



Law prof. helps defend children

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Pittsburgh-area grade school and high school students in danger of expulsion will have a new place to turn to for help in Duquesne's new Education Law Clinic.

Assistant Clinical Law professor Tiffany Sizemore-Thompson will supervise students as they pursue juvenile cases in the new clinic, which partners Duquesne law students with Pittsburgh school-children and their families. The clinic will help advise families of students who face expulsion, suspension and other forms of school discipline.

In the clinic, law students will be trained on the repercussions of a delinquency case, as well as how to work with educational administration both in oral and written defenses during an administrative school hearing.

Sizemore-Thompson said their clients, who are actual Pittsburgh students in need of attorneys, are referred to the clinic by court, social service agencies, parent advocacy organizations and other non-profit legal providers.

After Sizemore-Thompson screens them, law students will be paired in a team defense, and they might also train with students in the law school's Juvenile Defender Clinic, in which students represent clients in juvenile court.

Sizemore-Thompson said school disciplinary cases "tend to move pretty quickly," spanning 30 to 60 days on average. If the case is not resolved by summer, she will take it over.

One of Sizemore-Thompson's eight law students, Arbaaz Rao, expressed joy for the opportunity to represent actual clients. Rao had worked at internships before, but never led a suit.

"I had my first case yesterday," Rao said with a bright smile.

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Spouses recall DU alumni killed on 9/11

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A plaque commemorating two Duquesne alumni who died in the 9/11 terror attacks sits beneath a tree near the law school.

15 years ago, two Duquesne alumni lost their lives in the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center. Duquesne students might not have noticed the plaque sitting beneath a tree between the Student Union and the law school, which honors Francis Skidmore Jr. and Donald Havlish Jr.

Francis "Frank" Skidmore Jr., of Mendham, New Jersey, was a 1968 Duquesne graduate with a degree in Economics and was also a member of the Kappa Sigma Phi fraternity. While he started at Duquesne as a transfer student, he developed an affection for the university.

His widow, Katie Skidmore, said he was "very proud" to be a Duquesne alumnus. She said a lot of his values came as part of his experience as a student at the university.

Frank Skidmore Jr. would eventually go on to work for Euro Brokers, an investment firm located in the World Trade Center.

Katie Skidmore described a man who was devoted to his family. Despite a busy schedule, he always made time to be at home.

"His family was his greatest treasure ... our daughter thought he was

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Campus bells repaired after malfunction

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You might not have noticed it, but a familiar sound briefly disappeared from Duquesne's campus.

The campus' carillon bell system, which rings the time from the chapel's steeple every hour, gives a short chime every 15 minutes and notifies churchgoers of the start of masses, suddenly stopped working at the start of the school year.

On Wednesday around 2:30 p.m., workers from Duquesne Computing and Technology Services managed to get the bells up and running again, according to CTS Computing Support Service Director Don Maue.

The issue was a blown-out capacitor in the bell's control system, Maue said. While the exact cause of the capacitor blowout is not known, it could have been the result of a light-



COURTESY OF DON MAUE

Dan Bodnar, manager of instrument maintenance in the Bayer school, tests a broken capacitor taken from the carillon bell control unit in the Administration Building.

ning strike or simply because the system is old.

According to Bill Zilcosky, director of building services at Duquesne, the

carillon bells were installed during a steeple renovation which was completed in 1996.

Since then, they've become a staple

of life at Duquesne. Maue said he uses the bells to help guide people trying to find Old Main.

"I'll always say, 'go out on campus and wait 14 minutes, and when you hear the bells walk toward the bells,'" Maue said.

The bells, which are not physical bells in the traditional sense, are set on an automated timer from a twenty one-year-old control unit which sits in a room on the second floor of Old Main, Maue said. Preset recordings are input into the control unit, which are sent through cables and an amplifier to speakers at the top of the chapel.

While some students might not have noticed the lack of bells in the air, campus ministers realized quickly.

Rev. Dan Walsh, a Spiritan priest at Duquesne, first noticed while sit-

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BLUFF BRIEFS

RSVPs still open for Gormley's inauguration

Duquesne faculty and staff are asked to send in RSVP cards for the inauguration of President Kenneth Gormley on Sept. 22.

The inauguration of the 13th Duquesne president will take place at 4 p.m. in the A.J. Palumbo Center and is open to all students, faculty and staff. The inauguration will be preceded by a procession across campus.

Other events, including a special mass and reception, are invitation only.

Language department screening Spanish films

Duquesne's department of Modern Languages is debuting the "Celebrating the New Wave of Ibero American Cinema" film series as a part of its Spanish Film Club.

The films series begins on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:05 p.m. in 105 College Hall with the film "La Sonrisa Verdadera."

POLICE BRIEFS

Cousin PB's come here to tell ya'll about a crime-filled, calamitous week on campus.

Last Wednesday, a student had their Ohio license plate stolen from the back of their parked car on Shingiss Street.

Cousin PB reckons last Friday was a bad day to be a Duke, if you're a drug user or a police car.

Last Friday, a student in Des Places was found with marijuana and drug paraphernalia and was sent the Office of Student Conduct. Later that day, a coach bus carrying athletes for an away team at Duquesne scraped into a Duquesne police vehicle when backing out. Minor damages to the bumper of the police vehicle were reported.

That evening, an intoxicated person not affiliated with Duquesne was found seeking help outside Trinity Hall. The person was transported to Mercy Hospital. Also that evening, an intoxicated underage student was found outside St. Ann's, and was transported by Pittsburgh EMT's to Mercy Hospital. The student will be making a visit to the Office of Student Conduct as well.

Around midnight, another drunk underage student was found in the St. Martin's parking lot and will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Monday, the resident director in Towers called Duquesne Police to an intoxicated underage student in the ground floor lobby. The student was taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment and was also referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

New DU law clinic to focus on education

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Rao met with a middle school student and the student's grandmother to go over their plan for how to address the potential expulsion of the student. Sizemore-Thompson will supervise this case, as well as the others.

"My work as a public defender was absolutely inspirational to my decision about what kinds of clinics to develop and direct," Sizemore-Thompson said. "[It is] scary how clearly one can see a direct path from when a child was kicked out or dropped out of school to his or her entry into the criminal legal system."

She advocates for schools to be more wary of the consequences of removing children.

"I know and have seen what some of those kids look like 10, 20 or 30 years later," Sizemore-Thompson said. "We owe our children more than a closed door, and the Education Law Clinic seeks to stop that pipeline of school pushout."

"I would describe her as a busy person," Rao said of Sizemore-Thompson. He added, "She has a lot on her plate. It's impressive."



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Tiffany Sizemore-Thompson sits in a room in the Tribone Center. Sizemore-Thompson has created a law clinic which advises grade, middle and high school children.

She is very hardworking and encourages us to be the same way ... but to be ourselves too."

Besides Rao's case, the clinic is also working with a mother of a six-year old autistic girl who has been repeatedly excluded from school and a student who was "unfairly" kicked out of his school last year, according to Sizemore-Thompson.

Another student who registered

to work at the clinic is Mohammed Al-Bidhawi, a third year law student.

"I enjoy helping people and letting them know that they have resources to help with the education of their children," Al-Bidhawi said.

He has experience in the field as a legal fellow for the Education Law Center of Pennsylvania. There he worked on cases, policy meetings and filed an appeal.

"I have come to the realization that the education system needs reform because it is very unjust to minorities and colored people," Al-Bidhawi said. "In the clinic, I hope to represent the people that need it — the people that have the system working against them. Segregation in the education system continues to exist, and it is organizations like the clinic that can make a difference in people's lives."

Sizemore-Thompson wants the clinic to get involved with the cases before an attorney needs to step in, because while schools are fully aware of how the law works, families are often at a disadvantage.

The clinic's mission is to offer free, "holistic" representation to families, which Sizemore-Thompson calls its "unique" defining point. She used the word "holistic," because the clinic's work does not stop at solving legal matters.

"If a family is facing homelessness or hunger, our social work interns can connect them to appropriate resources in the community," she said. "As an alternative to exclusionary school discipline, our school psychology students can create behavior plans that will help the students attorney negotiate to keep a child in school."

Veterans' writing group debuts

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The co-creator of Duquesne's DU Dog Tag, a creative writing group for veterans, is starting a new veterans' writing group in Westmoreland County.

Ashley Kunsu, assistant director of Duquesne's writing center and a doctoral candidate, will debut VetsWrite at the Norwin Public Library in Irwin, PA, in seven workshops starting Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

The group is free to join, and no creative writing experience is required, Kunsu said. Current service members and adult family members of servicemen and women are also encouraged to attend.

Kunsu said she started the new group to better serve the veteran population — which is less than one percent of the U.S. population.

"Veterans are just a chronically underserved population," she said. "I thought it'd be really great to use my creative writing skills and my teaching skills to sort of bring writing into the community and give ... [veterans] the opportunity to come and write."

Kunsu said she wants the group to help "create a dialogue" between veterans and the community.

The group will focus on both fiction and nonfiction writing, and Kunsu encourages attendees to

bring in their own previous writing samples, including journals, emails and other correspondence from their time in the military.

If writers do not feel comfortable sharing their stories publicly, they can do so privately instead, Kunsu said.

"They can share as much as they want and not share if they don't want to," she said. "If somebody ... wants to just give me something to take home to look at and give feedback on, that's completely fine."

Ryne Tobar, a second year philosophy master's student and Navy veteran, is a member of the DU Dog Tag writing group.

Tobar said he did a lot of writing during his time in the military.

"While I was in the Navy I spent a good amount of time writing, either as a travel journal or working toward short stories," he said. "But mostly this was a way for me to pass some time and to help me make sense of some of my experiences."

Tobar said writing functions as an outlet for him.

