



After DU, student emails disappear

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Have you been using your Duquesne email address on resumes? Students who use it for professional reasons outside of the university might find themselves without an email address after they graduate.

Many students do not realize that they lose access to their emails after graduation. According to interviews conducted by *The Duke*, some students had misconceptions regarding how long they would be able to view their “duq.edu” email after graduating.

Olivia Kappler, a junior multiplatform journalism and public relations major, thought she would be able to still view her email account after graduating if she wanted to. Another student, Jared Bonawitz, said he thought

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Halloween spirit haunts Dukes



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A pumpkin decoration adorns the information desk in the Student Union on Oct. 26. Halloween takes place next Monday.

Faculty strikes at Pa. state schools

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Last week, a strike of college professors paralyzed the 14 state-run colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. When the faculty of the Pennsylvania State System of Education walked off the job on Oct. 19, 100,000 students were left in the middle of a contract dispute. The strike lasted three days, until Oct. 21 when a deal with the state was reached, ending the first strike in the faculty union's 34 year history.

The Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) is the union representing faculty members at Pennsylvania's 14 public colleges and universities such as Slippery Rock, Shippensburg, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and West Chester. The strike started after negotiations between the state and the union for a new contract broke

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Africa Week back at DU, includes talk on organic farming

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As part of Duquesne's annual Africa Week, the university hosted an event Tuesday evening meant to raise awareness of the agricultural difficulties facing developing African countries and to discuss possible solutions.

Plaxedes Chitiyo, an assistant professor of environmental education in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, was the primary speaker at the event, which was titled “Certified Organic Agriculture: The Answer to Africa's Environmental Woes and Social Ills?” She spoke about organic agriculture and the struggles of sustaining it.

According to Chitiyo, if done correctly, organic farming could lead to a more nutritious diet of vitamin and mineral-enriched food for African consumers, an increased income for African farmers and a healthier environment.

Chitiyo said there has been large-scale efforts to help promote organic practices in Africa. Export Promotion of Organic Products from Africa, or EPOPA, was a program created by the Swedish International Development Agency with projects in Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia, she said. It ran from 1997 to 2008. The goal of the program was to help farmers create a better quality of life for themselves.

However, Chitiyo said organic agriculture must overcome some challenges before becoming a large part of Africa's economy. She said potential roadblocks to its success include “a lack of policy and support from the government” and “a lack of recognition and incentive.”

Organic farming refers to “agricultural production systems that do not use genetically modified (GM) seed, synthetic pesticides or fertilizers,” according to the Organic Farming Research Foundation.

Chitiyo's lecture was followed up



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Drummers perform outside Gumberg Library on Oct. 26 as a part of Duquesne's annual Africa Week. The week's events included a lecture on organic farming in rural Africa.

with responses by John Stoltz, a professor in the Bayer school and director of Duquesne's Center for Environmental Research and Education, and Stan Kabala, a professor of environmental science and management in the Bayer school.

Kabala said that until a few years

ago, about 90 percent of chicken feed in the U.S. contained arsenic. He said this is typical of non-organic farming. “Modern agriculture is industrialized, mechanized and relies heavily on petroleum,” Kabala said.

The African continent might be well-suited for organic agriculture.

According to the Africa Agribusiness magazine, the global organic food industry is worth about \$50 billion a year — and one African country, Uganda, sees an approximate \$600 million demand for organic products each year.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, along with the United Nations Environmental Programme, released a report in 2008 regarding organic farming in Africa. The report, titled “Organic Agriculture and Food Security in Africa,” addressed how they believe that organic farming can provide better food security for Africa and is “more likely to be sustainable in the long run.”

The UN study reported that 87 percent of African farmers involved with organic farming received a boost to their own and their household's income.

Not everyone agrees that organic

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POLICE BRIEFS

Last week Cousin PB told ya'll to ease up on the crime committing and whatnot. Well, it seems ya'll haven't gotten the message!

Last Tuesday, a woman was found asking for money outside of Towers. Duquesne Police issued the woman a defiant trespass warning and escorted her off campus.

On Wednesday last week, somebody stole items from desks in an office of the Rangos Health Sciences School. Later that day, a referee said someone took money from his wallet in the Keller Field House during the Oct. 15 football game between Duquesne and Robert Morris at Rooney Field. That's got to be at least a 15-yard penalty, right? Also that day, a resident student in St. Ann's was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for possessing marijuana paraphernalia. Later that Wednesday, marijuana and alcohol were confiscated from two students in Towers. Both were referred to the Office of Student Conduct, and one also received an alcohol violation citation.

Last Thursday, an intoxicated underage resident student was found in St. Martin's and was referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Later that day, a small amount of marijuana and paraphernalia was found in a Towers room. Three Duquesne students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Friday, campus police found a student in St. Ann's with marijuana, who was referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Also that day, more marijuana was found in a room in Towers, and two students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Saturday, a backpack with drug paraphernalia inside was found in the Hogan Dining Center. There was no way of identifying who the bag belonged to, according to the campus crime log.

On Sunday, a Duquesne student reported being physically assaulted in the South Side. Pittsburgh Police were called to the scene. Several students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct, and charges are pending with Pittsburgh Police.

Early Monday morning, a man not affiliated with Duquesne was found sleeping in the Brottier Hall lobby. The man received a defiant trespass warning and was escorted off campus by Duquesne police. Also that day, someone stole two credit cards from a student's wallet in the Power Center. One of the stolen credit cards was used to withdraw \$381.10 on Venmo, a digital wallet service operated by PayPal. Also that day, a resident student in Towers was found with marijuana and paraphernalia, and was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Strike ends after three days at Pa. colleges

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down, the website for APSCUF said.

APSCUF members were unhappy with a number of items the state proposed. According a press release by APSCUF, some of the sticking points included "[putting] adjunct faculty members, 60 percent of whom are women, on a separate — lower — salary scale ... [cutting] faculty benefits and charge more for them ... [and] changing the tenure and promotion processes." The faculty had been without a contract since June 2015.

On the afternoon of Oct. 21, the two sides reached a tentative deal, thus ending the strike. Cynthia Shapira, board chair of Pennsylvania State System of Education, said in a statement, "We are pleased to get to this point and look forward to the conclusion of the process. Once again, everyone can focus on what matters most — teaching and learning."

Geraldine Jones is the president of California University of Pennsylvania, a state school about an hour south of Duquesne. In a statement to the Cal-U community on the resolution of the strike, she said that the relatively swift conclusion of the strike benefits the students.

"This is good news for our students, who can return to their studies without further delay," Jones said.

She also said that she hoped the campus could unite and once again focus on education.

"As a campus community, our job now is to come together and, with mutual respect, return to our primary purpose: providing every Cal-U student with a high-quality academic education and a college experience that is second to none," Jones said.

While details on the tentative deal are sparse, a press release from the State System said that the new deal offers a pay raise for the professors and allows for "health care cost savings."

Kenneth M. Mash, president of the APSCUF, said in a press release the group is pleased to have been able to accept a tentative deal.

"We are relieved to have an agreement that preserves quality public higher education in Pennsylvania and allows our members to get back into the classroom where they belong," Mash said.

The faculty walk-off shocked students. Caitlyn Handlin, a freshman anthropology major at West Chester, one of the schools affected, woke up surprised last Wednesday morning.

"I was confused to be honest," she said. "All my classes were cancelled and I think with good reason," since many professors had walked off.

Handlin said she has a "hate" for



AP PHOTO

Faculty picket at Cheyney University in Cheyney, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 20.

politics, and she stayed away from the picket lines. Although, when she talked to her professors outside of class, Handlin said she "felt like [the strike] had to be done."

What made her the most upset was students' behavior during the strike.

"A lot of the students used the time to get trashed ... which I thought was insane because there were professors fighting for us and for their jobs," she said, calling the partying students "disrespectful."

Ted Carlin, a professor of journalism and communication at Shippensburg University, participated in the protests.

"I honored the picket line and picketed myself on Thursday," he said.

Carlin also added he kept people on Twitter informed during the strike by tweeting and retweeting pertinent information.

Although unaffiliated with the state system, some Duquesne faculty are unionized.

Robin Sowards, who represents Duquesne adjunct professors through the United Steelworkers Academic Workers Association and was an adjunct English professor at Duquesne, stressed how important faculty unions are.

"The [state] administration wanted to increase faculty workloads, to decrease relative wages for the lowest-paid faculty [and] to put less qualified teachers in the classroom," he said. But because the professors were unionized, they had an "organizational structure in place to mobilize both faculty and students to defend educational quality."

Sowards said this recent strike can serve as a motivator for other faculty unions. Since the APSCUF "stood their ground," they have "given all faculty unions in the region a positive benchmark that they can invoke at the bargaining table," he said.

He hopes that people will be inspired by the state faculty.

Emails shut down after 12 months

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he would only have six months before his university email was closed. Freshman Merissa Chonko predicted she would only have one month after graduation.

