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Duquesne WBB looks to maintain recent success

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The 2015-16 season for the Duquesne Dukes women’s basketball team was one they will never forget. However, with the 2016-17 season rapidly approaching, the team must move on from their best season in program history, and start a new journey toward reaching the NCAA Tournament.

Coach Dan Burt will be back for his fourth season with the Dukes after signing an eight-year extension with the school this past summer. He enters the year with a 70-31 record. Burt’s resume in his time at Duquesne includes leading the team to a record 28 wins and first ever win in the NCAA tournament last season, as well as back-to-back WNIT appearances in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons.

Burt is confident in his team’s ability to compete with the nation’s top talent. For that reason, the team will take on out of conference opponents Ohio State, St. John’s, Maryland and Pitt before A-10 Conference play begins in January.

“We’re fearless, self motivated and smart,” Burt said. “We believe we’re a good basketball team. The month of November is going to be very difficult, though. We have to survive November; if we are able to do that, I think we are going to become a very good basketball team in December, January and March. We’re fearless.”

With the graduation of last season’s leading scorers April Robinson and Deva’Nyar Workman, the team will rely on returning senior Amadea Szamosi, as well as sophomores Chassidy Omogrosso and Kadri-Ann Lass, to lead the Dukes offense.

The trio was responsible for 31.2 points per game last season, but with their expanded role, they should see big improvement this year.

Duquesne will rely heavily on newcomers in the 2016-17 season.

“With the experience she is proud of, and she believes the experience she gained last season made will help her this year,” Szamosi said. “I think if we have that mentality and we keep improving every day forward we can be very successful.”

With so much offense lost, it will certainly be a challenge for this year’s team to put points up on the board. Furthermore, Mason, Colter and Gill combined for 253 of the team’s 322 3-point field goals last year. With such a substantial loss on the offensive side of the court, head coach Jim Ferry will surely be looking to his newest additions for assistance.

This year’s team fields four promising freshmen who figure to see their fair share of playing time.

Perhaps the most readily available is versatile forward Isaiah Mike. Hailing from Scarborough, Ontario, Mike stands 6-foot-8 and looks to play solid minutes right away. With an array of skills, Mike is able to stretch the floor with his ability to shoot from long range, yet he is also athletic enough to finish well around the rim.

Mike Lewis, another freshman, will compete for a starting role in his career at Duquesne. A point guard from St. Louis, Lewis II provided an encouraging sample of what he is capable of in an exhibition match this past weekend – a 79-74 loss to DII Mansfield — by scoring a team-high 16 points.

Along with freshmen Mike and Lewis II, Ferry brought on 6-foot-4 sharpshooter Spencer Littleton and multi-sport athlete Kelton Taylor (who will join the team after football season).

Emile Blackman Jr. (LIU Post/Niagara) and Kale Abrahamson (Loyola/Maryland) are the two first two graduate transfers in the history of Duquesne’s program, and Tarin Smith is eligible after sitting out a year following transferring from Nebraska.

Blackman and Abrahamson should both help light up the scoreboard, as Blackman averaged 15.8 ppg last year for Niagara and Abrahamson averaged 11.4 at Drake. Two experienced scorers should really aid a Duquesne team that is desperate for scoring options.

Smith, a sophomore guard, should help to orchestrate the offense and provide a steady hand, after already having spent a year in the program last year.

The rest of the backcourt is made up of Rene Castro and Josh Steel, a sophomore who should have an enhanced role now after much roster turnover. Steel should also help in the 3-point department, as he shot an impressive 15-29 last year and figures to have more opportunities this year.

Down low, Darius Lewis is hoping for a memorable sophomore year as well, after Jeremiah Jones’ season-ending ACL injury.

A versatile wing capable of the occasional double-double, Lewis should improve this year if the Dukes are to progress. After being thrown into a starting role, it’s encouraging that now James has had an entire offseason to prepare for this season with extensive experience under his belt.

While this year’s roster is fairly new, there is a good amount of talent and experience surrounding the program. Headlining games include a nationally televised trip to Kentucky on Nov. 20, the annual City Game against Pitt at PPG Paints Arena on Dec. 2 and numerous solid league opponents.

The Dukes open up their 2016-17 campaign on the road against Davidson on Nov. 11. The Buckleyes enter the season ranked seventh in the AP Top 25 Poll, so the matchup will be a very early test for the young Dukes team.
TRUMP WINS PRESIDENCY

Wins in key battleground states Pennsylvania, Ohio spur Republican candidate to victory in closely contested race

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Running as an outsider the entire campaign, Republican Party nominee Donald Trump delivered a stunning upset in a close race over Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, becoming the 45th President of the United States.

The real estate mogul and former host of “The Apprentice” engineered a victory Tuesday that stunned the world, surpassing polling expectations that predicted a Clinton win. Republicans also managed to hold on to their House and Senate majorities. Trump will be inaugurated Jan. 20, 2017.

The margin of victory was slim. As of Wednesday, Trump won 279 electoral votes to Clinton’s 228, just barely passing the 270 threshold. However, Clinton has appeared to win the popular vote by roughly 200,000 votes.

Trump’s key to victory was his ability to turn out and win the demographic of white voters. Polling done by Edison Research for the National Election Pool showed that 69 percent of the electorate Tuesday night was white, and of those white voters, 58 percent voted for Trump. About 77 percent of the U.S. population is white, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Compare that to 88 percent of black voters, 65 percent of Latino voters and 65 percent of Asian voters who favored Clinton, according to exit polls from Edison Research for the National Election Pool.

He was also helped by a lack of enthusiasm on the Democratic side. According to polls from CNN and NPR, Secretary Clinton underperformed among youth, African-American, and Latino voters—three blocks that were crucial to President Obama’s victories in 2008 and 2012.

However, college-age students still did vote overwhelmingly for Clinton. According to a CNN Politics poll, 55 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds voted for the Democratic nominee.

John Hanley, assistant professor of political science at Duquesne, said the election of Donald Trump will have an ambiguous effect on the college-age population.

“[Donald Trump’s] education policy hasn’t been fleshed out that much,” Hanley said.

Hanley believes that students should ask some tough questions about the president-elect’s education plans.

“What will happen with student loans? What will happen to federal research money?” he said.

One crucial impact of the election is how it will affect the economy and job market for students.

“The potential for major market disruption and uncertainty about trade will seem to threaten young people,” Hanley said.

Whether or not there will be long-term positive or negative effects are yet to be seen, he added.

As it became clearer that Trump was taking a lead in electoral votes, the Dow Jones futures index plunged nearly 800 points, which is lower than it was following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The Standard & Poor’s 500 and NASDAQ 100 futures both dropped 5 percent. However, the markets rebounded Wednesday once the uncertainty cleared.

The unexpected outcome of this election can be attributed to incorrect polling data, Hanley said.

“The issue is related to how they figured who was a likely voter...”

Echoing a national trend, DU Republican disavows GOP

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When news outlets projected GOP candidate Donald Trump would be the 45th President of the United States the night of Nov. 8, many Americans began to despair. However, it was not only Democrats who questioned Trump’s ability to lead the country in a time of great national division.

Members of Trump’s own Republican Party struggled to reconcile with the nation’s choice to vote for the controversial candidate into office — just ask Duquesne’s own Leah Pier, who was the president of Duquesne’s College Republicans until she resigned on Nov. 9.

Pier, a sophomore finance major, took issue with the “racism and rhetoric” of the Republican candidate’s campaign.

“I truly want to believe the Republican Party is the better party, but seeing this rhetoric really hurts me,” she said.

Pier, who had been a registered Republican for two years, said she voted for Trump but had second thoughts afterwards.

“I probably spent 10 minutes at [the polling machine] contemplating what to do,” she said.

She said she had mixed feelings about both candidates.

