



Accused killer visited DU before Pitt attack

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The man accused of killing a University of Pittsburgh student was on Duquesne's campus hours before, attempting to enter Brottier Hall, Pittsburgh Police said this week.

Police charged Matthew Darby with the killing and said he visited two buildings on campus and interacted with Duquesne Police before taking an Uber to the victim's house in Oakland.

Alina Sheykhet, a University of Pittsburgh junior, was found dead by her parents in her apartment in Oakland at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 8, according to the complaint. Sheykhet suffered severe trauma to the head, including a fractured skull, along with losing seven teeth, the complaint said.

The immediate suspect was Darby, with whom Sheykhet had a "tumultuous relationship," wrote Pittsburgh Police Detective Clifton Pugh in the complaint. Darby was an ex-boyfriend who had recently broken into Sheykhet's apartment on Sept. 20. Pittsburgh Police responded to that break-in and filed criminal trespass charges. Darby was released on bond and told to have no contact with Sheykhet, according to the complaint.

On Sept. 21, Sheykhet filed for a Protection from Abuse order against Darby. The restraining order was served on Oct. 5.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 8, Darby was seen on Duquesne's campus.

"Detectives learned that Matthew Darby arrived at the campus ... and was observed [by Duquesne's] video system at around [3:19 a.m.]," Pugh said in the complaint.

The complaint said Duquesne University Police then made contact with Darby, during which Darby said he was looking to meet a friend in Brottier Hall. Duquesne Police escorted him to Brottier.

The person Darby was hoping to meet was unavailable, and he was denied access to the living area, according to the complaint.

Pugh said in the complaint that

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Another 'Paws'itive time at DU



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Students pet a dog wearing a DU shirt at the Oct. 7 Autumnfest, part of the Homecoming festivities during that weekend.

Student groups help PR victims

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Student groups across Duquesne, spearheaded by the Latin American Student Association, have raised more than \$2,000 for the victims of Hurricane Maria that struck Puerto Rico in late September.

At Duquesne, the community quickly launched a fundraiser to alleviate some of the island's burden. The initiative has been dubbed Todos Juntos, Spanish for "All Together."

The Duquesne community has largely united.

"LASA, MSA, Duquesne Democrats, the fraternity Phi Kappa Theta, a ton of Puerto Rican students, the women's tennis team and some Puerto Rican professors [are all involved]," according to Heidi Shellenberger, president

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Duquesne stands united as Westboro visits PGH

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Matthew 7:25 reads, "And the rain fell, and the floods came." The Bible verse is an accurate description of the scene that was set on Thursday as Pittsburgh experienced a torrential downpour and campuses throughout the city braced for protests by Westboro Baptist Church.

The Church, described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group, had announced last week that they would be appearing on the campuses of Carnegie Mellon, University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne and others on the afternoon of Oct. 5.

Westboro members began protesting on Carnegie Mellon's campus around 1:30 p.m., where they were met with a large group of peaceful counter-demonstrators. Duquesne Police reported around 3:30 p.m. that the WBC protesters had left the city rather than continue on to Pitt and Duquesne.



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Students hand out t-shirts that read "Duquesne Doesn't Hate #DUUnited" on Oct. 5.

A contingent of about 35 Duquesne students and faculty informally gathered outside of the Power Center on Forbes Avenue, planning to protest Westboro.

One hopeful counter-protester was

Caroline Combemale, sophomore education major. She has been aware of Westboro for quite sometime.

"I've been following the Westboro Baptist Church for a number of years, following what

they're doing. I first heard about them when I was 12, and I was really disgusted with what they were doing protesting the Marine's funeral," she said.

Combemale was dressed in a unicorn onesie while she handed out flowers with Bible verses about peace and love to fellow Duquesne students that came down. She had been hoping to hand some to the Westboro members.

"I just want to spread peace and let [Westboro Baptist Church] know that they can forgive. Hopefully, it will resonate with them a little bit," she said.

Another of the counter-protesters was Johanna Burnett, a part time faculty member.

