DU Press to reopen in changed format

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Duquesne University Press fans may finally have a reason to rejoice. Though last year’s much-debated budget cuts seemed to spell doom for the academic press, the university has announced a new plan that will allow its existing titles to remain in print and available to the academic community.

This new, retooled DU Press will utilize agreements with other presses to continue to distribute its works. The University Press of New England will continue to handle distribution for Duquesne University’s existing books, as well as printing new copies of these titles when necessary.

However, the DU Press will no longer publish original titles on its own. The series for which the Press is known will be passed on to other publishers.

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DU hosts visiting scholars from African schools

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Africa and Duquesne University certainly don’t have a lot in common. Rev. Benjamin Kwaghgba of the Dominican Institute in Ibadan, Nigeria, said the one big difference he sees between students at his school and students at Duquesne is access to high-end amenities, especially Wi-Fi.

“Everything is available here,” Kwaghgba said. “Forget [slow Wi-Fi]. Our students are looking to just have internet access at all.”

But for Kwaghgba and three other Spiritan priests who visited Duquesne from African universities, the past week was about unity, not differences.

Rev. Patrick Mwania from Tangaza College in Nairobi, Kenya; Rev. Bona Ikenna Uguwu from the Spiritan International School of Theology in Enugu, Nigeria; Rev. Anthony Anomah from Spiritan University in Ejisu, Ghana; and Kwaghgba traveled from Africa to Duquesne University last week for a series of workshops on how to help their Masters in Theology programs grow.

Duquesne’s Department of Theology, Center for African Studies and the campus Spiritan priests hosted the four representatives and coordinated workshops on assessing student learning, grant-writing, new teaching methods and curriculum development, among other topics. For the visitors, it was a chance to meet each other and share information.

“Sometimes it’s good to see that the same issues we are dealing with, they are also dealing with,” Mwania said.

Duquesne is connected to the Spiritan International School of Theology, Spiritan University, Tangaza College and the Dominican Institute through the university’s Spiritan affiliation and Center for African Studies. Spiritans are an order of Catholic priests that founded Duquesne and continue to work as missionaries in more than 50 countries, particularly in Africa.

Kwaghgba and Anomah agreed that one of the most exciting things to come out of the week was Duquesne announcing that the university would share its

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PA state budget woes may affect city’s bus system

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A funding crisis is gripping Pennsylvania. After passing a budget in July, the state legislature has yet to approve a plan that would bankroll the budget legislation.

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**DU student arrested after attempted poisoning**

According to a complaint filed last week by campus police, a Duquesne student attempted to poison his roommate with a mix of bleach and laxatives.

The suspect, a freshman, said he is “neat and orderly” and that his roommate had moved his papers, according to reports from the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

A bulletin from police said the student was suspended pending the outcome of internal and external charges. He subsequently withdrew from the university, she said.

**Police Briefs**

Greetings kiddies and welcome to your ol’ Grandpa PB for another week detailing your transgressions. This bout of summer weather must’ve got you thinking you’re not in school because you all have been up to some trouble.

On Sept. 13, damage was found on an unattended vehicle in the Locust Garage. Also on Sept. 13, a Duquesne student reported that they were solicited by a fake IRS agent. The case was referred to the U.S. Treasury Department for further investigation. Not sure why anyone would want to pretend to be affiliated with the most hated U.S. agency.

Now here’s one “hot box” that got cooled off. On Sept. 14, five students were found in the Locust Garage smoking marijuana in a parked car. All five were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and non-trafficking citation was issued.

Last Friday, a security officer saw a Duquesne student that was struggling to walk on his own. The student was intoxicated and sent to the Office of Student Conduct.

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**Bluff Briefs**

Duquesne University received a boost in the U.S. News and World Report’s ranking of top colleges in the nation. Duquesne is now ranked No. 120 in the 2018 edition of the Best Colleges, compared to last year’s ranking of No. 124.

Along with its ranking among all colleges in the nation, Duquesne is also tied for No. 12 in the national Catholic institutions category. It ranked No. 42 in Best Value Schools, No. 75 in the Best Colleges for Veterans, No. 106 in the High School Counselor Rankings and No. 151 in the Best Undergraduate Business Programs selections.

Many students were happy to hear about Duquesne’s rising in college rankings. Michael Marafino, a senior, said “I think that’s awesome.” Rachel Saura, a freshman, said “I don’t think ranks should be as important in the academic world as they are, but they’re ultimately the deciding factor for a lot of people.”

Michael Scarpino, a freshman business student, also weighed in. “Rankings are important because they reflect a school’s national recognition of its excellence,” Scarpino said. “I very heavily looked at rankings when deciding where to go.”

Duquesne President Ken Gormley expressed his happiness at Duquesne’s new position. “I’m thrilled that Duquesne has been recognized as a top-tier university in the United States for the 10th consecutive year,” he said.

Gormley believes that all of campus should celebrate. “The U.S. News rankings this year give the entire Duquesne community reason to be proud,” he said. “They confirm that we continue to achieve the highest standards of excellence by doing what we have always done best—building upon our unique Catholic, Spiritan legacy, we provide our students with unparalleled education for the mind, heart and spirit.”

