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The Most Honest 2017

Duquesne Housing Guide

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- Pictures of every building
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HOUSING

is one of those things that matters a lot in college. Sure, classes and extracurriculars will help to pad a résumé. Your room, however, is where many of the truly meaningful interactions will take place. Friendships will be forged, jokes will be made, essays will be written, love will be found — or lost — and all-nighters will push your brain to the limit.

With that, enter *The Duke's* 2017-2018 Housing Guide. We've gathered together all the important information needed to make an educated housing decision. Most importantly, this isn't some marketing pitch for any of Duquesne's options — our goal is to present both the assets and imperfections of each Living Learning Center. To that end, we've talked to Duquesne students with first-hand experience living in the various buildings. Take it from them, not us. Even further, for those looking to venture off campus next year, we've put together an entire page dedicated to landlords and realtors pitching their openings. Our suggestion? Start that search early.

Finally, some notes about reading this guide. Thanks to Residence Life's Dan Cangilla, we've included a list of essential facts for each Living Learning Center, some of which require explanation to fully understand. Capacities work off of base estimates, so expect some fluctuation depending on how rooms are filled. Also, laundry facilities vary from building to building, but are free of charge campus wide.

The listed costs are based on a single semester of the 2016-2017 prices. Expect them to differ slightly for 2017-2018. Additionally, within each building the price varies based on the size of the room and the amount of residents living there. For ease of use we've listed the price for a traditional double, meaning two residents, for all LLC's except Des Places and Brottier. The price listed for Des Places is for a two-bedroom suite with two residents per room. The number for Brottier is the cost of a furnished, one-bedroom apartment for a 12 month lease ■

Assumption Hall

Year Built: 1954

Price: \$3,206

Capacity: 230 residents

Years Allowed: freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors

Room Types: singles, doubles

Laundry Facilities: on ground floor

Bathroom Facilities: communal, one in each wing

What's New: Windows replaced, new flooring, paint, lighting and thermostats in all rooms



Real thoughts from real students:

"I like the room sizes, I feel like they're bigger than the other buildings, but I wish the bathrooms were newer."

— Kate Decastro, Freshman

"One thing I do hate is the bathrooms, but I saw the new plans and they look like they're going to be really nice."

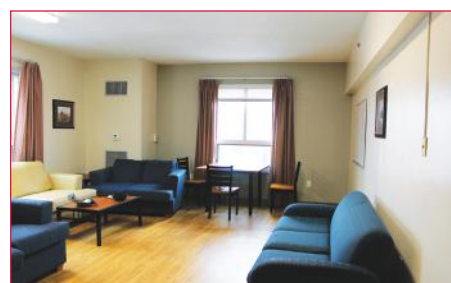
— Aaliyah Tinsley, Freshman

"What I don't like about Assumption is that we don't have a computer lab. It would be nice if we had one like Towers and Martin's do."

— Brynn Roman, Freshman

"I like that it's not a huge building, you don't have to wait for elevators like towers."

— Kiah Lynch, Freshman



"I think it's a really great first dorm but the bathrooms are really gross and the walls are really thin."

— Camila Botto, Freshman

"We have a really bad condensation problem so my wall gets slimy sometimes."

— Jessica Semick, Freshman

St. Martin Hall

Year Built: 1961

Price: \$3,206

Capacity: 485 residents

Years Allowed: freshmen, upper-classmen for single rooms only

Room Types: singles, doubles, 1 triple

Laundry Facilities: on each floor

Bathroom Facilities: communal, on each floor

What's New: LED lighting in all rooms, water fountains with water bottle filling stations



Real thoughts from real students:

"[I like] the cleanliness of the whole floor, the bathroom, the rooms even. The furniture is very up-to-date."

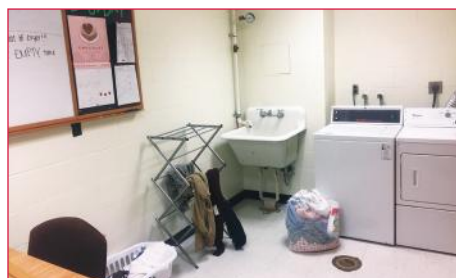
— Cassidy Kaczor, Freshman

"The doors slam unless you request to get it fixed, so you'll hear doors slamming all throughout the night. Even though you'll deal with people living on different sleep schedules wherever you live, it still gets pretty annoying if you're a light sleeper."

— Bri Reinhart, Freshman

"We have an up-to-date bathroom, a lounge area, a computer lab, as well as a study room on every floor. I also like how we have a workout room so we don't have to walk the entire way to the Power Center."

— Dana Dryzal, Freshman



"[I dislike] the laundry situation. The problem is some people really need clean clothes, and because of only one laundry machine per floor, it gets very backed up sometimes. Other times, people don't use it at all, as they think it's being used by someone who signed up on the sheet, but isn't actually using it."

— Caleb Beard, Freshman

St. Ann Hall

Year Built: 1963-64

Price: \$3,206

Capacity: 520 residents

Years Allowed: freshmen

Room Types: singles, doubles, triples

Laundry Facilities: on first floor of each wing

Bathroom Facilities: communal, in each wing

What's New: Replaced doors on all rooms, bathrooms renovated over past few summers



Real thoughts from real students:

"With only six floors it is not a pain to walk up the stairs if need be, unlike Martin's where I've heard it is hard to catch an elevator when your room is 13 floors up."

— Eric Lucanese, Freshman

"The sign-in policies are a little too strict, and I'd feel insulted if they kept such policies later down the road for older students, but for freshman it's somewhat understandable."

— Jeremy Landau, Freshman

"Ann's is one of the farthest buildings from anywhere on campus. The extra distance when it is raining or cold to get to Towers can seem like a mile."

— Eric Lucanese, Freshman



"I do not like the small amount of washers and dryers."

— Katie Freidhoff, Freshman

"Everyone respects each other and it's a nice living environment ... It's a great place to live and be able to learn and have fun uninterrupted."

— Jeremy Landau, Freshman



New SGA officers cite visibility, transparency as goals

BRANDON ADDEO
news editor

Over 1,000 Duquesne students elected a new Student Government Association President and four new executive board members Feb. 21.

Olivia Erickson and Maria Miller, both of the MUST Party, were elected SGA President and Vice President of Communications, respectively. Three other candidates won uncontested races for positions on the SGA Executive Board: Kevin Stalker of the Forward Party will be the new Vice President of Student Life; Stephen O'Brien of the Forward Party will be the new Vice President of Academics; and Matthew Kajfez, who is not party-affiliated, will be the new Vice President of Finance.

Erickson, a fourth-year pharmacy major, said she was "ecstatic" to win the SGA presidency.

"I'm excited to head the 46th Senate and work with my fellow executive members to serve the Duquesne community," she said.

Erickson said one of the major changes she would like to make is creating new daytime hours for the SGA Loop Bus. She added she also wants to increase the SGA's presence on campus by sponsoring tabling events with SGA senators in senators' respective schools.

Miller said her focus as Vice President of Communications is to make the SGA a more "transparent" organization.

"I hope to do this by utilizing all social media outlets for SGA and by forming collaborative relationships with other media-based university organizations, such as *The Duquesne Duke*, Duquesne Student Radio and Duquesne Student Television," she said.

Kajfez, a sophomore finance major, also said he wants to create more awareness on campus of what the SGA does. He added that he wants student organizations on campus to be aware of opportunities to seek "financial assistance" through the SGA, particularly through conference appropriations.

O'Brien, a sophomore political science and corporate communications double major, said he plans on expanding the Student



GRAPHIC BY LEAH DEVORAK/PHOTO EDITOR

The new Student Government Association executive board for the 2017-18 term, led by President-elect Olivia Erickson. Over 1,000 students voted on Election Day Feb. 21, which is down from 1,300 voters last year and on par with 1,000 in 2015. The only contested races were for President and Vice President of Communications.

Murphy cancels DU lecture over potential protests

BRANDON ADDEO
news editor

U.S. Representative Tim Murphy (R-Allegheny) postponed a scheduled Feb. 21 talk at Duquesne shortly before it was set to start after Duquesne officials learned protestors might show up at the event.

Murphy was supposed to lecture at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union on his Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act. Murphy's office cited safety concerns as the reason for cancelling the event, after Duquesne informed his office of potential protests they had learned about through social media.

"We were disappointed to learn that Congressman Murphy's long-planned tour of the Duquesne University Psychology Department and discussion with students ... had to be cancelled today," a spokeswoman for Murphy told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.



COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF TIM MURPHY

U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy abruptly cancelled a scheduled lecture at Duquesne on Feb. 21. Murphy was informed by Duquesne of possible outside protestors at the event.

"Duquesne staff brought to our attention at the last minute that organizations not affiliated with the university were planning to

disrupt the discussion and campus security was unable to guarantee the safety of all involved."

Duquesne spokeswoman Bridget

Fare said Duquesne "at all times ... was prepared to go forward with the event and to provide security, if the congressman's office deemed it appropriate."

According to Fare, the university learned Monday that people not associated with Duquesne might attend the event and ask Murphy questions "unrelated to the topic" of discussion. She said Duquesne informed Murphy's office of the possible disruption, adding that while Duquesne had not originally planned on having extra security, they would "explore getting additional police personnel" at the lecture.

On Tuesday morning at 9:34 a.m., Fare said Duquesne informed Murphy's office they had arranged for additional Duquesne police officers to provide security at the event. The congressman's office told university officials about two hours later they were cancelling the event.

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BLUFF BRIEFS

Tea ceremony to be hosted at DU's Gumberg Library

A traditional Japanese tea ceremony will be hosted on campus next week. The event is in coordination with Duquesne's Big Read program, which encourages Duquesne students, professors and staff to read the same book.

The featured book this semester is "When the Emperor Was Divine," a novel which details the story of a Japanese-American family placed in an American internment camp.

The tea ceremony is being led by Yoko Motoyama, a member of the Pittsburgh Sakura Project. It will take place Feb. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Popular Reading Area on the Floor 4 of Gumberg Library. It is free and open to the campus community.

POLICE BRIEFS

Folks, it was a pretty normal week of disorder here at Duquesne. The real crime that's got Cousin P.B. all steamed up is this nutty weather! Who stole winter? Anyway, back to them briefs.

Last Thursday, a purse was stolen out of a vehicle in Forbes Garage. That's why Cousin P.B. gets around on his trusty steed, Ol' Blue.