"[I came down] just to support any students that may be down here and support their message of peace and love," Burnett said.

Morgan Connell, a junior pharmacy major, said that this was the

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BLUFF BRIEFS

English prof assists with veteran workshops

A Duquesne professor, Jeff Martin, has teamed up with University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg students to help run writing workshops for veterans.

The project, titled Veterans Write, is a series of free workshops designed to help veterans and their families write about their experiences. Veterans Write is modeled on the Duquesne veterans' literary group called DU Dog Tags Literary Society designed by Martin.

Martin is co-directing the program with University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg professor Lori Jakiela, a 2017 Pitt-Greensburg graduate Gretchen Uhrinek and a current Pitt-Greensburg student and veteran, Jason Eichner.

Interested participants can contact veteranswrite@outlook.com

POLICE BRIEFS

It's getting closer to Halloween, Grandpa PB's least favorite holiday since it's an excuse for even more millennial chaos and mayhem. The real ghouls and goblins are you. Thankfully, though, this week yinz were relatively well behaved.

On Oct. 10, a commuter student found damage on her unattended car in the Forbes Garage.

On Saturday, a visiting underage student from Kent State was found under the influence of alcohol and had alcohol in her possession. Authorities at Kent State were notified. The law finds ya, wherever ya hide.

Also on Saturday, Daniel Adebimpe of 133 Woodrow Street, West Hartford, Connecticut was found in possession of a small amount of marijuana. He was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and is also facing criminal charges.

Sunday, two bicycles were stolen from in front of Des Places. The remaining members of Queen come to mind as suspects.

An unfortunate mix up occurred on Monday. A Duquesne student lost their student ID, and it was later used by an unknown person at Campus Market for a \$25 purchase. As a dear friend of Grandpa PB once said, "Identity theft is not a joke, Jim!"

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PA Attorney Gen sues student loan company

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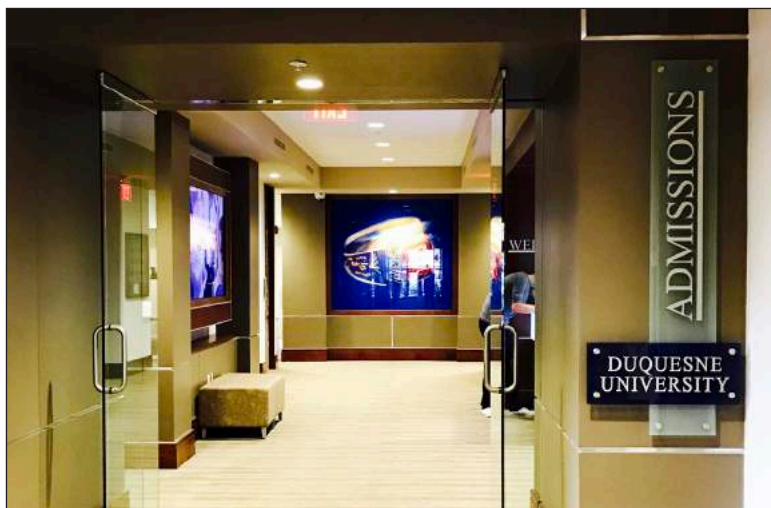
Student loans are often the bane of college students, an extra worry piled on to class work and job prospects. Now there is more cause for concern as one of the nation's largest student loan companies is being sued by the Pennsylvania Attorney General, Josh Shapiro.

Shapiro announced last week that he is suing the student loan company Navient over "widespread abuses in their student loan origination and servicing businesses," an Oct. 5 press release from the Attorney General's office said. The suit will take place in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Navient is a spin off of the large lending company Sallie Mae from 2014. Sallie Mae actually lends the money, while Navient services those loans, both private and federal.

The press release laid out Pennsylvania's case against Navient, which the office predicts could affect "hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians." It notes that Pennsylvania has the second highest average student loan debt for college graduates in the nation, nearly \$36,000.

