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## OPINION



Lack of parking on Shadyside Campus causes concern. **Page 4**

## Community reflects on Dr. Finegold's tenure

By Sonny Butina and Carson Gates

After six years leading the Chatham University community, President Dr. David Finegold recently announced his departure from the University, effective at the conclusion of the 2023 spring term.

The news came as a surprise to students and staff alike, many of whom, due to his active engagement with campus events, developed connections to Dr. Finegold.

Always a familiar face around the Shadyside Campus, it's common to see him hosting an ice cream social for new students, encouraging students to join the pickleball club he started or walking with his wife Sue and their dog Louis.

"He is genuinely interested, and I have had friends who have complained [to him] about certain things and he looked into them," said Katelyn Nee '23.

This degree of connection, **SEE FINEGOLD, PAGE 3**



Anderson Dining Hall service during its re-opening. Photo credit: Lilly Kubit

## Dining hall renovations captivate campus

By Josie Barton and Michaela DeLauter

After months of planning and years of drawbacks, Chatham University's Shadyside Campus finally completed the renovation of Anderson Dining Hall in August.

The dining hall was renovated with a budget of \$4 million to better accommodate the rapidly growing student body.

The space now includes bright lighting, more inclusive food options and improved seating. Changes were made based on feedback from faculty, staff and students and a design team.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused some major drawbacks.

The team started planning for the project in fall 2019 and was scheduled to begin the process in April 2020. Without the proper resources, equipment and people to start the project, the team decided it was best to postpone the process until August 2020.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Jennifer Hoerster was active throughout the dining hall renovation process by partnering with the architects and the design team to make sure the project ran smoothly.

"Delaying the project because of the pandemic was an important decision," Hoerster said. "We had **SEE ANDERSON, PAGE 2**

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Learn the ins and outs of riding the bus system in Pittsburgh. **Page 7**

## 50 years of Title IX

By Dylan Vogel

With the passing of Title IX, female sports programs and organizations have been able to flourish and grow more than most could have foreseen 50 years ago. and coaches at Chatham University have seen the effects of the law and hope to educate and build from it.

"Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1972 is only 37 words, and it basically says that no one shall be denied the benefits of or prevented from joining activities on the basis of sex and any institution that receives federal aid," said Chatham Title IX coordinator Sean Coleman.

The importance of Title IX has been experienced by athletes and coaches alike.

"Title IX definitely impacted my athletic experiences with opportunities to play growing up, going through high school and moving on to compete as a Division I athlete," said women's soccer coach

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Students in newly-renovated Anderson Dining Hall. Photo Credit: Lilly Kubit

## Shadyside Campus eats up new Anderson Dining Hall

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to make sure to cover the needs and meet the deadlines and timelines with no hiccups.”

Hoerster met with the Assistant Professor of Sustainability Mary Whitney at Eden Hall Campus to discuss the use of sustainable resources on the Shadyside Campus.

As a new hire, General Manager of Anderson’s Dining Team Nick Corbett provided a unique view on the recent changes.

With sustainability as a key factor to Chatham’s new dining hall, Corbett wants to incorporate composting in the back of the dining hall. Anderson staff also cooks in small batches to minimize waste.

Architects and the design team took steps to add more natural light to the area by adding greenery

walls.

Emily Smith ‘24 commended the renovation team on its new architecture advancements.

“Compared to the old Anderson, I think the hall is aesthetically better and brighter,” said Smith.

Architects worked to expand the dining hall space and add new couches, booths and extra chairs.

The design team worked to add TV screens to display news, school updates, events and student media. The team wants to work alongside the Communications Department to best utilize the displays for the student audience.

A major change in the style of the hall was the visual aspect. Meals are now prepared in front of diners opposed to behind the kitchen wall.

This opened up the ability to create more food stations, which helped to create a smoother flow for waiting students.

“By exposing food production areas and opening up prep space, the team not only has the space they need to complete their tasks, but it brings integrity to the program,” Corbett said.