Youngins complain about plastic friends. Well, Cousin P.B. says watch out for plastic theft. On Monday, someone reported fraudulent purchases on their credit card in two New Jersey locations. The local police departments there were made aware of the situation.

Looks like the weekend was full of hijinks again. On Saturday, a female, underage student in Brottier was found to be under the influence of alcohol. She was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Also on Saturday, a highly intoxicated guest of a Duquesne student was found drifting in and out of consciousness in the Towers Multi-Purpose Room. The guest was transported to the UPMC Mercy ER and was also issued three non-traffic citations.

In Vickroy on Sunday, a student was found with a small amount of marijuana. The student was given a non-traffic citation.

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DU gets grant to educate young African leaders

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For the second consecutive year, Duquesne has been awarded a grant worth \$143,160 from the U.S. State Department to host an academic study program for the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

The grant was originally awarded to the Office of International Programs and the Center for African Studies in 2016.

"Every year you have to reapply. It's very competitive," said Gerald Boodoo, the director for the Center for African Studies.

Started in 2014 the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders stems from President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI.) The program has since been taken over by Congress, according to Boodoo.

YALI is an effort to promote leadership and invest in the future of the next generation of Africa.

The program is for young emerging leaders from sub-Saharan African countries to come to America to learn different skill sets to make them better leaders.

"Last year we had about 42,000 applicants, this year it is upwards of 40,000," Boodoo said.

Duquesne is one out of about 40 schools who get Mandela



LEAH DEVORAK/PHOTO EDITOR

A mural on the side of the Laval House celebrates the Spiritan connections to the African continent. Recently, the U.S. State Department awarded the university a grant of about \$143,000 for the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

Washington Fellows to teach over the summer.

"This is a prestigious program through the State Department that gives the university some recognition throughout Africa," said Joe DeCrosta, director of the Office of International Programs.

This year's program on Civil Leadership will run from June 16 to July

31. According to DeCrosta, the program is "designed for Fellows who are civically engaged and serving the public through nongovernmental organizations, community-based organizations, or volunteerism."

Duquesne brings in local experts and professionals to assist as mentors, discussion leaders or to provide different volunteer ex-

perience for the Fellows.

"Although our main purpose is to share our knowledge about Civic Leadership issues in Pittsburgh and the States, the program allows Duquesne to gain access to very impressive young leaders on the African continent and allows us to explore the possibility for various partnerships in Africa for the future," DeCrosta said.

Erickson elected new president of SGA board



OLLIE GRATZINGER/ASST. FEATURES EDITOR

President-elect Olivia Erickson (right) and Forward Party candidate Zachary Gallo-way (left) participate in a debate Feb. 20, the night before the Feb. 21 SGA election.

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Government Book Loan Program, which started two years ago. He said he also wants to work with the registrar's office to "streamline and promote" cross registration with other Pittsburgh universities.

Stalker, a junior political science and rhetoric double major, said he wants to use his role as Vice President of Student Life to "bring students together" and "raise the morale" on campus. He added he will promote sustainability on campus.

"It would be good to see more students aware of the importance of recycling materials, reusing water bottles and composting food," he said.

On Feb. 20, candidates for the contested positions of SGA President and Vice President of Student Life participated in a debate hosted by *The Duquesne Duke* and

Duquesne Student Television.

In light of two recent sexual assault allegations at Duquesne, Erickson suggested at the debate the creation of a committee on sexual violence within SGA.

"It's important to partner with Duquesne Police," she said. "We've worked with Chief [Thomas] Hart in the past and I think it's important to develop that and push that opportunity to students."

When asked, Erickson also said she would consider supporting the creation of designated smoking areas on campus.

"I think it would also be great to be a smoke-free campus," she said. "If there are students who would not feel comfortable being a smoke-free campus, I think it's important to offer them a space for that, like they do at amusement parks."

Annual Darwin Day hosts renowned scientist



TAYLOR CARR/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Neil Lax and members of the Duquesne Biology Club sell t-shirts at the Bayer School's annual Darwin Day. British professor, Nick Lane, was the featured speaker.

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Duquesne University celebrated the fifteenth annual celebration of Darwin Day, to discuss the scientific events that have come from Darwin's original theory.

On Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Power Center Ballroom, Duquesne students and faculty gathered to hear a presentation on "Why is Life the Way it is?" This year, the guest speaker was Nick Lane, professor of evolutionary biochemistry at the University College London.

"Celebrating Darwin Day is a way for Duquesne University to demonstrate how faith and science are compatible," said John Stolz, professor of biological sciences at Duquesne.

Over the years, Duquesne has touched on different topics relating to Darwin's evolution theory including sex and the scala naturae and mass extinctions and human genetic diversity, according to the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Science website.

Nick Lane's presentation focused on his book, "The Vital Question: Why is Life the Way It Is?" Throughout his presentation, he demonstrated common traits that all matter of life have, or that their ancestors had at one time.

"It is a rather peculiar trajectory that life has taken over the last four billion years," Lane said.

At the end of his presentation, Lane explained that one common

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Knights of Columbus celebrate 25th Anniversary with special Mass



PHOTOS BY TAYLOR CARR/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On Feb. 22, the Duquesne chapter of the Knights of Columbus celebrated their 25th anniversary with a special Mass in the campus chapel. President Ken Gormley, Bishop Zubik and Byzantine Archbishop Skurla attended. Tyler Costello, senior information management systems major and Grand Knight of the Duquesne chapter, said that the club "provide[s] a wide array of services and ... regularly hold bacon pizza night socials, movie nights and other fun outings." *Extended caption by Raymond Arke/Asst. News Editor*

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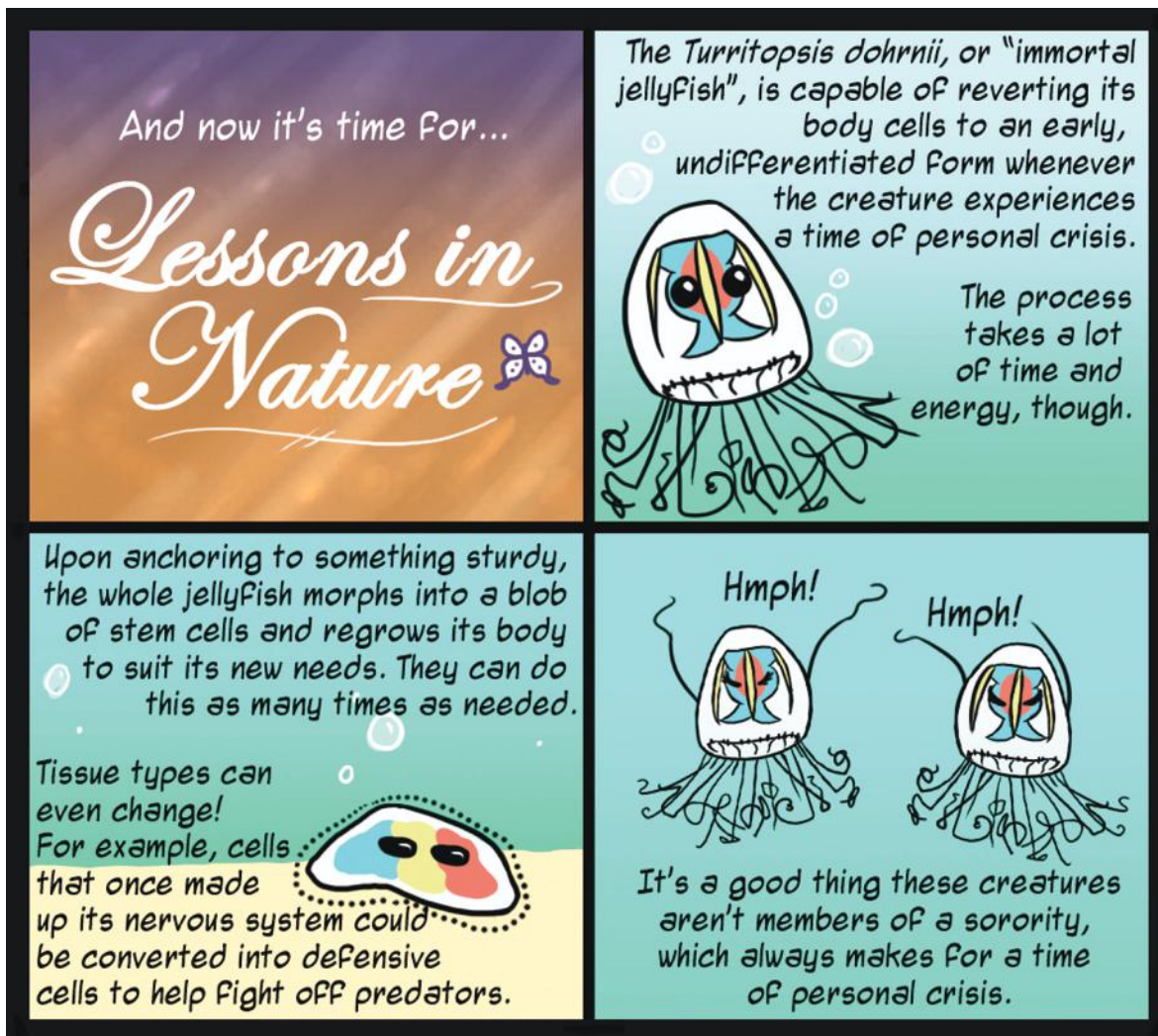
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if i do say so myself...

Pittsburgh water problems run deep

While the end of the boil-water advisory may have seemed like a final resolution, the problems aren't over yet for Pittsburgh water.

The Office of City Controller released a February 2017 audit on the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) which detailed several problems with the organization. These issues included poor customer service, inaccurate billing processes, lack of long-term plans, contamination of lead and more. According to city Controller Michael Lamb, most of these stemmed from a deficiency in consistent leadership during the past year.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the PWSA cycled through four different directors since 2015. Lamb said that throughout this time period, the PWSA board did not appear to be "engaged fully" in the organization's decision-making.

Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto said that the audit's findings aren't "relatively new" and have been known about for the last 25 years, especially that the PWSA has no long-term planning.

Given that it is the job of the PWSA director and board members to ensure that the authority has the means to and is capable of providing Pittsburgh with quality, safe drinking water through planning and organizing, that's what they should be doing at all times. There's really no reason for them to not be "engaged fully"

in making decisions for such a huge component responsible for keeping everyone in the city alive.