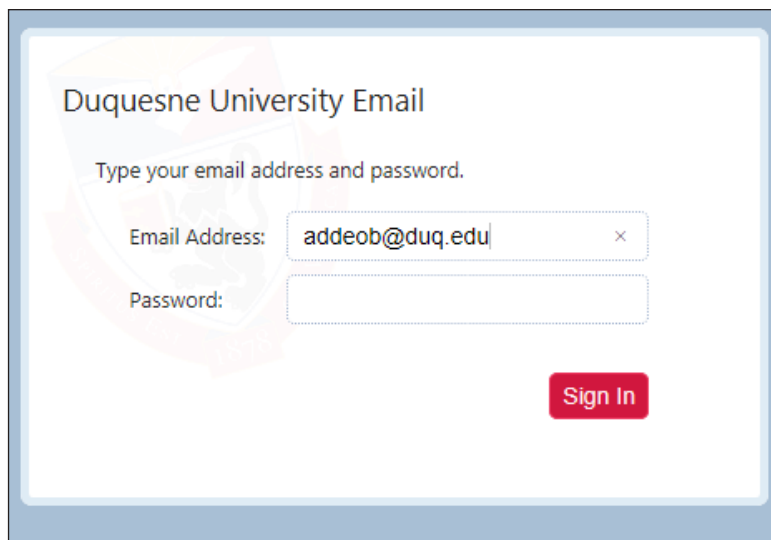
However, according to Don Maue, director of Computing Support Service for Duquesne's Computing and Technology Services, Duquesne students' emails are stored temporarily on cloud servers during their time at the university — eventually a student will lose access to the account when it is deleted approximately 12 months after graduation.

This could be a concern for students who use it for important contacts or on resumes.

"I used my [Duquesne] email to apply for a job at CONSOL Energy [Center] right after I got it," freshman Jeremiah Lyons said. If Lyons planned on maintaining contact with CONSOL, now PPG Paints Arena, it would have been wise to use a personal account instead.

If a student plans to keep any of their Duquesne email files, it is important to move them to a different account, Maue said. Otherwise, the files will no longer be accessible.

For students who have ever used their Duquesne emails on important documents, such as a resume or cover letter, replies to emails



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A screenshot of the login screen for Duquesne student email, which close 12 months after graduation. Upperclassmen should use a different email for resumes.

might fall on deaf ears. As soon as your email is deactivated or deleted, there will be no way to access the emails from that account.

"Since the DU Email system is designed for communication during the time in which students are active, it would not make sense to use that address for any communication that would take place after a student leaves the university," Maue said.

Chonko said she has never used her Duquesne email for "anything very important" for that very reason.

Students are responsible for

using another account once they are no longer a student, according to Maue.

Junior international relations major Gabriel Drexler has gotten ahead of the curve.

"I have never used it for professional reasons, but only because I already have a job using a different email," Drexler said.

However, according to Maue, students will receive at least two emails to notify the user before the deactivation of the account. Once these emails have been sent, it is not long before the entire account is deactivated.

Africa Week returns to DU

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agriculture is good for Africa. Robert Paarlberg, a political science professor at Wellesley College, wrote an opinion piece in The New York Times detailing how organic farming in Africa is done out of necessity, not design, in the continent's "impoverished countryside."

"Two-thirds of all Africans depend on farming or animal grazing for their food and income, and nearly all of their operations are small-scale," Paarlberg wrote. "Nearly all of Africa's farms are this de facto 'organic' ... poor and non-productive, but organic."

Organic food is still a booming industry in the United States, where the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service has found that American demand for organic products has grown at a steady rate. They reported that in 2012, 4 percent of all U.S. food sales were organic.

Students at Duquesne can play a part in agriculture awareness as well by staying educated on food policy, according to Kabala.

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French authorities clear Calais' 'jungle' migrant camp

AP — The grim camp known as “the jungle,” a symbol of Europe’s failure to come to grips with its crisis over asylum seekers, is no more.

French authorities declared Wednesday they had cleared out the camp after most of its thousands of residents were driven away on buses — an evacuation accelerated because some of the frustrated, departing migrants set fire to parts of the burgeoning slum.

Smoke hung in the air as dusk fell, its stench a reminder of how one of the world’s wealthiest nations was unable to create order at the camp, where those fleeing war and poverty have lived in squalor for months or longer.

Most of the camp’s former residents, foiled in their bid to enter Britain despite reaching the port city of Calais on the edge of the English Channel, are being relocated to communities throughout France, where authorities have pledged to give them decent shelter and advice about how to seek asylum so they can stay in Europe rather than return to trouble spots in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Some refused the offer, however, preferring to take their chances trying to hop trucks heading to ferries crossing the

English channel or on the speeding Eurostar trains that connect France to Britain via the nearby Eurotunnel.

“This jungle is no good. We go to new jungle,” said a 20-year-old Pakistani, Muhammad Afridi.

He said he was joining 30 friends in a place he refused to identify that could be used as a jumping off point for clandestine, and risky, passage to England.

Siddiq, a 17-year-old Afghan who spent 11 months in the camp, said the fires terrified him overnight, especially when gas tanks ignited. The Associated Press is not using the last names of teenage migrants because of their vulnerable situation.

He said he left and slept under a nearby bridge despite the freezing temperatures. He has been trying without success to get to Britain by truck.

“My heart, it is broken,” he said. “I can’t do anything, even eat.”

Crews were moving in Wednesday night with heavy equipment to clear the charred ruins and remove any tents and shelters that remained standing. Authorities said earlier that four Afghans were detained on suspicion of torching parts of the camp. The blazes slightly injured one person who was taken to a hospital.



AP PHOTO

Thick smoke and flames rise from amidst tents after fires were started in the makeshift migrant camp known as “the jungle” near Calais, northern France, on Oct. 26. Firefighters have doused several dozen fires set by migrants as they evacuated the makeshift camp.

“The camp is completely empty. There are no more migrants in the camp,” said Prefect Fabienne Buccio, the state’s highest authority in the region. “Our mission has been fulfilled.”

Despite the pronouncement, migrants were seen milling around the edges of the camp, although officials said they would stop processing people by Wednesday evening.

Authorities said 5,596 people were evacuated in the complex operation that began Monday,

including hundreds of unaccompanied minors being housed in heated containers at the camp. Britain took in 234 migrants with family ties in the UK.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 450 reception centers were set up across the country to help people apply for asylum. Those not rejected outright will go into centers or apartments for asylum seekers so that their applications can be examined the regular way. He has said most should qualify, but

those who don’t will be expelled.

Flames enveloped the main alley through the camp overnight, reducing shelters to skeleton-like hulks on either side of the road. Gas canisters popped as they exploded in the heat. One aid group’s truck burst into flames.

Migrants stood and watched. Some laughed; others seemed dismayed. As the reality of the mass evacuation took hold, fearful asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria and Pakistan braced for a new reality.



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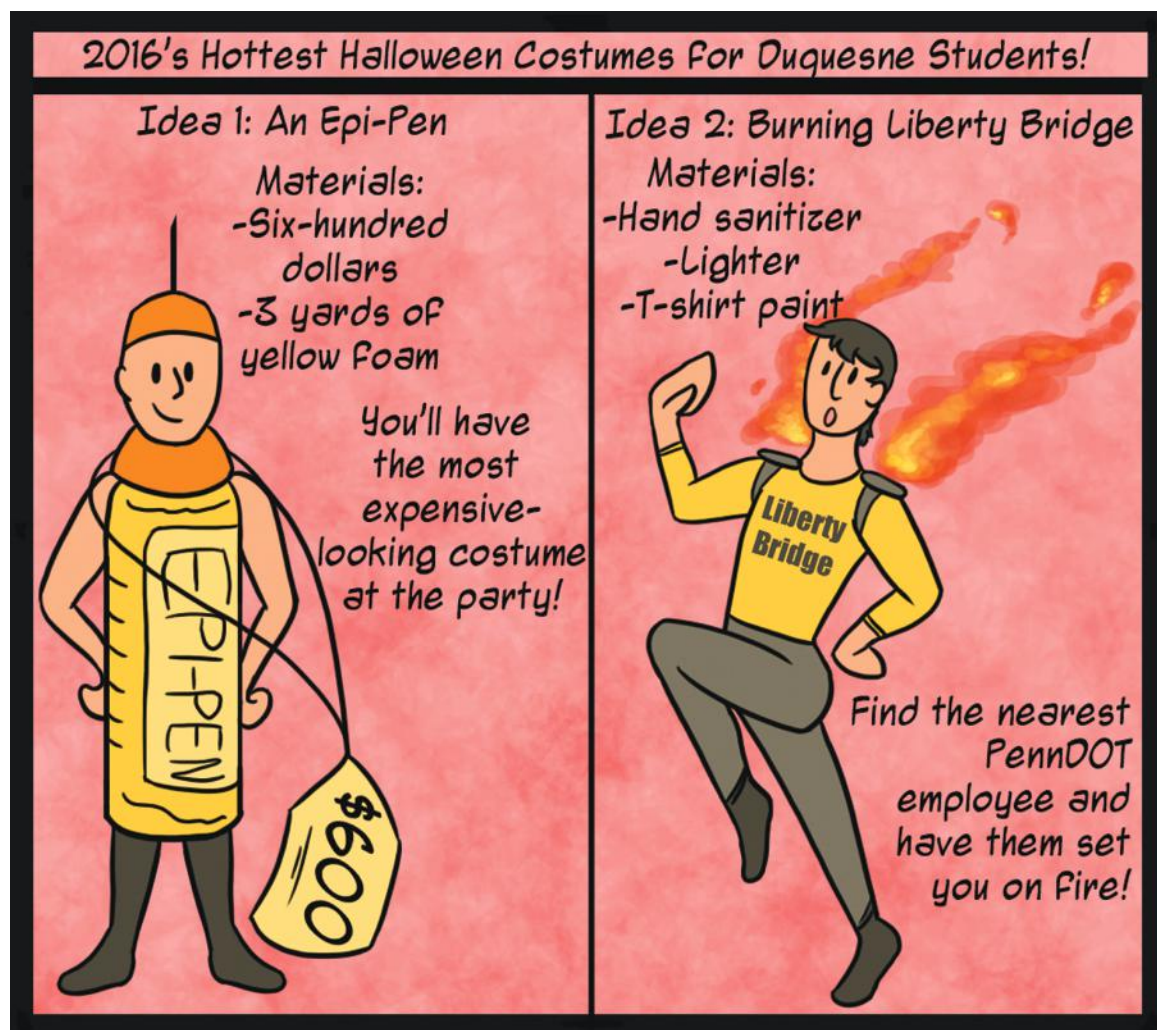
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if i do say so myself...