"Writing gives me a way to say things I don't believe, or don't agree with, or that I'm too scared to actually say, or unsure of who or where I'm supposed to say it to," he said. "This isn't the whole, 'you wouldn't understand' mentality, because I honestly think that I don't always understand."

While the college students in

DU Dog Tag are mostly veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars on terror, Kunsu expects VetsWrite will attract veterans of older wars, such as Vietnam, as well.

She said creative writing can be a therapeutic experience.

"People talk about creative writing as healing," Kunsu said. "I do look at this as a ... healing experience for veterans and their families, but more than that, it's also a way for them to share their stories."

Tobar added that his story is only his to tell.

"No one else can tell me what my military service means," he said. "A lot of people try, or they make assumptions about me and what I'm all about. But it's up to me to decide."

"For me, a process that I think is important in trying to figure this all out, is through writing," he added.

On Oct. 8, local author Michael Durkota, who served on a Navy submarine in the '90s, will speak to the group about his experiences.

Kunsu also plans on forming another VetsWrite group in Allegheny County in the spring of next year. She said it will be at the McKeesport Veterans Affairs office.

The other fall workshops will take place on Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 with a special Veteran's Day reading.

Chapel's carillon bells fixed

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ting in the Laval House one morning with the other Spiritan priests.

"[The bells] tell us when to begin our morning prayer," Walsh said.

When no bells came at the usual time of 7:30 a.m., Walsh looked at his wristwatch and realized something was wrong.

Since then, he and other Spiritans have been forced to rely on wristwatches and smartphone clocks to tell the time for their daily prayers and when to begin masses.

"It's amazing how we get kind of accustomed to [hearing the bells chime]," Walsh said.

Walsh added that staff in the administration building have accidentally stayed late at work because the bells marked when it was their time to leave.

The cost to send the unit back to its manufacturer, Cincinnati-based Verdin, for repairs would have been \$250. The final cost of the repairs by CTS to replace the capacitors was \$1.58 for CTS to buy two replacement capacitors.

15 years later, Duquense 9/11 victims remembered

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Superman,” she said.

One of his greatest traits was his love of giving and involvement with the community, according to Katie Skidmore. She said Frank had many philanthropic involvements, including working for Wall Street Charities and being a member of the Knights of Columbus. According to Katie Skidmore, someone else put it best when they described Frank as someone who “didn’t know how not to give.”

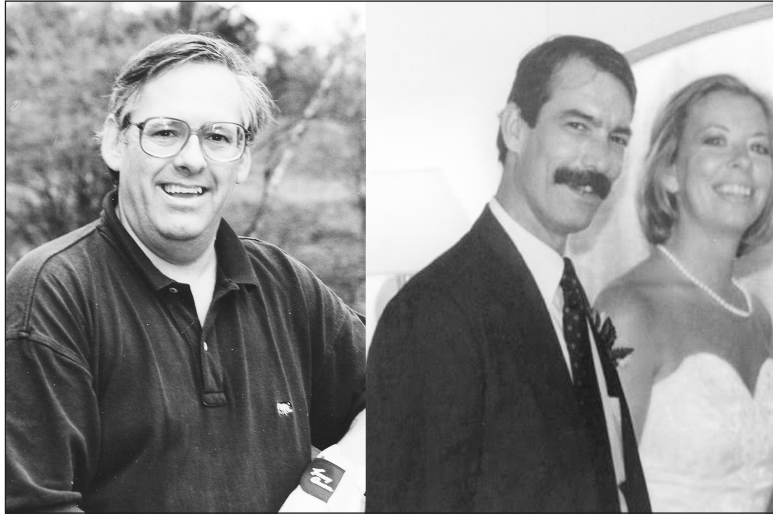
One of his biggest charity efforts was participating in a drive for the poor Appalachia region. The drive, which he used to collect housewares and clothes for the needy, happened twice a year.

Frank Skidmore would even go visit the region himself, Katie Skidmore said.

“During Easter breaks, he chaperoned a trip with the [local] kids and took them down to Appalachia to help the people there,” Katie Skidmore said.

A busy man, with a long commute and a Wall Street job, Frank Skidmore still managed to attend daily mass. Katie Skidmore said the Catholic faith meant a lot to him and described him as “a man of great devotion.”

According to his obituary, he brought the Eucharist to a bedridden parishioner, visiting so



COURTESY OF KATIE SKIDMORE AND FIONA HAVLISH

Francis Skidmore Jr. (left) and Donald Havlish Jr. pictured with wife Fiona (right). The two men were Duquesne alumni who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

much as to make her an honorary family member.

On the day of the attacks, Frank Skidmore was at work in the South Tower of the World Trade Center. He contacted his wife after the first plane hit the North Tower.

“He called me and said ‘I want to let you know that I’m okay and that we think the North Tower has been hit,’” Katie Skidmore said. “I asked if he was going to evacuate and he said no ... he said not to worry and ‘I love you.’”

After 15 years, Katie Skidmore

thinks the experience had made her and her three children tougher.

“We do everything thinking, ‘What would Dad do?’” she said. “His influence has made us all stronger.”

The second Duquesne alumnus and victim was Donald Havlish Jr. He came to the Pittsburgh area when he was seven. Fiona Havlish, his widow, said although he wasn’t born in the city, whenever he referred to “home” he meant Pittsburgh.

Donald Havlish Jr. earned a law degree from Duquesne in 1977. Previously, he attended Washington and

Jefferson for his bachelor’s degree.

Though he earned a law degree, Havlish never took the bar exam or practiced law. Instead, he joined the insurance industry, working his way to the title Senior Vice President for Aon, a global insurance firm. He worked on the 101st floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Living in Pennsylvania but working in downtown Manhattan gave Donald Havlish a 90 minute commute. That didn’t stop him from getting home to his family, Fiona Havlish said.

“Once we had a daughter, she became his main focus,” she said. “Before he would get home around nine, but after we had her, he would come home earlier around six.”

Fiona Havlish said her husband was someone who left an impact with people.

“He was a man of integrity [and] everyone who knew him loved him,” she said.

He also had a deep love of the outdoors. The Havlish home was along the Delaware Canal and Donald Havlish loved to watch the ducks and wildlife along the water.

“Working in the city was so hectic ... he just loved living on the water,” Fiona Havlish said.

After the attacks that killed her husband, Fiona Havlish’s called her family’s lawyer. When he said

that they could try suing the countries that sponsored the attacks, she thought it was a joke.

“I laughed,” she said. “Me against the entire Middle East? I don’t sue,” Fiona Skidmore recalled.

The Havlish family ended up involved in a famous lawsuit, consisting of 47 families, against Osama Bin Laden, The Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei and Hezbollah, as well as other terrorist organizations implicated in the 9/11 attacks.

The case ended in 2012 when a federal judge awarded the families a settlement in excess of \$7 billion. However, Fiona Havlish said it is not nearly finished, considering none of the families have received the money.

“We are in the litigation [collection] phase right now ... it’s a long process,” she said.

Looking back over the past 15 years, Fiona Havlish said she’s found things for which to be grateful. She has turned her family’s tragedy into an opportunity to help others as an author and inspirational speaker who focuses on coaching women who have also suffered losses.

“If it weren’t for that day, I wouldn’t be here today doing what I’m doing,” she said. “You can take trauma and use it to be a service and to help people. Live life to the max.”

Mexican finance secretary resigns after Trump visit

AP — One of President Enrique Pena Nieto’s closest advisers and confidants, Finance Secretary Luis Videgaray, has resigned in a move seen as linked to the unpopular decision to invite Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to visit Mexico.

Pena Nieto has taken responsibility for inviting Trump, but a former government official familiar with the workings of the administration said Videgaray would have played a preponderant role in the decision. Newspaper columnists in Mexico have reported Videgaray was behind last week’s visit, after which Pena Nieto was criticized for not being forceful enough in rejecting Trump’s proposals and comments about Mexico.

Videgaray “was the architect” of Trump’s visit, because he was the adviser that Pena Nieto had “the most reliance on, and was closest to,” said columnist and political analyst Raymundo Riva Palacio.

Videgaray acted as Pena Nieto’s campaign manager during his 2012 election campaign and has been seen as the architect of many administration policies. He led Mexico’s Treasury Department and is sometimes referred to as treasury secretary or minister, but because he oversaw budgets and fiscal policies, his role was closer to that of a finance secretary.

He has shared both in the president’s triumphs and embarrassments. In 2014, Videgaray acknowledged he had bought a house from the same government contractor that sold a mansion to Pena Nieto’s wife, Angelica Rivera, in the administration’s deepest scandal.

Pena Nieto thanked Videgaray for leading financial reforms during a ceremony at which the president announced he was accepting the resignation. He did not announce a new post for Videgaray.

“He has been an official very committed to Mexico, and very loyal to the president,” Pena Nieto said.

Former finance secretary Jose Antonio Meade, who has since served as foreign relations secretary and social development secretary, will replace Videgaray. Luis Enrique Miranda Nava will take over the social development post.

Pena Nieto said Meade will be in charge of turning in a primary budget surplus for next year, meaning government spending will have to be less than revenues, not including interest payments on debt.

In comments to local media, Meade defended the president’s meeting with Trump, saying it had lowered the risk of confrontations and helped moderate some of Trump’s policy proposals, especially his vow to change



AP PHOTO

Mexico’s Finance Secretary Luis Videgaray looks down as President Enrique Pena Nieto announces Videgaray’s resignation in Mexico City, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016. Videgaray was one of Pena Nieto’s closest advisers and confidants.

the North American Free Trade Agreement. Pena Nieto has said the meeting was needed to build bridges in case Trump is elected.

But Pena Nieto was ridiculed for not confronting Trump more directly during the visit about him calling migrants from Mexico criminals, drug-runners and

“rapists” and promising to build a border wall and force Mexico to pay for it. The wall proposal has been criticized widely and fiercely in Mexico.