Shapiro is accusing the company of purposefully acting in a way that harmed consumers. Navient is said to have made predatory, subprime loans



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Duquesne's admissions and financial aid offices are based in the Old Main Building. Financial aid questions can be addressed by visiting them during business hours.

to students at universities, both for-profit and non-profit, that have graduation rates below 50 percent. Subprime loans describe the type of loan offered to borrowers that are likely to default, according to Investopedia.

The press release also noted that Navient continued to increase the amount of subprime loans offered, which increased the overall amount of loans they had. At the same time, the company became a "preferred" lender at many schools, which allowed it to get more legitimate loans.

Navient is also accused of purposefully diverting student to short-term loan forbearances, which postpones loan payments but adds more interest onto the student's debt. Instead, Shapiro said Navient should have been letting students apply for a different, more forgiving income-driven replacement plan.

Navient, however, denies the allegations as false.

"The allegations are completely unfounded, and the case was filed without any review of Pennsylvania resi-

dents' customer accounts," said Nikki Lavoie, director of Corporate Communications for Navient. "We comply with the rules that govern the student loan program as set by Congress and the U.S. Department of Education, and there are no allegations that we have violated these rules."

Lavoie said that rather than hurting students, the company has a good track record when it comes to aiding student borrowers.

"Navient is a leader in helping student loan borrowers succeed; in fact, 49 percent of balances serviced by Navient for the government are enrolled in income-driven repayment plans and Navient-serviced borrowers are 37 percent less likely to default than those serviced by others," she said.

She affirmed Navient's intention to fight the lawsuit.

"We will vigorously defend our record in court, and are confident we will prevail following an impartial review of the facts. In the meantime, we will continue to provide industry-leading service to our customers," Lavoie said.

John Falleroni is the associate director of Financial Aid for Duquesne. Since schools don't have a choice in what company acts as the

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DU helps celebrate history of the Reformation

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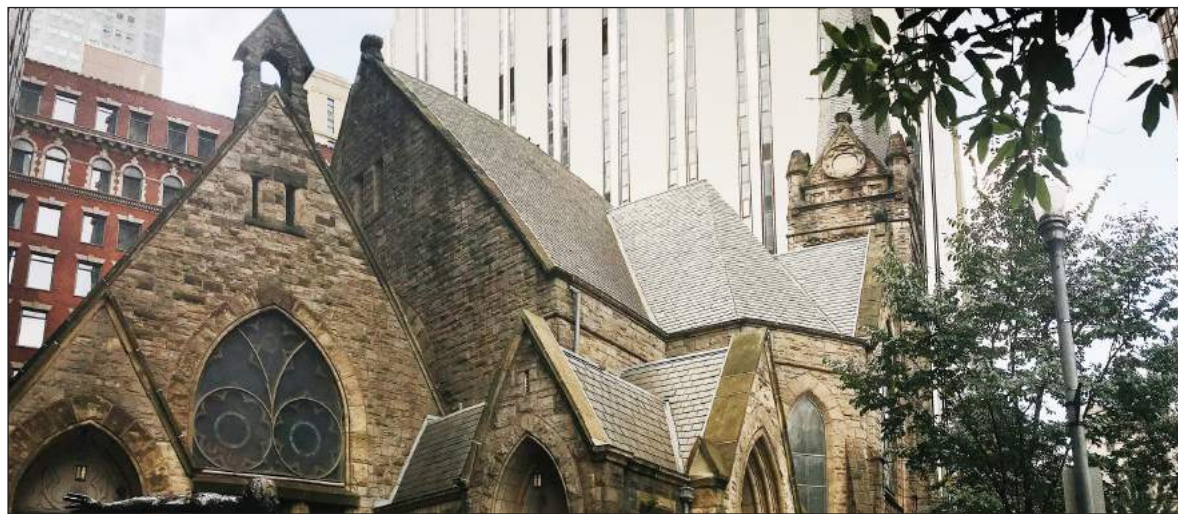
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Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of a Wittenburg church, sparking the Protestant Reformation. This year, Duquesne is partnering with the First Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh and the Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium to commemorate this milestone anniversary of one of the largest religious revolutions in history.