State university protests come to end

Most students look forward to canceled classes throughout the school year. But for those attending Pennsylvania state universities, the thought of canceling classes was foreboding.

Faculty from 14 state universities across Pennsylvania – including Slippery Rock, Clarion, California, Indiana and more – protested for three days over a lack of contract between professors, who belong to the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

The standoff, which, according to numerous reports, many students ended up getting involved in to support their professors, ended on Oct. 21 and was the first such occurrence in the state system's history.

The end of the strike, due to a three-year contract lasting through June 2018, was a relief for faculty and students alike, but it never should've had to happen in the first place.

According to *The New York Times*, these professors had been working without a contract for over a year, since June 30, 2015. Considering the impact that these professors have on shaping the minds of the future, it's absurd that getting a reasonable contract to ensure "quality of higher education" needed to take them literally walking out of the classroom to acquire it.

Strikes in higher education are somewhat rare, especially when com-

pared to the number of those that happen in high schools. According to Education Week, 56 high school walkouts took place between 2010 and 2015, 20 of which happened in Pennsylvania alone. University professor strikes are somewhat difficult to find statistics on because they do not occur that often; one recent example from 2015 includes over 4,000 employees at the University of Washington protesting higher wages.

Perhaps these pickets do not happen more often in universities because unions are more willing to settle contracts before they expire, knowing the stakes are much higher for everyone involved if they do not. After all, if teachers strike in high schools across the country, the worst that

will happen is that the children will have to spend the summer months learning Shakespeare instead of going swimming. In college, though, a strike that lasts for even a few days, let alone months, can damage a student's future.

For starters, it's a waste of money and class time for students that they have no control over. It's one thing for a kid to miss class because they feel like watching Netflix instead; the tuition and education they lose out on is their fault. But in the situation of the Pennsylvania state strikes, these students were being robbed of those opportunities without much room to fix it themselves.

According to Indiana University of Pennsylvania's website, 2015-2016 in-state tuition was \$9,620, not including room and board. Students at the university were in classes for 140 days of the academic school year, not including finals weeks or holiday breaks. At that tuition and calendar length, students would be forgoing \$68.71 worth of education by skipping all classes for one day. For the three-day strike that just ended, that's \$206.13 wasted for just one student. Multiply that by the 13,775 total students enrolled in 2015, and that's nearly \$3 million.

Now multiply that for every student in each of the 14 state universities. That's a lot of money squandered because professors couldn't get what they rightfully deserved, including a raise, more adjunct faculty and the ability for graduate students with enough credits to teach classes.

While Duquesne was not involved, the university isn't perfect, either. Duquesne had its own bitter struggle in 2012 and 2013 trying to bar adjunct faculty from unionizing with United Steelworkers, a fight that is still unresolved – and incredibly sensitive – today.

University faculty should be respected, because their jobs are important. They're the last step between the student and the real world, the last opportunity to shape a teenager into an adult so we can have a functioning, flourishing society.

Professors can't do that if they're spending all their time behind a picket line.

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EDITORIAL

Local government matters on Election Day, too

Trump and Clinton, Clinton and Trump. Those names seem to have taken over our country's consciousness. They follow us everywhere – on TV, in the newspapers, on the lips of everyone to whom we speak. But what if we told you that their names are the least important ones you'll be seeing on the ballot on Nov. 8?

OK, maybe "least important" is an exaggeration. Obviously, choosing who you would like to be the leader of the free world is a huge decision. However, the President of the United States doesn't actually have that large of an impact on your everyday life.

Think about the things that are most important to you. How bad are the roads that you drive on? How much do you pay in state and local taxes? If you have an accident, how quickly will the police arrive? How efficient is public transportation for you? These issues are all under the authority of your state and local government.

If you're from Pittsburgh, here is a sampling of the other decisions you will be faced with when you go to vote on Nov. 8, besides the Trump vs. Clinton dichotomy.

Like all states, Pennsylvania sends two senators to the United States Senate. This year, Pat Toomey, a Republican, is up for re-election. He's running against Katie McGinty, a Democrat, who has an actual chance of upsetting the incumbent Toomey. She's polling at 43 percent, while Toomey has a slight lead at 44.8 percent.

With the way the U.S. federal government is structured, the Senate can have more power over domestic policy than the President. Senators can draft new laws and, with the support of the House, can override presidential vetoes, which happened recently regarding a bill allowing the relatives of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia. The Senate overrode President Obama's veto, demonstrating just how much authority the Senate has.

Pennsylvania also sends 18 congresspersons to the House of Representatives. As members of Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, Pittsburgh residents can either reelect the incumbent Mike Doyle, a Democrat, or vote for the Republican Lenny McAllister.

There's so much more to voting than choosing the president. The Pennsylvania ballot will have choices for PA Attorney General, PA Treasurer, PA Auditor General... get the picture?

There will even be an opportunity to vote on a referendum to raise the mandatory retirement age for Pennsylvania judges from 70 to 75. It's a good idea to look it up on Ballotpedia before you end up in a voting booth, scratching your head and trying to make an impulsive decision.

Trump and Clinton might be getting all the attention, but don't forget: They won't be making the laws and decisions that affect you the most.

PA licenses to no longer qualify as federal ID

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Anyone who's had the joy of struggling through the TSA at the airport knows that the government doesn't play around when it comes to national security. In fact, they tend to take great precaution in every federal matter, from airport security to determining who can enter what building and when they can enter it. It's already a pretty complex process, but things are about to get a lot more complicated — especially for Pennsylvania residents.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pennsylvania state licenses and ID cards will no longer be considered a valid form of federal identification.

Coming after the state's refusal to comply with requirement changes that have been in the works for over a decade, residents of Pennsylvania will have to rely on passports or other alternative forms of identification to do anything that would usually require a federal ID, like entering government buildings or boarding commercial flights. The former will be effective on Jan. 30, 2017, with the latter coming into action the following year.

The law is called the Real ID Act of 2005, and it was passed after the 9/11 terrorist attacks as a way to improve national security.

It requires all state identification cards to come equipped with anti-counterfeiting provisions and to store information like photographs in a database for use by federal officials.

The issue arises, though, in the fact that while most residents have a driver's license or a state-issued ID, not everyone has a passport, military ID or border-crossing card. Passports can get pricy: For the booklet, the fee is \$110. For the passport card, which allows for travel between Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and Bermuda through land and sea ports only, it's an additional \$30 on top of the \$110. There are processing fees and execution fees hidden in fine-print lines, and for that reason, a passport isn't feasible for every resident of Pennsylvania.

Besides, not everyone has the desire to travel internationally. Why shell out upwards of \$140 just to board your domestic flight when a driver's license costs only around \$30?

With that being said, why does Pennsylvania refuse to comply with the Real ID Act? Believe it or not, it isn't just to complicate things for residents. A 2012 state law actually prohibits compliance with the Real ID Act on the grounds that it would not only establish a national ID opposed to our current state-by-state cards, but it also costs an arm and a leg: The Post Gazette estimated that

the damage could amount to more than a quarter of a million dollars to replace all licenses and ID cards in the state.

Freshman Sydney Bittner says that the whole thing is making travel more complicated than it has to be.