“I’d say Hillary Clinton is everything wrong with our politics, and Donald Trump is everything wrong with our culture,” Pier said.

Afterward, Pier said she “felt disturbed” by the decision she made. She said later in a Facebook post that she will no longer identify with any political party.

Pier said the GOP “needs to do some soul-searching” following Trump’s election.

“The Republican Party needs to criticize the crap out of Trump,” she added.

Junior marketing major Colton Czack, formerly the Vice President of the College Republicans, is set to become the organization’s new president.

Czack said it was “sad” that Pier decided to step down, but he understood her decision.

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Gormley discusses book about presidents

Duquesne President Ken Gormley held a presentation on Oct. 31 in the Union Ballroom to discuss questions about the university’s history, particularly in the context of the history of each president in U.S. history throughout his book.

The event was open to the public and consisted of a cocktail hour, networking, and a presentation. The university also hosted a Q&A session with Gormley and other experts on the topic.

The presentation was an opportunity for people to learn more about the history of the university and its role in U.S. history. The event was well-attended, with a large number of people attending the event to learn more about the history of the university.

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Trump’s appointments to the Court will have a long-lasting impact.

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On Nov. 6, 2016, Pittsburgh magician Lee Terbosic successfully recreated a famous trick performed in Pittsburgh 100 years ago to the day by the legendary Harry Houdini. Houdini's classic trick was a death-defying aerial act, in which he would suspend himself from a building with a rope tied to his feet and hang upside down in a straightjacket. Houdini would then proceed to escape the straightjacket and drop it on the ground below to signify the act was complete. Terbosic replicated the act in the very spot Houdini originally performed his magic trick. A crane physically suspended Terbosic 90 feet above the crowd. If Terbosic were to fall, it would mean certain death. The crane swung back and forth as he wiggled then proceed to escape the straightjacket and drop it on the ground below to signify the act was complete. Terbosic replicated the act in the very spot Houdini originally performed.

Laval House gets renovation

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Duquesne's Laval House, a place of respite for Spiritans, has been anything but calm recently.

That's because a contractor is in the process of replacing the steps in front of the house, located on A-Walk. The project has been in progress for about two weeks.

Duquesne's Assistant Vice President and Chief Facilities Officer Rod Dobish said they found "structural issues" with the steps — which he believes are the original ones from the building's construction in the late 19th century.

The Laval House is home to several Spiritans: Rev. Bill Christie, Rev. Dan Walsh and seminarian Matt Broeren. The stair renovations, being completed by the Cheswick, Pennsylvania-based CPS Construction Group, are the final step in a series of construction projects at the Laval House.

Previously, the group remodeled several bathrooms in the building and installed air conditioning.

One of the main issues with the steps is inadequate drainage of rainwater — the water tends to pool at the top of the steps, according to Christy.

As a result of the construction obstructing the front entrance, the residents have been coming through the side door, which is a "minor inconvenience," Christy said.

The Laval House has been standing for almost as long as Duquesne has existed.

The three-story house was originally two rowhouses, hence the two front doors. The first half was built in 1886, only two years after the founding of Duquesne University.

The second house was built 10 years later by the same man, according to Christy. The house gets its name from a French Roman Catholic Priest, Jacques Desire Laval. At first, it was where Duquesne's president resided, then it became student housing and was at one point occupied by the football team.

In was not until the 1980s that the Spiritan priests began living in the Laval House.

According to Dobish, the project should be done in about two weeks, and the cost of the job is not currently available.

Doctors say Vitamin D deficiency overestimated

Doctors again warn about the unnecessary consumption of Vitamin D tablets.

AP — Doctors are warning about vitamin D again, and it’s not the “we need more” news you might expect. Instead, they say there’s too much needless testing and too many people taking too many pills for a problem that few people truly have.

The nutrient is crucial for strong bones and may play a role in other health conditions, though that is far less certain. Misunderstandings about the recommended amount of vitamin D have led to misinterpretation of blood tests and many people thinking they need more than they really do, some experts who helped set the levels write in Thursday’s New England Journal of Medicine.
You might have seen the story circulating around Twitter recently about a girl who stole 24 dogs that were about to be euthanized from an animal shelter, was arrested and then was released with clearance to keep the dogs. That story would be pretty awesome — a heroine for poodles and pit bulls everywhere — if only it were true. It turns out that the story was fabricated online as a prank and never actually happened.

But, it still brings up an important issue that should be discussed, especially as the holidays are nearing and parents or friends are deciding whether to select a wigging, fuzzy friend as the perfect present. According to Learning to Give, out of the nearly 165 million cats and dogs that shared our homes in 2008, only 35 percent of them were adopted from an animal shelter. This statistic hasn’t changed much up to today, where the Humane Society says only 37 percent have been adopted or rescued from a shelter.

According to the same Humane Society survey, the rest of the canines and felines prowling our homes and napping on our beds were acquired from either corporate pet stores or high-end breeders. Considering that American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) states that there are over 7.6 million companion pets entering the shelter system each year, we should shift our buying habits and open our hearts to these wagging tails first.

A major reason why potential pet owners browse pet store aisles or call expensive breeders rather than opt for rescuing is because they are looking for a specific dog breed that they believe will fit their family or lifestyle the best. To be fair, there aren’t a lot of Goldendoodles or Puggles running around Animal Friends.

However, this doesn’t mean that adopting from a shelter isn’t worthwhile. In fact, rescuing a four-legged friend is going to have a much more substantial impact on every one picking out a pet for their loved one this holiday season chose rescue over retail, that number could be slashed significantly.

Not to mention, a larger influx of monetary support to animal shelters across the nation would also help to eradicate the number of puppy mills popping up across the nation. The Humane Society states that there are currently over 10,000 puppy mills operating in the U.S. — that’s just a handful away from the number of shelters there are.

Puppy mills are defined by the Humane Society as “inhumane commercial dog breeding facilities that may sell puppies in pet stores, online or directly to the public.” They are known for their cruel treatment of dogs and their general disregard for the animal’s health, both physical and emotional. Puppy mill dogs are often sold to places like Petland, where they are resold to consumers oftentimes for over $1,000. In comparison, rescuing a dog from Animal Friends ranges from $75 to $125, depending on the age of the canine.

If you’re looking to pick a pooch with which to surprise someone under the Christmas tree this year, please adopt from a local animal shelter. If you’re not looking for a new companion but still want to support, consider donating or volunteering. Either way, the animals will thank you, one wet nose at a time.

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if i do say so myself...

For new pets, go rescue rather than retail

we should respect each other.

Malalaya Yousafzai

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You never know what I’m talking about. With the exception of a few die-hard Trump supporters, no one enjoyed the most recent presidential election and its seemingly endless build-up of hateful speech and general divisiveness. Poll after poll demonstrated that Trump and Clinton were the most disliked presidential nominees in the history of nationwide polling.

Now that the election is over, it’s time to move on. We should always be especially young voters, to critically examine what went wrong in this election so we can begin laying the groundwork for a less polarizing race in 2020. We aren’t talking about passing the blame onto the Democratic National Committee for supporting Clinton over Sanders or changing the entire structure of the Republican Party to make it more or less supportive of Trump. What we’re talking about are on-the-ground, day-to-day changes young adults can make in their lives to improve their ability to discuss politics and engage in political action.

Keep an open mind, and look for the positives. The United States is a huge, diverse country. When you meet someone who fundamentally disagrees with everything you hold dear, fight past your gut reaction to dismiss that person as a complete moron. Instead, ask yourself, what are their fears? Why do they think the way they do? Try to see things from your opponent’s perspective. You might still disagree with them, and perhaps you should, but maybe you’ll respect them a little more.

Stay involved politically. The key involved up with Clinton and Trump as our candidates was because not enough people came out to vote. And don’t forget—state and local elections happen every Thursday during the academic year. If you’re looking to pick a hero or heroine for poodles and pit bulls everywhere — if only it were true. It turns out that the story was fabricated online as a prank and never actually happened.

