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Tuesday, November 28th, 2017

SGB is excited to announce Pitt’s first Food Drive Challenge began Monday, November 27th, and will continue through December 7th. Each campus Residence Hall will be competing to see who can donate the most non-perishable food items by weight. The winning hall will receive an ice-cream social and bonus basketball lottery points. The drive will benefit three Oakland pantries: the Pitt Pantry, CHS in South Oakland, and the ICP in North Oakland. Donations will also be accepted at the Cathedral Ball, and both the men and women’s basketball games on December 9th.

A new element to our campus safety program has been launched! After SGB worked with them for several years, the Pitt Police have introduced new App, free for all students, called the RAVE Guardian App. The app allows students to set people as their “guardians”. Students can set a timer with the expected time it will take to get to a destination, and the “guardians” will be able to monitor them on a map. If the timer goes off without letting the “guardian” know they made it back safely, they can try to get in direct contact with the student and call the police if necessary. The user can also call 911 or Pitt Police directly from the app, as well as give tips to law enforcement about suspicious activity. The RAVE Guardian app can be downloaded from the Pitt App Store, the Apple App store, or Google Play. For additional details, please visit pi.tt/raveapp.

The Wellness Committee is pleased to announce the installation of a condom dispensary on the third floor of the WPU. SGB has been working with Student Health Services and Allegheny Health Department to provide another, more discrete outlet for students to access sexual protection if needed. SGB encourages students to stay safe and responsible, and will continue to provide materials to help them do so.

SGB has officially appointed new members for a Constitutional Committee that will conduct a review on the current constitution to ensure clarity and accuracy. The members include Seth Erlanger, Nikita Iyer, Jane Niec, Kate Shindle, and Ian Snyder. In addition, a Governance Group Task Force has been appointed to help clearly define the role of governance groups on campus and provide input to Student Affairs Administration. The members of this committee include Ian Callahan, Peter Crouch, Ellie Foley, Zuri Kent-Smith, Max Kneis, Alyssa Laguerta, and Ian Snyder.

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