"I like to fly, but I don't have a passport," Bittner said. "I never leave the country, so why would I need one? It's stupid. I just go to Louisiana, and a flight already costs \$400. I don't want to have to pay an additional \$200 for a passport when I don't travel internationally."

The cost of this law is more than financial, though. Another common concern among those wary of big government is the issue of privacy. With a compliant federal ID, personal information will be stored in what some call a "national database." In order for the TSA and Department of Homeland Security to confirm a citizen's identity, they need to harvest the information that would normally be kept only by the individual states. It isn't the first time that citizens have been made to choose between security and a personal right privacy. Financial stresses aside, this law is leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of countless American citizens.

But what about non-citizen residents?

According to the DMV, immi-



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Pennsylvania driver's licenses will no longer count as a federally-approved form of identification after the state failed to comply with the Real ID Act of 2005.

grants and foreign nationals are worried about the effects that this law might have on their ability to live, work and thrive in the United States. The requirements for obtaining a new ID in the states that allow it (Pennsylvania is not one of them) are much stricter than they were before. Those without Social Security numbers or proof of temporary residence will be left behind by the law or even forced to return to their countries to renew their ID cards. While some cite that fact as a sign of the law's success, I tend to disagree.

The coming years are sure to bring about changes to the al-

ready-controversial ID laws in the country, Pennsylvania specifically. We have until January 2018 to find a healthy medium between national security and personal freedom. In the meantime, the Pennsylvania government might be granted an extension on its compliance, meaning that the 2018 date could possibly be pushed back while officials sort through the political nitty-gritty.

At this point, all there's left to do is hope and wait.

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Pros, cons of casting vote for third-party candidate



AP PHOTO

Gary Johnson, the Libertarian presidential candidate, has a small chance of winning office despite support.

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"Out of 300 million people, this is the best we can come up with?"

That sentiment of frustration is something that most Americans have likely either heard or felt regarding this election season. Even the die-hard supporters of both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump often have to justify scandals and controversy by measuring their nominee's disgraces with what the opposing candidate has done, rather than positively compar-

ing their platforms.

Understandably, some people are casting "protest votes" for third-party candidates. Reasons include because they believe a third-party candidate like libertarian Gary Johnson might actually be able to win or that it will maintain the sanctity of the democratic process by voting for the person who best represents their values. But is choosing a third-party ticket going to make some kind of difference, or is it really just "throwing away your vote?"

For the sake of the argument, let's look at Johnson specifically, as he's the current

leading third-party candidate, according to election-analysis site FiveThirtyEight.

It's important to understand exactly how a third party could impact the presidential race, if at all. If neither major candidate receives a majority of the electoral votes, the next president is decided by the House of Representatives. This means that a third party must earn enough electoral votes to prevent either candidate from reaching the 270 vote majority, and winning one of the more valuable states could force the decision to come to the House.

There is precedence for this: During the twentieth century, a third party won a state in approximately 20 percent of presidential elections. But right now, that chance is waning as Johnson's national popularity has dipped, down to 5.4 percent from 9 percent in August, according to FiveThirtyEight's election forecast. Also, even if Johnson actually wins his home state of New Mexico (which FiveThirtyEight gives a 2 to 3 percent chance of happening), the bipartisan race must then be close enough that neither major candidate reaches the 270-vote majority; FiveThirtyEight estimates this having a .2 percent chance of happening.

Thus, deadlocking the election by casting a third-party vote seems like a fairly unlikely outcome, especially if you live outside of New Mexico. But what about voting to maintain the integrity of the voting process? Shouldn't Americans vote for the person who best aligns with their beliefs, regardless of whether they have a shot at winning?

There is some merit to this. Regarding

voting, Samuel Adams said, "The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity and happiness require it." One might argue that even if we can't flip the system, we should at least try.

But if there's one thing that both sides of the political spectrum can unequivocally agree on, it's that regardless of the amount of controversy surrounding their candidate, what the opposition has done or will do is even worse. The "other side" simply cannot be allowed to win, given its shortsighted platform or corruptible character.

If that's your sentiment as well, then there's realistically only one way to make that happen. Vote for your preferred party. If you're still undecided, dig through the scandals and the accusations, and try to find something about either candidate's platform you can genuinely get behind.

The 45th president of the United States will either be Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. Voting for either of those two is the only way to ensure that the country will be led in the direction you want for the next four years.

To return to Samuel Adams: "[S]hould things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights."

And at this time, there are so, so many things wrong in the world. Set them to rights. Go vote.

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Spooked in the city with Haunted Downtown tours

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“And now, if you will follow me, we can cross to the *other side...* of the street,” said our tour guide Kat as the crew of middle-aged thrill seekers laughed at the first of many death-related puns that would be made throughout the night.

Each year from May to November, an event called “Haunted Pittsburgh,” can be found lurking the streets of downtown at night. This tour recaps the stories of the dead, and undead, of Pittsburgh. The tour lasts between 85 minutes and two hours. It’s more historical than spooky, but don’t be discouraged thrill seekers: There are plenty of stories told on this journey that will leave you pondering late into the night.

The tour meets at the City County Building on Grant Street but officially starts at the old Allegheny County Morgue, which, ironically, is now the county health department. Many tales of spirits haunt this morgue. The employees joke that the spirit everyone keeps seeing is just the ghost of Jake Freeman, the former janitor, who quipped that when he died he would haunt the morgue.

One of the more famous stories, which was even covered by The New York Times in 1907, comes from the old Allegheny County Jail. This ghost story was also made into a movie starring Mel Gibson and Diane Keaton called “Mrs. Soffel.”

Mrs. Soffel was a real woman who was married to the warden but ended up having a Bonnie and Clyde-esque love affair with Ed



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The storefront window of S. W. Randall Toys and Gifts is currently all decked out for Halloween.

Biddle, one of the inmates.

Mrs. Soffel would read Bible passages to the inmates, and during her time with Ed, they planned his escape. Late one evening, Mrs. Soffel chloroformed her husband and snuck Ed and his brother Jack out of the prison. This maneuver ended in a Wild West-like shootout, and Mrs. Soffel ended up serving a short prison sentence.

A former deputy of the prison had his office in her old bedroom. He had reported seeing pictures move and hearing what sounded like sand moving through the walls and ceilings. The deputy swears that the only thing that could be doing these things was the spirit of Mrs. Soffel.

Later on in the tour, we stopped at S. W. Randall Toys and Gifts. The toy store is said to be the home of multiple different apparitions. The staircase up to the third floor has been described as “a portal to another dimension.”

A warning to thrill seekers: don’t go looking for these spirits. A few years back, two Point Park University students went to the toy store to try and film some of these spirits, recreating their own Ghost Adventures. Not long after setting up their cameras, one student turned to say something to his cohort and saw all the color had drained from her face.

She said it was as if something had glued

her to the floor, pinned her arms to her sides and was “sucking the life out of her.”

The final stop on the tour is a story from the top of Mount Washington (which you don’t actually walk to).

There is a house where a young girl used to live. As a child she used to see a black shadow standing at the foot of her bed. As time went on, the girl’s things started going missing: toys, clothes, anything to which she showed special attention.

One year she received a ring from her parents, and she never let on how much she loved it. Nevertheless, one evening she accidentally let slip to her friend that it was her favorite piece of jewelry.

So that night, before she went to bed, she put the ring tightly on her finger, made her hand into a fist and wrapped her hand in a sheet. The next morning, the ring was gone.

A few years later the girl moved out, but her house had a water break so her mom suggested she stay a few nights back in her old bedroom. The girl, now a woman, had just gotten an iPhone for Christmas, and as she lay down in her childhood bedroom she set the alarm and kissed her iPhone goodbye, knowing it would be gone in the morning.

Much to her surprise, she awoke with a start from her alarm going off.

But later, while she was showing a friend photos of her new dog on the iPhone, she accidentally swiped too far and found pictures from the night she had stayed in her old bedroom. Photos of her, asleep in bed.