Speaking at a town hall late Thursday where he fielded questions from young people, Pena Nieto sought to defend the deci-

sion to invite Trump to visit. He said the easier path would have been to “cross my arms” and do nothing in response to Trump’s “affronts, insults and humiliations,” but he believed it necessary to open a “space for dialogue” to stress the importance of the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

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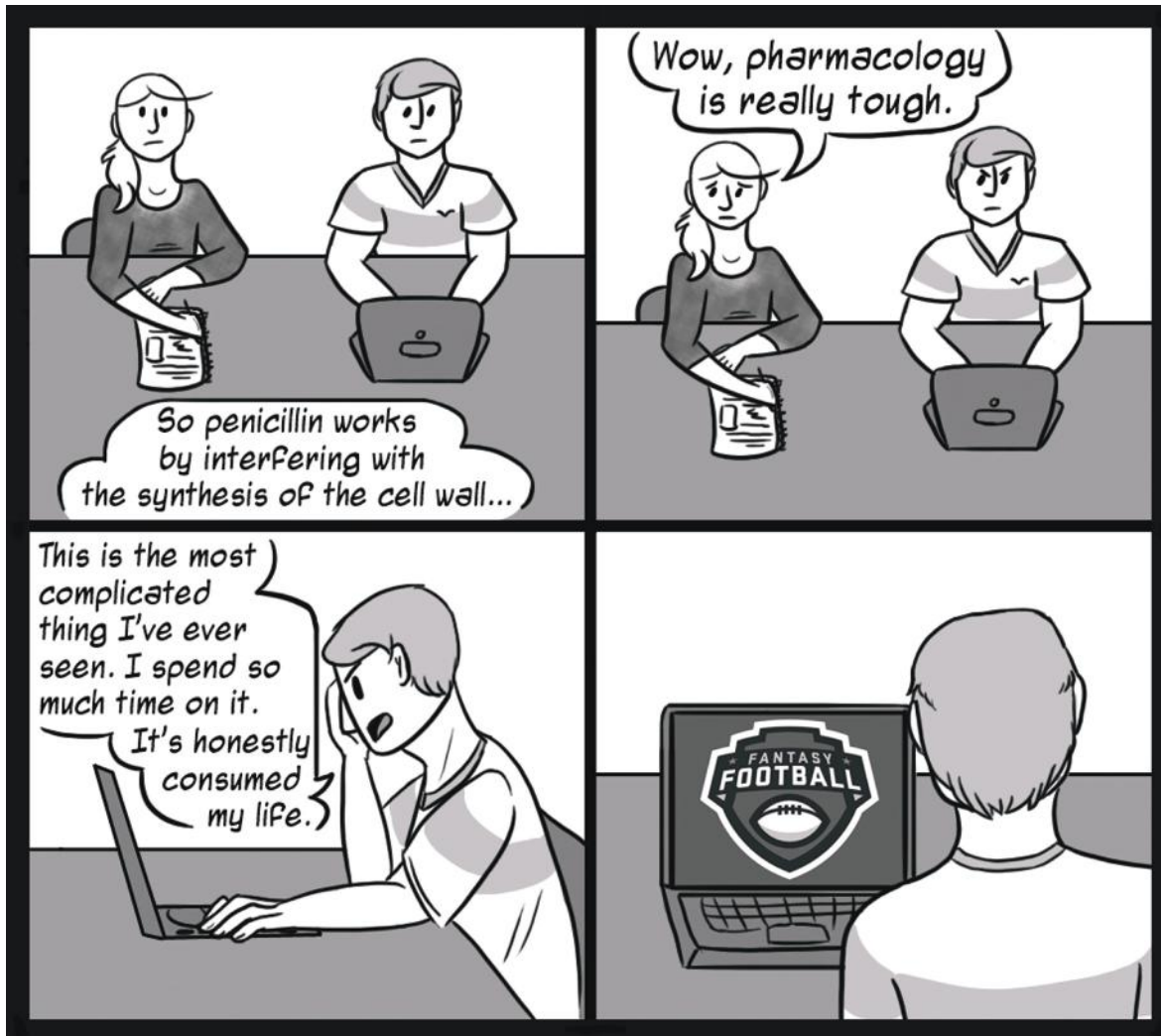
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if i do say so myself...

Liberal arts majors aren't waste of time

We've all heard the same spiel. Chances are, you were on the receiving end of it at some point this past Labor Day weekend, as you gathered with extended family around a grill or by a pool. But the question is always the same: "What *exactly* are you going to do with that liberal arts degree?"

Cue the tight, toothless smile, pricking of panic within your chest and rehearsed explanation of future plans.

It's true that pretty much every student feels the pressure of appeasing inquiring minds about what they are going to do upon graduation, but it also seems to be true that those pursuing creative majors are forced to explain why their years of schooling have been worthwhile much more often than others. And that's not exactly fair.

After all, no one really asks law students about how they plan on making that piece of paper useful.

A recent opinions article on Philly.com touched on this troubling point of view. It discussed the idea of allowing this nation's government to choose a person's major if he or she is going to use taxpayer dollars to foot the bill of higher education. While that is an entirely separate issue for another time, the piece basically summed up liberal arts majors as a waste of time and money because they do not produce as many valuable benefits for society.

The article pointed out that "we

simply do not need more poetry, gender studies or sociology majors. Starbucks is fully stocked with baristas for the foreseeable future." Instead, it urged prospective students to look into becoming nurses and statisticians, who will make nearly \$20,000 more annually than elementary school teachers and criminal justice workers.

It's true that liberal arts majors probably won't make a lot of money. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the average starting salary for a variety of different areas in 2015, including history and English, hovered right around the \$35,000 range.

Sadly, many people only seem to base their idea of professional success upon

money these days. They haven't "made it" if they haven't raked in enough cash with which to fill a couple of yachts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and a vacation home in Martha's Vineyard.

Now, I'm not saying money isn't important, because it is. You will need some of it so that you can maintain a comfortable lifestyle. But we should not be quantifying the importance of one occupation versus another — essentially one person's importance versus another — Michael Scott style, claiming that you and your passions are lesser because they are only worth so many dollars.

There are other notions of achievement that should be considered beyond the paycheck.

This may seem a little naïve, but what about a person's happiness? Dedicating your time and energy into a field that makes you excited to wake up each day for work is not something that should be discounted or taken lightly, because joy seems to be such a rare concept today. A quick Google search shows that mental health issues such as depression, stress and anxiety are on a continuing rise.

Pursuing an occupation that you consider to be personally worthwhile, something that truly matters to you because it brings you bliss is never a waste of time, and we should not treat it condescendingly because it might not make as much bank.

And what about the impact these jobs have on the world? The footprints doctors and scientists leave on the globe are obvious. But have you ever thought about how if there are fewer poets and writers, then there will be fewer thought-provoking books to read and discuss in your leisure time?

That means fewer plays like "Hamilton," as if trying to get tickets to that one wasn't difficult enough.

Our education majors will go on to shape the young minds of this country for the future. We have to think seriously about the kind of message we want to be sending them. Will it be one focused on hunting economic prosperity above all else, or will it

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STAFF EDITORIAL

The elevator pitch: Duquesne's got etiquette problems on every level

Hey, Duquesne. We need to collectively put down our Starbucks cups and talk about a serious issue plaguing our campus: improper elevator etiquette.

For starters, if you are traveling fewer than three floors up or down and do not have any physical limitations, take the stairs. When people are rushing to class and they see you get on at the first floor of College Hall and get off at the second floor, they will not be happy with you. Take the stairs — you will benefit from the exercise, and everyone else will benefit from shorter lift lines.

If you do need to take the elevator, follow proper boarding technique. This means standing *off to the side* when the elevator arrives. I know it's hard to wrap your head around this, but sometimes *other people* use the elevator, and they need to get off. If you're blocking their only route to freedom, you could be stampeded, Mufasa-style. Nobody wants that.

Once you're on the elevator, assess your position. Are you near the floor buttons? If so, offer to push them for your fellow passengers. Show them that gender-neutral chivalry is not dead. This is a situation wherein pushing people's buttons is a *good thing*. Take advantage of it.

Conversely, if you are far from the buttons, ask someone closer to push them for you, *especially if you have elected not to wear deodorant on this particular day*. This is very important. No one wants your sweaty armpit shoved in their face as you lunge for the buttons.

As you wait for your floor to arrive, consider yourself. Are you blasting music from your headphones at potentially hearing-damaging levels? If so, spare your fellow passengers, and your eardrums, and *turn it down*.

Are you blocking anyone — or everyone — else's exit from the car? Look around. If you are more than six feet tall, *look down*. There is nothing more stressful for petite people than trying to force their way out of a forest of tall people at the front of an elevator car.

It's hard enough for the under five-foot-three crowd to dodge everyone's backpacks and butts. Don't make elevators more traumatizing for them. Just step out of their way.

When you arrive at your floor, exit quickly so new people can board. Go on your way knowing that you have brought elevator etiquette to a whole new level.

Mylan price hike on EpiPens unacceptable

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layout editor

I am one of millions across the United States who owes her life to a tiny shot of adrenaline she carries around inside her purse.

It was two days before Christmas, and I really wanted a cookie — obviously. So I opened the freezer, grabbed a beautiful chocolate one and started eating. Two delicious bites in, and every single orifice in my face started itching like it had never itched before, something I hadn't felt since my first allergic reaction when I was three years old.

I looked down at what was in my hand, and low and behold, I saw a cookie with walnuts in it. That's when I knew I was going into anaphylactic shock, just like the doctors said would happen if I ever ate tree nuts again.