Now clearly visible and marked, students with specialized or dietary limitations have more food options when eating in the dining hall, according to Corbett. Corbett understands some students have limited diets, and commends the renovation team on its improvements within the food safety department.

“The team at Eden Hall Campus embraced the idea of finding creative ways to provide more variety to students, much like our commitment to Anderson,” Corbett said.

While some students reacted positively to the recent changes, others were not as impressed.

“There aren’t as many food improvements as I’d hoped,” Smith said.

Mobile ordering is now also incorporated into the new dining experience in Anderson. Students can order online meals through the GET app. “Hot Tomato Pizza” is one of the first mobile ordering options available to students and staff.

“I think it’s great for convenience, grabbing food on the run and food flexibility,” Corbett said.

Corbett was anxious to observe reactions to the recent changes. He noticed more students are chang-

ing their meal plans to incorporate more meals, and more faculty and staff are dining in the hall.

Brady Gardner ‘26 had positive comments regarding the changes.

“The staff is very friendly and the food quality is excellent,” Gardner said.

As a manager, Corbett is willing to change elements of the dining hall experience to better serve students and staff. He encourages students to share their recommendations, criticism and comments on the big change. Students can submit their feedback through the QR codes on the napkin dispensers on tables in the dining hall.

Anderson Dining Hall is currently looking to hire additional staff for the more spacious dining hall. Students are welcome to apply directly through provided signage or by visiting Corbett’s office in the second floor lobby of Anderson Dining Hall.

Through community help and encouragement, Corbett is excited for the new year and ongoing improvements to Chatham’s dining experience.

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## Students share memories, critiques of Finegold tenure

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Michael Douglas '23, said is what “makes him more personable to the average student.”

Beyond spending time on campus and participating in Student Engagement events, Dr. Finegold has expressed a vested interest in student athletics.

“I think I see him at almost every game I go to,” recalled Logan Blankenship '24 of the men's lacrosse team.

However, there remains confusion among some members of the student body surrounding the focus of Dr. Finegold's attention during his time at Chatham. Some think the president at times sacrificed traditional Chatham values of women's leadership for a more admissions-driven, marketable and athletically-focused mission.

“Every school puts more of a focus on athletics because it is forward facing, but with the culture on this campus there was a weird focus on athletics,” Nee said. “Some students do benefit [from athletics], but there are problems in dorms and classrooms that have not been updated in so many years. You go to school for education.”

“They advertise a lot for sports, but all these other departments ... are kind of getting pushed aside,” Douglas added.

Many students also felt that the University's growth has happened too quickly, with not enough time for Chatham's infrastructure to adjust to it.

“I think he has grown the University a ton,” Douglas continued, “maybe a little too much because we are running out of dorm space and parking lots.”

Dr. Ethan Block, who has been an instructor at Chatham for the entire duration of Dr. Finegold's presidency, explained the need to hold strong to our roots while expanding our systems as we adapt to a changing world.

“I think we are guided by an increased focus on student experiences and outcomes, in addition to listening to and partnering with the community, so I hope that continues,” Dr. Block said. “I also hope we continue to play to our strengths and core values, supporting the growth of the humanities, arts and Women's Institute.”

Regardless of these adjustments, many students, faculty and staff remain committed to both school tradition and innovation in ways that ensures unity – with some expressing interest in a new president who propels these ideas.

“Women's leadership is such a critical part of Chatham's history,” said the Director of Student Engagement Emily Fidago. “I think it's really important to have a president who comes in who has this vested interest in all these different values and has ideas on how we can uphold them as a community.”

“I definitely liked how prevalent [Dr. Finegold] was around here, and it could be good for [the next president] to come up with more



Dr. David Finegold with students on orientation week. Photo Credit: Lilly Kubit

activities that they can come to so everyone can mesh together,” student-athlete Blankenship said.

Others are hoping for a return to tradition.

“I'd like a woman president

back,” Douglas said.

Though Dr. Finegold's meaningful presence will be missed, his interactive, supportive nature will live on and help carry Chatham into its next chapter.