The First Lutheran Church and its partners have come together to launch a commemorative storytelling project called "Always Made New: Formed and Reformed," in which the people of Pittsburgh are invited to be interviewed and share their stories about life-changing experiences. The project is led by Rev. Natalie Hall and Rev. Jennifer McCurry of the First Lutheran Church.

Those who are interviewed will have their stories shared and displayed on posters titled Stations of Reformation located on various private properties in the city, including Duquesne's campus, in order to mimic the actions of Martin Luther in a contemporary way.

Each poster will include a quote from a Pittsburgh individual and a QR code that will lead readers to the website with more about that individual's story. Posters on the Bluff will feature stories from Pittsburgh community leaders, such as



KATIA FAROUN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

First Lutheran Church is located at 615 Grant St. in downtown Pittsburgh. The church is working with DU to celebrate the Reformation.

Mayor Bill Peduto, President Ken Gormley, Bishop David Zubik and many others.

Rev. McCurry explained why First Lutheran chose to display the posters around the city, as well as the importance of the commemorating project.

"We decided to invite people to reflect on what happened for them in times of change, recognizing that it often brings great challenges and costs, as well the possibility of unexpected support, joyful opportunity and ultimately new life," Rev. McCurry explained.

Rev. McCurry views this project as not only a commemoration of the Reformation, but as a way to

bring people together through both faith and community.

"By seeing the witness of others, we all may grow in understanding our own lives and transformations differently, and see our neighbors in a new light. By hearing one another's stories, we may grow in discerning how we may more faithfully participate in our community life together," she said.

Along with the "Stations of Reformation" posters mounted around participating local organizations, the content of the project will also be spread through media coverage and the website, as well as a social media campaign.

"Our Ministerium's hopes for the

project seemed to connect well with Duquesne's broad vision of Catholic education, preparing students for service to the Church, the community, the nation and the world," said Rev. McCurry.

On Oct. 29, beginning at 2:00 p.m., there will be a pilgrimage walk to each of the "Always Made New" exhibits downtown, accompanied with prayers and the readings of some of the full interviews. There will also be a 4:00 liturgy at First Lutheran Church led by leaders of the Downtown Ministerium and Lutheran Bishop Kurt Kusserow.

Father Ray French, vice

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DUnited program a big hit as campus rallies together

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opportunity to have her voice be heard.

"The reason I came is ... I've heard a million times that if you're silent on something then you're part of the problem, so I don't think it should be something I'm silent on," Connell said.

On campus, a variety of student organizations, including SGA, Lambda (Gender Sexuality Alliance) and the Wellbeing Club, among others, hosted an event titled "DUnited: Duquesne Doesn't Hate" as part of the university's Heritage Week. The goal of the event on the Mellon Patio was to "embrace diversity and kindness in the Spiritan tradition," according to the event description on Facebook.

Hundreds of faculty and students attended, taking advantage of the free food, t-shirts, trinkets and a chance to sign a banner rejecting discriminatory hate. A local band, The Uptown Woods, provided live music.

Several campus officials gave brief speeches as well. SGA President Olivia Erickson thanked students for attending and said she was happy to see everyone, "come together and say hate has no place here."

Rev. Dan Walsh, University Chaplain, spoke about the importance of working with the margin-



KAILEY LOVE/PHOTO EDITOR

Members of a student group staff a table giving out free compliments at the "DUnited: Duquesne Doesn't Hate" event as part of Heritage Week. The event featured free food, t-shirts and music and served as a way to spread positivity and combat hate.

alized. In a later interview with *The Duke*, Walsh expressed his gratitude that students were participating in what he believes is the Spiritan message for the campus.

"I'm grateful for the Duquesne community response that was positive, that uncovered a shared sense of commitment to each other and for the student leadership for the DUnited event," Walsh said.

Rachel Coury, president of Lambda (Gender Sexuality Alliance), was very pleased with the turnout at the event.

"I'm just glad everyone came out for this cause," Coury said.

Coury was especially happy that the shirts handed out, some of which read "Duquesne doesn't hate #DUnited," will memorialize this event.