One particularly frightening find from the audit was that the PWSA does not have a fully-documented inventory of which water lines in the city contain lead in the piping. According to the audit, the water is lead-free when it leaves the PWSA treatment plants; however, as it travels through the company-owned lines to the lines which are owned by each individual homeowner, some water becomes contaminated with lead.

The audit recommended that the board focus immediately to inspect and eliminate all PWSA lines that may

still have lead in them and offer easy ways for homeowners to have their house lines tested for lead, as well. The PWSA's 2015 Water Quality Report shows that Pittsburgh water had a 14.8 parts per billion level of lead; the federal levels of lead legally allowed are 15 parts per billion.

The fact that the PWSA has no idea which water lines have lead piping and which do not is terrifying. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, drinking lead-contaminated water can lead to slowed growth and behavioral or learning problems in children, premature birth for pregnant women and decreased kidney function in adults, among other serious problems.

Knowing that the PWSA probably

knows all of these medical issues that arise from drinking water with lead in it, the organization should've ensured that Pittsburgh's pipes were all safe a long time ago.

The PWSA's apparent disinterest in serving Pittsburgh properly has also led to problems in other areas. According to the audit, customer service was unsatisfactory because it was found to have an outdated telephone system which did not track analytics or record data about the customer from the calls. The audit also found that 26 percent customer phone calls did not meet the PWSA's goal of having a wait time of 7 minutes or less, and it also alluded to the fact that emergency phone calls might not go directly to a human dispatcher.

Customer service is a nightmare in any industry, but water is an important utility that can mark the difference between life and death for someone in a relatively short time period. If there is an emergency – an outage, strange-smelling water, gas in the water line – it is important that PWSA customers are able to reach out and have their issues resolved quickly before someone could get sick or hurt. Not having excellent customer service is simply unacceptable here.

Water is something that the PWSA should take very seriously. It's their actual job to take it seriously. The fact that there are so many problems that could've easily been resolved a while ago but have not yet been fixed is shameful, embarrassing and needs to change.

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EDITORIAL

Murphy wrong to cancel Duquesne appearance

As you can read in *The Duke's* news section, Congressman Tim Murphy (R-Allegheny) recently cancelled his planned appearance at Duquesne University, citing security concerns through a spokeswoman for his office. Interestingly, a spokeswoman for Duquesne said the university and its police force were ready and willing to proceed with the event, even if extra security was required. With Duquesne offering the full protection of its trained police force, it's hard to imagine Murphy's excuse being anything other than a flimsy attempt to escape his constituents, whom he has not permitted to meet with him during any other public events or community meetings. Murphy indicated that the event at Duquesne is merely being postponed, not cancelled. We at *The Duke* take Congressman Murphy at his word and encourage him to reschedule as soon as possible.

The security issues cited by Murphy were in reference to unidentified "outside groups" who planned to attend the event, which was billed as an opportunity for Murphy to talk about his Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in August 2016. Instead of facing his constituents, Murphy cancelled the event less than three hours before it was to begin.

One such frustrated person, Angela Wateska of Scott Township, told the Pittsburgh City Paper that she and six other Murphy constituents planned to come to the Duquesne event after their attempts to reach Murphy through his office failed.

"We have been asking him for an actual town hall, and he won't do that," Wateska said. "So we thought this was our one chance to ask him some questions."

It seems as though Murphy, who has held his seat since 2003, does not realize that public service means serving all your constituents, not just those who agree with you. He came to Duquesne to talk about his pet project, the mental health legislation that became law last summer. He must have expected a friendly audience of polite professors and apathetic students, and when faced with a crowd that might actually ask him hard-hitting questions about his opposition to the Affordable Care Act, he bailed.

Representative Murphy, if you're going to bring up health care, you need to be ready to talk about all your positions on health care – including the controversial ones. And if you avoid calls from your constituents and refuse to set up meetings with them, you can't be surprised when they try to make themselves heard. Don't blame to hard-working and perfectly competent Duquesne Police for your inability to face criticism.

Amazon Coral Reef under threat from oil drilling

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The recently-discovered Amazon Coral Reef is already in danger.

The first pictures of the reef have been published by researchers from Greenpeace in an effort to document the newly discovered ecosystem before it is disrupted by major oil companies. The oil companies Total and BP, who obtained drilling rights before the discovery, are preparing to scout the area for future production. Greenpeace is fighting back.

The discovery of this reef at the mouth of the Amazon River was announced in April 2016 through an article in the *Science Advances* journal. The reef stretches for about 600 miles from French Guiana to Maranhão, Brazil, and is up to 400 feet deep.

In a statement to Greenpeace, Nils Asp, researcher at the Federal University of Pará, said, "This reef system is important for many reasons, including the fact that it has unique characteristics regarding use and availability of light, and physicochemical water conditions."

It is unlikely for reefs to exist in the mouths of major rivers, making the Amazon Reef the first of its kind. Scientists predict there are 29 new species currently residing in the new marine biome. Because this unique ecosystem is in pristine condition and is home to already-vulnerable animals, the coral reef deserves to be protected. Corpo-

rate greed cannot stand in the way of protecting the environment.

"It has a huge potential for new species, and it is also important for the economic well-being of fishing communities along the Amazonian Coastal Zone," Asp said.

Total has oil rights to drilling territory less than five miles from the reef. Researchers at Greenpeace worry that drilling disruptions or an oil spill could be disastrous for the health of the reef. The mouth of the Amazon River is home to endangered species, such as the American manatee, the yellow tortoise, pink river dolphin and the river otter, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). People rely on the area as well; many local fishermen and more than 80 Quilombola communities depend on it economically, according to Greenpeace.

To make matters worse, President Donald Trump has just eliminated an anti-corruption rule that required oil companies to inform regulators when they make payments to foreign governments before mining and drilling abroad.

"We must defend the reef and the entire region at the mouth of the Amazon River basin from the corporate greed that puts profits ahead of the environment," said Thiago Almeida, campaigner at Greenpeace Brazil, in a press re-



AP PHOTO

The Amazon Coral Reef is home to many different types of marine species that are currently under threat from oil drilling.

lease. "One of Total's oil blocks is only eight kilometers from the reef, and environmental licensing processes are already under way."

The Amazon Coral Reef is one of many reefs in danger, including the Great Barrier Reef in Sydney, Australia. According to the World Resources Institute, by the 2030s, 90 percent of reefs are expected to be at risk from both human activities and climate change; by 2050, all coral reefs will be in danger. Supporting the conservation and protec-

tion of these complex biomes is critical; coral reefs support more species than any other marine environment.

Although the major oil companies received drilling rights before the reef was discovered, I'm hoping they realize the potential of this rare miracle and move their production elsewhere. If an oil spill occurs in that area, it will be impossible to clean up, and it will affect the entire ecosystem of the basin of the Amazon River mouth. The reef shouldn't even exist at

all, because of the areas lack of sunshine and murky water which makes it difficult for coral reefs to grow and sustain. This natural treasure deserves to be protected and Greenpeace has already started a campaign to protect the reef. You can sign the petition to convince Total and BP to cancel their plans to drill at <https://amazonreefs.org/>.

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letter to the editor

To the Editor:

Ivanka Trump should not be punished for her father's politics.

If you shopped at TJMaxx recently, you may have noticed that Ivanka Trump's clothing line has been marked down to dismal prices. This is because major retailers, such as Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus, have announced they are dropping the Trump-branded merchandise from their stores. Although the companies have cited performance, not politics, as the reason for removal, that is not exactly the case.

The hashtag "#GrabYourWallet" has been explosive on Twitter recently. Its founder, Shannon Coulter, as well as countless others, have rallied behind this hashtag to encourage people to boycott Ivanka Trump's line — even retailers that are still carrying her products. Unfortunately, many arguments supporting the boycott revolve around her involvement with her father and his policies. While Ivanka has undoubtedly been involved in Donald Trump's campaign and presidency, it is absurd to expect her to completely dissociate from her own father, as well as believe that she agrees with his politics 100 percent

of the time. She denounced her father's derogatory comments about women and publicized her no-party affiliation at the RNC. Plus, if she is being attacked because of her father, shouldn't Chelsea Clinton have faced personal and professional repercussions due to her father's sex scandal?

It is undeniable that many retailers have cut Ivanka Trump's line due to pressure from the Left and consumers, which is unacceptable. The hypocritical Left is attacking the very type of woman that they encourage all young girls to be: strong, independent and influential. Ivanka has been named in *Fortune's* "40 Under 40" for her power and influence and won several accolades, including the ACE Breakthrough Award, FABB Award and Good Award.

Ivanka Trump is not a political surrogate. She is a resilient, powerful woman who should be respected and not judged for the actions and comments of her father.

Sincerely,
Dana Dryzal
Student, Freshman

letter to the editor

To the Editor:

In a recent *Duke* issue, someone voiced opposition to accepting refugees by stating, "It's currently the *cool* thing in pop culture to take a pro-refugee stance" [*emphasis added*]. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind us all that there's a substantial number of people, professionals, organizations and agencies around the world that have been working sincerely and tirelessly to ensure the safety and human dignity of refugees, and have been doing so for decades.

Being "pro-refugee" has been a cornerstone of international law for seven decades. Most countries in the world (the United States among them) signed the Geneva Convention, documents with comprehensive clauses about refugees/displaced peoples. Locally, as members of the Duquesne University community, we're all affiliated with a faith tradition whose teachings are "pro-refugee" (www.usccb.org). These doctrines are not rooted in dreams of popular affirmation or fashion but in recognition of human suffering and a sense of ethical purpose.

Opposition to refugees and immi-

grants in this country has a long history of proxy warfare, disguising itself as opposition to other woes, like communism, organized crime, drugs, etc. Now, barring Muslim refugees and immigrants is masked as "concern for national security," a move we're told is benevolently limited to *certain* percentages of Muslims, or Muslims from *certain* countries—the vast majority of whom are no more prone to terrorism than the average American is to serial-killing or mass-shooting.

As an educator, a Muslim and an immigrant from one of those countries, it's my hope that Americans reject the prevailing cultural illiteracy that's driving policy on refugees and immigrants. Instead, I hope we all engage with refugees and immigrants and that we choose inquiry and knowledge over fear. The collective rewards of doing so are far greater than falling back on lazy abstractions, pithiness and blanket generalizations.