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While shelters like Animal Friends here in Pittsburgh and the Humane Society are considered “no-kill,” where animals are not euthanized to make space, 27 million cats and dogs are killed each year at other shelters simply because there isn’t enough space for them all. If every...
The millennial generation is known for being team players in the workforce, working together and being self-reliant, fiscally conservative and skeptical of authority. Many first-time voters — myself included — headed out to the polls around the nation closed. With the presidential election coming up, there was an underlying tension to the air, though, an uncertainty as to what nightfall would bring. There was an underlying tension to the air, though, an uncertainty as to what nightfall would bring.

There were two main candidates for that nightfall: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. What comes next? For me, the trip started shortly after sunrise with a Port Authority bus bound for the North Side, where a tiny community firehouse had been designated as my polling location. I’d been there before with my father, but this time was different. I’ve been notorious for complaining about the politics of the nation in essays and PowerPoint presentations, but this marked the first time that I could actually do something about it.

The first thing I noticed was that there weren’t too many people around the polling station. I’d expected lines, wall-timers and people with signs embodying the spirit of the heated election, but instead I round ed the back of the building and found myself facing a water-damaged, yellowed sign that said, “Vote Here.”

The rest was straightforward. I was warned that the ballot was just for electing a new presidential candidate, but also a new senator, Attorney General and more. I’d done my research, but had I not, there was a button on the side of the ballot that allowed a voter to select their party affiliation, and upon doing so, all of the candidates for that party would be selected. Some might argue that there’s a certain level of toxicity within the idea of voting for someone because they belong to a specific party.

Regardless, I voted. I got my sticker — which clearly was the most important part — and joined my mother outside, where we discussed what it meant for me to have just voted for the first female candidate in American history, what it meant to choose the lesser of two evils and what it would mean come later when the polls around the nation closed.

The day that followed was filled with the buzz of nervous energy. Time passed in a haze of excited whispers and guessing games about what nightfall would bring. There was an underlying tension to the air, though, an uncertainty as to what nightfall would bring. It’s estimated that a sizable proportion wrote in “Harambe,” the gorilla killed at the Cincinnati zoo about six months ago, as a presidential candidate. This is all very real. If there’s one thing that I’ve learned from my experiences as a first-time voter, it’s that every vote really does count.

There was a time during the tallying of ballots that Trump was leading in New Hampshire by 15 votes. Of course, the number grew into the hundreds, but in hindsight, there were more people than that who steered clear of the polls out of fear of speaking against their candidate of choice. 

President-elect Donald Trump is joined by his family and staff as he gives his acceptance speech during his election night rally on Nov. 9 in New York City.

Millennials wrongly given bad reputation in workplace

Alison Caracciolo — staff columnist

Do you ever get tired of the stigma people place upon the so-called lazy and egotistical millennial generation? In today’s society, the baby boomers have begun to enter retirement, and millennials have started to enter the workforce with those from Generation X. Since I am a millennial, I’ve noticed that we tend to get a bad reputation from the generations before us.

The baby boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, went through presidential assassinations, space travel, Vietnam and the Cold War. This generation is known for being team players in the workforce, working to live and having a strong sense of optimism. Generation X consists of those who were born between 1965 and 1980, where they witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall, women’s liberation, the internet and terrorist attacks. People from this generation are often thought of as being self-reliant, fiscally conservative and skeptical, according to a Johns Hopkins Pathology study. Generation X remains the “me generation” as the millennial generation has overtaken the baby boomers as the largest living generation, according to the Pew Research Center.

Each generation comes with its own strengths and weaknesses, and these are mainly based on the economic outlook and general environment that said generations were born into. According to Johns Hopkins Pathology, Generation X and millennials are similar in a sense that they both lack commitment to one job and fall a little short when trying to communicate with other people or listen actively. Baby boomers are known to be in their ways, and it is hard for them to adapt to the new technologically-savvy environment they are now living in.

Millennials are not content with staying tied down to their parents. They change frequently to continue improving their knowledge and creativity in the vastly-growing economy. People see one headline about how millennials are the most diverse group, dominating our nation with self-absorbed personalities, and instantly we are all deemed the generation too stuck-up to survive in adult society.

If anything, millennials have to work harder than ever with the push for everyone to attend college, which means more student debt. With a lower starting salary, it makes it more difficult for us to make a name for ourselves. The millennial generation is changing the way people live and how businesses reach new levels of success. The millennial generation is refocusing the lens with which society views the world and its workplace. Our nation struggles to adapt to change, but not all millennials are stuck-up divas; rather, we are changing with society in the ways we live, work and perceive the economic society we live in.

This country keeps its economy going by innovation, and millennials keep everyone on their toes.

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Winter is coming: How to prepare for cold commutes

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It’s about that time of year again. As winter approaches, you can almost hear the groans of 9,500 miserable students wondering why they chose to spend their college years on the literal cliff of a campus that is Duquesne University.

No one—not walkers, bikers, drivers, residents, commuters or professors—is safe from the brutal, frigid winters that Pittsburgh is known for. If there’s any chance of enjoying the beauty of Pittsburgh in the winter, you’re going to want to prepare as soon as possible. It’s time to upgrade your wardrobe and your commute to school, before the cold weather wrecks your world.

**WALKING**

Whether you make the trek over the Tenth Street Bridge from the South Side or from your on-campus residence, if you’re a walker, a wardrobe adjustment is in order.

One of the best choices you can make to keep warm and cut the wind chill is to layer your clothing; removable layers also ensure that you won’t be too hot or cold in any classroom.

Think undershirts, hoodies, crewnecks, thin jackets, vests and sweatshirts, all followed by a winter coat. Scarves, hats and gloves are essential for protecting extremities and parts of your body that otherwise would be exposed to the elements. Boots or other sturdy shoes with enough tread to combat slush and ice are a necessity; canvas style shoes that soak easily should be avoided. Thick socks, layered if need be, are also crucial in keeping feet warm.

**BIKING**

Biking commuters should not be discouraged by winter weather conditions, as long as they use precaution in riding and caring for their bikes. Rich Jezowicz of Oakland’s Iron City Bikes stressed the importance of preventative maintenance for cyclists.

Jezowicz suggested switching to a wet chain lubricant to prevent the corrosion that is more likely to occur in bikes that are frequently exposed to salt, snow and slush. He also said that knobby tires, which offer much more traction, are an option for some cyclists. Other corrosion prevention maintenance would include wiping the slush and salt off of the bike after each use and storing it indoors, if possible, in accordance with your living arrangement.

According to Jezowicz, biking in snow and ice takes some getting used to. He advised that cyclists new to winter biking give themselves more time to get to class, as even experienced cyclists are forced to be cautious and ride slower in winter weather conditions.

Finally, Jezowicz encouraged bikers to wear layers while riding, though he says the amount of layers will vary from cyclist to cyclist. Intense riders, for example, may need fewer layers—as overheating and sweating in freezing temperatures is not actually healthy.

**DRIVING**

Both those who drive to school each day or keep cars on campus are encouraged to remember the importance of prepping their vehicles for winter, as well as keeping smart driving habits. James Clair, president and founder of local driving school Ultimate Defensive Driving, emphasized the importance of such preventative care.

Clair recommended looking over your car for a few specific things in order to ensure it is ready for the winter weather. He said to top off all fluids, make sure the defrosters are in working order and check that your tires are in good condition. Keep in mind that snow tires are an option.

Clair recalled the severe delays an intense snowstorm caused for drivers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike last winter, which left some motorists stuck on the road for up to 24 hours, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. In light of this, he advised preparing for the worst by keeping an emergency kit in your vehicle, complete with staples such as a snowbrush and ice scraper, along with a blanket, extra clothes.