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More than checking a box: How to become an educated voter

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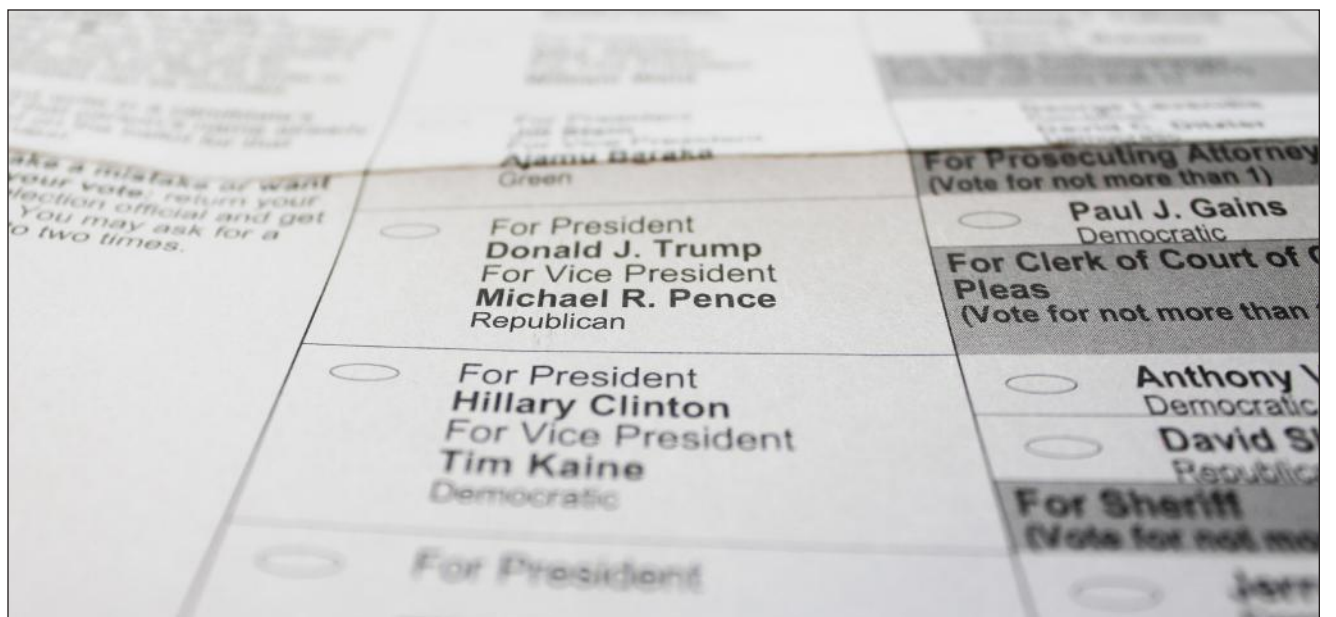
You’ve heard friends, family and celebrities harp on about how important it is for you to vote, so you went ahead and registered. But since this might be the first time you, as well as many college students, are voting, it is a good idea to know what is on the ticket and how to decide which boxes to check.

So let’s address each part in turn, starting with what’s on the ballot.

The easiest way to figure out who and what one can vote for is to get what is called a sample ballot. Sample ballots list all of the major candidates and each office they are running for, as well as any issues or amendments (called ballot measures) that are being deliberated. This year, for example, there is a state amendment that limits the terms of Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices. Ballots are everywhere online, and the easiest one to find is on Google itself. Simply search for “sample ballot,” fill out the resulting address field and the appropriate form will appear.

For the more scrupulous voter who wants to know a little bit more about the issues on the ballot, a fantastic resource to check out is “Ballotpedia.” Not only does it have its own sample ballot that offers a summary of each candidate, but it has exhaustive lists of everything one could possibly need to know about each politician. The website is so detailed, it even includes individual articles on nearly every congressional race, and that includes state and federal. There is also a quiz to help indecisive voters figure out where they lie on the political spectrum.

While it is a nice sentiment, knowing everything there is to know about every issue is a lofty goal. As such, pick the issues that are most important to you and pick your candidates based on a few guidelines. Maybe you only want to support candidates who will fight against No Child Left Behind, or maybe you want to see a candidate champion LGBTQ+ rights. Whatever the case may be, try to find what matters the most for you and research it as much as possible.



KAILEY LOVE/PHOTO EDITOR

It’s a good idea to take a look at the full ballot before you vote. A Google search will help you find a sample ballot for your district.

After your line-up is complete, you need to know how to vote. First, you should make sure that your registration is complete by checking on your voter status, which you can do online. This will save a lot of headache come Nov. 8. While checking your status, also take note of your polling place address. For most Duquesne students, you are going to be heading to Epiphany Church right next to the arena. Those living in Uptown will be heading to the fire station on Forbes and Stevenson. Most in South Side are going to the Market House. It’s important to note that these are just a few common places that you may be going to in order to vote, so it is best to double check online.

Come Election Day, you need to bring a couple things with you. First-time voters are required to bring a form of ID (student ID is perfectly acceptable, as is a driver’s license, passport or PA state ID). A registration-confir-

mation card is not a requirement, but it is helpful in case something goes wrong, and it can also be used as a form of ID. If you have a physical sample ballot, or just a list of who and what you want to vote for, feel free to bring that as well. On the day of, there will be a sign-in sheet and volunteers to help direct you through the process. It’s easy and, cutting out transportation time, will take you no more than 15 minutes. Don’t forget that polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

If you cannot make it to your polling station (because of illness, observance of a religious holiday or any other sanctioned reason), you can request an absentee ballot by the Tuesday before Election Day: Nov. 1 this year. Unfortunately, this cannot be done online. Requests must be mailed to the county’s election official’s office, and your finished ballot must be mailed back by Nov. 8.

Lacey Levers overcomes injury in final season

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Athletes put in countless hours of tireless work over many, many years in pursuit of receiving offers to play at the collegiate level. Once they reach the college level, the work only gets tougher. However, after three years of growing and developing inside a collegiate program, an athlete's senior season is supposed to be the best and most memorable of them all.

But sometimes life has other ideas, and that was the case with senior Lacey Levers. Levers has been playing volleyball since she was 8 years old, and the 2016 volleyball season will be her last.

Coming off her junior year in which she led the Dukes with 297 kills, 100 blocks and received Second Team All-Conference honors in the Atlantic 10, Levers undoubtedly

had a bright senior campaign ahead of her. One of the leaders on her team, and one of the top middle hitters in the A-10 Conference, Levers was poised to finish off her volleyball career on a very strong note.

However, during the pre-season, an injury she suffered in her sophomore season became re-aggravated and took away all of the strength in her right shoulder. What turned out to be a labrum tear in her swinging shoulder created a major setback for Levers and threatened to mark the end of her volleyball career.

Doctors told Levers she was not allowed to lift her arm above her shoulder or swing at all, which sufficiently erased the possibility of Levers returning to her traditional position as a middle hitter.

"It just got taken away too soon," Levers said. "So finding out that I might not be able to play the rest of the season was pretty heartbreaking, and I was upset for a

long time. But all my teammates were there for me and my coaches were there for me."

Refusing to give up, she went to head coach Steve Opperman and asked to start practicing back row, because she couldn't stand sitting out at practices and being forced to watch her teammates have fun and play the game that she loves.

"It was extremely difficult for her at first," Opperman said. "A lot of tears were shed, but they quickly changed to figuring out how she could best help our team. Currently, she is giving it her all and making the most of her current position with the team."

One of the great things about sports is that they teach life lessons that go far beyond what is taught in school, and one of the many things that sports teach is to never give up.

"Over the years, [volleyball] has taught me a lot about determination, discipline and going after what you want and believe in," Levers said.

What Levers and her teammates want is a spot in the A-10 title game and a bid into the NCAA tournament. But both pre- and post-injury Levers said the goal for her team was to dominate and she believes they still can.

Duquesne currently holds a 16-8 record, a 6-3 mark in the A-10 and has not dropped a match at home — going a perfect 9-0 at the A.J. Palumbo Center. The Dukes have played a total of 89 sets, but have been without their standout middle hitter for 57 of them.

"Obviously, as a competitive person, it sucks to stand on the sideline and watch, but everyone has been doing so great that I actually enjoy watching them play," Levers said. "But I really feel so grateful just to be able to play with my teammates on the floor again."

When she sat out earlier in the year, Levers helped her replacement, sophomore middle hitter Kori Johnson, develop as a player and identify weaknesses that she could exploit on the other team. Johnson is filling in nicely, as she has tallied 106 kills and 66 blocks

for the Red & Blue so far this season.

But Levers is back on the floor in her new position as a defensive specialist, and she has been able to do the little things to help her team continue to work toward their goals. Senior libero Sammy Kline has guided her through her transition.

"It's honestly amazing to have Lacey in the back row with me," Kline said. "She has and continues to work so hard to get better, and she really communicates well. It is so exciting to be able to finish our careers off together."

This season Levers has recorded 25 kills, six assists, 46 digs and eight blocks in her 32 sets played. Her 1.44 digs per set are on pace to set a new career-high for the 6-foot-1 senior out of Washington, Pennsylvania. She recorded 10 of those digs in the Dukes' last match versus Dayton.

The Dukes dropped the match 3-1, but defeating the Flyers 25-16 in the second set gave Duquesne a boost of confidence heading into the final portion of their schedule. Levers claimed it helped them see glimpses of the team they know they can be.

"We are working really hard right now in practice trying to fine tune everything to be that team all the time," Levers said. "So my expectations from here on out are just working on those little things so that by the time the tournament comes around, we will be able to beat whoever steps in our way."

In a perfect world, Levers, Kline and Maddie Burnham will finish their collegiate careers just as they began them — Atlantic 10 Champions.

However, regardless of which team brings home the conference title, the trio of seniors left their legacy on Duquesne volleyball and will forever cherish these memories.

"Definitely my teammates and all of the friendships that I made being on a team — that is what I will remember the most," Levers said. "Every year it has been like a family."