## POLICE BLOTTER

*All information is provided by Chatham University's Public Safety*

**Aug. 27** - Officers received a call for the smell of marijuana outside the Pelletreau Apartments. Officers arrived and found a non-student in the area. He was asked to leave the property. It is unknown if he was the one smoking. No marijuana was found.

**Aug. 29** - Officers received a call for a fire alarm at Tower A of the Chatham Apartments. Upon arrival, it was found to be a false alarm. Someone pulled the alarm from the second-floor pull station.

**Aug. 29** - Officers were dispatched to the Terrace Parking Lot for a report of a minor accident. Upon arrival, officers spoke to a student whose vehicle was damaged by another vehicle while parked. Officers took information and completed a police report of the damage.

**Sept. 1** - Officers received a call for a student at Fickes Hall who needed a ride to the hospital. Officers responded and transported the student to UPMC Shadyside without incident.

## 'No Parking At Any Time!' Frustrations about Chatham's parking will only get worse

By Jaqueline Clark

In a small, sloping campus like Chatham University, parking is essential. Students and faculty need available parking to arrive on time for their classes and leave quickly to free up parking spaces for others. However, the limited number of parking spaces has created consistent issues for students.

On the first day back in the fall term, the Shadyside Campus library parking lot was congested to the point that valets were parallel parking cars behind the cars in the parking spaces. Students and staff had to wait for a valet to move their cars before they could leave.

Kaitlyn Collins '23 described her attempts to park as "miserable." On one day, she was at least 20 minutes late for class as she attempted to find a parking space.

"I only got a spot because classes had just let out," Collins said.

As of Monday, Sept. 12, Chatham students must display their current Chatham University permit for their vehicle to be parked on any University properties. While parking enforcement may reduce congestion, it is worrisome that the first two weeks of the term are plagued by this pattern at the Shadyside Campus.

The current number of parking spaces on campus doesn't seem to be enough to accommodate the growing student body in the first two weeks of classes before parking enforcement begins.

Between all three campuses,

"693 student permits and approximately 300 faculty and staff permits have been sold," said Donna J. Grossi, Chief of Chatham Police.

On the Shadyside Campus, students have access to 13 different parking areas with 506 available spaces, which can increase to 546 with valet assistance.



Cars double-parked by valet in the JKM Library lot. Photo credit: Lilly Kubit

Mass-distribution of parking permits at Shadyside ended on Aug. 31, more than a week before parking enforcement began. The lack of parking enforcement meant that students bought parking permits but were not guaranteed parking for those two weeks.

The congestion for the first few weeks is expected, Grossi said. "Historically, this pattern is not new, and we have allowed additional time for students to acclimate to the start of the academic year."

Carlee Shreve '23, a resident

assistant in Woodland Hall, voiced her frustrations with the lack of on-campus parking.

"Parking off campus is incredibly frustrating," she said. "You run the risk of getting a ticket and having to be late from walking back to campus, which completely defeats the point of buying an on-campus

parking permits first. Prioritizing out-of-state and commuter students for parking passes would mean that those who need a parking space the most will be the first to get a permit.

"The campus needs more parking spaces," Collins said. "A limit of parking passes could work, but then you are taking away parking from some students who need it."

The Chatham undergraduate body has expanded over the years and will likely continue to increase since it is an objective of Chatham's latest Strategic Plan. If parking is an issue now, it will only get worse as more students and staff require parking.

The last thing that future students want to stress about is their inability to find a parking spot on campus. Chatham must make adjustments to accommodate the growing student body – now and in the future.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Students and coaches praise the importance of Title IX for women's sports

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Betsy Warren. “I really don’t believe

I would have had the opportunity at a career in coaching as a female or coaching a female sport without Title IX.”

Women athletes on campus have some security in knowing that they have a right to be treated equally.

“Title IX has helped to create an atmosphere in Women’s collegiate sports where women feel that they are empowered, treated as equals, have a safe space to speak and ultimately succeed as both an athlete and student. Personally, I have seen the impact firsthand in the growth of the game in women’s hockey at both the youth and collegiate levels. I find this even more important as hockey has historically been a male-dominated sport,” said women’s ice hockey assistant coach Lila Toczek.