**FEATURES**

DiAnoia’s Eatery offers authentic Italian cuisine in the Strip

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Nestled on the edge of the Strip District, the newly opened DiAnoia’s Eatery is a breath of fresh air. Bright green paint framing the window outside of the restaurant makes it impossible to miss—and I promise that you wouldn’t want to miss it. The colorful aesthetic flows into the restaurant, accompanied by welcoming waitstaff and the smell of delicious Italian cuisine.

DiAnoia’s Eatery is an Italian restaurant that fits everyone’s desires. It offers in-house eating as well as to-go options, so everyone can get their fix. I went during lunch, which is typically seen as an opportunity to grab a light, quick bite to eat, but I was surprised to find that there were other, more filling alternatives as well.

The ‘Deli All Day’ menu, the only food menu available during lunch, offered an assortment of paninis, pizzas and pastas. There was also a cold deli section that mainly featured salads, and hot deli options that showcased foods like vegetables, meatballs and bread. There was also a selection of espresso and coffee, in addition to a few dessert choices.

I restrained myself from the more indulgent side of the menu and ended up ordering four meatballs, bread and an iced coffee. The total came out to $10.30, and I soon found out that it was well worth it. Everything was reasonably priced, especially for the quality food that was delivered, and I was glad to find that good food could still be affordable.

The meatballs came in a caserole dish smothered in red sauce and topped with authentic mozzarella cheese. The quality was evident from the first bite, and they were delicious. But the holy grail of the whole experience was the bread. Any bread is good in my book, but this bread was the epitome of perfection. It was fresh and served hot, and covered in olive oil and parmesan cheese. Great food has the power to positively transform your mood, even if you’re already in good spirits. This food definitely made me happier than I already was.

Aesthetically, the restaurant was amazing. It was like I had stumbled upon a little piece of Italy, and a cute piece of Italy at that. The decor was light and bright, and subtle pops of color made the place have a cheery, warm feeling. When it comes to charm, it really was all in the details. Some of the chandeliers were made with wine bottles, others with wine glasses. The coffee cream was kept in a glass bottle and chilled in a basket of ice, which was one of the most charming things to me. They really went the extra mile to assess every small aspect of the decor.

One of the waitresses told me the couple who own the restaurant decorated it themselves without hiring a designer, and while that fact surprised me, it made sense when she said it. It looked professional, but there were also personal touches that a professional couldn’t capture.

Family photos lined one of the walls, and a homemade sign with the restaurant’s name hung by the bar. They really did a great job of making it feel welcoming to people and making it feel comfortable as well.

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(Left) DiAnoia’s Eatery is located in the heart of the Strip District. (Center) The interior decor is an eclectic mix of reused items. (Right) A dish of four meatballs and fresh bread with oil and parmesan.
College hoops start fresh but contenders haven’t changed

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Remember watching in anticipation for what felt like an eternity as Kris Jenkins’ buzzer beater left his hand, sailed through a silenced NRG Stadium and eventually found its way into the net to deliver Villa nova its second National Championship in school history? Well, the wait is over and it’s once again time to hit the hardwood.

The 2016-17 college basketball season is here, and it’s time to discover which 68 teams have what it takes to be a part of arguably the best spectacular in the sporting world — March Madness. The upsets, the Cinderellas, the buzzer beaters — can’t it just be March already?

Well, the answer is no, but the early season holiday tournaments are quickly approaching so intriguing nonconference matchups are just days away. Now, it’s time to look at the teams to watch for 2016.

Rankings are dished out by so many different media outlets these days, but this year there isn’t much debate over who the best teams in the country are: Duke, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oregon, Villanova and Xavier. Those are the seven teams that sit atop the AP Top 25, and, unsurprisingly, many of those teams are the usual suspects.

To put it in perspective, those seven programs have a combined 24 NCAA Tournament Championships, 72 trips to the Final Four and 161 appearances in the Sweet 16. Duke, Kansas, Kentucky and North Carolina account for all but three of those titles and six of those spots in the Final Four.

So although everyone likes to talk about the parity in college basketball, there isn’t as much parity as it seems when it comes to who those programs are actually winning the championships. Since 2006, six of the nine championships during that time have been won by the seven aforementioned universities. Two of the other three were won by the University of Connecticut and the final by Louisville — two of the other premiere programs in college hoops.

In fact, the last time a team outside those programs won an NCAA Championship was all the way back in 1990 when UNLV had a historic season on its way to the school’s only title.

And the time before that was in 1966 when Don Haskins coached then Texas Western — now the University of Texas El Paso — and made a statement by becoming the first coach in NCAA history to start all black players in a title game. That season made for a story good enough to earn a Walt Disney film entitled “Glory Road.”

The point here is that although people watch college basketball for its dramatic upsets and Cinderella stories, the reality is that, more than likely, one of the perennial powerhouse programs will take home the hardware.

Duke has a remarkably talented group of returners, headlined by Grayson Allen and Amile Jefferson. Combine that with what many consider the top recruiting class in the nation, and it’s no secret as to why the Blue Devils enter the season at No. 1 in the polls.

Kentucky under the direction of John Calipari is just the usual. The Wildcats will more than likely start slow due to their heavy reliance on freshmen but then will roll through a mediocre SEC and become a real threat come tournament time.

Villanova, Xavier, Oregon and North Carolina, all of whom entered the 2015-16 tournament as top two seeds, have valuable pieces returning to combine with some quality first-year players and will hope their experience wins out come March.

For Xavier, a national title or even a trip to the Final Four could be its first in program history. The Wildcats are hoping to be the first team to win back-to-back championships since Florida did in 2006 and 2007. And then there are the Oregon Ducks who hope to win their school’s first championship since the NCAA Tournament Championship debuted in 1939.

Preseason Predictions

No. 1 Seeds: Duke, Oregon, Villanova, Kansas
Surprise Team: Rhode Island

Coach of the Year: Chris Mack - Xavier
Player of the Year: Josh Hart - Villanova

Duke men’s soccer eyes run in A-10 tournament

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In the final regular season game of the 2016 Duquesne men’s soccer campaign, the Dukes fell to Rhode Island by a score of 2-1 — their first and only home loss at Rooney Field all season.

It wasn’t quite the sendoff the five seniors, Evan Kozlowski, Gabe Robinson, Diego Vieira, Chris Alescio and Bryan Fegley, probably had in mind, but even with the result, the Red & Blue secured a spot in the Atlantic 10 tournament as the No. 7 seed.

Rhode Island was the first to strike in the contest, as a free kick from freshman Peder Kristensen reached Tyler Dickson, who was able to head the ball over goalkeeper Evan Kozlowski. The Dukes offense again struggled to get on the board in the first half despite outshooting URI 12-2, and they were unable to score a first-half goal for the 11th time this season.

Fegley spoke about how much his last home game with the Dukes meant to him after the game.

“I have a lot of great memories on this field, a lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears,” Fegley said. “We practice here every day, and since I’ve played all four years here, it was a very special moment. I ended up scoring a goal so it was a good night for me, but as a team, we’re just trying to get everybody to move forward and focus on the A-10 tournament.”

Fegley was not the only senior that made an impact in his final game regular season game with the Dukes. Evan Kozlowski ended the night with two saves and finished off what was a sensational year for him in goal as he registered a 0.86 goals allowed average for the season and accumulated 57 saves.

The Dukes and Rams needed two overtime periods to settle the score, but the Rhode Island Rams were eventually able to take down the Duquesne Dukes as a shot from Stavros Zarokostas deflected off Aleksander Chrisitensson and sailed past Evan Kozlowski for the golden goal.

The Dukes have become quite accustomed to playing longer than the standard 90 minutes this season. This game against URI marked the 14th game for Duquesne this season that went into extra time, which could serve them well come the postseason.