Sincerely,
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WEATHERING THE WEATHER WHEN THE GOING GETS COLD

SETH CULP-RESSLER
features editor

Welcome to the *Continuing Misadventures of a Displaced Duquesne Student*, a series in which Features Editor Seth Culp-Ressler grapples with his newfound life off campus. For the veterans of apartment life, feel free to laugh at his incompetence. For non-veterans, perhaps the mistakes he chronicles are valuable lessons.

Chapter Six: The Winter

Punxsutawney Phil may have predicted six more weeks of winter, but the past few days haven't been too kind to that claim. I, for one, am completely fine with this development.

See, winter has never been my favorite season. It's great in bursts, sure, but the long, windy, bitterly cold seasons I've come to expect from Pittsburgh are a bit much. Even more, when living on campus — where your walk to class lasted, at most, seven or eight minutes — those winters were overwhelming.

Needless to say, I wasn't looking forward to the cold months now that I live an entire body of water away from the Bluff.

I started planning for the inevitable far before temperatures took a dive. I already had the winter clothing basics — decently heavy coat, hat, scarf — but I knew that would no longer cut it. So I made a list.

First up, I knew solid gloves were a must. Hands in pockets may have cut it on the trek between Des Places and College Hall, but don't count on that for a longer



SETH CULP-RESSLER/FEATURES EDITOR

walk. You don't have to spend a fortune — my bank account only got \$10 lighter — and these days pretty much every pair on sale are touchscreen sensitive. What a time to be alive.

While keeping my hands warm was a decidedly cheap affair, doing the same for my feet was a different story. Before last November my shoe collection was full of flat bottoms, thin materials and little to no grip. None of those are desirable attributes for when the going gets chilly and the sidewalks get icy.

The answer, of course, is to invest in a quality pair of boots. Since, at the time, I

had no idea what weather was on the horizon, I decided not to skimp on my choice. That's how I ended up with a \$130 pair of boots that make it look like I'm about to go snowshoeing in the frozen tundra. I tried to buy a pair with some pretensions of style, but I can admit they still look a bit goofy at times.

All of my other preparation after that point was purely hypothetical. An Amazon list sat waiting, full of things like thick wool socks, long underwear and crazy insulated winter coats. I didn't want to invest in the full regalia without knowing if I needed to, so those items had to wait.

As you might guess from this week's temperatures, that list is still just as full.

That said, I absolutely have been thankful for the gloves, and definitely for the boots. While this winter hasn't seen the over-the-top, Hoth-like intensity previous years have, we've still seen a decent amount of snow. And let me tell you, those boots earned their keep the first time I had to walk to campus after a storm.

There's something wonderful about arriving to class with warm, dry feet and no broken bones. The South Side steps, as one might guess, become even more treacherous than usual when covered with snow and ice. Having boots that dig in and gloves to hold the metal railing in below-freezing temps is a godsend.

The difficulties of scaling the steps in the winter don't end there, though. One of the other significant issues is body temperature management. No, really. Think about it: You're all bundled up to brave the cold, which works wonders the entire way to the base of the steps. But then you have to climb them, and by the time you reach their peak you're covered in sweat and pulling off layers left and right. It's a constant struggle.

To my surprise, though, the steps aren't the only tricky part of walking when snow hits. Due to residents not salting and shoveling their sidewalks back streets can be hairy as well. I haven't fallen yet, but I'd be lying if I said I haven't gotten close more than a few times.

All in all, though, I don't have much to complain about so far this winter. That is, unless that stupid groundhog turns out to be right after all.

Breakin' on a budget: Cheap ways to travel when spring calls

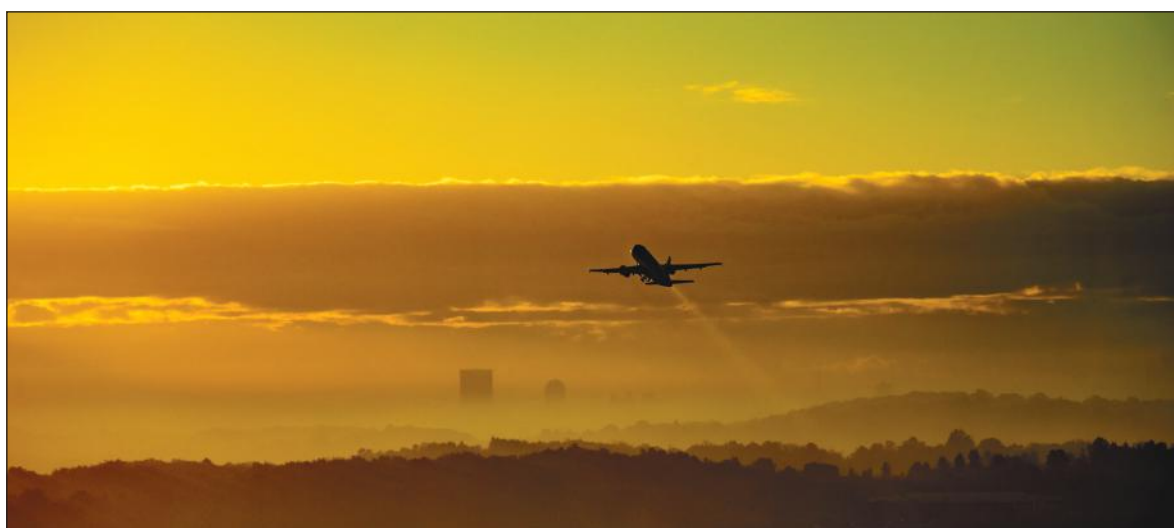
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Spring break is next Friday — but wait. You've yet to book a trip? Have no fear, because it's still super easy and affordable to go somewhere last-minute. You just have to know where to look, which is exactly what this guide is here to show you.

To start, here are a few pro tips to begin your search for the perfect vacation:

At this time, flying is both cheaper and easier than driving, and it is much faster than taking a bus. Always check the price of flights before trying to tackle any other method of transportation. Flying, especially when done within the United States, tends to be the better option if care is taken when searching for tickets.

To save as much money as possible, try to travel on weekdays only. During the weekends, prices go up, since that's when most folks tend to travel. For the purpose of showing how much money weekday traveling can save you, all flight and hotel prices given in this article are for the dates of Monday, March 6, to Friday, March 10. Additionally, all flights are departing from Pittsburgh International Airport.



COURTESY OF PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Finally, use discount sites like Travelocity, Expedia, Kayak or Priceline in order to get the best deals on both flights and hotels. And to cut down on hotel costs, don't be afraid to bring some friends and book the room with two double beds and a pullout couch. This will slash the price everyone pays dramatically.

Now for some fantastic places to travel:

Austin: This trendy city, self-described as the music capital of the world, lies near the east coast of Texas. Flights here at the mo-

ment are incredibly cheap, with roundtrip tickets starting at \$259 through Allegiant Air. Once there, one will certainly not be bored. The city sports incredible nightlife, outdoor activities, museums and music events to occupy every second of your time. It's also just a three hour drive to the beach, and when rental cars are as little as \$46 per day, why not go?

New York City: It's one of the most popular places to travel, but it's also one of the most expensive. In order to save both time and money, make sure you fly there.

Websites like Expedia or Travelocity typically offer deals to members where, if you book the flight and hotel together, you will get an extra discount off of one (or even sometimes one for free). So sign up for one of those sites and look for those combo deals. Another great tip is to fly into Newark, New Jersey, rather than LaGuardia or JFK. It's right across the river from NYC, and public transportation gets you into the Big Apple in no time. Roundtrip flights to Newark start at about \$460 on Expedia.

Tampa: This Floridian gem

near the Gulf of Mexico is the perfect replacement for the ever-popular (and expensive) Miami. Flights start at \$290 roundtrip on Travelocity, but the site cautions to book soon if you'd like to go; prices will be increasing up to 18 percent within the next five days. The city abounds with reasonably priced hotels, too. A better option than downtown Tampa, though, might be the area's beautiful white sand beaches located an hour away on the Gulf of Mexico, like Madeira or Clearwater Beach. Instead of booking a hotel, it's best to rent a home or condo in the area and split the cost with all the people coming along. Try Airbnb for the best deals. One three-bedroom house on the website, located in Madeira Beach, can be rented for only \$230 per night.

Nashville: Avoid driving or busing to this destination at all costs. Driving takes about 8 hours and a bus takes about a day, stopping first at Chicago before heading to Nashville. Expedia currently has roundtrip flights to the area starting at \$250 — and they only take about four hours. Plane ticket prices this low are wonderful, for hotels can be a little pricy in the

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Swimming places second at A-10 Championships

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For the second season in a row, the Duquesne swimming team walked out of the Atlantic 10 Swimming & Diving Championships in second place, finishing the four-day meet with a program record of 498.5 points. The second-place finish ties a program best.

Duquesne started off the tournament strong, breaking school records in both

events the team participated in on the first day of competition. The team of juniors Abby Watson, Kayla Owens, Michelle Heim and sophomore Kristen McKnight finished the 200-yard medley relay in first place with a time of 1:41.23. The 800-yard freestyle relay team of junior Lexi Santer, freshmen Lauren Devorace and Carson Gross and sophomore Sydnee Karam (7:19.43) secured a second-place finish.

Day two saw continued success for the

Dukes. The second day was highlighted by Santer's third-place finish with a time of 2:01.02 in the 200 yard IM, breaking yet another school record. Sophomore Abigail Stauffer (2:01.32) finished right behind her.

The Red & Blue sat in first place at the end of the second day; however, the team's final standing was heavily impacted by the lack of a diving program. Every other team in the A-10 has a diving team, but Duquesne has been forced to give up the opportunity to grab key points in those events, and that has impacted its ability to achieve its ultimate goal. The university has announced that it will bring back the diving program next season.

"It was really frustrating this year because we walked out of there winning the swimming part of the meet," head coach Dave Sheets said. "Over the course of 16 years that I've been here, we've just kind of become accustomed to it. But we've never been in a position to win it before, and I think this year walking out of there and knowing what we accomplished was a little bittersweet. Knowing that now we've got diving and we're going to be on the same playing field as everybody else, we don't have any opportunity to make excuses anymore."

Santer continued to shine on the third day of competition. She finished third in the 400-yard individual medley (4:17.74). Devorace (1:50.14) placed fifth in the 200-yard freestyle.