Paul-James Cukanna, vice president for enrollment management, explained how the rankings are determined.

“The national rankings consider many factors, including our successful graduation and retention rates and freshman academic profile, while the Best Value ranking considers factors including academic quality and cost,” Cukanna said.

Cukanna believed that the university’s position reflects what Duquesne’s education is worth. “These aspects are important to our prospective and current students and their families as they demonstrate the value of the investment into a Duquesne education,” he said. “The rankings also reflect the continuous efforts of our University community—one that works collaboratively, diligently and intelligently to achieve the Spiritan mission of service to students.”

**POLICE BRIEFS**

Port Authority, Pittsburgh’s bus system would be set to lose out.

“As approved by the House, PennDOT has informed Port Authority that it would cut about $11 million of operating funds from our budget this year,” Ritchie said.

What effects that may cause are still up in the air.

“The Authority would have to consider some amount of service reduction, or a fare increase or some combination of the two in order to address our residents and would be devastating to our fiscal house in order. Our primary jobs as legislators is to pass a balanced budget, and the Senate did just that nearly two months ago,” he said.

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County Executive Rich Fitzgerald is also opposed to the House’s plan.

“This proposal is harmful to our residents and would be devastating to our strong and growing economy. More than 100,000 people rely on public transit each day to get where they need to go,” he said in a statement.

Rebecca Tarullo, a Duquesne senior psychology major, relies on the city buses to get to and from work.

“Since I work at PNC Park, a lot of the games are on weekends and the weekend games typically start and end later, so cutting weekend services would mean leaving earlier and walking,” she said.

Using the bus system also offers her security when she has to work games that run into the night. “It’s dangerous for me as a female to walk alone that late at night,” Tarullo said.

Amber Rigot is a junior music education major at Duquesne. She also is a commuter, who uses the Port Authority public transportation to get to school and her job. Rigot is worried that the potential cuts could affect her mobility.

“If [the bus system] goes, not only will I be left without a way to get to school, but I’ll be forced to quit my job,” she said. House Majority Leader Dave Reed (R) did not respond to requests for comment by press time.
Spain, Catalonia brace for referendum

AP — Thousands of people supporting a contested referendum to split Catalonia from Spain took to Barcelona’s streets amid an intensifying government crackdown on the independence vote that included the arrests of a dozen regional officials Wednesday and the seizure of 10 million ballots.

The arrests — the first involving Catalan officials since the campaign to hold an independence vote began in earnest in 2011 — prompted the regional government and some of its supporters to say casting a ballot was as much about dignity as whether to break away from Spain.

Regional Catalan officials so far have vowed to ignore a Constitution Court order to suspend the Oct. 1 referendum and keep casting ballots.

Catalan protestors gathered on Sept. 20, arguing for independance from Spain.

“Disobedience of the law by a part of the political power is the opposite of democracy, it means an imposition, an injustice, the violation of people’s rights and an attack to democracy,” Rajoy said in a televised appearance on Wednesday night.

“Any court order to suspend the Oct. 1 referendum is against the principles of the law, legality,” Rajoy said.

Catalan Interior Ministry officials would not identify the arrested regional officials, saying the investigation was ongoing. The Catalan regional government confirmed that among them were Josep Maria Jove, secretary general of economic affairs, and Lluís Salvador, secretary of taxation. Jove is the No. 2 to the region’s vice president and economy chief, Oriol Junqueras.

The Catalonia branch of Spain’s High Court said Wednesday that some 20 people were being investigated for alleged disobedience, abuse of power and embezzlement related to the referendum. Police acting on a judge’s orders searched 42 premises, including six regional government offices, officials’ private offices and homes, as well as three companies in Barcelona, the court said in a statement.

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Press is revived with new college deals

The DU Press’s reputation as a respected source on the works of John Milton, with their long-running Milton Studies series, will be able to live on, as this series is handed off to Penn State University Press.

Other reputable DU Press series will printed through Penn State and philosophy text publisher Philosopshy Documentation Center, while the Milton Society of America will assist the DU Press in digitizing more of its Milton-related titles.

“The Duquesne University Press has long played a significant role in the publishing of excellent scholarship in fields such as philosophy, psychology, communication studies and literary studies,” said Dr. Jeffrey McCurry, director of this new incarnation of the DU Press.

McCurry will oversee the printing of the existing titles, as well as other new projects handled by the press, in conjunction with the staff of the Gumberg Library.

“I hope to continue the legacy of excellence created at the Press by its previous directors, most recently Ms. Susan Wadsworth-Booth, both by keeping significant published print titles by the press available in print and in continued for their new first-class scholarship in the online scholar- world,” he said.

These print titles will also now be available in a dedicated section at Duquesne’s Barnes & Noble Book- store, allowing them to be conve- niently purchased by the students and staff who fought for the Press’s continued operation.

The new DU Press will also regu- larly publish new online publica- tions, beginning with the Duquesne Journals of Phenomenology, overseen by McCurry.

McCurry, who is also the director of the Simon Silverman Phenom- enology Center, describes the field of Phenomenology as “an approach to philosophy, theology, psychology and communication studies that has been very important at Duquesne for more than half a century.”