BRYANNA McDERMOTT / ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

Senior Lacey Levers (front) awaiting a serve in her new role as a back row player and defensive specialist alongside senior libero Sammy Kline (middle) and sophomore Camryn Vecera (back).

New Kid on the Bluff: Kelsey Hackbart — DU Bowling

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A new era of Duquesne athletics commenced on Oct. 15 as the women's bowling team competed for the first time in school history.

The Dukes had a good weekend, going 7-3 and finishing eighth out of 18 teams in the two-day tournament including a win over nationally ranked Kutztown University. The one leading this team to an impressive inaugural tournament was freshman anchor Kelsey Hackbart, who bowled a 210 to help the Dukes stun the No. 17 Golden Bears 922-775.

That wasn't the end of the achievements for Hackbart either. The right hander knocked down 1,065 total pins in the tournament, while averaging 213 pins per game. That average placed her fourth in the tournament and just 5 pins short of second place.

In addition to her fourth-place finish, Hackbart was named to the All-Tournament team as well as the NEC Rookie of the Week.

Hackbart, who grew up in Bristol, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, started bowling at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes at the age of 4. Her love for bowling stems from

her family, as both her parents have bowled most of their lives as well. Kelsey credits her father and her family for her success.

"My dad really influenced my decision to bowl; he was a pretty good bowler and I feel like he could have gone pro if he wanted to," Hackbart said. "He is the one that pushes me to do better. Without my family I wouldn't be where I am today."

Hackbart attended Harry S. Truman High School in Levittown, Pennsylvania. During her time for the Tigers she was a three sport athlete who earned 12 varsity letters over her four years. Besides bowling, Hackbart also played field hockey and was a star softball player. The multi-sport athlete wishes she could still play softball, but realized she had to make a choice.

"I went to a couple of college showcases for softball, but I love bowling and knew I would rather bowl in college," Hackbart said.

Between the three sports, school and work, Hackbart always made sure to keep herself busy, saying there were many nights she would leave at 6:30 a.m. and not get back home until 11 p.m.

Hackbart had a few offers but chose Duquesne in late April.

"I love it here, I love the campus and I love the coach," Hackbart said. "It was a really good opportunity for me, and I couldn't

pass up on it."

The freshman is no stranger to success. As the anchor for all four years, she led the Tigers to a Pennsylvania State District One Title her junior year, while being named the Bucks County Times Golden Team Bowler of the Year her freshman, junior and senior years. After winning the individual district championship her senior year Hackbart just missed winning the individual state championship, coming in second by 11 pins. Outside of school, she has also won a Junior Bowlers Tour tournament.

Although her career had been filled with success, Hackbart did not expect to have this much success right away going into college.

"It was a lot of pressure bowling in Duquesne's first ever tournament," Hackbart said. "I was definitely not expecting to do this well against other girls with a lot of experience."

Hackbart credits her coaches for the early achievements.

"They have been great, helping me find my line, switch balls, telling me where to move and what to do," she said. "They were a big part of my success."

Hackbart and the rest of Duquesne's inaugural team look to keep the ball rolling this weekend when they head over to New Jersey for the FDU Jamboree.



COURTESY OF DUQUESNE ATHLETICS

Standout freshman Kelsey Hackbart poses before the start of her freshman bowling campaign.

THE 2016-17 NBA PREVIEW

Will the Cleveland Cavaliers defend their NBA title? Will the Warriors get revenge? Will an underdog emerge?

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With the 2016 NBA season set to commence this week, the eyes of many will be transfixed on Kevin Durant's highly anticipated debut as a Warrior. While this is possibly the most captivating move in the history of NBA free agency, this offseason was littered with many other marquee names relocating as well.

The same night that Durant debuted, Derrick Rose played his first game as a New York Knick. Other household names who have changed their addresses include new Boston Celtic Al Horford, Dwight Howard – who returns to his hometown to take Horford's old spot in the Atlanta frontcourt, and Dwyane Wade, who shockingly left Miami after a contractual dispute for his hometown of Chicago.

While many teams improved through free agency, the reigning champs in Cleveland remained predominantly the same. Other than the minor additions and departures of a few role players, the team remains mostly intact.

The hopes of many Cavaliers fans hinge on the fact that all of the key players from last year's title run remain. While Golden State will have a new look as their starting lineup is even more potent than last year's, yet their bench has been downgraded considerably in order to acquire Durant. Realistically, it is wishful thinking to believe that Golden State will struggle much at all to become a cohesive unit. But the mercurial Draymond Green has proven capable of disrupting team chemistry in the past.

While Cleveland and Golden State are both consensus favorites to repeat once more as champions of their respective conferences, the league's 28 other squads also made some intriguing moves this offseason.



AP PHOTO

Kawhi Leonard goes up for a dunk over top of Kevin Durant. The Spurs beat GSW 129-100.

Heading into 2016, the Eastern Conference looks stronger than it has in a while. In recent years, the East has been very top-heavy. Just as late as 2015, the Brooklyn Nets took advantage of such a weak bottom-half of the conference and made the playoffs as an 8-seed with an underwhelming 38-44 record. However, many teams around the East have improved tremendously in hopes of toppling the Cavaliers this coming season.

The Boston Celtics, in the eyes of many, possess much forward momentum with a young nucleus containing point guard Isaiah Thomas, small forward Jae Crowder, and shooting guard Avery Bradley. Over the past few months, Boston signed star center Al Horford and drafted well. Of their six draft picks – yes, six – Jaylen Brown out of California stands out as one who should be able to contribute right away. With a young and talented core and one of the most promising coaches in the league in Brad Stevens, one has to like Boston's chances of improving upon their solid 48-34 mark from a season ago.

Another team in the Atlantic Division looking to dethrone Cleveland can be found north of the border in Toronto. After making the Eastern Conference Finals last season, the Raptors will be looking to do more of the same this year. A major relief to Raptors fans everywhere came early in free agency when superstar guard DeMar DeRozan resigned with the franchise. With many returning players and a healthy Demarre Carroll, look for Toronto to contend in the East as well.

Recently cleared of rape allegations, Derrick Rose should be able to focus solely on staying healthy and helping his new-look Knicks back to the playoffs. Seeing how New York and Chicago adapt to having such a new identity will be one of the most alluring storylines in the NBA this season.

While New York's chief concern is health, Chicago's is more so how the stars that they've aligned will actually play together. Newly-acquired Rajon Rondo is a horrendous shooter from long range, and Dwyane Wade isn't exactly a sniper from downtown, either. Coach Fred Hoiberg has quite the task in attempting to space the floor with a backcourt full of such ball-dominant guards.

While the East as a whole has improved, the Western Conference has slowly declined over the past few years. The recent past has seen copiously talented teams battling for a lower-level playoff spot. But everything that goes up must come down, and the West is currently experiencing a major changing of the guard. Gone are to-be Hall of Famers Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan, and many teams relevant just a few years ago have been weakened substantially due to aging stars or key contributors fleeing town.

Correspondingly, teams who have struggled mightily over the past decade are now relishing in much more optimistic days. (Portland, Utah, Minnesota, and even the new-look Lakers have much to look forward to in the years to come.)

While it will require divine intervention for Golden State to not finish first in the West, many other squads have much to be excited about, too.

For years, analysts and fans alike have counted out San Antonio, claiming that the



AP PHOTO

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James accepts his NBA championship ring from Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert before a basketball game against the New York Knicks in Cleveland on Oct. 25, 2016.

Spurs are simply "too old." However, just as recently as 2014, the Spurs ended LeBron's campaign in South Beach by besting him and the Heat in the Finals. Why should this year be any different? Sure, it'll never be the same without Tim Duncan, but San Antonio brings in Pau Gasol to replace him.

While the Los Angeles Clippers have been one of the most consistent regular season teams the past few years since the trio of Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan was assembled, they have yet to make it past the semifinals. With Chris Paul embarking on the descent of his career, the Clippers are surely feeling pressure to finally capitalize on their chance to win with a world-class point guard orchestrating their offense.

It goes without saying that Kevin Durant's departure hurts the championship prospects

of Oklahoma City. However, a healthy Russell Westbrook should make the OKC brass extremely hopeful. In stints where Durant was injured, Westbrook has showcased MVP-caliber play. The rest of the league should fear what Westbrook will be able to accomplish now with an entire season at the helm of the Thunder.

Another under-the-radar team in the West to watch out for is the Trail Blazers. The best budding backcourt in basketball resides in Portland in the youthful Damian Lillard and C.J. McCollum. With a win over the Clippers in last year's playoffs under their belt, Portland may be ready to take another step forward toward becoming a perennial contender in the West.

With the beginning of a new NBA season this week, excitement oozes from just about every region. While there's certainly much to look forward to, it's highly likely that Cleveland and Golden State will go on to meet again for a third consecutive year in the Finals this June.