On the competition's fourth and final day, a couple of underclassmen led the Dukes. Freshman Summer Svitavsky

broke a program record in the 1,650-yard Freestyle with a time of 16:59.95. Abigail Stauffer also broke a Duquesne record with her third-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke. Unfortunately, at the end of day, Duquesne fell 71.5 points shy of Richmond on the scoreboard and ended in second with 498.5 points compared to the Spiders' 570.

Though Watson was disappointed that her team couldn't come out of the tournament as champions, she is more than proud of the way her and her teammates performed this season.

"This team is a really special one," Watson said. "The reason that we had such success is because it truly was a complete team effort. Through every event we had individuals going best times, making it back to finals, and moving up places. If we didn't have this whole team effort, there is no way we would have done as well as we did. I am really excited for next year to see how we do."

Five seniors from this season's roster will be unable to return next season, but the rest of the Dukes squad will be back for more next season. With the addition of a diving team, Duquesne will finally be on a level playing field with its competition.

"The future looks very bright for our program," Sheets said. "The majority of our points were scored by our underclassmen. That just signifies that our program is headed in the right direction. A lot of our top point scorers were in the freshman class and sophomore class, so it's very exciting for me to see the potential that we have as we think about 2018 and beyond."



COURTESY OF THE ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE

The Duquesne 400-yard freestyle relay team of Lauren Devorace (front left), Carson Gross (back left), Molly O'Brien (front right) and Lexi Santer (back right) pose after their medal-winning swim at A-10s.

DU WBB displays depth in regular season finale

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There was no time to fool around for the Duquesne women's basketball team on Tuesday night, and the group showed it was all business as it stormed out to an 8-0 run to begin the game. In fact, the Dukes led by double digits for every second of the contest following the 6:48 mark in the second quarter.

The Dukes (15-14, 8-8) came out with the exact fire one would expect after losing to a previously winless team in conference play, the Rhode Island Rams, and took it out on the visiting Bonnies (9-19, 4-12) of St. Bonaventure University — winning 83-61. Any 22-point win to finish off the regular season is a confidence-booster, but especially when it consists of 12 players seeing court time and 10 etching their names into the scoring column.

"Well, that felt pretty good — a really nice team victory for us," Burt said. "It was very complete in terms of getting production from a lot of different people, playing a lot of different combinations and really having our two seniors give us a lot of quality minutes."

Sophomore guard Chassidy Omogrosso led the Dukes with 19 points, but she had support from all around. Senior Amadea Szamosi came just two assists shy of a triple-double to go along with 14 points and 16 rebounds. It was her 11th double-double of the season.

After scoring just two points in the first half on 1 of 7 shooting, the final member of the Dukes' scoring trio, sophomore guard Julijana Vojinovic, found her stroke and finished with 15 points and a career-high eight assists to go along with six boards.

The way they got their teammates involved

with the 17 combined assists between the three was definitely an encouraging sign. The entire team averaged 14.3 assists per game over the course of the season, whereas the Dukes dished out a total of 24 assists versus the Bonnies.

But enough about the big three; their performances were not really out the ordinary. It was the play of the rest of Burt's squad that made this win so significant.

Starting senior Brianna Thomas and starting sophomore Conor Richardson supplemented Omogrosso, Szamosi and Vojinovic with a combined 15 points, five rebounds, three steals and two assists. Even more notable, the Dukes were plus 20 with Richardson on the court, which was second highest plus/minus on the team next to Vojinovic (+21).

Freshman guard Nina Aho and sophomore forward Kadri-Ann Lass each provided a promising lift off the bench supplying a combined 15 points, seven rebounds, three assists and a whole lot of hustle. According to Burt, both of these players have suffered from a lack of confidence at certain points during this season, but a game like this should have them riding high heading into the Atlantic 10 tournament, which will be vital to the success of the team.

"We have to play with great competitiveness," Burt said. "But as we go through the conference tournament, we've got to be the most competitive team out there. We don't necessarily have to make the perfect plays, but we must be the most competitive team out there."

Burt's players have certainly taken his message to heart and are happy to put forth the extra effort. It was evident in the passion they brought to the floor on Tuesday night, which guided them to an 8-0 lead to begin the game. It also helped them close out the first quarter



COURTESY OF DUQUESNE ATHLETICS

Freshman guard Nina Aho displays the effort that the Dukes put in all night long as she dives for a loose ball against St. Bonaventure on Feb. 21. Aho finished with seven points and three rebounds in the game.

on a 9-1 run, propelling them to a rather comfortable win.

"Coach always says, 'Dive on the floor,'" Omogrosso said. "Fifty-fifty balls are ours, so we keep that in the back of our head, and if not, you will hear our teammates, bench, him yelling, 'Get on the floor.'"

All game long, the Dukes were diving on the ground for loose balls, boxing out well on the glass, getting back in transition and snatching away steals. The hustle and intensity was there for the opening whistle through the final buzzer, and that is a big reason why they never trailed.

Burt named competitiveness as the most

important ingredient to his team's success in the postseason. If the Dukes can get that competitiveness and fire in combination with a total team effort like the one displayed in the regular season finale, it could be a long run for the tournament's No. 7 seed. Ultimately, when it comes to tournament time, often the deepest teams are the best teams.

The Dukes will begin their run by hosting the George Mason Patriots on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the A.J. Palumbo Center. The winner will advance to Richmond for the subsequent rounds.

As Burt reiterated in his postgame press conference, "It is do or die."

Penn State WLax outpaces Duquesne 19-9



BRY McDERMOTT/ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman midfielder Rilee Bradshaw scored her first collegiate goal on Wednesday against No. 6 Penn State.

DAVID BORNE

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The No. 6 Penn State Nittany Lions women's lacrosse team ran away from the Duquesne Dukes 19-9 on the shoulders of senior attacker Steph Lazo, who scored five goals for the visitors in the nonconference affair at Arthur J. Rooney Field on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon in Pittsburgh.

Sophomore midfielder Madison Carter added four goals and freshman attacker Maria Auth tacked on three more off the bench in Penn State's 19-goal outburst. In total, eight different Nittany Lions (3-0) tallied at least one goal in the scoring column.

"There's a lot to build off of," said head coach Lisa Evans "I think Emily McMinimee showed she's going to be just fine in the cage this year. Our

defensive unit really hung tough. I thought Kenna Gubler did an amazing job on Steph Lazo. Lazo is an amazing player, but I think Kenna took her chances and made some plays and looked really awesome for us."

Carter's 15th goal of the season and first of the afternoon gave Penn State its first lead of the game at 3-2. That goal was the first of five straight for the Nittany Lions, which grew their lead to 7-2.

With 7:31 left in the opening half, freshman midfielder Rilee Bradshaw scored her first collegiate goal for Duquesne (0-1) to end the long run and cut the deficit to 7-3.

"It feels great," Bradshaw said of her first goal. "I was so nervous, it was my first college game against the No. 6 team in the country. I couldn't be more happy with how we played. Obviously we lost, but I think we came together as a team."

Penn State finished out the half strong, adding four more goals before junior attacker Jill Vacanti scored the final goal of the half. Duquesne trailed 10-4 at the break — the identical halftime score to the one from their matchup with Penn State in 2016.

Vacanti opened the second half just like she did the first and scored her third goal of the day just two minutes into the second half. But the next four goals came from the visitors as they pulled away from the Red & Blue by extending their lead to 14-5. They would remain in control for the remainder of the game as they eventually wrapped it up with a 19-9 score.

Against one of the top teams in the nation, the Dukes proved they could play with the best for spurts, and that was an encouraging sign for a young team. Vacanti and the Dukes struck first, and showed the resiliency to battle back and regain the lead at 2-1 after Lazo scored just 29 seconds after Vacanti.

Vacanti picked up right where she left off after her 47-goal sophomore season by scoring four goals and dishing out one assist against Penn State. Along with Bradshaw's first and second collegiate goals, junior attacker Rachel Hughes and freshman Maddie Hart both scored their first career goals for Duquesne in the contest.

In the cage, junior Emily McMinimee started the game for the Dukes and made eight saves and allowing 15 goals. Her replacement, freshman Maddy Curtis, made two saves and allowed four goals in just under 18 minutes of action.

The Dukes will face another tough task in their next game on March 3 when they host the Ohio State Buckeyes at 3 p.m. The Buckeyes, who are not currently listed in the national rankings, have received votes in the polls and are a top team.

Crosby's assist gives him 1,000 career points

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On Feb. 16, Crosby stripped Winnipeg Jets forward Blake Wheeler of the puck and sent a crisp pass over to teammate Chris Kunitz in the high slot. Kunitz's shot made it past Jets goalie, Connor Hellebuyck, to give Crosby the primary assist, and his 1,000th career point.

The milestone was just another achievement to add to the long list of accolades Crosby has collected in his twelve NHL seasons. The man has won almost every trophy that hockey has to offer, even nabbing a regional Emmy.

But, it was perfect for the Pittsburgh captain to become the 86th NHL player to reach 1,000 points as the Penguins celebrate their 50th season.

Why? Because Crosby's impact on Pittsburgh, the Penguins and the game of hockey stretch way beyond his on-ice statistics.

When an 18-year-old Crosby arrived in the Steel City, the Penguins were in a state of desperation. In 2004, Pittsburgh finished dead last in the NHL, sealing its third straight season of missing playoffs. Attendance dropped significantly and a lockout canceled the 2004-05 season, making the idea of relocation appear imminent.

Mario Lemieux had done everything a player and owner could do; the team needed a miracle, and one came in the form of a ping pong ball that gave the Penguins first dubs at top prospect Sidney Crosby.

While Crosby's athletic performance brought the fans and eventually two more Stanley Cups, he also had a desire to share his passion for the game.

Crosby teamed up with the Penguins and multiple sponsors to create Sidney Crosby's Little Penguins Learn to Play Hockey Program. Each year approximately 1,200 children ages 4-8 participate in the program at 25 local rinks, receiving a complete set of gear and hockey lessons for a reasonable, low cost.

By 2010, there were 120 percent more children age 10 and under playing hockey in Western Pennsylvania compared to 2008.

The 2016 World Cup of Hockey even saw four Pittsburgh-area natives compete for Team North America.

And the Penguins aren't doing badly either. Since Crosby's arrival, the Pens have recorded over 450 consecutive sellouts and their attendees were ranked as the NHL's best fans by Forbes. Pittsburgh also held the top television market for the NHL for six seasons, only being dethroned by Buffalo last February.