This online aspect of the DU Press’s future was suggested by faculty at the Meadville College of Liberal Arts, led by Dean James Swindal.

“What this new phase of the Press represents is an adaptation to some new demands in the field of scholarship,” said Swindal. “We look forward to the exciting challenge of steering the Press along this new path.”

Swindal said that Duquesne University Provost Ken Gormley was also weight- ed in, CElebrating the new Press iteration.

“I am pleased that the Provost and faculty within McNulty Col- lege have worked together to find these cre- ative ways to preserve the great legacy of the Duquesne Press and refresh it for a new digital era,” said Gormley.
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Recent natural disasters should bring our attention to climate change

Climate change is a notoriously tricky subject to discuss, this being as it is a very politically charged conversation. Whether you believe in climate change or not, it’s time to start paying attention to the way we treat our home.

Many people have been attributing the recent devastation from hurricanes Harvey and Irma to climate change, but is this accurate? And is there something we could have done to prevent this?

It is easy to place the blame on someone or something else instead of focusing on the tragedy at hand. But it’s okay to take a step back and evaluate what preventative measures could have been taken. We shouldn’t have to choose between working to prevent the next tragedy and helping the current victims.

It’s important to talk about climate change, not for the next storm but for the generations to come.

According to a NASA release in January, the planet’s average surface temperature has risen about 2.0 degrees Fahrenheit since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere. How does this affect natural disasters such as Hurricane Harvey? This escalation in temperature has made the oceans warmer — which causes more water to evaporate, ultimately increasing the amount of water in Harvey. There was no way to completely prevent Hurricane Harvey, but the flooding would not have been as severe without global warming.

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We should all be working to reduce the effects of climate change. Recycling and driving more fuel-efficient cars are great examples of change that will help, but unfortunately this problem can’t solely be solved by starting to drive an electric car. It will also take efforts from cities to push for energy efficient improvements and sustainable city planning, and countries to coordinate international policies for cleaner forms of energy.

It is important to recognize the steps our leaders are taking to protect our planet. Theresa May issued a warming to Donald Trump yesterday, arguing that his plan to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate change treaty is on par with North Korea’s nuclear missile tests as it is a threat to global prosperity and security. The Paris Agreement pushes for each country to plan and regularly report its own contribution to mitigate global warming.

The planet will take a while to respond to these changes because carbon dioxide can linger in the atmosphere for hundreds of years, but that is why it is so important for us to start now. If we stopped emitting greenhouse gases today, global warming can be slowed down for the sake of our future generations.

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EDITORIAL
Repeal and replace back from the dead

Without much pomp and circumstance, major legislation is being funneled through the Senate that can have widespread and devastating implications.

In an effort to push one of the GOP’s major goals before the end of the year — specifically to repeal and replace Obamacare — Senators Bill Cassidy, R-LA, and Lindsey Graham, R-SC, introduced the Graham-Cassidy bill on Sept. 13. This bill, in essence, would dismantle the Affordable Care Act and take the funds set aside for the programs made by the ACA in order to give that money to states to run their own health care programs. On top of that, it will also remove subsidies and reimbursements that help individuals buy health insurance and incentivize insurance companies to offer benefits to lower-income members.

Speculation on the bill has not been favorable across the board, with some estimates stating that millions of people would lose health care if this bill goes through. The left-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in particular claims $32 million will experience that loss.

The response to Graham-Cassidy has been swift and decisive within the healthcare industry. Blue Cross announced on Wednesday that the bill threatens individuals with pre-existing conditions, as states can waive federal consumer protections. Similarly, AARP has condemned the bill as harmful to older citizens for the same reason. They also warn that older adults could see their out-of-pocket costs rise as much as $6,747 a year.

The bill has not received much love in Washington, as well. Democrats have, as expected, condemned the bill, with Senator Bernie Sanders, I-VT, calling the bill “cruel” on Twitter and lambasting Republican senators to “listen to the American people and not their campaign contributors.”

Within the Republican party itself, discontent has emanated from some disgruntled party members, Senator Rand Paul, R-KY, has openly stated that he will not vote for the bill, and Senator Susan Collins, R-ME, stated that she is “disappointed” that the bill is being pushed forward without any bipartisan input.

And that is the real kicker of the situation, as well as why it is important to write about this bit of legislation. Despite the backlash seen on both sides and from within the healthcare industry, this bill is still expected to reach the Senate floor by next week, before the Congressional Budget Office releases its analysis.

With only nine days to pass the bill, the Senate is looking to power through and push Graham-Cassidy into this fiscal year. Introduced just weeks before its deadline, this bill is being recklessly pushed onto the floor without any consideration of its impact. As such, it is paramount to speak up about it. Whether you support Graham-Cassidy or despise it, your senators need to know your position. If the preliminary response to this bill has been this vitriolic, then it should by no means move forward as is.
Spokane school shooting shows tragic effects of bullying

Vincent Gullo
staff columnist

Earlier this month, in the small town of Spokane, Washington, a sophomore named Caleb Sharpe walked into his high school with two firearms and one intention: to kill. Sharpe killed a fellow student and injured three others before he stood up. At the age of 15, Sharpe may be charged as an adult for murder and face life in prison.