Anaphylactic shock, however, isn't just one giant, incredible itch on every internal surface of your body, as horrifying as that is. Anaphylaxis usually ends up with airways swelling shut, killing the person suffering from the allergic reaction unless immediate medical attention is administered.

Now as I'm sure you can guess, this is where that tiny shot of adrenaline I mentioned earlier comes into play. Called an EpiPen, it's Mylan's genius, portable medical device designed to stop anaphylactic shock in its

tracks. Without it, I could have been dead at 18, all thanks to some stupid walnuts in some stupid Christmas cookie. But instead, I was saved, by the grace of a giant injection.

Others, however, have not been so lucky.

My family has always had health insurance, which means I have always had fairly easy, unrestricted access to EpiPens no matter their price. When I was young, though, I remember seeing the story of a girl on the news who died because her boyfriend ate a peanut butter sandwich before their date and proceeded to kiss her. She went into anaphylactic shock and died because she didn't have an EpiPen, due to the prices being too high.

This, of course, was before 2007 when Mylan, the current maker of EpiPen, purchased the drug's patent from Merck, meaning that the girl's unfortunate passing wasn't Mylan's fault.

But Mylan could be at fault for many more deaths like that thanks to unjustified price increases over the past decade.

In 2007 when Mylan first obtained the rights to EpiPen, the drug cost around \$100. Since then, it's increased to \$608, a price that bars almost everyone without health insurance from getting the drug they may so desperately need.

Now someone please answer this, because I sure can't: Why

does a drug that costs less than \$1 per milliliter to produce (and has only .3 milliliters per dose) suddenly cost over \$600 to buy?

Is it greed?

Until Mylan explains the EpiPen's price in congress, no one can be certain as to why. One thing is very plain, though: A very vital drug has been abused, leaving who knows how many people at risk of dying a horrifying death.

Such irresponsible behavior must be answered for, which I hope higher authorities will make Mylan do.

But in the meantime, the company is trying to assuage the situation by promising to release a generic EpiPen — as well as a \$300 savings coupon on the original product for those eligible. This, however, is still not enough to set things straight, and it also leaves the company's speculated greed much more apparent.

If Mylan didn't care about the money and simply wanted to fix this mistake for good and for all, it would do something drastic, like lowering the price back to the original \$100 point from 2007.

This would make it much easier for everyone to afford the important drug, regardless of health insurance.

Besides, if the manufacturing costs really are so cheap, there's no way such a drop could hurt the company, especially when millions of people buy two, four or



AP PHOTO

A pharmacist holds a package of EpiPens. The life-saving drug was victim to a massive price increase that made it difficult for many who needed it to actually attain.

even six EpiPens each year thanks to the product's convenience — as well as short shelf life.

With all the sales, Mylan will easily be able to pay for the costs of production, including overhead and employment. It won't be difficult.

So even though the company's

current profits will shrink, substantial profits will still be had. They just won't be as large — or as unjust — as before.

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Legionella outbreak highlights flawed water systems



AP PHOTO

Prisons, such as the Leavenworth Detention Center of Corrections, are prone to Legionella outbreaks.

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Electric fences, security cameras, cells and guards are probably the first things that come to mind when you think of prison safety. More than likely, cleanliness (as a safety factor) did not make it to the top of the list.

Cleanliness is a safeguard for both inmates and guards. Its absence poses major threats for the entire facility.

Last week, the Pittsburgh State Correctional Institution found Legionella bacteria in its water cooling tower and medical building.

Legionella is a bacteria that grows in warm water and spreads in droplets through water systems, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This bacterium causes

a serious type of upper respiratory infection known as Legionnaire's disease. Its symptoms are similar to pneumonia and include coughing, shortness of breath, fever, muscle aches and headaches. This bacterium can also cause Pontiac fever, which mirrors symptoms similar to the flu.

As of now, no inmates or employees have been diagnosed with Legionnaire's disease, but these higher-than-normal bacteria levels draw attention to the increased need for facility water testing.

Legionnaire's disease is preventable through the management of said water systems. Clearly SCI Pittsburgh is lacking in this department. Every facility should know what the most at-risk locations for Legionella growth are. The CDC states hot water tanks and heaters, large

plumbing systems and cooling towers (air conditioning units for large buildings) pose the highest threat.

The management of correctional facilities is responsible for the maintenance and testing of this equipment. Overlooking these crucial steps due to money or time can cost — usually in the terms of human life — in the long run.

The treatment for Legionnaire's disease is antibiotics, which can improve most cases, but complications are serious. Due to lung failure, one out of 10 people who contract the disease die of Legionnaires', according to the CDC.

This discovery of Legionella is of no surprise to state Department of Health Secretary John Wetzel.

"The Department of Corrections has been confronted with this issue at various prisons over the past years," he told the Pittsburgh Tribune Review in an interview. "We take this matter seriously and are being proactive in our response to the water test results."

For now, SCI Pittsburgh has relocated its showers from the medical building until the Legionella-affected areas have been cleaned, said corrections spokeswoman Sue McNaughton. As an additional protection, the prison has provided bottled water to inmates and employees.

The prison's actions were not proactive by any means, like Wetzel claimed, but were instead reactive. Their solutions were temporary fixes to isolate Legionella's growth. A proactive approach would have been to have a well-developed water treatment plan in the first place.

To make matters worse, those who are at an increased risk of illness are people over the age

of 50, current and former smokers and individuals with weak immune systems, as stated by the CDC. Though SCI Pittsburgh doesn't make these demographics available, one can assume that some percentage of inmates is subject to one or more of these risks.

Legionella outbreaks are an issue prisons have been struggling with for a while. This past summer, the New York Times reported that a prison in the Bronx had an outbreak that killed 12 and sickened more than 71 inmates.

This South Bronx prison's plan of action was to mandate two week cleanings of cooling towers. On top of that, the state of New York mandated quarterly inspections for Legionella bacteria. Before this, no legislation existed for the regular care of water systems in New York.

The biggest complaint for Legionella inspections is its expense. But lives are more important than the cost of water testing. The lack of cleaning and proper care is an unacceptable oversight by prison management.

According to Tim Keane, a consulting engineer at Legionella Risk Management Inc., if there's no risk management plan after a Legionella outbreak, nine out of 10 times, the bacteria will regrow.

Breathing, showering and hydrating shouldn't be daily concerns for prisoners, but they are due to a lack of cleanliness in the water system. Inmates have no way of protecting themselves from this harmful bacterium. Instead they rely fully on those who upkeep their facility.

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A dip into The Duke archives: Sept. 8, 1977

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Since 1925, The Duquesne Duke has been serving the Duquesne community by reporting on the issues that matter. Thanks to the Gumberg Library Digital Collections, our 90-plus year history is always just a few clicks away. With that in mind, here is the first of many dips back into The Duke's archives.

It's Sept. 8, 1977 — 39 years ago — and Duquesne students are mad.

They're angry at a decision made by the Duquesne University Statute Committee to reduce the student body's seat on the Academic Council from voting status to observer status. As evidenced by the lengthy news story, a comic and two editorials printed in that Thursday's edition, this was a divisive issue.

The administration thought voting was "not consequential." Then-Student Government Association President John Rago had a different view in his guest column, saying the change had "dangerously disrupted our community of scholars by removing the student vote from the council." *The Duke's* staff backed up Rago's assertions in an editorial, making their view clear that "an immediate change [was] absolutely necessary."

As the disgruntled students would soon realize, their demands weren't

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going to be met. The Academic Council, still going strong today, never saw the return of a voting seat for the student body.

Flip to the third page to find a problem all too familiar for current Duquesne students — parking. Yes, the conundrum of cramming cars on the Bluff isn't a new one, and nearly 40 years ago, it was unquestionably a hot button issue.

Back then the complaints came from students whose cars had been towed during a permitless parking week. The university police claimed that cars would only be towed if they were impeding traffic flow. Students claimed that their cars had been towed despite having done no such thing.

The situation was to be solved by the sale of permits for those wanting to park. The most expensive option was \$75 (about \$300 today). Must've been nice, huh?

This year's incoming class of 2020

is potentially the largest in Duquesne's history. That's a trend familiar to campus over the past few years, and in the fall of '77, freshman enrollment was up as well. Unfortunately, that was only part of the story.

After a rise in tuition costs, the total amount of students enrolled for the first day of classes was down a few hundred in headcount. It was a blow to the university at the time, with an approximate \$280,000 loss in revenue for Duquesne as a result, but things seem to have bounced back during the ensuing four decades.

These days, internships are a rite of passage for any dedicated college student, but back in 1977, there wasn't as much thought given to the experience-building opportunities. In fact, as evidenced by a letter to the editor by a former graduate, the business school had no internship program at all. My oh my, how things have changed.

Living-Learning is a term familiar to every current Duquesne student, but in the fall of 1977, the concept was merely in its experimental stages. Thirty nine years ago, St. Ann Hall's third floor west wing was the first-ever Duquesne Living-Learning community.

The all-female group took an intro to sociology class together, with the hope that dorm life would serve as its very own social microcosm to study.

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They're still off campus, just at a different address.

The group was able to attend class right where they were living, since the course was taught in the wing's lounge.

While it was only in its first weeks of operation at the time of the Sept. 8 issue, it's probably safe to assume the experiment went well, seeing as Living-Learning Communities continue to this day.

Duquesne student apathy toward campus sports must be a long-running trend. *The Duke's* editorial staff felt the need to explain to students that, with the move of the Grid Iron Dukes (trivia: our football team's former name) to a stadium in South Side, there was no excuse not to attend.

Last March, *The Duke's* staff ran an editorial in much the same vein, albeit under different circumstances. Maybe a lack of sports enthusiasm is just a facet of being on the Bluff.