When Pittsburgh received an NHL team in 1967, there was skepticism on whether or not it would succeed. Pittsburgh was a football town, there was no room for hockey.

They were right, Pittsburgh is a football town. But Sidney Crosby helped make it a hockey town, as well.

Fordham MBB cruises past Duquesne 70-52

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On a special night that saw Duquesne great Mike James have his No. 13 jersey retired by the school, the game against Fordham was anything but special.

In Duquesne's previous meeting with Fordham (13-15, 7-8) — a 75-72 win in Bronx, NY on Dec. 30 — the Dukes (10-18, 3-12) outrebounded Fordham by 27. Tonight, the Red & Blue were outrebounded by 12. Being heavily outplayed on the boards, partnered with tough shooting nights for key cogs Mike Lewis II, Tarin Smith and Emile Blackman, resulted in a painful 70-52 Dukes defeat.

Graduate forward Kale Abrahamson provided a bright spot for the Dukes as he led them with 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting, followed by 12 from freshman Mike Lewis II. As a team, the Dukes only shot 2 of 14 from 3-point land and a meager 59.3 percent from the charity stripe.

The game lacked any real offensive flow from the jump, as both teams turned the ball over fairly frequently. A stingy 1-3-1 Fordham zone to start constrained the Dukes early, subsequently causing numerous turnovers, missed shots and fouls that all resulted in a slowed game.

"The biggest key for us going in... was against this team you've got to limit your turnovers, and you've got to rebound the basketball," head coach Jim Ferry said after the contest. "I thought we let our offensive woes affect us defensively."

Fordham showed varying defensive sets throughout, and never allowed Duquesne to settle into a flow on the offensive end.

"Just a tremendous amount of credit [to Fordham] defensively for what they're doing right now," Ferry said. "They just held three Atlantic 10 teams to basically under 50 points... They held Rhode Island to 43, held Saint Louis to 40, and they held us to 52, so you've got to give them all



BRY McDERMOTT/ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

Graduate student Kale Abrahamson dunks the ball on Fordham as three Rams watch from below on Wednesday night. The graduate-transfer scored a team-high 14 points for Duquesne on 7-of-10 shooting from the floor.

the credit in the world defensively."

The Red & Blue would shoot a solid 47.1 percent (9 of 17) from the floor in the first half, but only shooting 17 field goals in the first half is indicative of a slowed pace, and a deficiency of shot attempts can be attributed largely to the nine costly turnovers and a lack of second-chance points.

Fordham didn't do much to distance themselves until they capitalized on a multitude of Duquesne turnovers in the latter part of the half to take a 32-26 lead into the break.

Fordham would come out of the halftime break and hit two consecutive three-pointers to take a quick 38-29 lead, extending their lead to nine.

Though Fordham had seemingly seized the momentum a quarter of the way through the second half, strong inside play Abrahamson would result

in back-to-back layups and an optimistic outlook for Duquesne.

After playing a truly energized few minutes of basketball, Abrahamson rebounded the ball, but then threw an errant pass to Mike Lewis II that would result in a demoralizing Fordham three to expand the lead to 50-37 and damped the spirits of those in the building.

Fordham's foul trouble provided an opportunity for the Dukes, but they never really took advantage.

The rest of the contest would prove to be trivial as Fordham left the A.J. Palumbo Center with a commanding conference win.

Up next, the Dukes will face St. Bonaventure on the road Saturday at 4 p.m. In the previous matchup at the A.J. Palumbo Center, the Bonnies left with a 71-64 victory over Duquesne.

More devices supported under new Duq network

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On Feb. 6, Duquesne Computer and Technology Services (CTS) launched the pilot version of their new Internet of Things (IoT) network at Vickroy and Assumption Hall. The service extended to the remaining dorms on Feb. 13. Unlike DuqNet, IoT allows students to connect as video game consoles and streaming devices, such as Roku, to the Internet.

To connect to the IoT, students must register their devices with the network. Instructions on how to do so can be found at www.duq.edu/iot. Currently, only two devices can be registered at a time, but there are plans to open the service up to more devices when the production version is launched in fall 2017, according to Network and Telecommunication Services Manager Hank McCarthy. Devices can be unregistered and replaced with other ones, if the need arises.

Due to IoT being in a pilot version, there are some other limitations as well. Devices which require another machine to function, such as the Google Chromecast Media player, do not work with IoT, though a fix is in the works, according to McCarthy.

A driving force behind IoT's implementation was to make campus life feel more like home life, according to Director of IT Infrastructure Sheryl Reinhard. McCarthy echoed



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The CTS Help Desk can assist students with connecting to IoT or any issues that arise from it.

the sentiment.

"We're looking at retaining the students," he said. "We want them to live on campus."

Currently, students have registered 370 devices to the IoT, with the network seeing roughly 200 users per day. CTS expects this number of connected devices to go up soon, however.

"One of the things that we're going to watch trend is when students return from Spring Break," said Reinhard. "[W]e anticipate some may go home and bring back their gaming devices."

The reason such devices cannot connect to DuqNet is due to an encryption wall designed to keep the network safe. Streaming devices and video game consoles cannot get past this wall, but do not need to with IoT. However, McCarthy advised being careful when using

IoT, as it is less secure than DuqNet. Performing online banking while connected to IoT, for example, is not encouraged.

Improvements made to each of Duquesne's dorms allowed CTS to launch the new network. These included wireless access points in each room, upgrades to the campus's network infrastructure and moving Duquesne's commodity network to one that allows more direct connections.

At the end of the current semester, CTS and Residence Life will be sending out a survey to all students about the IoT network in order to get feedback for its full launch next Fall. McCarthy stressed the importance of student participation in the survey to improve the system in the future.

"We really want the service to succeed," he said. "We want it to be a solid service for the students, and if everything goes well in the pilot, then in [the] fall, we'll go into production."

Student reception to the network has so far been mixed. *Duke* News Editor Brandon Addeo reported successfully connecting to IoT with his PlayStation 4, and that the service functioned fine.

On the other hand, Freshman Physician Assistant student Eric Lucanese said that, while the connection was fine, downloading speeds were "horrendous," going around only three-to-four megabytes per second on his own PlayStation 4. Lucanese does plan to continue using the service, however, calling it "very convenient."

Pittsburgh rapper Jasiri X reveals musical origins

SEAN ARMSTRONG
staff writer

Jasiri X is a socially conscious rapper based in Pittsburgh, an area which has a little-known race problem when compared to other cities like New York City, Chicago and Ferguson. A 2015 benchmark article in "The Pittsburgh Post Gazette" found that "Black youths were arrested at twice the rate of white youths nationally, but six times as much in the Pittsburgh region."

The racism in this city is something that Jasiri has encountered first hand, stating that "the first time we went to Monroeville Mall, we were called n****s," and this was one of his first experiences of the city upon moving here from the South Side of Chicago.

This led to Jasiri finding comfort in rap music, specifically socially-conscious rap. He turned to artists like Grandmaster Flash and The Furious Five.

However, Jasiri was only a common fan until the Christmas his best friend got a turntable. He remembers that he tried to rap over the turntable, and he thought it was awful at the time. Nevertheless, he persisted to become the artist he is today.

A six-time Pittsburgh Hip Hop Award honoree, Jasiri uses his music to address the social issues he sees in today's culture, stating on his website that, "[m]y art is activism; you cannot separate the two."

His latest album, "Black Liberation Theology," addresses issues such as women's rights in "Black Girl Rock," the corruption of the institutions of religion in "ChristIs" and the hardships of the fight for equal rights in a peaceful manner in "Peaceful Fight."

With all his accolades and pointed social criticisms, the question remains: Why isn't Jasiri signed to a record label? The artist be-



COURTESY OF JASIRI X

Rapper Jasiri X tackles racial issues in his music. The "X" in Jasiri X's name is meant to represent the names that Africans lost through the African Slave Trade. As the rapper puts it, "The 'X' is for unknown."

lieves that being independent is imperative to improving the genre.

Jasiri pointed out that old white men are the heads of many of the record labels and control what makes it into popular music.

Instead, Jasiri would rather go the route of recent Grammy winner Chance the Rapper, someone he respects for his artistic integrity. "Chance is being who he is, this is who I am," said Jasiri. "I am going to be myself!"

Jasiri especially finds the idea of Chance giving away his music for free to be brilliant. Chance gives out music to promote his brand and concerts, and Jasiri echoes this sentiment.

All of Jasiri's music is available on Sound-

Cloud for free, and all artists signed to his production company, iHood Media, also release their music for free. Local Pittsburgh artists like Idasa Tariq, Jordan Montgomery and L U C are also signed to this label.

However, it is his latest work with Chicago rapper Rhymefest that Jasiri is fully focused on. Rhymefest is one of three rappers to win both a Grammy and an Academy Award for their music. The other two in this unique club are Eminem and Common.

Together, they form the group "Kill Switch" and are working on a new album titled

WEEK'S EVENTS

Q Ball: Painting with Light
Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

The Quantum Theater is building tableaux of paintings by John Everett Millais, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, George Watts and others with audience participation. Tickets for the Digital Dance Party are \$60 and takes place on the second floor in the Union Trust Building.

Mardi Gras Pub Crawl
Feb. 25, 5 p.m.

Various restaurants are opening their doors this Friday in celebration of Mardi Gras. Furthermore, Frankie Capri will be performing in the Original Oyster House from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

UPCOMING RELEASES

"Nier: Automata"
Feb. 23

Sporting similar mechanics from Platinum's own property "Bayonetta," "Nier: Automata" follows android 2B, a soldier for the last remnant of humanity, and her struggle to reclaim Earth from an alien menace. It releases on PS4 and Windows.

"Get Out"
Feb. 24

When he finally meets his girlfriend's parents, Chris (Daniel Kaluuya) assumes their overfriendliness is simply nerves. However, he later learns that there is a darker secret hidden in a seemingly innocuous neighborhood. Simultaneously a horror movie, a comedy and satire, "Get Out" is the directorial debut of Jordan Peele of "Key & Peele" fame.

MICRO REVIEW

Now That The Light is Fading EP
Maggie Rogers

"An interesting mix of folk and dance sensibilities, Rogers' debut album is a refreshing stray from the norm. Rogers pairs rustic lyrics with a pop beat. She utilizes nature sounds in her music, expertly demonstrating her ability to make a completely new sound. 'Alaska' and 'Color Song' are the album highlights."