The notion of a school shooting not only is insensitive to those who have lost loved ones but also desensitizes us to the actual event. We no longer see Sharpe, a teenager who was the victim of bullying, we see a monster with an AR-15 who should “never have gotten his hands on it.” We no longer see dead children and their forever-tormented families, we see blank, helpless faces who “could’ve been saved if they had someone with a gun to protect them.”

It is crucial that we are supportive of looking to prevent future shootings, but no legislation passed has had any real effect in preventing them. All they have done is gotten people reeled in.

Even those who recognize the dilapidated state of mental health in America very often after events like this just throw up their hands and scream, “MENTAL HEALTH” as if that is going to suddenly solve anything. The nation is reality, that, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, it is 5 teenagers live with a mental health condition. Many of these conditions are lifelong, and often bring about an array of social and emotional issues, especially in the Darwinian hellhole that is high school.

In even 17, when 20 percent of teenagers suffer from mental illnesses, kids who reach the emotional point in which they feel the need to end the lives of their peers and kids are so deprived of self-esteem that they drive kids to that point through bullying, we still fail to take mental health seriously.

Most importantly, we as a society don’t care about school shootings anymore. It sounds harsh, but it’s true. The school shooting is so ingrained in us that it has seamlessly slipped into our pop culture rhetoric, and we haven’t batted an eye. Look at the rap hit and white girl anthem, “Broccoli” by D.R.A.M. and Lil Yachty, a song that went quintuple platinum opens up with the line “…we gon’ turn this s**t to Columbine.” The song is played everywhere from school dances to professional sporting events, with a reference to one of the saddest events in American history opening up the song. The reference isn’t even used out of reverence but as a way for Lil Yachty to alude to the heights that he would take a situation. I know it’s just a song but taking something to “Columbine levels” should not have any place in the vernacular.

How about American Horror Story Season 1, where Evan Peter’s character Tate Langdon was a school shooter. Regardless of his crimes, the story is written in such a way that we often found ourselves sympathizing for him. Subliminally, these references add up and causes us to become totally numb to the entire concept of a school shooting. Added to the fact that violent video game sales have increased by millions of copies, often to kids well below the recommended age group, and violent action movies continue to be some of the most box-office-breaking, it’s safe to say we live in a society where violence is normal and almost accepted.

There was nothing irregular going on in Spokane. Kids in every school are bullied, kids in every school have mental health issues and guns are available to anyone who wants one bad enough. Spokane could’ve happened anywhere else in America, and it will continue to happen until America decides to start caring again.

UVA poll shows majority of Americans are unknowingly bigoted

Vincent Gullo
staff columnist

New poll: Some Americans express troubling racial attitudes even as majority oppose white supremacists

According to a recent poll conducted by the University of Virginia Center for Politics, while the overwhelming majority of Americans condemn white supremacists, many have opinions that are troubling in regard to race.

Eighty-nine percent of respondents to the poll said that all races should be treated equally. However, 39 percent of respondents strongly or somewhat agreed with the statement that, “White people are currently under attack in this country.”

What I found most troubling was that the poll reported that a very significant portion of the respondents to the various statements regarding modern racial

inequalities chose the “never agree” option. According to the poll results, one-fifth of respondents selected this option when asked whether they were opposed to white supremacist organizations and Neo-Nazi groups.

When it comes to racism, there can be no passivity. Many people avoid these conversations, failing to recognize what a privilege it is to do so. Those who can avoid engaging in race related issues are those who are not impacted by them.

Desmond Tutu, a South African anti-apartheid activist, once famously said, “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

This sentiment could not be more important today. Due to the polarizing nature of modern politics, many people choose to abstain from comment on hot-button issues.

I understand the desire to remain neutral. Very few human beings truly enjoy conflict. Expressing a strong opinion on anything today is an invitation for World War III to take place in a Facebook comment thread. Neutrality is safe.

The current state of our nation and our world is not safe for many people. Attitudes that exist visibly or invisibly are not only offensive and wrong, they are deadly. People are dying as a result of the on goings in our nation. Their lives, liberties, and their ability to pursue happiness are being deeply and systematically oppressed.

How can we not vehemently and vocally condemn these actions and attitudes? How are the rights and dignities of human persons remotely controversial?

Elise Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and activist took a similar approach to Tutu on neutrality and silence. Wiesel wrote, “We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

Modern racism is obvious. We often look back on history and say ‘How could that happen?’ We look at segregated schools and preferential seating for white people and often express disgust. Modern racism does not always look like this (although sometimes it does).

Modern racism needs to be exposed. Modern racism is hiring bias. It is swiping left on people of color without thinking.

Modern racism is lack of representation on television and on magazine covers. It is 12 shades of foundations for white women and four for people of color.

We accept these things as normal because cause not enough people who are consumers of institutions and corporations that practice this modern brand of racism say anything. These consumers stay silent because these problems or issues do not affect them. These things may seem harmless but they are not. These things are wrong in their own right, but the culture they breed is more than wrong, it is deadly.