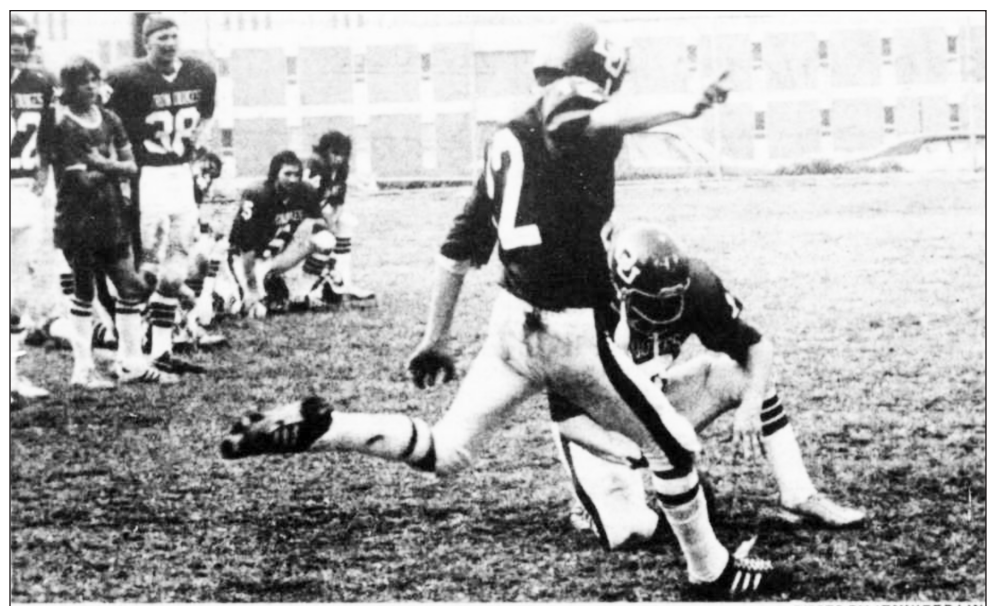
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MY KINGDOM FOR A PARKING SPACE seems to have been the sentiments of many commuter and resident drivers. With only 1,400 legal student parking spaces, scenes like this will continue until permits are sold.

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In 1977, students were struggling to find parking on campus, a familiar difficulty for students today.



LEFT-FOOTED SIDEWINDER Leo Weide demonstrated the proper method of field goal kicking last Thursday at McCloskey Field. Iron Dukes' Head Coach Dan McCann said he expects Weide to get a lot of game time to display his skill.

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University trivia: the Duquesne football team used to be known as the Grid Iron Dukes.

New Kid on the Bluff: Olav Hovstad

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Scoring the overtime game-winning goal — that's how sophomore transfer Olav Hovstad made his debut on Rooney Field, catching the attention of everyone in attendance.

The former University of New Mexico Lobo bounced in a header in the ninth minute of overtime against Saint Francis nearly two weeks ago, which gave the Dukes their first win of the season.

Securing the win for the Red & Blue in his first game on the Bluff was surely an unforgettable moment for Hovstad.

"It was great," Hovstad said. "It was a tough game, especially in overtime; they pushed us back a bit. It was a great experience, and it's always fun to win the first game at home, and hopefully we can build on that."

Being a new member on the team isn't the most interesting detail about Hovstad, though — the sophomore midfielder is also an international student-athlete hailing from Grimstad, Norway.

Playing soccer since the age of five, Hovstad spent a majority of his life growing up in Norway strengthening his skills in the sport. In the U.S., Hovstad saw

an opportunity to play in a system that was more suitable for his playing style.

Ultimately, an injury while competing at the high school-level played a factor in his decision to move to the States and play college soccer.

"I was injured for a few years, and I was thinking maybe a new environment would help me out," Hovstad said. "So I figured I might give it a shot. It's different, it's more physical and we play at a higher tempo here."

The switch to Duquesne meant a chance to gain minutes and produce more offensively for Hovstad, who was redshirted his first year at New Mexico in 2014.

Despite recording some playing time for the Lobos last year, Hovstad wanted more, explaining that he still wasn't satisfied with his minutes out West. Head coach Chase Brooks was willing to give him the chance for just that, after being contacted about Hovstad.

"What I saw and what I heard about him from the contacts that I had, is that he is a hard worker, a guy who was looking to prove himself," Brooks said. "I think he's going to find himself pushing for a starting role every single week, which is a great thing. I think he's in a good position to be a guy that we can lean on, especially as con-

ference play comes around."

In his first season with the Red & Blue, Hovstad aspires to make his name a familiar one on the scoresheet, while also gaining more minutes on the field.

The midfielder is currently tied for first place in goals and shots with two other teammates.

His teammates are happy with his performance so far and with his contribution on the offensive end, according to junior midfielder Fredrik Borenstein.

"He is a hard-working individual with a great attitude and a passion for the game," Borenstein said. "I am extremely proud to call him a teammate and my friend."

Up next, Duquesne kicks off its weekend-long invitational, which includes games between the Dukes, Wofford, Canisius and Wofford.

The first game of the Duquesne Invitational for the Red & Blue will be against Wofford at 8 p.m. on Friday. The Dukes will compete again Sunday with a game against Canisius at 2 p.m.

Concluding the weekend, the Dukes only have four games remaining before the start of the Atlantic 10 Conference schedule. Duquesne will look for more game-winners from Hovstad heading into this weekend, and as they approach conference play,

according to Brooks.

"He's doing the things we thought he was going to do. He's working hard, he's a competitor, which is what we need," Brooks said. "We need guys that are willing to push and battle every single day, and I think that he brings that."



BRYANNA McDERMOTT / ASST. PHOTO EDITOR
Sophomore transfer Olav Hovstad scored the GW goal versus SFU.

World Cup of Hockey Controversy

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Gary Bettman, the commissioner of the National Hockey League, has been looking for a way to prevent his players from competing in the Winter Olympics for years, and he may have just figured out how with his restoration of the World Cup of Hockey.

The international tournament will feature six of the top hockey countries, along with two hybrid teams. Team North America, consisting of Canadian and American players under 23-years old, and Team Europe will join Canada, the United States, Sweden, Russia, Finland and the Czech Republic.

While hockey fans are excited to see their favorite players compete against each other, the NHL's hidden agenda may cause some viewers to tune out.

Competing in the Winter Olympics costs Bettman a lot of money. Now, the World Cup is being deemed by some as "Bettman's Olympics," considering the Commissioner has been quite vocal about his desire to keep NHL players away from the Olympic Games.

When it comes to allowing its players to compete in the Olympic Games, the NHL must shorten its season, including shutting down the league in February for three whole weeks.

That is three weeks of virtually no revenue: no games, no ticket sales and a decrease in merchandise sold.

In the eyes of the NHL, the World Cup is a win-win situation. The fans get to watch international hockey and the league not only saves money, it makes money — since the NHL and NHLPA run the tournament.

But the rebirth of the World Cup cannot compete with the luster of the Winter Olympics. The Winter Games have brought fans impeccable moments that would never have happened without the NHL's participation in the Olympics.

Imagine if Sidney Crosby didn't score the Golden Goal on home soil in Canada or if the world never got to see T.J. Oshie's phenomenal shootout performance in Sochi.

These are moments that can define a player's entire career.

While the World Cup will still have the best-of-the-best from around the world competing, it's not going to give the sport as much of a spotlight.

Only die-hard hockey fans are going to tune-in to see the World Cup, but the Olympics have become such a cultural norm that even non-sports fans watch the games just to root on their home country.

The NHL claimed it would determine whether or not it would send players to South Korea in six months.

Perhaps Bettman is waiting to see how his own Olympics pan out this September before making any promises.

Duquesne VB rides depth to perfect weekend



BRYANNA McDERMOTT / ASST. PHOTO EDITOR
Sophomore outside hitter Maddie Bazalak crushes a spike against Coppin State in the 3-0 win.

ANDREW HOLMAN
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After graduating a trio of seniors, which included their all-time assist leader, Mary Henry, the Duquesne volleyball program needed some young talent to step up in 2016.

Winning all four of their matches in the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational in straight sets, made it apparent that head coach Steve Opperman had a plan. The box scores from the four matches display the balance and the depth of this team.

The usual suspects, including senior outside hitter Maddie Burnham, junior outside hitter Molly Davet and senior libero Sammy Kline, have come back even stronger for Opperman. Additionally,

the young talent he brought into the program over the past two seasons is already making an immediate impact.

For starters, freshman setter Dani Suiter was the one challenged with filling the shoes of four-year starter Henry, who graduated last season. Henry ran the show for Duquesne on the offensive side and seemed to always make the right plays near the net.

Suiter has come in and proven right away that she has the talent to put up a similar career to Henry. In the four game stretch of the invitational alone, Suiter dished out 132 assists. She now has 202 assists through her first six collegiate appearances.

Sophomore Sydney McGinn has also done an excellent job filling in at the setter position. McGinn has supplied 97 assists through her 10 sets played. Opperman has to be feeling pretty darn lucky to have two dynamic players at setter.

One of the players on the receiving end of all those assists is sophomore outside hitter Maddie Bazalak. She was named to the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational All-Tournament Team alongside teammates Kline and junior middle hitter Abbie Trzeciak.

Currently, Bazalak is leading a group of powerful outside hitters with 99 kills through eight matches — 22 more than any other member of the Red & Blue. However, Davet, Trzeciak and Burnham all have upward of 50 kills on the season.

All of the power isn't coming from the outside, as the middle hitters have added their fair share of kills to the mix. The trio of Trzeciak, sophomore Kori Johnson and senior Lacey Levers, who is currently battling an injury, have tallied 115 kills from the center. Opperman can surely use this depth for the long haul of the season. All of these players have proven they can perform from the middle

hitter position, so even if one is injured or simply needs a day off, Opperman has a bench to back them up.