-Raymond Arke

Red Masquers entertain with ‘Rust’ despite weak script

JOSIAH MARTIN
staff writer

Performers are sometimes limited by what is on the paper in front of them. But when the source material’s flaws are corrected by an amazing cast, you have a recipe for success. In this case, “Rust” by F.J. Hartland is that source material. As a play, it covers the social and economic issues of 1980s Pittsburgh with varying degrees of success, but the Red Masquers have put on a fantastic performance, almost fully distracting from the shortcomings of the work itself.

The time and place in which “Rust” occurs are the centerpiece of the play. It does seem to succeed in evoking the “essence” of the ’80s. The mood is set by occasional radio interruptions of news headlines from the era of Cold War tension and economic uncertainty. This, combined with the Red Masquers’ set design, get the point across within the first few seconds: This is the ’80s, and we as a country are not doing very well.

The actors themselves excel at portraying the Strnad family. Hartland’s dialogue combined with the performances of the cast, in particular Alex MacLeod as Zuzana, effectively paint a realistic picture of a small middle-class family. It actually seems like we are sitting in on a real family dinner. On the topic of realism, the young Matus (Mark Henne) and his imaginary friend Yunus (Byron Stroud) have an unrivaled chemistry on stage, the dialogue between them being funny—and, frankly, adorable—throughout the whole show.

This cast of characters’ financial struggle serves as the major conflict in this play, after Marek Strnad (Neil Donaldson) is laid off from his job at the mill. Donaldson does a fantas-



COURTESY OF RED MASQUERS

The Red Masquers put on multiple shows per semester, “Rust” being the first of their Spring 2017 season. Last fall, they put on “Av- enue Q” and “How I Learned to Drive,” as well as a series of unique one-acts for “Premieres XL.” “Rust” runs till Feb. 26.

tic job of portraying Marek’s slow descent into helplessness as these issues progress. Evan W. Saunders’ portrayal of Marek’s Pavol is notably high-quality as well. He seems deep-

ly bothered by the situations he finds himself in but gleefully

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Complex combat and strategy successfully mix in ‘For Honor’

GRANT STONER
staff writer

My Warden patiently waits on the decrepit wooden bridge for his opponent. Suddenly, a Berserker charges, angrily swinging his sword to the right. My Warden predicts the strike, effortlessly blocking the blow before performing an overhead swing, causing the once bloodthirsty savage to collapse in a cloud of dust. With “For Honor,” patience and precision are key when playing this exhilarating action title. However, connectivity issues prevent this otherwise thrilling title from achieving its full potential.

Developed and published by Ubisoft, known for games such as the “Assassin’s Creed” and “Far Cry,” “For Honor” captures the intensity of close-quartered-combat. Knights, Vikings and Samurai clash for supremacy in this utterly confusing mashup of characters. Yet despite the logistics of the lore, I have never enjoyed myself more when it comes to combat mechanics and enemy encounters.

In the story mode, “For Honor” does little to explain the dynamics of the three factions, or why they continuously fight. In fact, during the introduction scene, the narrator states that the true origin of the conflict has been lost to time. However, the campaign mode provides an excellent tutorial for each of the 12 character classes. Through the relatively short missions, the playstyle for each hero is effectively explained assists players with the game’s multiplayer component.

Each duel is an exceptional combination of strategy and skill. Blindly mashing the light and heavy attack buttons will do nothing but quickly drain your stamina and leave you wide open for attacks. Upon finding a worthy opponent, players enter into a stance known as “Guard Mode.” In this position, three directional bars appear in front of each warrior, indicating which way to block and swing. As you or your enemy wind up for an attack, one of the bars will turn red, notifying each gamer about the move. Parrying, guard-breaks and stylish executions can also be incorporated into each fight, providing even more techniques to honorably crush your foe. Furthermore, each warrior can tap into a “Revenge Mode,” which greatly boosts their offense and defensive capabilities. After



COURTESY OF UBISOFT

The game’s story mode switches between three different characters, representing the three factions (knights, vikings and samurai) as they battle main villain Warlord Apollyon (above), who seeks to create perpetual war across the world with her knight army.

blocking a specific amount of damage, players can press a button, which temporarily empowers their hero, often turning them into an unstoppable force of destruction. Successfully taking down three foes in “Revenge Mode,” coupled with other abilities, is an immensely satisfying feeling.

Multiplayer modes such as “Dominion,” “Elimination,” “Duel” or “Brawl” are where players can truly test their skills against one another. Team-based modes like “Dominion” require warriors to combine their efforts to eliminate opponents and capture objectives. “Duel” offers a more intimate fight with a single enemy, where players clash in a best-of-five rounds scenario. “Dominion” and “Elimination” are where I spent the majority of time. If an opponent became too difficult to fight, I could easily tran-

sition to another enemy, or focus on capturing objectives.

Unfortunately, multiplayer is nowhere near as polished as the other mechanics. Throughout my playthrough, I consistently encountered network connectivity issues, as well as players disconnecting from matches. In fact, my friend could rarely connect with me when selecting “Dominion,” forcing us to abandon a third of the multiplayer experience. Rather than discuss battle strategies in lobbies, my friend and I would regularly worry if we needed to back out in order to send another invite.

If you are able to play through an entire match, gamers are rewarded with various pieces of equipment which can significantly alter specific stats for each hero. Armor

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Duquesne event recalls Darwin

DARWIN — from page 2

trait every living organism has is that all eukaryotic cells are currently sexual beings, and those cells that are asexual have ancestors who were once sexual. Lane's point was that all cells are constantly changing, and scientists are continuing to discover new things every day, supporting Darwin's original theory of evolution.

"Science to me is very similar to natural selection. The survivors are not random. It is all built generation by generation," Lane said.

Duquesne University is Catholic, yet the teaching of evolution doesn't conflict with the religious identity. Pope Pius XII made a statement in support of evolutionary theory in 1950.

'For Honor' nears perfection

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pieces can provide better defense, quicker stamina recovery or the ability to enter "Revenge Mode" faster. As for weapons, upgrades consisting of more damage, reduced stamina loss when blocking or the ability to quickly revive teammates can be discovered. Even though the equipment can help, fights are ultimately decided through skill. If anything, these rewards serve for aesthetic purposes only.

"For Honor" is almost perfect. I have never played a game where the combat is so precise and fulfilling. Yet, with a myriad of connectivity issues, "For Honor" can easily turn into a frustrating game.

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Performances save show from boredom, questionable script

RUST — from page 10

shrugs them off with the optimism and self-confidence of a young college student.

These performances, however, fail to cover a few confusing points in this play. The writing makes it unclear as to how seriously we are supposed to take this conflict. The Unemployment Clerk (Lauren Gardonis) provides perfect comedic relief but, strangely, during scenes that should seem otherwise pivotal and serious in Marek's journey to regain financial stability. Marek's quest to find the men who assaulted Pavol seems of fizzle out. A few lines of dialogue and the whole situation is treated as resolved, when in reality, the audience is still wondering who is responsible. The Bartender (Max Begler) is an extremely likeable and well-acted character, but that aforementioned loose end leaves him seeming suspicious, as the only character we meet who could have known what really happened.

The most relentless quirk in Hartland's writing itself is that he wrote the play not only clearly about the '80s, but aggressively about the '80s. The story covers social and economic issues of the decade, while Lenka Strnad (Lauren Bostedo) hilariously portrays the decade's stereotypical annoying sitcom daughter, and The Bartender rattles off Pittsburgh sports facts of the era one after another. Yes, this play works better in the '80s than it would in any other decade, but by the second after the lights come on, the audience understands the time period, it doesn't need to be reinforced.

By the end of show, however, these minor flaws are overshadowed by the strength of the cast. Verka (Raquel Isabel Millacci) ties the show together as the "stable" character. She successfully wrangles the family and keeps Marek on the right track until the very end. I recommend seeing "Rust" this weekend, if only to briefly be a part of the Strnad family. You won't regret it.

Duquesne University's weekly student-led newspaper, The Duke, is looking to hire an Editor-in-Chief for the 2017-18 academic year.

The Duke's Editor-in-Chief oversees and directs all content in the newspaper, in addition to its advertising, social media and distribution. The position is paid. Candidates who display a passion for writing, a keen eye for news and experience in leadership will be looked upon favorably.

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Senator: Inner-city kids don't need college

AP — Pennsylvania's Senate Education Committee chairman is being criticized for saying minority students from "inner city" public schools would do better in vocational careers than in college.

Republican Sen. John Eichelberger (EYE'-kuhl-bur-gur) said during a town hall last week that minority students are being pushed toward college and are dropping out. He says they'd succeed in a less-intensive track.

His comments were reported by the Carlisle Sentinel.

Eichelberger, who's white, tells The Philadelphia Inquirer that he blames failing urban school systems, not skin color, for minority students dropping out of college.

Democratic Sen. Vincent Hughes of Philadelphia says Eichelberger should be removed from the committee chairmanship. Hughes says many minority students are victims of Pennsylvania's unfair school-funding system and some drop out of college because they can't afford it.

Top tips for cheap trips

TRAVEL — from page 6

Music City. Definitely consider sharing rooms here to spend as little as possible.

Napa Valley: For a warm yet calm getaway, try exploring Napa Valley, California's wine country. Fly into Sacramento, located an hour east of the area, and then drive to your hotel of choice. Flights to Sacramento start at \$342 on Priceline, and Napa Valley hotels can be easily found through the website TripAdvisor. One great hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Spa Napa Valley American Canyon for \$105 per night — much cheaper than anything that would be found in the more crowded southern parts of the state.

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Social
issues
drive local
rapper

JASIRI X – from page 9

“Power; People Oppressed Will Eventually Rise.” The album will debut later this year and it will be born, as Jasiri’s Artist Statement states, out of “A desire to see a better community, a brighter future for our children, and a socially and scholastically educated young populace motivates me to continue to create.”