We can no longer “never agree nor disagree” with racism. People are dying due to inaction. Those in power are not opening their mouths but neither are we. By definition, a minority is a smaller portion of a population. If only a minority cares and is vocal about issues that impact their communities then things will never change. Those who can afford to stay neutral must use their resources to amplify the voices of those who can’t.

It is not enough to condemn racism when it’s obvious, we must vocally and vehemently condemn racism wherever we see it.

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Tips and tricks to prevent the autumn plague

1. Wash Your Hands
   The number one way to try to prevent getting sick is to wash your hands often. If you can’t always get to a sink, some good, old-fashioned hand sanitizer can be your best friend. As long as it is alcohol based, it will also kill any cold and flu germs on your hands. However, soap and hot water are always your best options.

2. Clean Your Room
   Another one of the tips is to keep your surroundings clean. (I know, easier said than done.) So that dirty cereal bowl sitting on your desk for three weeks? Wash it. Not only will your roommate thank you, but you will prevent cold and flu germs from breeding and spreading. Clorox wipes will also be your best friend. Use them on door knobs and sink handles to take the cleanliness one step further.

3. Get Outside
   If your roommate is the messy one, lucky for you, another immune system booster is getting fresh air. This is also helpful if your roommate is already sick. Getting outside, away from where all those germs are trapped, will help prevent you from getting sick. So not only will you get away from all the germs trapped inside your dorm, if you go for a walk outside, you also get the health benefits of light exercise.

4. Exercise
   Going along with getting outside, regular exercise does wonders for your body by keeping you healthy in many ways. This doesn’t mean you have to head to the Power Center and bust out eight miles on the treadmill. Just a leisurely stroll around campus will do the trick. For some people, this is also a great way to relax and destress.

5. Eat Healthy
   Eat your fruits and veggies! Giving your body the proper nutrition will help to keep your immune system, making it less likely for you to get sick. Notice: Supplements, such as Emer-gen-C, that claim to be immune-boosting are actually just vitamin C packets – which has no scientific evidence of preventing the common cold. So save your money and just eat an orange.

6. Drink Plenty of Water
   Along with making sure you’re eating right, maintaining proper hydration is just as important. When you’re dehydrated, you are more likely to feel run down and tired, and so is your immune system.

7. Rest Up
   Another thing that’s easier said than done, especially in college, is getting the proper amount of sleep. When your body is sleep deprived, you are more likely to get sick because your immune system is not working at full capacity, so be sure to get 6 to 8 hours of shut-eye each night.

8. Get Your Flu Shot
   One incredibly easy and common way to prevent yourself from getting the flu is getting a flu shot! This can be done at any local drugstore for a rather inexpensive price. Health Services also holds a flu clinic where you can get your flu shot done on campus.

9. Relax
   People who are more stressed tend to get sick more easily. Stress suppresses the immune system, which makes it harder to fight off a cold. So although midterms are just around the corner, find some time to relax and unwind. Your body and your mind will thank you.

10. Treat Your Symptoms
    If you do end up getting sick despite these tips, treat your symptoms with cold medicine, and continue to get plenty of rest and fluids. Health Services on the second floor of the Student Union can also be very helpful when you get sick. They can do evaluations of your illness and prescribe treatment for whatever may ail you.

Rome traveler talks truths about studying abroad

Anna WalnOHa
staff writer

To have the opportunity to study abroad is amazing. You have the chance to take in new places and cultures, meet new people and maybe even make lifelong friends or find an incredible story to tell on a job interview.

After you sign up to study abroad, talk to your advisor and attend the classes, meetings and orientation that are required before you leave. By that point, you’ll be ready to go and already thinking of what to pack, your excitement growing as the trip approaches.

But be careful of what to expect when you first arrive. I am currently studying abroad in Rome, and I am writing this article to share a more accurate account regarding that. Do not be frightened by what I have to say, though; this is just some friendly, neighborhood advice.

To have a successful first week abroad, do not arrive with any high expectations. This doesn’t mean that your trip won’t be perfectly amazing from the get-go, but if you start with expectations lower than that, if what you originally thought doesn’t come true, you won’t be disappointed and will still be able to appreciate your time. Take everything with a grain of salt and go along with what is actually happening no matter what.

Something crucial for your trip is to check the weather before you leave so you can pack accordingly. No matter what season you go, you should always bring a variety of clothes just in case. That way, you will always be comfortable. You will probably be buying some clothes during your stay, but you want to buy clothes and will never have to worry about a sudden change in the forecast. Also, if you’re going to buy clothes abroad, you’ll want them to be souvenirs that are different and unique, not just tight clothes from a discount store because you forgot to bring a pair of your own.

Another major thing to do as soon as possible so you can have some peace of mind is to have a phone plan ready to work for when you arrive. If your phone carrier does not offer any international plans or the price is simply too far out of your reach, do not fear, for there are other options for you to still reach your family back at home.

One of those options is utilizing smartphone apps. Before arriving, try downloading WhatsApp, a wifi call and text app that will allow you to keep in touch with your family and friends at home regardless of whether you have data abroad.