You'll probably see someone wearing the shirt at least once every day, and it's a good reminder for everyone that we are one campus community," Coury said. "And even if we have our differences, we can still unite together and be this singular community."

Erickson was similarly pleased with the turnout.

"Students stopped by, and it was really crowded at one point, which is exciting. I was afraid the weather was going to be a deterrent," Erickson said. "We had a wonderful time."

DUnited also provided an opportunity to show solidarity within the campus.

"I thought that as a community, it really conveyed we are, in fact, a united community," Erickson said. "We had several different organizations there ... and this was the collaborative effort of several different departments across campus to stand by each other and for each other as students."

This sentiment was echoed by attendants of the event as well. For example, fourth-year pharmacy student Callie Drennen was, "very proud" with the amount of people who showed up.

"I think it was encouraging to see people were more interested in standing united with the Duquesne community rather than counter-protesting a group that is very clearly not aligned with Christian thoughts," Drennen said.

President Ken Gormley made an appearance at the end, thanking everyone for their attendance and support. In a brief interview with *The Duke*, Gormley said that the event has, "really been wonderful."

"I'm proud of the students and faculty coming together in a pos-

itive way ... to celebrate all the things Duquesne does to serve others," he said.

Gormley was relieved that the Westboro protesters ended up not appearing near campus.

"A protest did not occur, and I was happy about that... [A protest] detracts from the educational mission," he said.

Gormley said he believed a protest would have distracted from all the positive things being done on campus.

"[Focusing on the positive] is the best antidote to the negative things going on in the country," he said.

He was particularly happy that the "DUnited" event occurred during the leadup to Homecoming as alumni begin to return to campus. Gormley recounted seeing a couple in their 80s, who had graduated from Duquesne 55 years ago, who were impressed by the campus community's response.

"They have seen the Duquesne University that they love right here," Gormley said.

Jeff Mallory, the director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, was also in attendance and applauded the, "great showing."

"Anytime you can get the community together, it's a great thing," he said. "Cherish these moments."

LASA and other groups raise funds for hurricane victims in PR

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of the Latin American Student Association, which spearheaded Todos Juntos.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, many Puerto Rican students in LASA had advocated for a fundraiser to help support the island. Then the emails began to flood in from various organizations on campus offering their encouragement and assistance in collaborating with the club.

The LASA leadership approached Jeff Mallory, head of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and asked for help organizing a larger initiative than had originally been planned.

Mallory helped set up an online donation portal and assisted LASA in networking with the other organizations.

"ODI really played a very small role. Student needs and wishes and wants are of paramount importance to this office, so when we got the chance to assist with this initiative ... it meant a lot to us," Mallory said.

"Todos Juntos is a testament to the students' organizational skills, their desire to give back to the world ... it is humbling to see them in action," he said.

The program has certainly made significant strides. Tabling has raised approximately \$2,000, and online crowdfunding has so-



OLIVIA HIGGINS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students staff a table for the Todos Juntos initiative, which is raising money to be sent to victims of Hurricane Maria in PR. So far, over \$2,000 have been raised for the U.S. island.

licited a similar figure: \$2,355. As a result, a definitive end date of the initiative is not in sight.

"The interest shown in Todos Juntos has been inspirational," Mallory said.

The students agree; the fundraiser, they say, has had a singular unifying effect.

"It's not even that they're Latino or that Puerto Rico is an American territory. The fact is

that they're in need, we can help, and so we've all come together to do that," Shellenberger said.

Though the tabling component of Todos Juntos may soon conclude, students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators have been and can continue to donate personal care supplies to the women's tennis team and money through Duquesne's online crowdfunding portal.

Murder suspect visited DU hours before crime

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Darby was then escorted to the Student Union, where he had contact with a Duquesne University employee. The complaint said the employee lent Darby a phone charger, and Duquesne Police observed Darby in the lobby of the Union charging his phone.

At 4:21 a.m. video surveillance showed Darby enter a vehicle from a car service that picked him up in front of Brottier Hall, the complaint said. He was dropped off on Cable Street in Oakland. Video surveillance shows a man matching Darby's profile make his way in the direction of Sheykhet's residence.