Duquesne struggled on the offensive end of the field virtually the entire year — never scoring more than two goals in a game. On the opposite end, the Red & Blue boasted one of the impenetrable defenses in the A-10 conference, allowing just 16 goals on the year and notching nine shutouts.

Duquesne will head to Davidson, North Carolina to participate in the tournament from Nov. 10-13. Their first challenge will be the Fordham Rams, who torched the Ducks 5-0 in regular season play, accounting for their largest defeat of the year.

Duquesne will need to rely on its defense and senior goalkeeper throughout the tournament, limiting opponents to low scoring outputs.

Fegley believes the Dukes are not done yet, and definitely have the potential to make some noise in the tournament.

“We’re going to be coming at teams 100 percent,” Fegley said. “The girls’ team won it all there last year; it’s got some luck for us there. You should expect 100 percent effort, giving everything that we have, and for us to have a good tournament down there.”
Anderson takes leave to support wife’s cancer battle

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Hockey players are taught that playing through pain is what makes you the best. Bumps, bruises, broken bones and lost teeth can’t keep them out of the game, but none of that compares to what Ottawa Senators’ goaltender Craig Anderson continues to endure.

Anderson’s wife, Nicholle, was recently diagnosed with cancer, but the couple is inspiring millions with their strength through tough times.

After his wife’s diagnosis, Anderson took a leave of absence from the National Hockey League to stand by Nicholle as she went through more tests, but she urged him to return after Ottawa’s backup goalie, Andrew Hammond, sustained a groin injury.

Anderson’s comeback was a moment that will forever be remembered in hockey history. Tears streamed down the 35-year-old’s face as he was announced as the game’s No. 1 star of the night after shutting out the red hot Edmonton Oilers 2-0, making 37 saves on Hockey Fights Cancer night at Rogers Rink.

The crowd gave the netminder a long standing ovation as he made a victory lap around the ice.

The crowd gave the netminder a long standing ovation as he made a victory lap and wiped away the tears.

Some things are bigger than hockey, and this is one of those things.

Anderson took a second leave of absence to return to Nicholle in Florida, where the couple resides during the off-season, but returned last Saturday, wearing Nicholle’s favorite number (23) on a special Hockey Fights Cancer jersey during warmups against the Buffalo Sabres.

It is unclear how long he plans to remain with the team.

The truth is, cancer is one of the scariest words to hear, and unfortunately, almost everyone has been affected by the terrible disease in some way.

According to the American Cancer Society, there were approximately 14.5 million people living with cancer in the United States, and the lifetime probability of developing the terrible disease is 1 in 2 for men and 1 in 3 for women.

Pittsburgh sports are no stranger to the word, either.

Penguins owner Mario Lemieux is a cancer survivor, along with forward Phil Kessel and defenseman Olli Maatta.

Anderson made the right choice to step away from the game to be with Nicholle; nobody would say otherwise. No matter how much you love a sport, family will always come first.

Hockey players are tough, but Anderson is tougher. I commend him for his strength, not only on the ice, but off as well. Cancer is tougher. I commend him for his strength, not only on the ice, but off as well. Cancer doesn’t just affect the one with the illness, but everyone around them.

As someone who has personally seen a loved one go through this disease, I believe that having that support system is essential.

Nicholle has that support, not just from her husband and their two sons, but from the entire hockey community. After her diagnosis was announced by the Senators’ general manager Pierre Dorion, an outpouring show of support came for Nicholle from players, franchises and fans all across the league and its lower levels.

I think everyone can learn a lot from Craig and Nicholle. Their actions have provided examples of strong character, courage and hope in the face of extreme adversity.

Cancer survival rates are the highest they have ever been in history. According to the American Cancer Society, between 2005 and 2011, there was a 69 percent chance of survival over all types of cancer, a hopeful increase from the 49 percent recorded in 1975-77.

There is always hope, and I wish Craig and Nicholle the best as they continue their battle.

And a reminder to everyone, in the words of NBC Sports broadcaster and cancer survivor Mike “Doc” Emrick: “Every day is a blessing.”

Book recaps Duquesne MBB ‘55 championship season

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David Finoli, a Duquesne alumnus, wanted to share the story of Duquesne’s national championship basketball season in 1955. On July 9, 2016, Finoli published “Kings on the Bluff: Duquesne University’s 1955 National Championship Season.”

In 1955, Silhuo Green, Dick Ricketts, Dave Ricketts, Mickey Winograd, Lou Sevino, Jim Fallon, Lou Iezzi, Paul Lojfersberger, Ralph Leng, John Noworthy, Tom Peszek, Bob Schmitzer, Dudey Moore and Red Manning led Duquesne’s basketball team to its first and only national championship in program history. This was also the only national championship in college basketball that the city of Pittsburgh has ever had.

“I always wanted to know more about the championship that we had especially since the last 37 years, it’s always been the greatest program,” said Finoli.

Finoli’s book, which features a chapter written by Duquesne journalism and public relations professor Robert Healy, includes individual detailed biographies of each player and coach, and a game by game synopsis of the championship season. The book also looks at the history of the NCAA and the African Americans first drafted on the team.

“Until the mid ‘60s the northeastern catholic schools were very aggressive in trying to find the best American basketball players,” Finoli said. “One of the reasons they were very powerful in college basketball was because they really weren’t concerned about the color of skin.”

Duquesne helped to mold the history of African Americans playing in the NCAA. Finoli also added that Duquesne once participated in a tournament in Florida where the opposing coach refused to play the Dukes due to the fact that they had African Americans on the team.

Through the years, Duquesne’s basketball team has changed drastically, especially in the funds provided for the program.

“There is a chapter written in the book basically beginning of the end of the program because they started pulling away from the finances at that point,” Finoli said. “The administration really cut the program around the 80s while I was at school, but I think with president Gormley we have in place administration who can bring the program back.”

Going into writing this book, Finoli was not sure what he was looking for. He simply wanted more information on a topic he was interested in.

“I was going in on this one blind and I found this one to be the most interesting,” Finoli said. “I spent months trying to find out research.

Eventually Finoli decided to write an entire book due to the number of interesting facts and stories he found around the 1955 championship season.

“Kings on the Bluff: Duquesne University’s 1955 National Championship Season” is available on Amazon. Dukes fans can re-live the glory of a basketball national championship through this book and gain hope that current head coach Jim Ferry can return this program to national prominence over the next few years.
Voice actors go on strike, demand higher pay

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The union of video game voice actors is about to enter its third week of picketing against select publishers. The Screen Actors Guild American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) are asking for better working conditions and two more days per week from select video game publishers before they return to work.

“Despite years of concerted effort and negotiating sessions, video game employers have steadfastly refused to reach a fair deal during our contract negotiations,” SAG-AFTRA stated on its website.

The list of boycotted publishers include some of the biggest names in the industry, such as Activision (“Destiny”), Electronic Arts (the “Battlefield” franchise) and Take 2 Interactive (the “Grand Theft Auto” series). Members of the union were told to abandon work on all projects involving those employers that began production after Feb. 17, 2015.

In a contract between SAG-AFTRA and publishers and has not been renegotiated in over 20 years, and the strike focuses on four key issues:

First, video game voice acting is particularly stressful, as actors often have to record racial slurs or simulate sex scenes for moments they are auditioning for. Union members complain of having to blindly accept roles, only to find out later that they’re asked to record racial slurs or simulate sex scenes for motion capture. Motion capture, or “mo-cap,” is a process used for recording in-game animations where actors wear suits covered in tracking sensors. When the performers act out a scene in the suit, computers track how the actors are moving, so that character models animate realistically. Given the involved action set-pieces actors are sometimes involved in simulating, the union is asking for a stunt coordinator to be present when shooting stunt work or other dangerous activity.