However, you will still need a phone number in order to be reached by campus for emergency updates, or if you book a hotel somewhere off campus. When you first arrive, you will have the chance to go into the city and explore or run errands. During this time, you could visit one of the few phone stores in order to get a brief plan set up.

Be aware, though, that European phone carriers are a little different from the ones we are used to in America. However, they aren’t difficult to figure out with a bit of help from the employees, who almost always speak English. Walk into any one, and you can ask for a new SIM card for your current phone or a flip phone with a SIM card of its own. You will still have to pay for a plan, but they are inexpensive. The workers will also put the SIM card in for you, so you don’t have to worry about messing anything up.
Women’s soccer's Lauren Bell named A-10 Rookie of the Week

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Often times, it takes freshman athletes a while to really get rolling in their first collegiate season. That’s not the case for Lauren Bell, a freshman striker whose offensive skills have bolstered an already strong attack for Duquesne women’s soccer head coach Al Alvine.

Bell, a Hermitage, Pennsylvania, native, has made a huge impact in her short time with the Dukes. Through eight games thus far, she has found the back of the net three times and has one assist on the season, 4-2-2.

After being held scoreless in the first four matches of the season, Bell notched her first collegiate goal at Rooney Field against Xavier on Sept. 8. Fellow freshman Deena DeBaldo played a through ball to Bell, who was able to sneak by the defensive line and fire a shot past the goalkeeper. She added her first assist later on in the game.

Bell was glad to get her first goal under her first collegiate goal at Rooney Field against Youngstown State on Sunday as Faccenda was able to find Bell, who added her third goal in four games.

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Following their strong showing in the first month of the season, Duquesne (4-2-2) now shifts their focus to conference play. With the attacking duties in good hands and a strong defensive line in front of junior goalkeeper Kyra Murphy, who has already recorded 49 saves this season, everyone has the tools necessary to make some noise in conference play.

“Practice is definitely getting tougher and more focused,” Bell said. “Conference obviously is the most important part of the season so a lot of the upperclassmen have been taking the time to talk to the underclassmen and explain that this is when it really matters. We’re all just working together to try to make this the best it can be and come out as strong as possible.”

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The Dukes begin their Atlantic 10 slate on 7 p.m. Thursday in Philadelphia at La Salle’s McCarthey Stadium. The Explorers (5-3-1) were selected to finish tenth in the A-10’s Preseason Coaches’ Poll.

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Courtesy of Duquesne Athletics

Freshman Lauren Bell controls the ball against Xavier on Sept. 8. Bell recorded her first career goal during the match against the Musketeers. Duquesne won the match, 3-1.

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Beginning promptly on July 4, 2016, when mega NBA star Kevin Durant announced his decision to leave Oklahoma City for The Town — err, uh, Golden State! — Durant chose to forfeit his general likability, his worldwide popularity amongst casual fans and his spot alongside superhuman point guard Russell Westbrook for perpetual, ceaseless criticism from every corner of the universe — well, maybe everywhere, except for the corner of Quire and Sultan Avenue in Capitol Heights, Maryland.

In 2010, LeBron James cultivated similar contempt from the public when he left his hometown Cavaliers high and dry for the opportunity to head south and play in Miami.

On the surface, the two situations may appear to be homogenous, but key, well-documented differences between both James and Durant’s transgressions are vital in differentiating between the two situations.

While James left a sorrowful Cleveland team to form a superteam in South Beach with friend Dwyane Wade and newly-acquired Chris Bosh, Durant left a Thunder team that was one win removed — on three separate occasions, no less — from beating the Warriors in the 2016 Western Conference Finals for the same formerly distinguished Golden State team.

James immediately became Miami’s indubitable leader upon his arrival, and because Miami was not a preexisting power prior to LeBron’s arrival, most of the disdain felt by others toward James was rooted in aggravation and disapproval with the manner that he conducted his departure from Cleveland.

Conversely, upon Durant’s arrival in Golden State, he was met by a Warrior cast that was fresh off of a record 73 regular season win season.

While pundits were eager to find imperfections in the Warriors’ play early on, most were aware, deep down, of the incredible potential that Golden State possessed together. The vast majority of us knew that, no matter how badly we wanted to believe it, the Spurs’ 29-point victory over the Dubs in Durant’s debut was a fluke.

Prior to Durant’s decision, I genuinely thought that no matter where Durant ended up, I’d be excited to be able to witness his next endeavor. I love the NBA, I love free agency, and in anticipa- tion of Durant’s decision, I truly believed that whether he signed with Boston, the Clippers, Golden State, or re-signed with Oklahoma City, I’d remain an even keeled purveyor of his game.

It turns out, I genuinely was not capable of foreseeing Du rant actually making the move to Golden State before it truly existed in reality. Reasonably speaking, such a move would have been almost unfathomable to comprehend for me.

Immediately after the decision made its way to me, my definitively neutral opinion on the move turned to astonished bitterness, almost instantaneously.

I began to think about the repercussions of his decision, and I soon decided that winning would not silence Durant’s new critics.

How bitter does one have to be to deem that Durant winning doesn’t matter anymore, just because Durant’s that likely to succeed?