The Cavaliers pulled off the unthinkable last spring by coming back from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Warriors, and they'll have to hope they have some magic left over from last year's run for this campaign, too. Even as LeBron James and Co. remain world-class, the fact that Kevin Durant will join such an already terrifically successful lineup in Oakland seriously changes the dynamic between these two teams.

This is Golden State's title to lose.



AP PHOTO

Oklahoma City point guard Russell Westbrook is a surefire MVP candidate this season.

FINALS PREDICTIONS:

Adam Linder: GSW 4 CLE 3

Andrew Holman: CLE 4 SA 2

Natalie Fiorilli: HOU 4 TOR 2

David Borne: CLE 4 GSW 2

Andrew White: GSW 4 CLE 3

Nintendo switches things up with next console

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Last week, Nintendo unveiled their latest system to the masses, the Nintendo Switch. This new piece of hardware looks to bridge the gap between home entertainment and portability, both hallmarks of Nintendo consoles.

The announcement trailer opens with a young man playing the long-awaited “The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild,” before being interrupted by his energetic dog. Not wanting to disappoint his companion, the man detaches two components of the Switch controller, before placing them onto a tablet screen docked in the console itself. Within seconds, Link’s adventures were no longer being broadcasted onto the television, but rather transferred to the tablet, with the man resuming his quests at the dog park.

To coincide with the removable tablet, Nintendo’s system introduces another element of portability through its cartridge-based



COURTESY OF NINTENDO

The Switch was known as the Nintendo NX during development. The console allows players to use many controller configurations, with two pictured above.

games. Similar to the Nintendo 3DS, the Switch operates through cartridges, meaning that gamers have the capability to transfer their libraries with them whenever necessary with ease.

Aside from the portability, the trailer also demonstrated the func-

tionality of the removable controller pieces. Rather than operate on either the tablet or the Switch controller, the remotes have the capability to respond to wireless inputs as well. Similar to a Nintendo Wii controller, players can hold each piece separately, a nice feature, es-

pecially if the tablet becomes too bulky. If gamers wish to play cooperatively, the remotes can function as individual controllers, and the tablet will divide its screen for multiplayer games.

In order to effectively distribute power between the television and the tablet, the Nintendo Switch will utilize a custom-built Nvidia processor. According to reports from Euro Gamer, the Tegra X1 chip will allow the Nintendo Switch to seamlessly transition between the two screens, while allowing developers to produce quality content. Although not as powerful as the Xbox One or PlayStation 4, Nintendo’s newest creation will still be able to run the newest games.

Naturally, with a brand-new console comes a plethora of exciting titles. To coincide with the latest Legend of Zelda, the Nintendo Switch trailer showcased a never-before-seen “Super Mario,” “Mario Kart,” “Splatoon” and even a brief demonstration of “The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim Special Edition.” Though, after the initial reveal,

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Hollywood Theater offers up Halloween scares

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Found in the Pittsburgh suburb of Dormont, The Hollywood Theater is a little-known 1920s movie theater that specializes in different varieties of film. This quaint little theater has been giving people a memorable movie-watching experience for the past 90 years, offering everything from classic and seasonal films, to new releases and other special events.

Looking for something unique to do this Halloween? October has so far seen the theater showing various horror films, and it still has plenty remaining to be shown for the last couple of days of the month. Screening classics from “Young Frankenstein” to “Nosferatu,” The Hollywood has certainly done its part in getting people into the Halloween spirit.

The single-screen theater, which opened in 1926 and is run by the non-profit organization Friends of The Hollywood Theater, has quite an old-fashioned feel to it. With numerous ornate features decorating the theater, it is complete with nearly 300 seats, two grand staircases leading to a balcony and a concession stand with unique items, including glass bottles of Coke and homemade Christmas cookies. The theater also accompanies live music with certain films and, according to The Hollywood’s website, “is now the only theater in the Pittsburgh area with a theater organ.”

On Oct. 27, The Hollywood will be featuring the 1978 slasher “Halloween” on the big screen, both restored and remastered, and will also have 1968’s “Night of the Living Dead” on Oct. 29. Seeing these films in the theater is a rare opportunity and a perfect pre-Halloween celebration. It will also be showing some recent releases, with the 2016 thriller “The Girl on the Train” playing from Oct. 28 to Nov. 3.

The Hollywood presents “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” every other Saturday night, including Oct. 28 and 29. This cult classic, which features stars such as Tim Curry and Meat Loaf, intertwines



COURTESY OF HOLLYWOOD THEATER

The Hollywood Theater was temporarily shut down in 1998. It was re-opened in 2006 under new ownership, before closing again in 2008. The grand re-re-opening occurred in 2010 and it has stayed open since.

both comedy and horror to become an easily enjoyable midnight movie. The Hollywood’s screening even includes a live shadow cast by Pittsburgh’s official “Rocky Horror” shadow cast, The Junior Chamber of Commerce Players, who perform the movie in front of the screen while it’s playing. The JCCP also sells audience participation goodie bags, which contribute to the overall peculiar experience of “Rocky Horror.”

Looking ahead, the theater will also be showing several Christmas classics in November and December, including “Miracle on 34th Street,” “White Christmas” and “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Since these films are also rarities when it comes to being shown on the big screen, you definitely won’t want to pass up on grabbing a ticket and cup of hot chocolate to settle in for these exclusive showings.

In addition to regular screenings, The Hollywood offers various special events such as “Breakfast and

a Movie,” which gives viewers the opportunity to eat breakfast while watching a classic movie for only \$15 per ticket. Only one is featured per month, so watch out for these unique experiences.

For a really classy experience, you can also see a variety of different silent films at the theater, including a series by the 1920s director Buster Keaton. “Faust,” the 1926 silent film by F. W. Murnau based on the classic German legend, is being shown on Dec. 4 and will be accompanied with live music by Richard Nicol and Steve Rightnour.

Theaters like the Hollywood are becoming more and more rare, making it well worth the \$6-\$15 cost of tickets which can be purchased either at the theater or on its website. The Dormont theater certainly offers a special movie-viewing experience unlike any in Pittsburgh, and you’ll definitely want to consider visiting it the next time you want a more unique movie night experience.

WEEK’S EVENTS

Aaron Carter’s Halloween Party
Oct. 28, 9:30 p.m.

The famous pop singer will be performing at the Pittsburgh Hard Rock Cafe in the South Side. Audience members are encouraged to come in costume for the chance to win prizes. Tickets start at \$18. For more information to this all ages event, please visit hardrock.com.

96.1 KISS Halloween Party
Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

The party, taking place at Stage AE on the North Shore, will feature the music stylings of rapper Flo Rida. Tickets are \$34.50. For more information to this event, please visit promowestlive.com.

UPCOMING RELEASES

“Doctor Strange”
Nov. 4

The latest entry in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, “Dr. Strange” follows surgeon Stephen Strange who, after injuring his hands in a car wreck, seeks magical assistance, only to be pulled into a battle for all reality. The film stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the titular character and also features Mads Mikkelsen and Tilda Swinton.

“Titanfall II”
Oct. 28

The sequel to 2014’s “Titanfall,” this first-person shooter introduces a single-player campaign and plenty of new gadgets to utilize. The game will be released for the Xbox One, Playstation 4 and for Microsoft Windows. It will cost \$59.99

MICRO REVIEW

“Joanne”
by Lady Gaga

“Lady Gaga’s ‘Joanne’ is a stellar new album in her repertoire. With some songs incorporating country-like sounds and twangs, she does not disappoint with this album’s attempt to create a new sound. This is a must-have for anyone who is a fan of Gaga’s, or anyone who likes a fresh take on genre-mixing.”

— Nicolas Jozefczyk

‘Walking Dead’ starts off new season with killer reveal

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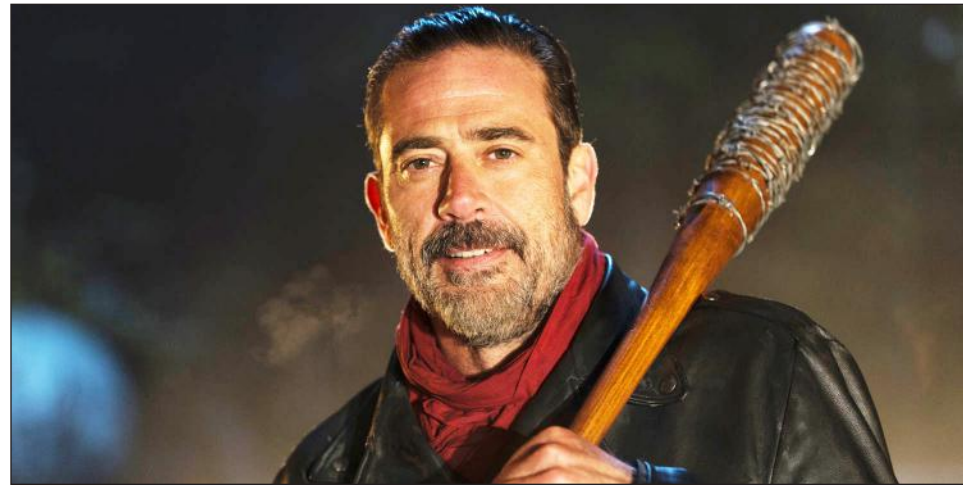
One of the year’s most anticipated horror shows returned on Sunday night with a shocking revelation months in the making. Last season on “The Walking Dead,” we saw the brutal demise of one of the group’s own at the end of Negan’s barbed wire bat, Lucille. If you have been following the show’s Facebook page, you know that AMC has not been shy about exploiting the numbing terror that left fans with bated breaths since April.