Along with the surplus in hitters, Duquesne has a reliable defense found in the back with Kline and sophomore defensive specialist Camryn Vecera.

In the Dukes' first match of the weekend versus Coppin State, Kline recorded nine digs and with that she surpassed the 1,000th dig of her career. The senior has already racked up an even 100 digs in the early portion of the 2016 campaign and was named MVP of the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational. Vecera has muscled out 57 digs to add to the mix. Due to their expertise in the defensive aspect of the game, Opperman decided to redshirt another talented freshman, Claire Boe, in order to save this year of eligibility for her.

The Dukes co-hosted the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational Sept. 2-3 at the Palumbo Center and faced four non-conference opponents over the course of the two-day event.

Their third win of the invitational over Bucknell gave Opperman the 400th win of his career on the Bluff. Watching his team complete a perfect weekend with four 3-0 victories had to be a sweet way to celebrate that milestone.

It will be even sweeter for Opperman if the depth that was on display this weekend continues throughout the season. Playing four games in two days challenges a team's focus and durability, and the Red & Blue showed that wasn't a problem as they avoided dropping a single set.

For the Dukes to keep the early success rolling through the remainder of conference season they will have to rely on a well-rounded performance — similar to the one on display over the weekend.

When Levers is back, this team will exude exceptional depth and balance and could become the force they were just a few short seasons ago.

The thrill of Saturday is back and the race to the CFP is on

ANDREW HOLMAN
sports editor

Saturday mornings, remember them? No, not just any Saturday mornings, I'm talking about game days. The ones where you wake up, shower, throw on your team's colors and waste the whole day away glued to the television watching the craziness of college football unfold.

But then the winter came, Alabama rolled to its fourth title in seven years and all of the sudden Saturday became just another day of the week.

Well good news folks, college football Saturdays are back and the weekends just got a whole lot more exciting.

After one weekend, it's already apparent that the 2016-17 season surely will not disappoint. ESPN called it "the best opening weekend in college football ever." That might be a bit of an exaggeration, but it surely got the season off to a strong start with three of the nation's top 10 teams falling.

So now that the teams have taken to the field, it's time to preview what should be another captivating year of game days.

College Football Playoff (CFP) Predictions:



AP PHOTO

Florida State quarterback Deondre Francois throws a pass in the team's win over Ole Miss.

1. Florida State Seminoles (1-0, def. Ole Miss 45-34)

There were a lot of questions for the Florida State Seminoles entering the season. The team was undoubtedly loaded with top tier talent, but would they be able to ride the shoulders of a redshirt freshman quarterback all the way to the CFP? After week one, that answer appears to be yes. Quarterback Deondre Francois faced about as much adversity as one could possibly face in their first collegiate game. He was up against the No. 11 team in the country and trailing 28-6 with under one minute to go in the first half. He finished the night with 419 yards passing, 59 yards rushing, two touchdown passes and a 45-34 win. Not to mention, the freshman didn't turn the ball over against a stout Ole Miss defense. Francois led the Seminoles to their largest comeback win in school history. Things are looking very promising down in Tallahassee.

2. Clemson Tigers (1-0, def. Auburn 19-13)

In a 2015 championship game to remember, the Clemson Tigers came up just short to the Alabama Crimson Tide by a final score of 45-40. The Tigers go as quarterback Deshaun Watson goes and he may very well be

the best at his position in the college game. A Heisman candidate at quarterback boats well for head coach Dabo Swinney's team. They are also stacked with weapons on the offensive side of the ball who are returning from last year and will surely compensate for a defense that could struggle early on after the loss of some key players. Aside from the matchup with Florida State, Clemson has a very favorable schedule and they appear to be a near lock to qualify for the CFP.



AP PHOTO

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson sets back to pass the ball in their win over the Auburn Tigers.

3. Ohio State Buckeyes (1-0, def. BGSU 77-10)

A late loss to Michigan State derailed the Buckeyes' 2015 season and denied them a chance to repeat as National Champions. Along with their championship dreams dissolving, the Buckeyes also had to wave goodbye to 16 starters, so it's a good thing Urban Meyer is one of the top recruiters in the country. Ohio State put up 776 yards of total offense in its week one matchup — a new school record. Also, there is no more quarterback competition in Columbus and J.T. Barrett seems poised to lead a talented Scarlet and Grey squad back to the playoffs for the second time in its three years of existence.



AP PHOTO

Ohio State running back Curtis Samuel celebrates his touchdown against BGSU on Saturday.

4. Houston Cougars (1-0, def. Oklahoma 33-23)

You will just have to take my word on this one, but I was aboard the Houston hype train way before the season started. After



AP PHOTO

The Clemson Tigers get set for the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship game against the Alabama Crimson Tide at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona on Jan. 11, 2016.

their impressive double digit win over No. 3 Oklahoma, the Cougars reaffirmed the confidence I had in them. Ever since head coach Tom Herman took over the program, the Cougars have been rapidly trending upward. Last year, Houston shocked the country with a monumental 38-24 win over Florida State in the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl. This year I believe the Cougars will go a perfect 13-0 and earn a spot in their first ever CFP.



AP PHOTO

Houston head coach Tom Herman watches his team defeat Oklahoma in the season opener.

Outside looking in...

Michigan Wolverines (1-0, def. Hawaii 63-3)

The Wolverines were one successful punt away from defeating the Big 10 Champion Spartans in 2015. From 2014 to 2015 the Wolverines added Coach Harbaugh and bolstered their record from 5-7 to 10-3 in just one season. Although I expect them to boast an even better record in 2016, only one team from the Big 10 is getting into the CFP and it's likely going to be the winner of the Ohio State vs. Michigan rivalry game in the season's final week, which I expect Ohio State to win at The Horseshoe.

Stanford Cardinal (1-0, def. Kansas State 26-13)

A 2015 Heisman Finalist, Christian McCaffrey will surely keep Stanford in the hunt for a spot in the CFP. Although Stanford is slated to play five opponents ranked in the preseason polls, it seems the Cardinal shouldn't have too much trouble with their schedule. However, I'm eyeing an Oct. 15 showdown with the Fighting Irish as the game that ruins their perfect

record. I don't see enough signature wins on their schedule for them to make the playoff with one loss.

Alabama Crimson Tide (1-0, def. USC 52-6)

Yeah... leaving Alabama outside of the CFP is tough to back up. All they did was win another national title, bring in a stellar recruiting class and hand the USC Trojans their worst loss in 50 years. But something tells me the "unbeatable" label being placed on them is going to come back to bite them. There was a similar feeling heading into last season for Ohio State and they watched the CFP from their couches.

And for some reason, I have a feeling a similar turn of events will play out with the Tide. They seem to have found their quarterback and their defense is reloaded, but I still am not a believer in the Tide. I couldn't tell you to whom or when it's going to happen, but I believe the college football world will be put in collective shock as Alabama will be left out of the CFP.

Final Thoughts

You read that correctly — a grand total of zero SEC schools in the CFP. It's just an average year in the SEC and Week 1 of the college football season proved that. Aside from Alabama's 52-6 demolition of USC, the other top teams in the conference were rather underwhelming.

LSU, the team polled to finish second in the SEC behind Alabama, already saw their playoff hopes begin to fade as they dropped their season opener to Wisconsin 16-4. Additionally, Tennessee, the favorite to win the SEC East, needed overtime to defeat Appalachian State and if it weren't for a favorable bounce on a goal-line fumble, the Volunteers would have already played themselves out of the CFP conversation.

Ultimately, I see a Florida State vs. Ohio State National Championship game in which the Buckeyes win in a shootout. Offense is the name of the game at the college level and Ohio State seemingly has the offense best equipped to bring home the hardware.

At the end of the day, no matter who is in the playoffs it should be another incredible year of college football and one that produces many classic, jaw-dropping moments. Sit back and enjoy these Saturdays, college football fans. Maybe this time winter won't come along to ruin it all — we can only hope.

YouTube at center of censorship debate

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Over the past week, hundreds of people who make a living off of posting videos on YouTube discovered that many of their videos had stopped collecting advertising revenue after being deemed not “advertiser-friendly” by the site. Initially, it was thought that YouTube had suddenly begun demonetizing videos overnight, but this was not the case.

Videos can generate advertising revenue if the poster agrees to be a “YouTube partner,” but this game with rules to follow. For years, YouTube has enforced strict guidelines on what content is considered “advertiser-friendly.” If a YouTube’s video contains any banned element, the video is demonetized and the poster does not receive any advertising revenue.

Now, a recent change in YouTube’s interface clearly shows content posters which videos are flagged as objectionable to advertisers. Before, most channels were not informed when their content stopped generating revenue.

On Aug. 31, popular YouTuber Phillip DeFranco uploaded a video titled “YouTube Is Shutting Down

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YouTube has faced increasing amounts of accusations for being anti-user friendly. Many YouTubers see the announcement as another sign of the claim.

My Channel and I’m Not Sure What To Do,” which falsely suggested that the majority of his videos were being demonetized. The video and the ensuing confusion brought accusations of censorship from creators across YouTube, although the site’s guidelines regarding monetization have not changed for some time.

According to the Internet Creator’s Guild, a union for online content creators, YouTube says that only one percent of their partners’ videos have been tagged as ineligible for ad revenue. Even still, the “how” and “why” of the way these

videos get flagged highlights gripes that YouTubers have had with the site for years.

YouTube’s guidelines for videos that aim to be “advertiser-friendly” prohibit not only standard things such as sexually explicit content, violence and the promotion of drug use, but also swearing and the inclusion of “controversial or sensitive subjects and events, subjects related to war, political conflicts, natural disasters and tragedies.”

This umbrella covers a broad range of channels that include anything provocative, even news channels that report current events.