While many people were hoping that the Warriors would somehow fall again in the playoffs, people had to resort to the idea that even if Durant didn’t succeed, it was only because he’s actively benefiting from the culture that was built before he was present.

Not only is there nothing wrong with benefiting from positive things you’re able to do, but in reality, joining the Warriors was an extremely proactive move for Durant. What person, in their right mind, would not seize an opportunity where the probability of future success is increased?

Nonetheless, in light of KDTray’s recent incidental tweets, it’s apparent that Durant does hear the voices of his discounters and critics, and very loudly, at that. In what should be the time of Durant’s life, with his first NBA championship victory a few months behind him, he’s instead caught in the middle of a humiliating scandal that saw him call out his former organization, head coach Billy Donovan, and “2017 Champs” written over the two situations.

Durant’s acknowledgment of the criticism adds extreme ammunition to the cause, as his critics know that he’s aware of their digs toward him.

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Superfruit completes ‘Future Friends’ project

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Looking for a musical blast from the past with a new and lively pop twist? A hint of a discotheque, a pop of color from the ’80s and a dash of Gucci? Future Friends, the next act for Superfruit, offers all three, and much more. Superfruit is a group comprised of two men, Scott Hoying and Mitch Grassi. Depending on your musical tastes, those two names may already sound familiar, as they are two-fifths of the group Pentatonix. Though they are still members of the group, Hoying and Grassi created this album as a passion project.

On June 30, listeners got a first taste of what Future Friends is capable of with the release of Future Friends — Part One. This relatively longer version of an extended play game came with seven tracks. All of the songs keep an up-tempo pop beat but lyrically morph from crushes to love to even toxic relationships. As an added treat, the people who appreciate the album, each song was accompanied by a music video.

“Worth It (Perfect)” and “Future Friends,” both on Part One, break stereotypes and visually back vocals respectively with their music videos. “Worth It (Perfect)” showcases two dancing kids next to a piano. The track starts with an upfront piano that turns into a swinging bass line with a percussion. Another track on the album, “GUY.exe,” also sounds inspired by another pop artist. The track starts with an upbeat guitar, percussion and a hint of piano, the piece makes it easy to sway along to, as if inspired by the way Carly Rae Jepsen writes her heartbreak hits. Another track on the album, “Future Friends,” essentially makes the song easy to sing along to. If you plan on listening to the full album, putting the duo on the pop star map.

Only be obtained with the purchase of the full Future Friends album. These tracks give off a more laid-back and subtle vibe, but are still dance worthy. Honestly, “Everything” does not feel like a bonus track, but the “Future Friends Remix” adds a pseudo gospel feeling that is not present in the original. Altogether, Future Friends is a spectacular album. You cannot help but to dance to each song, and they are very easy to get stuck in your head. I have been listening to the first seven tracks since June 30, and I am still not tired of them, which to me is quite impressive. If you are a fan of pop music, or are interested in 55 minutes of pure upbeat dance alongside music, this album is definitely for you. Please, do yourself a favor, buy Future Friends and treat yourself to a dance party.

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Nintendo continues to shirk accessibility

Nintendo, I think it’s time that you and I had a little chat. I’ve been a devoted fan throughout my entire gaming life. I’ve purchased every system (including the egregiously inaccessible Wii) knowing that your vast array of titles will keep me entertained. However, your recent inabilities to accommodate disabled players has left me sick to my stomach.

Now, I will admit, you are trying. Your efforts to apply fully customizable controls to ARMS is admirable. However, one accessible game within your library is certainly not enough. Greater efforts need to be taken to ensure that your games are accessible, as well as enjoyable.

You already know how I feel about the Switch. Spending $350 for a rectangular paperweight was not an experience that I would like to repeat. The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild marks the second game in the franchise that I have been unable to play. Yet my struggles did not come from an inability to utilize motion controls, but rather an inability to configure the buttons for this lack of inclusion? Possibly. But your most recent game proves that you have yet to learn your lesson.

I am, of course, referring to the release of Metroid: Samus Returns. For over a decade, fans of the series, myself included, have been left wanting a proper Metroid game. With this remake of the classic Game Boy title, developer Mercury Steam has certainly delivered. Boasting an impressive 88 percent on Metacritic, Metroid: Samus Returns brings Samus Aran back to her roots by allowing gamers to traverse the ever-expanding caverns of SR388, while collecting an extensive list of power-ups and upgrades.

With this much praise, you may be asking yourself, “Grant, when can we expect a review?” Unfortunately, never.

Once again, Nintendo, you have demonstrated that you are unwilling to accommodate disabled gamers. Metroid: Samus Returns turns into a swinging bass line with a percussion. Another track on the album, “GUY.exe,” also sounds inspired by another pop artist. The track starts with an upbeat guitar, percussion and a hint of piano, the piece makes it easy to sway along to, as if inspired by the way Carly Rae Jepsen writes her heartbreak hits. Another track on the album, “Future Friends,” essentially makes the song easy to sing along to. If you plan on listening to the full album, putting the duo on the pop star map.

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THAT THURSDAY AT STUDIO AM

SEPT. 21, 6-9 P.M.