So, enough of the delay. If you have not watched the premiere yet, this is your final warning — because here is a spoiler-heavy rundown of the good, the OK and the ugly of TWD’s most jaw-dropping premiere yet, “The Day Will Come When You Won’t Be.”

The Good

First things first, I have to concede defeat to *Duke News* Editor Brandon Addeo from our spring Duke Roundtable: I was wrong! Eugene is not the unfortunate victim whose skull is caved in. In fact, TWD delivers a double whammy when it reveals that, in addition to Abraham, Glenn also bids his gruesome goodbye.

The episode pulls off this shocking blow with surprising sophistication. Some speculated that Glenn’s in-comic, death-by-Lucille would play out onscreen. In a show that veers around its source material, however, that has actually been a hard call to make by fans.



COURTESY OF AMC STUDIOS

Season seven focuses around a new villain, Negan, played by Jeffrey Dean Morgan. Negan was introduced in issue 100 of the comic, on which the season seven premiere is heavily based.

Perhaps it is this background that makes his offing not seem senseless, just unexpected. Steven Yeun, you will be missed.

With the departure of one of the show’s most capable actors comes the entry of another. Jeffrey Dean Morgan is a godsend, and his suave characterization makes Negan’s overbearing, solipsistic monologuing almost unnoticeable. He conveys the power to crush the Ricktatorship with just the dirt off his boots, forcing Rick to submit to a petty and life-threatening demand to retrieve an axe thrown in a sea of walkers. Forget whatever the Wolves were supposed to be. This is the villain the show has been waiting for.

In an iconic scene, Negan’s last stunt is to force Rick into an Abraham-and-Isaac-style gambit. He presents a cruel choice: Rick can either (1) hack off Carl’s left arm with an axe or (2) watch Negan’s cronies shoot everyone in the head — while watching Negan beat in Carl’s. Just moments before Rick severs his son’s limb, Negan stops him. It is powerful, it is cruel and it just a taste of what Season 7 promises.

The OK

Granted, the theme of Season 7 is apparently torture. Fans’ tortuous wait, Negan’s tortuous speeches and the Saviors’ sadism that punts the threat of the Governor’s den-

tal-torture chair clean off the map. Negan is evil. And while that means we have an actual threat to look forward to, we are also stuck with the possibility that the show will complete its transformation into a B-grade exploitation film.

The religious allusions do not end at Negan playing god. We are also treated with a sentimental scene of what could have been. In a shot that evokes *The Last Supper*, we see everyone gathered around a long table with Glenn at one end with his child on his lap. It is somewhat cheesy, but at least it feels less cheap than the 20 minutes spent waiting for the show to reveal its major deaths.

The Ugly

“Shock value” is TWD’s basic strategy to get the blood pumping between lulls in its story. It says something that both men killed in this episode have ties to *three* female love interests forced to witness their brutal murders. Triple the partner mourning at two-thirds the cost. Really?

On that note, Glenn’s death was the definition of “ugly.” After Negan first hits him, we watch him sputter out his last words to Maggie as his left eyeball pops out of his head. After he is killed, we are treated both to the gory spot on the ground where his head should have been and to his flinching hands and body. This is not the triumphant survivor who beats back a zombie while tied to a chair in Season 3. It is yet another moral center to the show being dealt an untimely

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‘Rocky Horror’ should not have done the time warp again

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Disappointment is too weak of a word to describe “The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let’s Do the Time Warp Again.” Despite putting my expectations at rock bottom and avoiding any marketing, I was truly and thoroughly distraught in the nearly two hours of hot garbage I witnessed last Thursday.

Somehow, “TRHPS: LDtTWA” manages to fail at what should have been an easy job: just remake the 1975 original with some cleaned up audio, better visuals and bring in a new cast of interesting actors. Instead, it manages to be a standard for every high-school production to meet, and I mean that in the worst possible way imaginable.

Indeed, high-schoolers would be able to turn in a better performance than most of the supposed-actors on display. While the original movie is beloved for its campiness and over-acting, this abomination takes everything that people love and mangles it in the machine of corporate-overthinking. Every scene is tainted with cold, dead cynicism, as if the director Kenny Ortega would tell each actor, personally, to be purposely terrible before the camera would start rolling.

The actors’ performances are not the only terrible thing about this production; The stage direction is similarly abysmal. I honestly cannot believe I have to say that about a \$20 million production, but some of the actors were literally just standing around. Just standing. Like the cocktail of PCP/peyote/LSD/shrooms/horse tranquilizers finally wore off, and they forgot why they are in a dungeon surrounded by BDSM fetishists attending a Grateful Dead concert.

It doesn’t help that the camera is completely fixated on these oafs, but what else is there to focus on? The entirely generic and boring sets? Yeah, the crazy props and fantastical settings are gone, save for the occasional conversation piece or interesting prop here and there. Remember the beautiful, pastel-pink lab from the original? Well they have replaced it with a generic mad-scientist’s lab Fox had lying around on one of their lots.

Everything in “TRHPS: LDtTWA” looks and feels cheap.



COURTESY OF FOX 21 TELEVISION STUDIOS

Laverne Cox of “Orange is the New Black” fame plays main villain Dr. Frank-N-Furter in the remake. The original “Rocky Horror Picture Show” premiered in 1975 and has never stopped showing in theaters, giving it the record for the longest theatrical run in history.

The sets, the cut-aways to the audience, the costumes, and even the music is boring.

The original “Rocky Horror Picture Show” hasn’t left theaters since its debut, and people still do live performances of the stage original. The only possible reason to reboot it like this is to muscle in on the high-school-musical market with a PG-13 version of a show about sexual assault, fetishization, lust and incest.

There are some things to like here. Laverne Cox and Ben Vereen were fantastic as Frank-N-Furter and von Scott (though Cox’s forced accent got old the second it left her lips). Indeed, as a trans woman, Cox is a great choice for the Doctor; her inclusion adds a different spin on the whole “Transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania” bit. There are also

details here and there that are cool (the castle where most of the action takes place is replaced by a theater called “Castle”), but it left me wishing there was more to flesh out the otherwise appalling experience.

I get no pleasure in trashing “TRHPS: LDtTWA.” The original is one of my favorite movies of all time. At the very least, I was hoping that this tribute would serve as an introduction to the franchise, but instead I would not be surprised if someone would never want to touch the classic after watching this. Additionally, the show uses antiquated language in reference to trans women that is considered insensitive at best today, without any kind of disclaimer about preserving the original text.

But if there’s one good thing about this remake, it is this: at least it isn’t the “Glee” tribute.

Developers excited but cautious

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Bethesda Softworks quickly published a statement stating that there are currently no games in production for the system, yet it is partnering with Nintendo for possible future releases.

Along with Bethesda Softworks, Nintendo has also partnered with multiple third-party publishers, making the Nintendo Switch more appealing than its predecessor, the Wii U. Capcom, FromSoftware, Ubisoft, Electronic Arts, Telltale Games and roughly 40 other studios have displayed interest in the newest system. Yet whether or not they will actually produce games for the Switch remains to be seen.

Despite the financial failures of the Wii U, Nintendo's newest foray into the console market is intriguing. No company has yet to successfully create a blend between home entertainment and portability, making the Nintendo Switch the first of its kind. However, until gamers can get their hands on the Switch, only time will tell if Nintendo's newest idea will be a hit.

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'TWD' ups brutality against main cast

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end. With a track record featuring Dale and Hershel's deaths, maybe Glenn's should have been a no-brainer after all.

The End

After Negan kidnaps Daryl, the group is left to gather the bodies of the dead. Rick drives off with the RV as an emaciated walker comes out of the woods. Through a mirror, we see it kneeling down before one of the bloody spots from Negan's beating as it takes its pickings.

The premiere is dedicated to Negan proving a point: He is the god of the new world, and everything goes his way. In the end, the episode is the unkind kick that post-Season 6 needed for TWD to feel alive again. It is unfortunate, though, that it comes at the price of an unapologetic amount of sadism.

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Downtown tours talk city ghosts

HAUNTED — from page 6

So if these eerie stories of Pittsburgh sound intriguing, these and many more can be heard on the tour.

Tickets can be ordered online from the Haunted Pittsburgh website, and tours run Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., and in October, there are 9 p.m. tours on Saturdays. So for all those people interested in the unnatural world, take a look at this haunted tour. Be warned, though: You might just learn some things that will keep you up at night.



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