Some videos with topics that have caused them to be demonetized include “LGBT Tragedy & History” by Rowan Ellis, “My Depression Story” by Luke Cutforth and “Syrian Girls and Lioness Ambition,” a vlog which tells the stories of child refugees by Rosianna Rojas.

As for how a video gets demonetized, YouTube’s computer algorithm checks every partner’s video to see if its content is objectionable. If YouTube’s automated process deems it inappropriate for advertisers, the video stops earning money outright, which until recently, was not clearly communicated to creators.

With the new update to the site, videos that are flagged are now labeled, and creators can request a manual review by a human if they think a mistake was made. But this sort of “guilty until proven innocent” philosophy echoes YouTube’s oft-criticized copyright claim system, which caused previous site-wide controversies.

Today, if another content creator or party outside of YouTube believes a video has violated copyright, the video will receive a content ID claim. The person who submitted the claim can block the

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WEEK’S EVENTS

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band

Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.

The legendary rock musician will be performing at CONSOL Energy Center just across the street from Duquesne. Tickets start at \$55. For more information to this all ages event, please visit consolenergycenter.com.

The Australian Pink Floyd Show

Sept. 13, 6 p.m.

The Pink Floyd tribute band will be performing at Heinz Hall in the Cultural District. The performance will feature the band’s signature intelligent light system. Tickets start at \$35. For more information to this event, visit druskyentertainment.com.

UPCOMING RELEASES

“Who Gets The Dog”

Sept. 13

This romantic comedy stars Alicia Silverstone and Ryan Kwanten as a divorcing couple battling over who gets custody of their beloved dog. Parts of the movie were filmed during a real live Chicago Wolves game.

“Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney—Spirit of Justice”

Sept. 8

The latest entry in the “Ace Attorney” series sees Phoenix Wright reunite with his long-time partner, Maya Fey, to prove a supposedly fool-proof justice system is not quite as perfect as it seems. The game features full 3D movement for the first time in the franchise. It will be released exclusively for the Nintendo 3DS and will cost \$29.99.

MICRO REVIEW

“Dead of Summer”

“Strong performances by Zelda Williams and Tony Todd cannot save this horror-show from succumbing to mischaracterization, unscary sequences and an overall boring plot. It certainly does not help that the strongest episodes end up being toward the first half of the season, with things going downhill somewhere around episode five. Maybe try back next summer.”

— Sean Ray

‘Pokémon GO’ takes hit to user count

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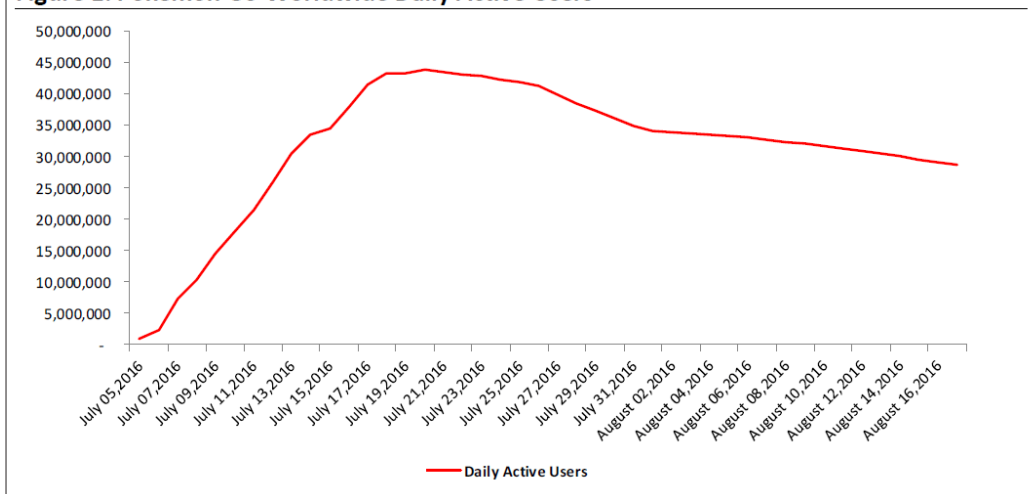
On July 6, the mobile market was introduced to one of the biggest gaming crazes since “Candy Crush.” Schoolchildren, parents and even newscasters suddenly became infatuated with a 20-year-old franchise. Thanks to Niantic, Inc., the majestic and powerful beasts known as Pokémon were no longer confined to the handheld consoles of Nintendo. With the release of “Pokémon GO,” childhood dreams became a reality — Pokémon finally existed in the real world.

However, like any fad, “Pokémon GO’s” has since begun to decline at a rapid rate. Recently, Apple published a statement noting that “Pokémon GO” held the title of the most downloaded app in the history of the iTunes store. Yet, the augmented-reality game has been having difficulty with keeping users entertained.

According to figures from Bloomberg, Niantic, Inc.’s title has lost a significant portion of players. At its peak, “Pokémon GO’s” servers were home to approximately 45 million trainers. As of Aug. 16, that number has fallen to roughly 30 million. While 30 million is still a respectable number of gamers, a loss of that size should be concerning. How could the most popular mobile game of our time fall from its graces so quickly?

For starters, “Pokémon GO” notoriously drained the battery of every phone that hosted it. This has prevented players from spending day-long excursions out in the wild, hoping to capture the rarest and most powerful of the estimated 145 featured Pokémon. Furthermore, the gameplay suffered from repetition, making every encounter feel like a chore, rather than an enjoyable experience. Battles are nothing

Figure 1: Pokémon Go Worldwide Daily Active Users



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This chart by Apptopia, an organization that tracks download and user information for apps, shows the slow but steady decline in active users “Pokémon GO” has been experiencing since August’s start.

more than a finger swipe on your phone, and trading, arguably the biggest selling point of any Pokémon game, has yet to be introduced.

Even Nintendo, a partial owner of the Pokémon franchise, has suffered losses due to the app’s declining popularity. While the company enjoyed a temporary stock increase during the first week of “Pokémon GO’s” sales, the company is now reeling from a large financial drop that shows no signs of stopping.

Originally, investors held the assumption that Nintendo was the sole owner of the Pokémon franchise. In actuality, Nintendo owns approximately 32 percent of The Pokémon Company, the true creators of the lovable pocket monsters. Furthermore, Niantic, Inc. never partnered with Nintendo, but rather with The Pokémon Company, meaning that the Japanese-based gaming giant would only

receive a small portion of earnings. With this revelation, Nintendo’s stocks fell by an egregious 17 percent, the worst collapse the company has faced since 1990.

As it currently stands, “Pokémon GO” is in a unique state of limbo. The game released a few months ago to praise and adoration from millions of people. Yet, a surprising lack of features as well as technical issues have alienated a significant portion of their fan base.

However, the game remains in its infancy. Niantic, Inc. has released updates for the game, which stabilized servers and even added some new features. More Pokémon will make an appearance, and features regarding player-socialization are currently in the works. Only time will tell if “Pokémon GO” will either evolve into a title worth bearing the Pokémon name or be another short trend.

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THE DUQUESNE DUKE

1964 Duquesne grad's novel full of dark comedy

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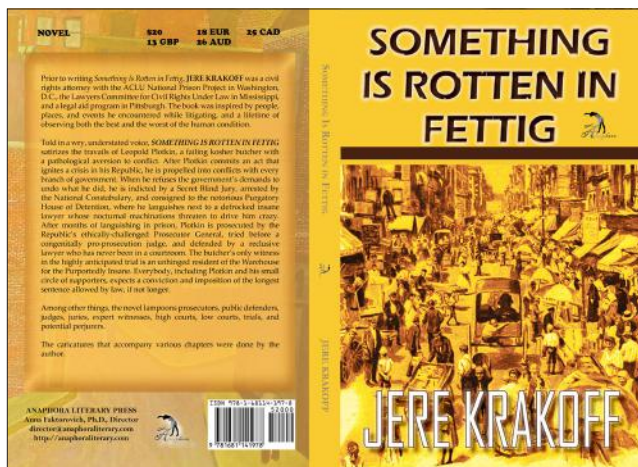
Written by 1964 Duquesne Alumnus and retired Civil Rights Attorney Jere Krakoff, “Something is Rotten in Fettig” is a satire that exhibits a tongue-in-cheek familiarity with the dysfunctions of the legal system. Appropriately, this is a worthy read to undertake just in time for Homecoming (or at least before you consider going to law school).

Leopold Plotkin is a quiet kosher butcher in the city of Fettig, the capital of the esteemed Republic, who tends to his father's declining business. After a botched attempt at increasing sales, Plotkin, on his parent's orders, slathers the family butcher shop window with mud to prevent customers from window shopping.

The nonsensical directive soon backfires into a “Mud Crisis” that turns Plotkin into the Republic's most hated anti-capitalist. Later accused of breaking a law explicitly made for him to be indicted for violating, Plotkin endures the trials, tribulations and humiliations of being a publicly despised “criminal-type” with every card in the system stacked against him.

Plotkin is in the running for contemporary fiction's most sympathetic human punching bag. He is abused by everyone from ambivalent relatives to corrupt “lawmongers” to unnerving crowds of anti-Semites. As a child, his father quashes his dreams of becoming an intellectual. He is arbitrarily beaten and slapped before, during and after his imprisonment while awaiting trial. All throughout, he is vexed by hypochondria and, per Plotkin family tradition, a disposition for believing in the worst.

Fans of Lemony Snicket's “A Series of Unfortunate Events” will be at home among the book's gaggle of willfully blind authority figures. The novel invokes the situational absurdity of works by Franz Kafka, Albert Camus and Jonathan Swift; the cast is loaded with figurative (and literally drawn) caricatures of biased jurists, inflamed mobs and in-



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Krakoff based the novel off of his own experiences both growing up and serving as a civil rights attorney, according to his website.

competent legislators.