Finally, SAG-AFTRA is asking for contingent compensation for work on successful video games. The union proposes a performance bonus equal to 4.5% of the time a title sells 2 million copies, with a cap at 8 million. As of right now, most voice actors are given a flat session fee of around $850 and receive no residuals.

For reference, out of the $45 billion Activision has made from the “Call of Duty” franchise’s 13-year history, only 0.03 percent of that money has gone to voice and performance capture actors, according to SAG-AFTRA.

Attorney Scott J. Witlin, who’s representing the video game publishers, says that’s not fair to the artists, designers and directors who work on these games for years.

“A team of 200 employees may work on a game for three, four or five years before it’s released and then move on and maybe work for one session. The employees who worked all those years won’t get any more money,” Witlin told Los Angeles Daily News. “They are not paid that way.”

Whereas voice and motion capture actors have SAG-AFTRA, game developers are not unionized and must work under troublesome, strenuous conditions without any kind of representation. It’s common for studios to union bust what it called a “crew-bi,” in which employees can work 80-hour work weeks for months near the end of a development cycle to make sure a game ships intact and on time.

Ubisoft Montreal Creative Director Alex Hutchinson said it was unfair for voice actors, including the well-known Grand Theft Auto voice actor Wil Wheaton, to be paid before developers.

“If [Wil Wheaton] gets royalties on a game before myself or any of the

Four Chord Music Festival returns to Pittsburgh

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England has the Reading Festival, Chicago has Lollapalooza and for the past three years, Pittsburgh has been home to its own annual show, the Four Chord Music Festival. This one-day event, which will be held on Nov. 13 at the Xtaza Nightclub in the Strip District and features both locally and internationally-known rock bands, has been enticing fans since its debut in 2014, with large numbers turning out to see the impressive lineup of artists.

Since its inception, the Four Chord Music Festival has featured numerous popular groups, including The Wonder Years in 2014, Yellowcard in 2015 and this year’s headliner, Mayday Parade.

Mayday Parade, a pop punk band from Tallahassee, last played in Pittsburgh in October 2015 to support its fifth album “Black Lines,” which was released the same month. The band has toured both nationally and internationally every year since its formation in 2005 and has sold over 600,000 albums worldwide. Mayday Parade has played in Pittsburgh many times at different venues in the city, including Stage AE on the Northshore and the Altar Bar on the Southside, but this will be its first time at the Xtaza Nightclub.

Other artists that will be playing at the festival on Sunday were announced over the months leading up to the it. The show will feature a grand total of 18 bands that all have similar alternative styles, including The Spill Canvas, Hit the Lights, Against the Current and Hawthorne Heights, to name a few.

Some of the groups, like Hawthorne Heights, fall more into the hardcore-rock genre, but still fit in with the rest of the bands while adding their own distinct sounds. Most of the performers in the festival started out in the early 2000s, and are now well-established in the rock and pop punk scenes.

The Four Chord Music Festival has enjoyed success in the previous two years with large turnouts in its first shows due to lineups of well-known rock and pop punk bands. In the past, the festival has seen bands like Real Friends, Modern Baseball and Citizen perform in addition to the show’s headliners. Eternal Boy, a local Pittsburgh rock band that was known as The Spacepimps when it was formed a few years back, also plays. The band has been playing shows in Pittsburgh and across the country since its inception, so it is not surprising to see them making another return to the event this year (and hopefully returning to future iterations as well).

The Xtaza Nightclub includes both a smaller stage for the local, lesser-known bands, as well as a main stage for the festival’s headliners. The club is also conveniently located on the western tip of the Strip District, so not a far walk for Duquesne residents.

Apart from musical performances, the festival includes an abundance of other activities throughout the day such as food trucks, sponsor booths and merchandise booths to keep concert-goers entertained. The festival also features a VIP option, which allows purchasers to interact with the bands, among several other perks.

Tickets for the festival will give you access to the show (9 p.m. to 4 a.m.) worth of entertainment that only comes around once a year and can still be purchased online for $35. There was also a VIP event that has sadly sold out but should be considered for any fans looking forward to next year. For a day filled with listening to the music of both local and well-known rock bands in an intimate setting, you definitely won’t want to miss out on Pittsburgh’s third annual Four Chord Music festival.

WEEK’S EVENTS

Cole Swindell
Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.
The country music star will be performing at Stage AE on the Northshore. Tickets are $32 in advance, $34 on the day of the event. For more information to this all-ages event, please visit promowestlive.com.

Red Hot Chili Pipers
Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
The renowned bag pipe band will be performing at the Byham Theater in the Cultural District. There is also a pre-show VIP at 6 p.m. Tickets start at $40.25. For more information to this all-ages event, please visit trustar.org.

UPCOMING RELEASES

“Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them”
Nov. 18
The heavily-anticipated spin-off of the famous “Harry Potter” franchise stars Eddie Redmayne of “Les Misérables” fame. “Fantastic Beasts” follows eccentric wizard Newt Scamander as he hunts down magical creatures accidentally unleashed on 1920s New York City. The film also marks the screen-writing debut of J.K. Rowling.

“Dishonored II”
Nov. 11
The sequel to the 2012 stealth-assassination game allows players to take control of first-game protagonist, Corvo, or his daughter, Emily. The game is being released for Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and PC. It will cost $59.99.

MICRO REVIEW

“Good Girls Revolt”
Nov. 11
“Netflix purists may have to reconsider their streaming habits, because Amazon’s new original show, “Good Girls Revolt,” is too fantastic to miss. It follows the story of female researchers at a New York magazine in the late 1960s as they fight for the right to become reporters. Filled with severity, romance and violent surprises, each episode is delightful and thought-provoking.”

— Rebekah Devorak
‘Doctor Strange’ takes viewers on out-of-world experience

With gorgeous visuals and an improvement in acting, “Doctor Strange” delivers another win for the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), though with several tropes that are starting to run stale.

Dr. Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) is a skilled but arrogant neurosurgeon with a devil-may-care lifestyle. That is, until he gets involved in a car crash that ruins his ability to keep his hands stable, and bringing an end to his surgical career. Strange, desperate for a cure, turns to a supposed mystic known only as the Ancient One (Tilda Swinton). However, he soon finds himself drawn into a conflict that could decide the fate of the entire universe and sets him on a path of magical mastery.

To cut right to the chase, the best part of “Doctor Strange” is the magic. The film bends the laws of physics in its action set pieces, with battles that look like they take place in an M.C. Escher painting. Hallways are rotated around, and buildings bend on themselves and alternate dimensions are portrayed like the color-filled ending to “2001: A Space Odyssey.”

“Doctor Strange” feels like an escalation of the kind of effects we saw in “Inception” and demands to be watched in 3D for the best effect.

However, while the magical action is awe-inspiring, the hand-to-hand combat leaves much to be desired. For some reason, the film feels the need to have its wizards punch and kick each other rather than, say, shooting bolts of lightning or energy pulses to fight. These moments often are shot too close to the actors, leaving the viewer confused and unable to follow until things zoom back out again for more spells.

“Doctor Strange” does carry the usual Marvel-movie origin story, with the movie feeling particularly close to 2008’s “Iron Man,” but this run-of-the-mill plot is supported by some top acting chops.

“Doctor Strange” had its international premiere in Hong Kong on Oct. 13. The film has gone on to gross $300 million in five days.

Cumberbatch shows a much wider range of emotion and expression than his usual affair while not completely stealing the show. Swinton, while playing the tired old mentor archetype, excels in the role, adding more emotion than is usually seen in the role. And while Marvel’s villains may still suffer from not having enough screen time, Mads Mikkelsen’s Kaecilius has more depth and complexity than the others, and Mikkelsen delivers a truly great and menacing performance. (And that is hardly a spoiler, it’s a superhero movie.)

