. But “thank u, next” is one of few pop songs that’s actually focused on celebrating yourself during the period of re-learning after a relationship. The most impactful line of the song deals with exactly that: “I met someone else, we havin’ better discussions. I know they say I move on too fast, But this one gon’ last, ‘Cause her name is Ari, And I’m so good with that.”

The past 18 months have been incredibly difficult for Grande considering the suicide bombing at her concert in Manchester, her break up with Pittsburgh-native rapper Mac Miller and his deeply tragic death, and her break up with ex-fiancé Pete Davidson. It’s difficult to imagine how someone who’s been through so much at so young an age could be so full of love, and yet here she is – emerging stronger than ever by revealing her vulnerability and bettering herself from her experiences. It is a testament to her true strength – of being able to not only move on but to feel empowered and loved in her choices and relationships. It is so inspirational and astounding to see her bounce back and thrive after such periods of grief. She sings with a clear smile in her voice, “I’ve got so much love, I’ve got so much patience, I’ve learned from the pain, I turned out amazing. I’ve loved and I’ve lost, but that’s not what I see. ‘Cause look what I’ve found, there’s no need for searching.”

For the difficult year that much of the world has had, it’s almost as if Grande knew this is what the world needed. This song is a message of female empowerment – it displays incredible presence and self-awareness while simultaneously infecting the listener with a fun beat. In the face of sadness, Ariana Grande’s new single is filled with unfeigned and almost impossible optimism. It is a song that serves as a band-aid for the heart, reminding the listener that sometimes the process of bettering yourself is what’s really important. Grande tweeted on Nov. 11, “what an interesting, challenging, painful and yet beautiful and exciting chapter of life...when it rains it pours but I’m embracing all of it. I’m excited for whatever else the universe has in store for me. She’s growing n she’s grateful.” As someone who admires and respects her for making the art that she did, “I’m so f**kin’ grateful” for this song.
This week, Movies in McConomy will be screening two different thrill rides.

Ocean’s 8

Friday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The newest installment in the Ocean’s franchise stars Sandra Bullock as Danny Ocean’s sister, and follows her creation of a new team to pull off a heist. The film is effectively the same as Ocean’s 11 but lacking a lot of the style of Steven Soderbergh’s original. It’s not particularly special, but unlike some other reboots or remakes of franchises, this film has respect for its source material. If you want a fun, inoffensive film that will kill some time, I would recommend checking this one out. Otherwise, stick to the original Ocean’s 11.

Mission Impossible: Fallout

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Go watch this. You have no excuse not to if you’re available and want something to watch. It’s playing in the Cohon Center and it’s free. This is one of the best big budget action films since Mad Max: Fury Road and maybe one of the best action films ever. It’s a great homage to old-time spy action thrillers with several twists and turns. All the characters are fun to watch. The story is engaging. Ethan’s character gets some depth for once. They call back to the other films really well. But most importantly, the action is just jaw-dropping. This has the best of every kind of action sequence: it has one of the best skydiving sequences, one of the best fist fights, one of the best car chases, one of the best heists, one of the best foot chases, and, of course, the best (and only?) helicopter chase ever filmed. The level of effort that the entire crew, especially Tom Cruise, put into this film is incredible, and every other studio needs to take note of this and put in this level of effort and care into their own big budget films. If you have nothing to do and are choosing to binge Netflix, close that and go watch this instead. You won’t regret it.
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Aries
march 21 – april 19
Crisp Fall Night.

Taurus
april 20 – may 20
Sparkling Cinnamon.

Gemini
may 21 – june 20
Honey Clementine.

Cancer
june 21 – july 22
Lavender Vanilla.

Leo
july 23 – aug. 22
French Countryside.

Virgo
aug. 23 – sept. 22
Mediterranean Breeze.

Libra
sept. 23 – oct. 22
Black Sand Beach.

Scorpio
oct. 23 – nov. 21
Warm Luxe Cashmere.

Sagittarius
nov. 22 – dec. 21
Lilac Blossoms.

Capricorn
dec. 22 – jan. 19
Island Waterfall.

Aquarius
jan. 20 – feb. 18
Apple Pumpkin.

Pisces
feb. 19 – march 20
Coconut Beach.

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by Sarah Andersen

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by Guy Kopsumbut

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SURROUNDED BY OTHERS BUT UNABLE TO RELATE?
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THE WRONG ROOM.
AND, THE PERSON THAT COMPLETES YOU IS JUST BEYOND THE NEXT DOOR.

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Tuesday 11.13.18

**Friendsgiving**
Rangos Ballroom, Cohon Center
5 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with the Carnegie Mellon community at the annual Friendsgiving dinner. Spend time with friends and enjoy this buffet-styled meal, all for the price of a block! The event is organized by Chartwells, The Office of Spiritual & Religious Life, and Partners Allied in Civic Engagement (PACE).

Friday 11.16.18

**BlacKKKlansman**
Row House Cinema
11:45 a.m.

Head over to Row House Cinema to watch this critically-acclaimed film, directed by Spike Lee, any time between Friday and the next Thursday. Here’s a description of the film from Row House’s website: “Spike Lee’s drama, produced by the team behind Get Out offers another provocative exploration of American race relations. In the midst of the 1970s civil rights movement, Ron Stallworth becomes the first black detective on the Colorado Springs Police Department. He sets out to prove his worth by infiltrating the local chapter of the KKK and convinces his Jewish colleague to go undercover as a white supremacist.”

**Comcast Light Up Night®**
Downtown Pittsburgh
5 - 11 p.m.

The most wonderful time of the year is approaching and the city of Pittsburgh can’t wait! Come downtown and check out all the amazing festivities and decorations put on to celebrate the holiday season. Also, Grammy winning band A Great Big World will be performing, along with other musicians. If you have time, take your friends and family to one of the most epic holiday events in Pittsburgh!

Saturday 11.17.18

**Rise Against Hunger**
Wiegand Gym, Cohon Center
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come give back to the community and help out with packaging 175,000 Meals that will be distributed to communities in need around the world. Members of SLICE, PACE, and Alpha Phi Omega have partnered with the nonprofit organization, Rise Against Hunger, and the Kraft Heinz Company Foundation to organize this event. Be sure to register before Saturday!

**Bhangra in the Burgh**
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall
5 - 9 p.m.

You don’t want to miss the biggest bhangra dance event in Pittsburgh! Come see eight of the best bhangra teams from around the world compete for the champion title. The Bhangra in the Burgh Executive Board from Carnegie Mellon University will be donating the proceeds to The Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh. Be sure to buy your tickets now before it’s too late!
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