The book's treatment of judicial formalities is hardly kind. Plotkin is first indicted by a Secret Blind Jury presented with evidence while blindfolded; he has a brush with the Republic's Society for the Apparent Representation of Indigent Criminal-Types, which prefers to employ unambitious attorneys who graduated in the bottom of their classes; his actual trial begins with a four-hour “Opening Rant” by the prosecution and concludes with both attorneys’ “Closing Diatribes.”

Krakoff's prose lays out his dark humor on every page. No passage is superfluous in illustrating his absurd world. At 60 short chapters with a generous epilogue, the book could perhaps stand some shaving on less significant points, such as Plotkin's awkward meeting with a psychiatrist. Still, its 265 pages keep it a quick read.

The only difficult part of wading through Krakoff's world is acclimating to the Republic's point-blank injustices that compound Plotkin's misery for nine-tenths of the novel.

It is impossible not to feel as despondent and helpless as Plotkin in an unpredictable system that discards justice in favor of inflated egos. It is even more depressing when you remember that Krakoff is depicting a world not too far removed from our own.

One of the most impressive features of his writing is the bulk of characters he handles and interweaves in such a short volume. The cast of characters in the beginning of the book, which delineates their roles and relation to Plotkin, is well-warranted. Krakoff draws on his own experiences as a retired civil rights attorney to illustrate these true-to-life exaggerations, and he takes the time to pack in a believable background and motive for each.

Prosecutor General Umberto Malatesta is driven by the glory of litigating a high-profile case in a pro-prosecution court. Malatesta's de facto co-conspirator, the diminutive Justice Wolfgang Stifel, is eager to live by his maxim “that it's better for dozens of innocent scum to be unjustly convicted than for one [a—hole] to be unfairly acquitted.”

There is something to be said on how the least self-serving and capable lawmonger among the cast, Prime Thinker Guda Prikash, is a scholarly hermit with a phobia of public speaking — who must be hypnotized before he can even stand in a courtroom. He works for a prestigious firm that serves Fettig's high society, and which openly delays Plotkin's advance appointment with his pro bono counsel in favor of catering to the needs of the unscheduled elite.

Ana Bloom, Plotkin's “only female friend,” is hardly treated as some destined love interest for our despondent hero, and it is her sincere friendship and persistence that leads him to getting adequate legal representation. Ana and the very few allies in Plotkin's life ultimately make his misery bearable and give him the faintest sliver of hope for an acquittal, however unlikely.

The book is, in the end, a no-holds-barred roast of the U.S. judiciary. No number of formal procedural rules can truly overcome human irrationality and the power of an outraged majority. Grab a copy of this Duquesne grad's novel — and judge it for yourself.

Economics prof. reveals video game-creating past

SEAN RAY
a&e editor

While today he might be known for his innumerable editorials on fiscal policy, Duquesne Associate Professor of Economics Antony Davies had a hand in the creation of one of the largest video game companies in the industry, Take-Two Interactive, publisher of such games like “Grand Theft Auto” and “XCOM: Enemy Unknown.”

Davies co-founded Paragon Software, which would eventually evolve into Take-Two. The Duke interviewed Davies on his experience with his foray into the world of video games.

You were one of the co-founders of Paragon Software back in 1985. Could you describe to us how the formation of the company came about?

Davies: “A good friend of mine, Mark Seremet, and I did a lot of coding — just for fun. We were sophomores in college and were looking for a way to earn some beer money. So we advertised that we would code customized software for businesses. In fact, the company's original name was Customized Software Systems. Within a few months, we received a call from an investor looking to fund a startup in the commercial business software space. So, we shifted gears. Our first product was an accounting system for small businesses. We then started work on software for the home construction industry. Partway

through that project, we discovered that the development cycle for complex business software was a lot longer than we had anticipated. So we started writing games on the side as a way to keep the company afloat while we developed the construction software.”

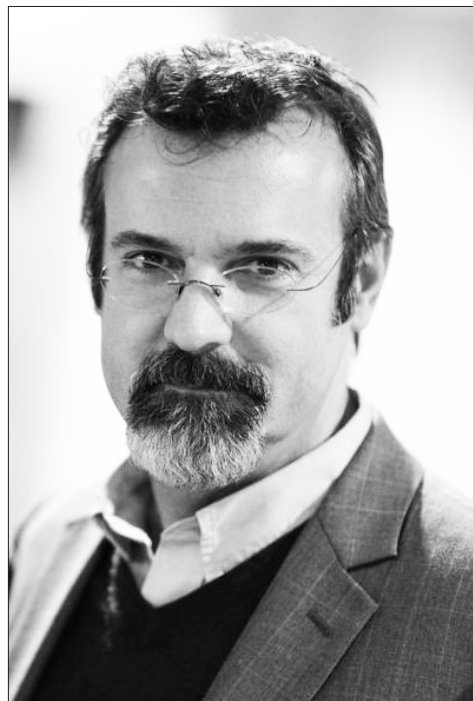
Back in the late '80s and early '90s, video games were a lot more of a niche interest than they are today. What made you want to get into this burgeoning industry?

D: “In the '80s and '90s, gaming software was much easier to code. Computers weren't capable of producing the complex graphics that make video game development so expensive today. I believe that this contributed to the games being, in a way, more interesting. Games had to be more mentally engaging to make up for the lack of eye candy on which modern games can easily rely.”

What tasks did you mainly handle during the day-to-day operations at Paragon Software?

D: “Initially, there were only two of us, so we did everything — but “everything” mostly involved writing code. By the time we were juniors, we had office space and employees. At that point, we spent most of our time on product design, strategic planning, and meeting with investors. I suppose, practically speaking, that all boiled down to figuring out how we were going to afford to continue paying for the office and employees.”

The company was rendered defunct in 1992. What was the cause of the company's eventual downfall?



COURTESY OF ANTONY DAVIES

Davies has written several op-eds for such publications as the Wall Street Journal, Forbes and the Los Angeles Daily. He usually writes about topics like fiscal policy and business news.

D: “When we graduated from college, my partner and I went our separate ways. Mark wanted to continue working with the company. I wanted to pursue a Ph.D. As I was the lead developer on our business software, the company shut down the business side and became solely a gaming company. Microprose, a major gaming com-

pany back in the '90s, purchased Paragon and set it up as a subsidiary. A year or so later, Microprose went bankrupt. My partner repurchased Paragon and renamed it Take-Two Interactive. Although Mark is no longer with the company, Take-Two continues to produce gaming software today.”

What were some of the big lessons you took away from your experience with Paragon?

D: “Perhaps the largest lesson is to listen to the market. We had an idea of what people wanted — customized business software. The market (in this case, in the form of investors) rather quickly told us that it would rather have commercial business software. A couple of years later, it told us it preferred more games to more business software. So, I suppose the moral of the story is to be determined but never be so sure of yourself that you stop looking to identify and correct errors.”

What piece of advice would you give a Duquesne graduate attempting to start their own video game company today?

D: “Video gaming is much more complicated today and the industry is much more consolidated. I'm not sure I would advise a student to attempt a start-up in the space. However, the smartphone gaming industry is not only wide-open, but the fickleness of smartphone users tends to favor companies that can come up with and execute on fresh ideas quickly. Were I a college student today, I'd found a gaming company that wrote for smartphones.”

This interview was condensed and edited for space.

Correction:

The article "Center for Wellbeing to offer new services" from last week's issue incorrectly spelled the name of Dr. Ian Edwards and the Center for Student Wellbeing.

Looking through Duke past

ARCHIVES — from page 6

"We Deliver To Duquesne," an advertisement by Oakland Beer Distributing Co. proudly exclaims. Look left and find that Freefall Inc. only charges \$45, or about \$180 in today's dollars, for a skydiving lesson. Joe Madia Barber Shop, still a staple for Duquesne students needing some freshening up, tries to drum up some business on page 15.

Ads for bars find themselves a few columns from ads for churches. Texas Instruments has a full-page spread advertising their TI-57 calculator. It doesn't look too different from what they sell today, and it sure isn't any cheaper, either. Some things just never change.

More to degree than cash

DEGREE — from page 4

be one rooted in chasing dreams, no matter how unnecessary they may seem to society?

These are quite a few rhetorical questions, but one thing is clear. We need to stop harping on liberal arts majors for not being as overtly practical as other areas of study.

At the end of the day, practicality does not equal, nor reflect, a person's worth.

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YouTube ad policy criticized

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video from being seen, and the content creator who uploaded the claimed video does not receive any ad revenue unless the claimer allows them to share the money or the claim is resolved in the uploader's favor.

The uploader can appeal a claim, but if the party who submitted the original claim still disagrees, they can either uphold the ID claim or request that the video be taken down altogether, which results in a copyright strike. Three strikes, and a channel is completely removed from YouTube.

Just like the system in place for detecting objectionable material for advertisers, much of the process for the content ID system is automated, with popular YouTubers often having to prove themselves in the face of frivolous claims. YouTuber Jim Sterling, a personality within the video game industry, has had videos which used game-

play and trailer footage taken down by companies like Digital Homicide and Kobra Studios, whose games he was criticizing. Channel "h3h3Productions", primarily a reaction channel, has also had videos taken down for using others' footage for parody, and even became embroiled in a lawsuit over video use last May.

A number of YouTubers understand why videos are being demonetized, and are simply asking for better communication in the future. The Internet Creators Guild has a few recommendations for how the site can improve the process of evaluating the content of videos for advertisers, and ultimately wants YouTube to reach out to the creators themselves when more changes are made.

"We want to publicly say to YouTube: in the future if and when communication policies change or new features launch," the ICG said on their website. "We know creators, because we are creators."

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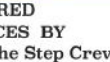
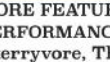


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