What holds “Doctor Strange” from being placed amongst the best Marvel movies is that it just barely breaks outside of standard MCU formula. The usual round of humor and quips gets inserted, but feels out of place in such a high-stakes plot. Many of the more interesting, out-there ideas are not explored as much as needed. The concept of alternate universes existing alongside our own is a fascinating one, but it sadly does not get the attention it deserves.

Furthermore, the third act feels incredibly rushed, with Strange and Kaecilius’s first meeting occurring on the same day their final battle does. With such an epic conflict over the fate of all reality as the stakes, the brief span seems very off-putting and not at all epic.

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Oh, and one last thing. There are two after-credits scenes, so make sure you stay through the entire thing. Without giving too much away, the first one has me really excited for a certain upcoming Marvel movie starring a different character, while the second acts as the usual tease for the next Marvel movie that will be unsurprising to anyone who reads the comic.

Long development time fails to save video game ‘Owlboy’

If “Owlboy” is anything, it is certainly an interesting case study for what mistakes can happen over a long development time. Announced nearly a decade ago, the product from developer D-Page Studio slipped in and out of the public’s eye and made a surprise return earlier last month. A deliberate call-back to the retro games of old, “Owlboy” is certainly aesthetically charming, but it is ultimately mediocre to a fault.

The one word that best summarizes “Owlboy” is perhaps amateurish, by itself, can be both a good and a bad thing. Amateurs, hobbyists like the idea of making a video game, and sometimes that work can be some of the best out there. However, because they often do not have the experience to know better amateurs can miss details that are absolutely tortured when absent.

Take flying for example. Despite being the core mechanic of the game, the feeling of flight is almost never delivered during the ten hour run-time. To fly, all one has to do is press the jump button whilst in the air, and once launched off the ground with a rock-et-like jump and glide around maps with a type of movement that is carefully crafted to give a sense of gravitas to the experience. Meanwhile, the most complicated aspect of flight in “Owlboy” is avoiding running into hazards. With no momentum, weight or anything preventing Otus from flying to his heart’s content, the feature feels more of a chore than an exciting prospect.

That’s not to say the game is not challenging, but its challenge is inconsistent. It manifests itself more in the conflict between its mechanics and gameplay than any of the individual obstacles in the game. This is difficult to explain, but to elaborate:

The actual mechanics of “Owlboy” (the flying speed, the grabbing and dragging of characters and objects, the properties of your allies’ guns, etc.) are better suited for a slower puzzle game, which, thankfully, “Owlboy” mostly is. However, the meandering key-to-lock puzzles that make up a vast majority of the experience are punctuated with an absurd amount of combat that requires quick button presses and a nearly supernatural amount of precognition. Imagine playing any other puzzle game that switches to a bullet-hell every two minutes. That’s “Owlboy” in a nutshell: one game that is constantly brought down with the mechanics of another.

I could go on with the litany of minor annoyances (spawning on top of enemies, the ridiculous knockback, slow movement speed), but these grievances may have been forgiven if the story or characters were engaging and exciting. Unfortunately, that is not the case, and this is probably what makes me so critical of “Owlboy.”

Many reviewers have been praising these elements, claiming that the characters are unique and charming and the story shocks and touches the soul. But if you imagine any movie from the ‘80s targeted at children, then you know everything there is to know about “Owlboy.” The only original bone in the game’s plot is its premise: anthropomorphic owls and humans living together on floating islands. Everything else is predictable and samey to an almost insulting degree.

The art style itself is fantastic, and I would imagine it is what most of the development time was spent on. Beautiful architecture punctuates long, dark caves littered with foliage and relics lovingly detailed. However, as much as I adore the game, you will have to stay through the entire thing. Without giving too much away, the first one has me really excited for a certain upcoming Marvel movie starring a different character, while the second acts as the usual tease for the next Marvel movie that will be unsurprising to anyone who reads the comic.
Getting to class in the colder months

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boots, handwarmers and a snack. Ultimately, as Clair said, the name of the driving school references a vital tip. “One of the most important things to remember is to always expect the unexpected,” he said.

No matter how you’re getting to class this winter, being proactive about your commute and following these tips will make sure you stay healthy and arrive safe and warm.

Coders push back on strike

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others who spent years (not weeks), working on it, the system is broken,” Hutchinson tweeted. The publishers have tried negotiating an immediate, non-residual-based wage increase, but SAG-AFTRA has not accepted it. Attorney Scott Willin says that around 75 percent of the sector’s voice actors are not union members, and their projects will be unaffected as the strike continues.
Thousands around US protest Trump win

AP — The raw divisions exposed by the presidential race were on full display across America on Wednesday, as protesters flooded city streets to condemn Donald Trump’s election in demonstrations that police said were mostly peaceful.

From New England to heartland cities like Kansas City and along the West Coast, demonstrators carried flags and anti-Trump signs, disrupting traffic and declaring that they refused to accept Trump’s triumph.

In Chicago, where thousands had recently poured into the streets to celebrate the Chicago Cubs’ first World Series victory in over a century, several thousand people marched through the Loop. They gathered outside Trump Tower, chanting “Not my president!”

Chicago resident Michael Burke said he believes the president-elect will “divide the country and stir up hatred.” He added there was a constitutional duty not to accept that outcome.

A similar protest in Manhattan drew about 1,000 people. Outside Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in midtown, police installed barricades to keep the demonstrators at bay.

Hundreds of protesters gathered near Philadelphia’s City Hall despite chilly, wet weather. Participants — who included both supporters of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who lost to Clinton in the primaries — who included both supporters of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who lost to Clinton in the primaries — expressed anger at both Republicans and Democrats over the election’s outcome.

In Boston, thousands of anti-Trump protesters streamed through downtown, chanting “Trump’s a racist” and carrying signs that said “Impeach Trump” and “Abolish Electoral College.” Clinton appears to be on pace to win the popular vote, despite losing the electoral count that decides the presidential race.

The protesters gathered on Boston Common before marching toward the Massachusetts Statehouse, with beefed-up security including extra police officers.

Protests flared at universities in California and Connecticut, while several hundred people marched in San Francisco and others gathered outside City Hall in Los Angeles.

And they spread south to Richmond, Virginia, and to middle American cities like Kansas City and Omaha, Nebraska.

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Dining is usually seen as an intimate event between people you know, but the way the restaurant was set up really made the place have a sense of community within it. Strangers at the bar were having conversations with each other as if they’d known each other for years, and the wait staff treated us like we were old friends. The whole restaurant had a positive vibe that made it so I didn’t want to leave.

No matter what kind of dining experience you’re looking for, DiAnoia’s Eatery is a great option. Conversations over cups of coffee could easily last for hours, and even a quick lunch is made enjoyable. The food is incredibly delicious, quality food that is very clearly authentic and it’s served by one of the kindest and most welcoming waitstaff I’ve ever encountered. The charm of the restaurant is undeniable, and I would highly recommend going for a great and inexpensive dining option. I know I’ll definitely be going back soon.

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Lass looks to make a splash in sophomore season

**Bri Schmidt**  
Staff Writer

A season ago, the Duquesne Dukes women’s basketball team had quite the year, capturing a winning season with an overall record of 28-16 and a 13-3 conference mark. The team held a share of the Atlantic 10 regular season title and went on to advance into the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Duquesne will look to maintain the success of the program it built with graduated seniors April Robinson, Deva’Nyra Workman and Erika Brown. After a successful offseason, the Dukes were polled second in the 2016-17 A-10 Conference just behind Saint Louis. The team will be led by two integral Preseason All Conference selections, one of whom is Kadri-Ann Lass.

A sophomore environmental science major, Lass had a sensational freshman season. Lass was within the top six on her team in nearly every statistical category. She was fourth on her team in scoring average with 11.2 points per game. Additionally, she had the second most minutes played on the team and the most blocks by far with a whopping 64. As a 6-foot-3 guard/forward, it’s safe to say that Lass is definitely one to watch out for this season and will be expected to step up. “I think that she has the opportunity to become the best player in the league this year,” head coach Dan Burt said. “With the season she had last year, she definitely has a chance. She may be an underrated defensive player, but I think she can do something great this season.”