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On this day in history

- 1455 - Johannes Gutenberg prints his first Bible (estimated date)
- 1615 - The Estates-General in Paris was dissolved, having been in session since October 1614.
- 1778 – American Revolutionary War: Baron von Steuben arrives at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to help to train the Continental Army.
- 1836 – Texas Revolution: The Battle of the Alamo begins in San Antonio, Texas.
- 1886 - “The Times” of London publishes world’s 1st classified ad
- 1896 - Tootsie Roll introduced by Leo Hirshfield
- 1904 - United States acquires control of the Panama Canal Zone for \$10 million
- 1910 - First radio contest held in Philadelphia
- 1927 - US President Calvin Coolidge creates Federal Radio Commission (FRC)
- 1940 - Walt Disney’s animated movie “Pinocchio” released
- 1945 - US Marines raise the flag on Iwo Jima, later a famous photo and Marine Corps War Memorial sculpture
- 1954 - First mass inoculation against polio with Salk vaccine in Pittsburgh
- 1968 - Wilt Chamberlain becomes 1st NBAer to score 25,000 points
- 1970 - Holy Eucharist given by women for 1st time in Roman Catholic service
- 1980 - 13th Winter Olympic games close at Lake Placid, NY
- 1988 - Chicago gives Cubs right to install lights & play up to 18 night games
- 1995 - Dow Jones closes above 4,000 for 1st time (4,003.33)
- 1997 - Scientists in Scotland announce they have cloned an adult mammal, producing a lamb named “Dolly”
- 1999 - Hip Hop artist Eminem releases his first major record album “The Slim Shady LP”
- 2001 - 32nd NAACP Image Awards: “Remember the Titans” wins Outstanding Motion Picture
- 2007 - Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport became the first in the United States to begin testing new X-ray screening technology that can see through people’s clothes.
- 2016 - US primary elections: Nevada Republican Primary - Donald Trump wins with 45.9.5%

Duquesne Towers

Year Built: 1971

Price: \$3,206

Capacity: 1,113 residents

Years Allowed: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, grad and law

Room Types: doubles, triples, wings

Laundry Facilities: in each wing

Bathroom Facilities: communal, in each wing

What's New: Renovations completed in 2016 of all rooms, bathrooms and furniture



Real thoughts from real students:

"I also like having a common room where we can hang out on the floor and having a little kitchenette, though I wish the kitchenette had a stove or something."

— Anna Collins, Freshman

"Being able to go into both towers in the building unrestricted is nice. We lived in St. Ann's last year, and this is definitely better."

— Chloe Cenna, Sophomore

"I would like to see more study areas. There are lounges on each floor, but they're not exactly quiet."

— Claire Meredith, Sophomore

"When the RA's do their rounds at night, they way my room is located, it's really loud."

— Sarah Heney, Sophomore



"The only downside is that sometimes the elevators don't work."

— Matti Lyn King, Freshman

"It's great having Hogan, the [Towers Campus] Market and SMC [Student Mail Center] in the same building."

— Natalie Thompson, Freshman

Vickroy Hall

Year Built: 1997

Price: \$3,365

Capacity: 283 residents

Years Allowed: juniors, seniors, grad and law

Room Types: doubles organized in two-room suite-style

Laundry Facilities: on each floor

Bathroom Facilities: one per suite

What's New: All furniture and carpeting replaced in 2015, new kitchen on first floor



Real thoughts from real students:

"My favorite thing about living in Vickroy is that the rooms are painted. Last year my room was blue, and this year my room is tan, and it's just really nice because it makes the room more homey, as opposed to having, like, cinder block walls."

— Kate Kratzenberg, Junior

"The kitchen is pretty good now. You don't have to fight anyone for laundry, and it's just good to be close to class."

— Anthony Roufos, Junior

"My top favorite thing about living in Vickroy is obviously the access to a kitchen ... There are lots of other pluses, this is probably my favorite building."

— Christopher Foye, Senior



"The showers are a little iffy sometimes. The water doesn't always turn off, so you have to be careful with keeping your showers clean and everything cause it's kinda easier for mold to develop if you don't keep them clean, if you're not careful about it."

— Kate Kratzenberg, Junior

Des Places Hall

Year Built: 2012

Price: \$3,592

Capacity: 425 residents

Years Allowed: sophomores, juniors, seniors, grad and law

Room Types: one-, two- and three-room suite-style

Laundry Facilities: on each floor

Bathroom Facilities: one per suite

What's New: The whole building, really, since Des Place is the newest LLC on campus



Real thoughts from real students:

"It is nice that only a few groups of students have lived in the building before so there is not as much wear and tear. I love having laundry and a Brita water fountain on every floor."

— Ashleigh Gorman, Senior

"My least favorite thing about living in Des Places is that there is no ATM in the building. It may seem like a small thing, but I find it fairly inconvenient when all I want is to get some money out for food and I have to bundle up to walk to Towers only to find that that ATM is out of order, which it has been frequently this semester."

— Andrew Rozsas, Junior



"My least favorite thing is that it's not an apartment."

— Dean Maddox, Junior

"It is not hectic or wild like Towers. There are always quiet places to study and get work done."

— Andrew Rozsas, Junior

"Des Places is on the edge of campus so you have to walk a little further to get to class."

— Ashleigh Gorman, Senior

Brottier Hall

Year Built: 1969

Price: \$19,230 (12 month lease)

Capacity: 660 residents

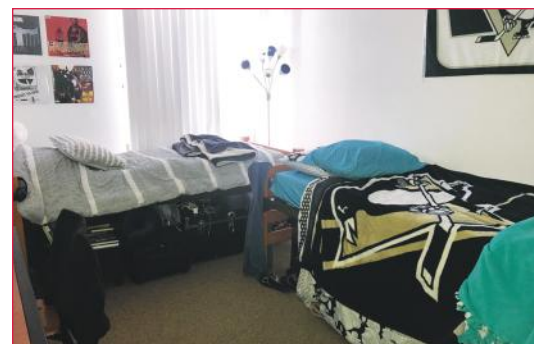
Years Allowed: juniors, seniors, grad and law

Room Types: studio, one- and two-room apartments

Laundry Facilities: on G-level

Bathroom Facilities: in each unit

What's New: In 2015 some lighting, paint and carpet replacement, as well as all furniture



Real thoughts from real students:

"The amenities Brottier offers, such as intense shower pressure or a fully equipped kitchen or a fantastic view of the city, has made me enjoy living on campus, something I never thought I'd do, let alone enjoy."

— Kyle Steenland, First-Year Law

"Trying to sublease in the summer is near impossible and a nightmare. I would not live here again for that one reason."

— Emily Echard, Junior

"My apartment is very old and has received little to no repairs. Some appliances do not work and there are holes in the walls."

— Ann Booth, First-Year Law



"I enjoy being able to roll out five minutes before class and still getting to class on time. My studio is a great size for living on my own for the first time and I couldn't have asked for a better view."

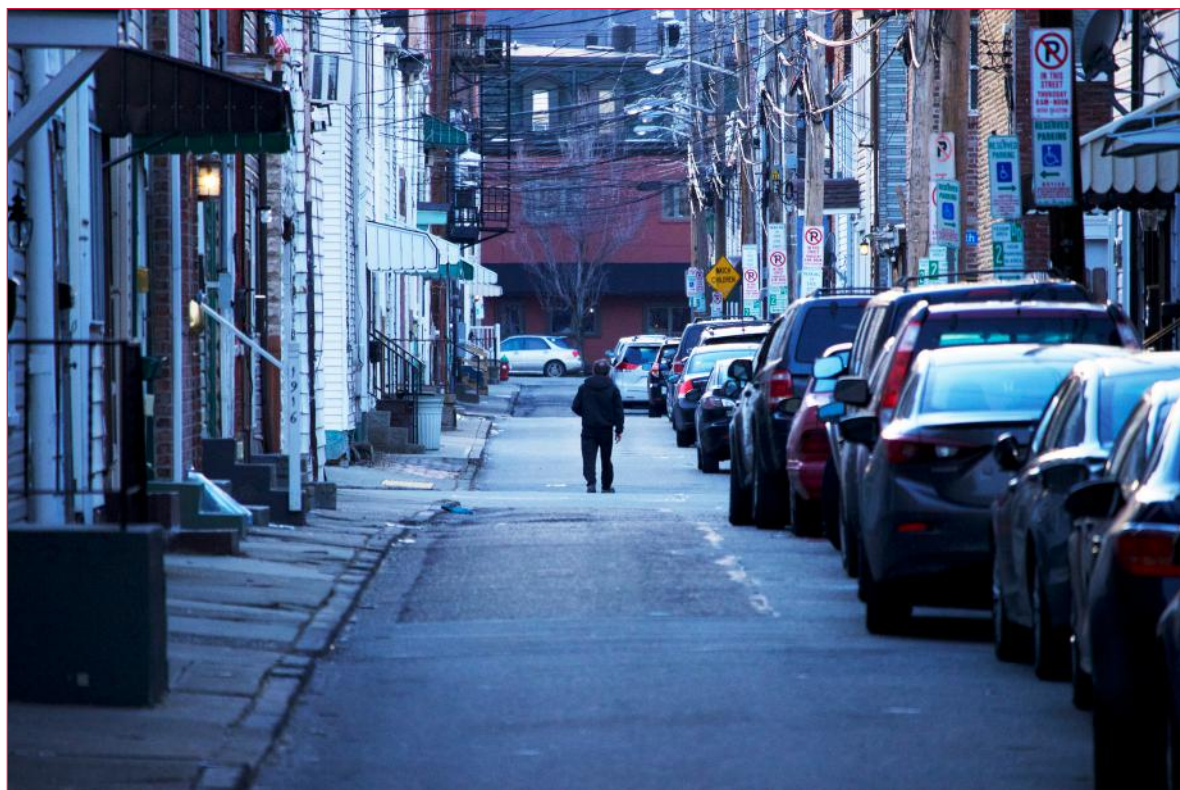
— Emily McKenzie, First-Year Law

"You can only sign in so many people and still have to worry about RA's."

— Sydney Bauer, Junior

A₄ 2017 Housing Guide

Living life on the other side



South Side, pictured above, is one of the most common places Duquesne students move when they decide to break free of life confined to the Bluff. Moving off campus can be a big leap — the increased freedom also comes with increased responsibilities, in forms like rent, bills and grocery shopping. Nevertheless, living completely on your own before graduating can be a great primer for that all-too-scary “real world.” Elsewhere on this page you can find some advertisements for properties currently on the market. That said, we at *The Duke* recommend shopping around to find a place that will best fit your budget and needs. Above all, though, if you’re planning to make the move, act now. While apartments can be had at any time of the year, the peace of mind associated with locking down a lease will make your summer much, much less stressful. (Extended caption and photo by Seth Culp-Ressler/Features Editor)

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