One of her players Samantha Barret ‘25 echoed a similar sentiment about the importance of equality.

“Title IX is a very important aspect to women in sports and women all over the world. It helps us be tested equally and spread awareness of stereotypes against us,” Barret said. “We appreciate all the work that is being done in order to change the lives of women.”

Title IX became a bigger part of Chatham University when the school transitioned to being a co-ed institution in 2015. Before that, Chatham did not have much training or acknowledgment of Title IX.

“Personally I think improvements in this area are slow-moving, and I think maybe they have improved quicker in athletics than they have in other areas,” Coleman said.

While there’s still work to be done, Title IX has brought with it a



Head coach Betsy Warren alongside her team after winning the Presidents Athletic Conference Nov. 2021. Photo Credit: Presidents Athletic Conference.

lot of positive changes.

“I can’t even picture when I go back and I read stories on what women’s athletics was like 50 years ago compared to men. ... I can’t



Samantha Barret ‘25 skating on the ice. Photo Credit: Chatham Athletics.

even picture that now,” said Chatham Athletic Director Leonard Trevino. “Women didn’t have the opportunities, the facilities, the scholarships and coaches. I think we take for granted what we’ve seen. We’ve seen our national

women’s soccer team win the world cup – that wouldn’t have happened 50 years ago. When that happens, little girls see that and get excited because they see they have the opportunity.”

For anyone who needs help or is struggling with issues related to Title IX can find Sean Coleman’s office on the 2nd floor of the Mellon Center. Coleman can also be reached via email at [Scoleman1@chatham.edu](mailto:Scoleman1@chatham.edu) or [TitleIX@chatham.edu](mailto:TitleIX@chatham.edu).

For urgent, emergency cases, please call the 24-hour emergency Chatham Public Safety hotline at 412-365-1111 or 911.



Lila Toczek from women’s ice hockey. Photo Credit: Chatham Athletics.

### Home game schedule

#### Women’s Cross Country

Cougar Challenge- 6 p.m.  
Sept. 30 at Eden Hall

#### Men’s Cross Country

Cougar Challenge- 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 30 at Eden Hall

#### Women’s Soccer

vs. Waynesburg- 1 p.m.  
Sept. 24 at Graham Field

#### Men’s Soccer

vs. Waynesburg- 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 24 at Graham Field

#### Women’s Volleyball

vs. Waynesburg- 7 p.m.  
Sept. 20 at the AFC  
vs. Franciscan- 7 p.m.  
Sept. 24 at the AFC  
vs. Saint Vincent- 7 p.m.  
Sept. 27 at the AFC  
vs. W&J- 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 at the AFC

## Neighborhood happenings: A fair in the park celebrates local artists and community

By Charlotte Larson

Despite gray skies and scattered showers, Mellon Park was bustling on Sunday, Sept. 12, for the third and final day of A Fair in the Park. The event drew a crowd of local residents eager to brighten a gloomy day with exciting work from the 85 featured artisans and craftspeople.

Located on the corner of Fifth and Shady avenues in Shadyside, Mellon Park has been home to the fair for more than 50 years. A Fair in the Park, put on by the Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh, happens annually for three days in late summer. The Guild includes 95 artists who seek "to preserve excellence in craftsmanship and artistry" and remain "strongly dedicated to education and mentoring in the arts community."

I was introduced to A Fair in the Park last year as a sophomore Chatham University student. I was wowed by the featured artists, all working with diverse 2-D and 3-D mediums. I visited the fair three separate times in 2021 and I still felt that I had not seen everything. This, I believe, is what makes A Fair in the Park so special to the local community. Like the best works of art, one look is not nearly sufficient; every time you return, you notice something you missed the last time.

I returned to the event at Mellon Park this year and met three participating artists to get a sense of their experiences:



"The Bees and the Bleeding Heart."