Come, sit in and enjoy Baron Batch’s lively performance of Thai food and some local entertainment. During the event, guests are encouraged to explore the gallery as well as relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the venue. The buffet and two entrees will cost $15.

GALLERY CRAWL

SEPT. 22, 5-10 P.M.

Explore a variety of artwork ranging from painting to sculpture to film. Set in the Cultural District, there is plenty of areas to explore during the event, including the ToonSeum, August Wilson Event Center and The Wood Street Galleries. The event is free to attend, but some special events may incur a charge.

UPCOMING RELEASES

KINGSMAN: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

SEPT. 22

This action-comedy, the second film based on the Kingsman comic book series, follows the titular elite squad of British secret agents as they join forces with the American “Statesman” to fight a mysterious terrorist group known as the Golden Circle.

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL

SEPT. 22

The Killers, a rock band famous for their early-2000’s hits such as “Mr. Brightside” and “Somebody Told Me,” return from a five-year hiatus with their new album “Wonderful, Wonderful.” The album will feature “The Man,” which topped the Billboard Adult Alternative Songs chart earlier this year.

MICRO REVIEW

VALERIE JUNE AT MR. SMALLS

Valerie June had a refreshingly down-to-earth live performance at Mr. Smalls on Friday. Her unique, soulful voice and the sound of her tiny ukulele combines to create the most extraordinary twist on classic country.

— Shivani Gosai
He didn't use the word as a joke; he said it in his audience. It's not edgy humor, and it's off as a misguided joke that didn't land with his audience. But Kjellberg's racial slur cannot be passed off as a mere joke. Kjellberg's words seem sincere, but they are not acceptable in any context. With a capacity of 175, the Funhouse is a relatively intimate setting — perfect for a laid back show. After strong opening acts from SPISH and Searight, the stage was set for Hoops to play its inaugural concert for its latest tour.

Typical rock concerts leave the audience with ears ringing — however, despite standing in the front row, the music seemed to be at a comfortable volume (either that, or I'm slowly going deaf). Fully equipped with different pedals and stompsboxes, Hoops uses effects to give its music a distorted sound that would put it among beach/summer rock and reminiscent of 90’s college rock groups. Hoops put on an entertaining show and the environment remained very laid back and relaxed.

During the performance, Kjellberg even addressed the audience and said off on behalf of the band, “I don’t think we’ve ever had a show with so many people dancing along.”

My one complaint about the show is a compliment in and of itself to the album. Hoops took a while to get situated between songs, whereas a more seamless approach (more like how its album is structured) could keep the audience’s attention focused on them more intensely — easier said than done, though. Hoops started to take on a group in 2014 and has been working its way up ever since. On most of its previous tours, the band played as an opening act, but the tides are set to change in Hoops’ favor if it continues to play with the unique style it has grown into. Hoops was a show well worth seeing and it will be headlining its own shows in due time.

After the show, I had a chance to talk to the keyboardist, Keagan Beresford. Since it was the first concert of its tour, I asked him about what the band can expect. Keagan said, “This tour is our first real tour. We’re excited to see how the audience reacts.”

When he was criticized for Nazi references in his videos, Kjellberg chose to play the victim and whined about how the media took his jokes out of context. Instead of accepting his mistakes and cutting the Nazi jokes, Kjellberg chose to continue exactly what he was doing, while launching a personal war against the Wall Street Journal through a series of videos condemning the publication. It wasn’t until actual white supremacists were marching through the streets in 2017 that Kjellberg decided it was time to put an end to his ill-advised comedy.

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He is also extensively involved in the community. Rooksby is a board member of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, a board member of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association, winner of the 2014 Dr. John and Liz Murray Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship and a Pennsylvania State Bar member.

He has also written many articles for magazines and journals on the impact of intellectual properties and branding.

He believes that brands play an important role in American life. "People today are after brands rather than quality. They don’t see whether they are getting a product of good quality or not, the consumers only see the brand," Rooksby said.

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Travelling tips for studying abroad

If you’re willing to pay the extra cash to have a foreign iPhone, you can also do that, but it is not really worth it since you won’t be there forever. After your phone is situated, you may think that everything else is good and all ready to go. But that’s not quite right.

When you are given a tour around the city, pay attention to what is said about transportation. It is very easy to get lost or take the wrong bus or Metro. You will not be an expert when you first arrive; I am three weeks into the program and am still trying to get a grasp on my surroundings. No matter where you go - whether it’s an excursion to Florence or a weekend trip with your friends to Germany - you will need to know ahead of time the transportation routes of the area to help you get from where you arrive to where you are staying. Figuring it all out ahead of time will save you much stress and aggravation so you can just enjoy the experience once it’s finally happening.

Finally, never be afraid to ask questions. Everyone on the campus you’ll be staying at is there to help, and they also understand that you’re new to the study abroad experience. Even when you are in a new area, regardless of if you know the native language or not, always try to ask the questions you may have so that you don’t get stuck and can find the solutions to your problems.

All in all, go into your time abroad knowing that you will make mistakes, get lost, become frustrated and think you are making a fool of yourself. But if your main goal is to have a good time, then in the end, none of the little trip ups that occur are going to matter.