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 schoolchildren 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 nonprofit 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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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.

“He was the greatest treasure... our daughter thought he was

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Campus bells repaired after malfunction

Brandon Addeo  
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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 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 lightning 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 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.

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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. on Sept. 22 at the Jumbo 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 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

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Conduct.

ferred to the Office of Student Conduct. Later that day, a coach bus carrying athletes for an away team at a football game crashed into a Duquesne police vehicle when backing out. Minor damages to the bumper of the police vehicle were reported.

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

“I know and have seen what some of those kids look like, 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. 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 school last year, according to Sizemore-Thompson.

Another student who registered to work at the clinic is Moham-d 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.

New DU law clinic to focus on education

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 Kuns, assistant director of creative writing center and a doctoral candidate, will debut VetsWrite at theNorwin Public Library in IR, PA, in sever workshops starting Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

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

Kuns 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.”

Kuns 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 Kuns 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, the group can do so privately instead, Kuns 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 DO Dog Tag are mostly veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars on terror, Kuns 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,” Kuns 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.

Kuns 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.

“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 “holis-tic,” 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

Brandon Addie
news editor

HAPEL’S carillon bells fixed

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ing in the Laval House one morn- ing with the other Spiritual 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 re-alized something was wrong.

Since then, he and other Spiri-tuals 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 unit was returned to its manufacturer, Cincin-nati-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, Duquesne 9/11 victims remembered

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. Pen 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 and minister, but because he over-saw 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 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 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 “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 decision 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.
Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

You just read | Now tweet our thoughts. | us yours.
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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 waits.

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

Once you’re on the elevator, assess your position. Are you near the doors? If so, offer to push them for your fellow passengers. Show them that gender-neutral chivalry is not dead. This is a situation in which everyone’s buttons is a good thing. Take advantage of it.

Conversely, if you are far from the buttons? If no, offer to push them for you, especially if you have elected not to wear deodorant on this particular day. This is a 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 ears, and turn it down.

Pour your heart out – anyone – 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 it easier for your fellow elevators to maneuver 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.
Legionella outbreak highlights flawed water systems

Plumbing systems and cooling towers (air conditioning units for large buildings) pose the highest risk. 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 Wzetel.

“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-affect ed areas have been cleaned, said corrections spokesperson 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 Wzetel claimed, but were instead reactive. Their solutions were temporary fixes to isolate Legionella’s growth. A proactive approach would have been to develop 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 weekly 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 Keene, 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 uphold their facility.

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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 “dangerously disrupted our community by removing the voice of the student body.”

As the disgruntled students would soon realize, their demands weren’t 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. 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?

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 back in 1977, the concept was merely a passing idea in the Academic Council. While it was only in its first weeks of operation at the time of the Sept. 8 issue, this was a divisive issue.

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

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.

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.
New Kid on the Bluff: Olav Hovstad

Natalie Fiorilli
asst. sports editor

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 Lobos bouncer 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 after 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 hail- ing from Grimstad, Norway.

Playing soccer since the age of five, Hovstad spent a majority of his life growing up in Norway strengthining 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 Hov- sad, 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 conference play comes around.”

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

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

“Their teammates are happy with him because of 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 teammate and my friend.”

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

The first game of the Duquesne Invitational for the Red & Blue will be against Wofford at 3 p.m. on Friday. The Dukes will compete again Sunday with a game against Canisius at noon.

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.”

Andrew Holman
sports editor

Sophomore outside hitter Maddie Banevik has been a key player for the Dukes this season, with 158 total kills through 13 matches.

Bryanna Mcdermott / ASS. PHOTO EDITOR
Sophomore transfer Olav Hovstad scored the GW goal versus SFU.

Duquesne VB rides depth to perfect weekend

Bryanna Mcdermott / ASS. PHOTO EDITOR
Sophomore outside hitter Maddie Banevik cracks a spike against Coppin State Sept. 3-0 win.

The senior has already racked up an even 100 digs through her 10 sets played. Opperman to have been feeling pretty darn lucky to have two dynamic players at setter.

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Banevik, Banevik 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, Torrecci, 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 Kori Johnson and senior Lacey Levers, who is cur- rently battling an injury, have tallied 115 kills from the center. Opperman can surely use this depth with the injury to senior middle hitter艳艳 Zhide.

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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.

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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. And the worst part is 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 has rules to follow. For years, MyChannel has enforced strict guidelines on what content is considered “advertiser-friendly.” If a YouTube user’s video contains any banned keywords, phrases, images, or video content, 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 MyChannel And I’m Not Sure What To Do,” which falsely suggested that the majority of his videos had been 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 Cre- ator’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 YouTube users 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 sexual explicit content, violence and the promotion of drug use, but also swearing and the inclusion of “controversial or sensitive subjects and events, including 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, “‘Pokémon Go: The Great Story’” by Luke Cutforth and “Syrian Girls and Lioness Ambition,” a vlog which tells the stories of children refugees by Rosianna Rojas. As for how a video gets demonetized, YouTube’s computer algorithm checks every partner’s advertising revenue after being blocked, and creators can request a “ Appeals” if they think a mistake was made. But this sort of “guilty until proven inno- cent” philosophy echoes YouTube’s oft-criticized copyright claim system, which caused previous widespread 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 video and 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 steep decline that shows no signs of stopping.

On July 6, the mobile market was introduced to one of the biggest gaming crazes since “Candy Crush.” School- children, parents and even newsmakers 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 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.

We hope you enjoyed this story. Can you describe what “Pokémon GO” is and how it relates to the gaming industry? What are some of the key aspects of the game that have helped it achieve widespread popularity? Also, discuss the potential impact of the game on the gaming industry and its future prospects. Do you think “Pokémon GO” has the potential to revolutionize the mobile gaming industry? If so, what factors contribute to this potential? What challenges does the game face in the near future? Do you believe the game will continue to grow in popularity? Why or why not? How do you think the game will evolve in the coming years? Do you think it will remain relevant in the long term? What do you think the future holds for “Pokémon GO”? Would you recommend the game to others? Why or why not? Please provide your thoughts and insights on the game and its potential impact on the gaming industry.
Economics prof. reveals video game-creating past

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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 \textit{Grand Theft Auto} and \textit{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 had a lot of coding — just fun. We were sophomores in college and we 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 Commercialized 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 developed our first product with an accounting system for small businesses. We then started work on software for the home construction industry. Partway through that project, I 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 industry. But we re-imagined and made the business more profitable by leaning into our expertise as programmers and making video games. We were interested in making games that were more interesting. Games had to be more competitive. It was a time when we could actually make games that were profitable.

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

Davies: “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 overcome human irrationality and the power of an outraged justice system.

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 software, the company shut down the business side and became solely a gaming company. Microprose, a major gaming company back in the ’90s, purchased Paragon and set it up as a subsidiary. A year or so later, Microprose went bankrupt. My partner regrouped the company and renamed it Take-Two Interactive. Although Mark is no longer with the company, Take-Two continues to produce gaming software today.”

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

Davies: “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, the form of investors) 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.”
Looking through Duke past
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“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

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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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