Photo Credits: Charlotte Larson

### Go Carr Go

In January I bought two of the coolest greeting cards from Amazing Books and Records in Squirrel Hill with no idea that they were the work of Kathryn Carr. Carr creates detailed 2-D pieces, including cards, from hand-cut paper silhouettes. She has been at the fair for about 10 years and draws a large crowd with everything from her Pittsburgh-themed messages to her whimsical, story-like pieces. Carr's personal favorite this year is an elegant piece titled "The Bees and the Bleeding Heart." She adds that a crowd favorite is a paper cut of an octopus in a jar.



"Dormont Winter no. 1," oil on wood created by Joshua Hoffman.

### Maria Paul Kyros Jewelry

Maria Paul Kyros's jewelry is unforgettable. As I spot her tent, I instantly remember the joy I felt seeing the colors and shapes of her non-precious pieces last year. Kyros has worked primarily with glass beads to create fresh, fun representations of someone who knows jewelry and how to play with it.

After 13 years at A Fair in the Park, Kyros believes the event is distinguished by the Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh. The long-running event is run by artists for artists. Theirs is a community where needs are understood and voices

Carr appreciates the history surrounding the fair, particularly the neighborhood where it takes place. Because of how well-run the fair is and the high quality of the work featured, A Fair in the Park is a must-see event and not simply another market. Carr says she's met many people who grew up coming to the fair and now attend with their own kids. A Fair in the Park is an integral part of Shadyside and Pittsburgh history.

are represented, she said. With artists showing their own work, this fair is personal and allows for artist-to-artist and artist-to-buyer connections.

Her favorite piece this year happens to be a collaboration with fellow Guild member and Carnegie Mellon University graduate Michael Mangiafico of Forms in Glass (FiG) Studios. Mangiafico created nine cane glass rings for a necklace when Kyros found herself without components she usually sources from Europe. The result is a cohesive integration of two artists into one piece that happens to be metal-free and allergen-friendly.



Glass bead necklace by Maria Paul Kyros and Michael Mangiafico.

### Joshua Hoffman Art

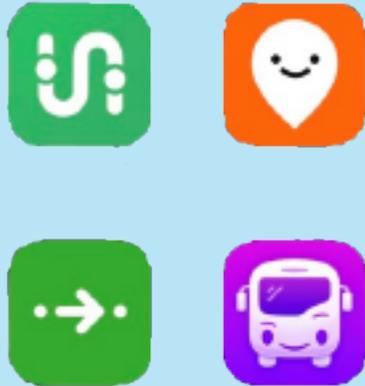
Joshua Hoffman is a painter working in oil on wood panels. He made the switch from canvas about a year ago and has not turned back since. Though Hoffman has been painting for upwards of 10 years, he began gearing toward a professional practice – selling and showcasing work – six months prior.

Hoffman's urban landscapes are

full of expressive brush strokes, light and color. His process consists of setting up in real life and trying to paint at least one smaller piece each day. Hoffman sums up his inspiration concisely and passionately: "Light and color over location." The painter's works reflect a colorful Pittsburgh with simple beauty to be found around every corner.

## Scared of the bus? Fear no more!

*Visual editor Lilly Kubit provides some tips and tricks for navigating the Pittsburgh bus system*



**Tip one-** Download a transit app. These apps can help you find the best route, track bus times and figure out when to get off.

**BONUS TIP-** Check the direction of the bus. Inbound normally heads toward Downtown, and outbound heads away.



**Tip two-** Find a blue bus stop sign, and check the bottom half for the number of the bus route you wish to take. This is Fifth + College, the inbound bus stop right off the Shadyside Campus that takes you Downtown.



**Tip three-** Check the top of the bus as it approaches to make sure you take the correct route, and also check the headlights to see if they are blinking. If they are not blinking, wave to the bus to let them know to stop. This is the outbound Fifth and College stop, the stop right off campus that takes you to Hamilton.



**Tip four-** Look for the orange scanner on the bus, and touch your Chatham ID to it. When you hear a “ding,” your ID has scanned and now you can find a seat. When you want to get off, pull the yellow cord on the side of the bus to get off, and congrats, you made it to your location.