Ever since Lass can remember, she has had a ball in her hand and knew that she wanted to immerse herself in the sport. Born and raised in Estonia, Lass grew up with her mother, who started playing professional basketball around the time she was born. Lass remembers going to almost every single game and trying to make as many baskets during timeouts as she could with the intention of one day playing for herself. However, despite knowing that she wanted to play basketball, choosing to play at the college level was a different scenario. “That was actually a late decision because that is not really something that is popular back home,” Lass said. “I had a lot of different options to go and play pro, but I guess I wasn’t ready for that. I thought I should get a degree, too. When I was offered to come to the U.S. to play high school basketball, I realized that maybe I wanted to eventually come and play college.” And that is exactly what she did. Choosing Duquesne from a multitude of offers, Lass remembers, was no contest. “The biggest thing about Duquesne was the players and the coaches,” Lass said. “I absolutely loved the environment. I came to visit, and I was like well, ‘OK this is it.’ Everyone is so nice. Other coaches at other schools seemed intimidating, but here I felt like I could be at home.” Though so far from home, Lass still considers her mother her biggest supporter. Despite only being able to make it to a few games a year, Lass says her mother makes them count by coming to the big ones. This year, she plans to attend the City Game in December. She says if it weren’t for her mother’s support and motivation, Lass would not be where she is today. But Lass admits that it is not just all fun and games. Trying to manage the stresses of being a student-athlete can be overwhelming, especially when the season begins and the team travels so frequently. “It is hard sometimes. It hit me last spring semester when I realized that we are like never here,” Lass said. “But what makes it easier is the fact that I love it. That’s what keeps me going. It’s like my motivation to get through it.”

With the season opener set to take place this Friday, Lass will get her opportunity to step up and begin to emerge as a leader for her team. Seeing as the team lost many of its seniors and leaders, Lass says all she can hope to do is try to step into a leadership role to try to help her teammates get to where they want to be this season. “I have been trying to just be more vocal and motivate my teammates,” Lass said. “Sometimes it’s hard because I ask myself if I am really ready for this as a sophomore. But we have to step up this year, and I have been trying to step up myself and be supportive and motivational.”

This year, Lass has aspirations for her team to get into the NCAA tournament again and ultimately to get the A-10 Tournament ring the Dukes just barely missed out on last year. “Overall, we just want to have a great season. We are still a young team and we still want to win a lot obviously, but we are a young team so we just want to play well,” Lass said. “We always say we are the hardest working team in the country. If we want to do something big, we have to be the hardest working team out there.”

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There will be a familiar face on the bench this Friday when the Duquesne women’s basketball team kicks off their 2016-17 season. The Dukes have brought back former Director of Basketball Operations Cherie Lea to be an assistant coach for the Red & Blue.

Lea graduated from UNC Wilmington in 2004 and was a star member of the Seahawks basketball team. During her time in Wilmington, she played under Duquesne head coach Dan Burt, who was an assistant at the time with UNCW. Her accolades on the court include being a two-time Colonial Athletic Association First-Team selection, and being named preseason player of the year her senior season. Lea was just as impressive off the court, being named the CAA Scholar Athlete of the year her junior and senior year as well as being First-Team All Academic while studying mathematics.

After graduation, Lea elected to continue her playing career overseas, playing for five years in Luxembourg and Holland. During her time in Europe, she captured two Dutch championships and two MVP awards as well as being selected as an All-Star four times.

Following her five year stint as a professional basketball player, Lea became a Program and Facility Supervisor for Danville Parks and Recreation in Danville, Virginia. Lea then proceeded to find a job in teaching math at Reynolds High School in North Carolina and afterward moved to Bartlett Yancey High School, where she coached the girls basketball team and continued to teach math.

In the summer of 2013, Lea was reunited with Burt after she accepted an offer to become the director of basketball operations for the Dukes. “I really enjoyed it here,” Lea said about her first stint with the Dukes. “The winning tradition and the work ethic everybody shows here taught me a lot.”

Lea left the Bluff after just one season with the Dukes for an opportunity to be an assistant coach at Division II Wingate University. In her two seasons as the top assistant coach, Lea helped guide the Bulldogs to a conference championship and a berth in the Division II NCAA Tournament. When a spot with Duquesne opened up, Lea jumped at the opportunity to come back to the Bluff.

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Cherie Lea returns to the Bluff as an assistant coach

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Assistant coach Cherie Lea runs a drill at practice before the start of the 2016-17 Duquesne women’s basketball season. Lea returns to the Bluff after coaching at NCAA Division II Wingate University.
**Smith aims to revitalize his career at Duquesne**

After sitting out last year, Duquesne guard Tarin Smith is finally ready to reap the benefits of all of the hard work he’s put in over the past year at Duquesne since transferring in from Nebraska. Originally from Ocean Township, N.J., and a product of the nationally-renowned hoops academy St. Anthony High School, Smith committed to Nebraska in 2014 after strongly considering Providence, Ole Miss and Duquesne among other schools.

As a freshman during the 2014 season, Smith averaged 17.6 minutes per game to go along with 4.5 ppg. One of only four players to see action in every single one of the Cornhuskers’ 38 games, Tarin was the team’s fourth-leading scorer and boasted a notable 13-point outing at Ohio State. Although he seemed to be a big part of the future of Nebraska, Smith decided he needed a change of scenery and transferred to Duquesne.

“I really like the team, the family atmosphere and just think we can be really strong,” Smith said.

With major roster turnover in the backcourt, Smith will have a serious opportunity to rack up a solid number of minutes this year at the guard position. He already received the starting nod in the Red & Blue’s lone scrimmage against Mansfield. Though the team is largely different than last year’s squad, Smith remains undeterred.

“I’m excited for the season,” Smith said. “We have a pretty new group of guys, but a lot of talent, so it should be a good one.”

While there’s surely a fair amount of uneasiness regarding how the team will respond with the loss of two star guards from last year’s squad, Smith is just happy to be able to play again after sitting last season out as a redshirt. He is excited to see how his teammates can grow and build chemistry on and off the court with one another.

The opportunity to play basketball is something that Smith has really cherished throughout his life, beginning around the time he was seven years old.

“It’s been everything for me,” Smith said. “It’s taken me around the world, and I’ve met some of my best friends [through the sport] and it’s taught me numerous life lessons.”

The valedictorian of his graduating class, Tarin also played AAU ball with Jersey-based Sports University, Smith is one of five former U.S. players to sign with power-conference teams, along with Karl-Anthony Towns (Kentucky, now of the Minnesota Timberwolves), Jared Nickens (Maryland), Wade Baldwin IV (Vanderbilt, Memphis Grizzlies) and Quadri Moore (Cincinnati). Despite being a dynamic guard who can do a little bit of everything, Smith refused to say he modeled his game after any one guy.

“My favorite two in the NBA are Kyrie Irving and Damian Lillard,” Smith said. “I’ve been a fan of Kyrie from a young age since we’re both from Jersey, and I just love his handle and offensive game. I love Dame because he’s an underdog and how he brings it every game.”

While Smith is certainly hoping for a successful first campaign as a Duke, he’s just happy to be back on the court doing what he loves. He accredits his father with being an exemplary figure in his life — on and off the court.

“My biggest role model would definitely be my father. He’s been my basketball mentor throughout my life.”

Former forward Jeremiah Jones prepares to shoot a free throw in the 2015 City Game versus the University of Pittsburgh at Consol Energy Center. The Dukes dropped the rivalry game 56-75, but went 10-2 in nonconference play before Jones suffered a season-ending ACL tear.