### Routes to try exploring

These bus routes have stops near campus, and can take you to many places in the city.

- 71B- Downtown -- Oakland --Highland Park
- 71D- Downtown -- Oakland -- Hamilton
- 64- Lawrenceville -- Shadyside -- Squirrel Hill --Waterfront
- 67/69- Downtown -- Oakland -- Squirrel Hill -- Wilkinsburg -- Monroeville

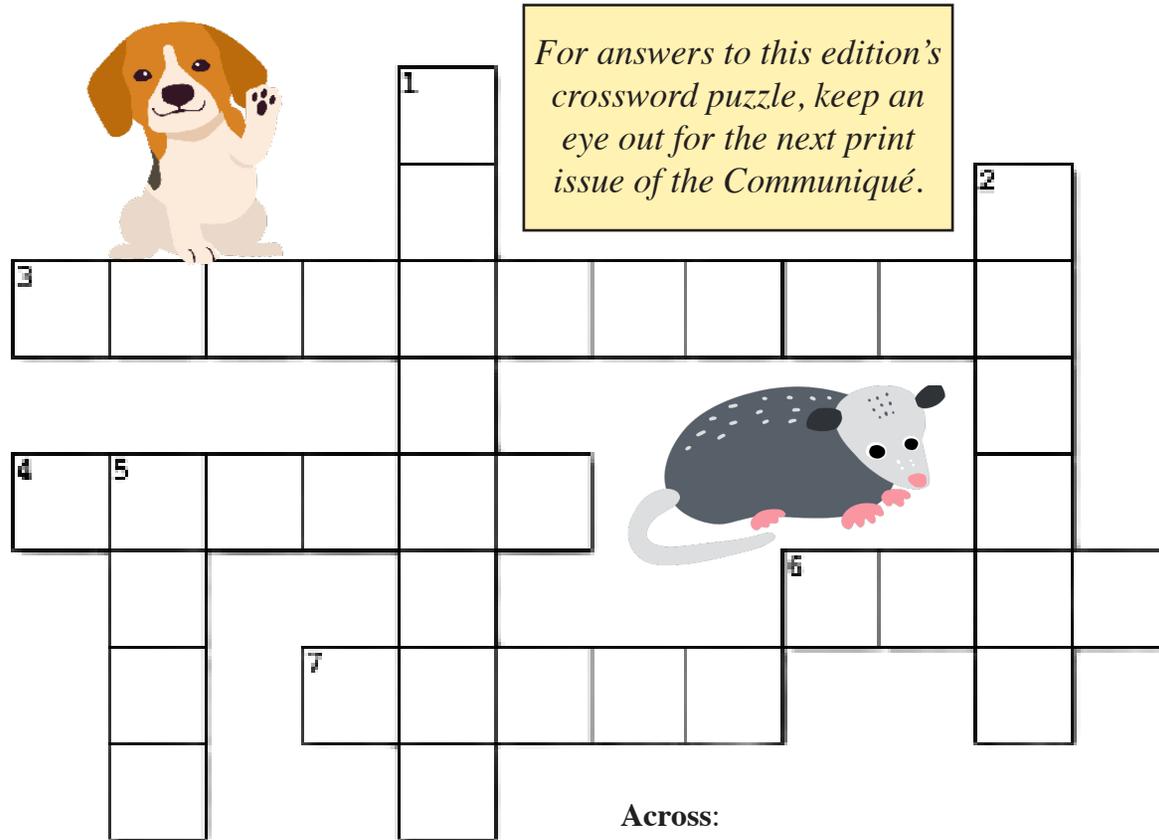
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**Down:**

- 1. Where was there an opossum sighting on campus?
- 2. Carson the \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. The dean of dogs, \_\_\_\_\_ Purcell

**Across:**

- 3. A favorite back-to-school activity on the old quad
- 4. The late resident of Mellon pond (may he rest in peace)
- 6. Animal intruder at Eden Hall
- 7. Chatham's presidential dog

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