Darby was arrested in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on the morning of Oct. 11, according to a video statement by the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

Darby will be extradited back to Pennsylvania, where he faces charges of one count of criminal homicide, one count of burglary, one count of flight to avoid apprehension, one count of theft by unlawful taking and one count of possessing instruments of crime.

Bridget Fare, chief marketing and communication officer for Duquesne, said that since Pittsburgh Police are handling the case, Duquesne Police will not be releasing information on it.

Fare said that Darby has no connection to Duquesne.

"While the suspect was on

our campus that night, he is not affiliated with Duquesne. The University is fully cooperating with the City in its investigation," she said.

Two classmates of Darby at University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg were with him in the early morning hours of Oct. 8 and reached out to *The Duke*.

Preferring to remain anonymous, the two students had known of Darby for the past three years from seeing him on campus there, although they were not friends. The students were in the South Side with another group on Oct. 7 into Oct. 8. As they were drinking in Mario's bar, they said Darby approached them.

"[Darby] came up behind me and took off [my bandana] and gave me a shove," one of the students said.

They described the encounter as awkward and unexpected.

"We were like, 'Hey, how's it going? Who are you here with?' We asked him 'Who are you here with?' about four or five times, and he just kept deflecting," the second student said.

They both described Darby as acting aggressive, cutting in line at a food truck and blowing cigarette smoke in the face of a bouncer. They said Darby had been drinking.

The last time the two students saw Darby was around 1:10 a.m. on Oct. 8. They estimate that they spent about 30-45 minutes with him before he left their group.

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the viewpoint

Dear UNAM, what is feminism without women?

The largest university in Mexico, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) held a conference on the topic of feminism on Oct. 11, which is a wonderful idea except for one detail:

All of the 11 participants were male.

This is like a panel of white people discussing the adversities of people of color. This is as absurd as billionaires explaining the hardships of the homeless. This is unacceptable mansplaining.

For those of you unfamiliar with the word “mansplaining,” it is a term that describes how a man assumes you have no idea what he’s talking about and condescendingly explains something to you.

For those of you who are thinking, “Oh, mansplaining can’t possibly be a thing,” it is, and it unfortunately happens to women constantly. Men have been talking down to us for so long that it has gotten to the point where they believe they can explain the fundamentals of feminism better than women.

Marta Lamas, the moderator of the event, told BBC: “I have spent 48 years discussing feminism on panels only with women. And this time I thought, ‘Okay, let’s see what men have to say.’ I am trying to change the world for men, too.”

Feminism includes men, this is true. But the basis of why femi-

nism was created was to advocate for the equality of women — to bring us up to the same platform that men have been on for centuries.

Women are not treated as equally as men in our society. This is a fact. If you find yourself shaking your head at that statement, please do your own research and come back to my column after, because I do not have the time to go through the endless history of sexist oppression.

If you’re going to lead a panel discussing feminism, it would be beneficial to include some women — any woman on Earth — to talk about her experiences rather than a man whose experiences are entirely different. Yes, men experience sexism as well, but compared to how women are treated, it is not as frequent or drastic. To compare the two is simply flawed thinking.

Jenaro Villamil, one of the men listed to take part in the conference, has pulled out of the panel saying, “I didn’t organize it and it doesn’t interest me to take part in this game of hate,” reported the BBC.

Mexico needs a proper assessment of feminism for the public. If you take a look at Mexican laws, they do not properly protect women from domestic or sexual violence. The UN Women Global Database on Violence against Women reports that 63 percent of women aged 15 years and over have experienced some type of violence, and 47 percent have reported being assaulted by their current or recent partner. The Mexican state of Puebla has registered 83 femicides, or murders of women, since the beginning of this year.

If we truly want to advocate for feminism and take down the patriarchy, we are going to eventually need the help of men. Feminist activist Veronica Vidal Degiorgis said to the Thomson Reuters Foundation, “If something good comes out of this, it’s how we can have more engagement on moving the agenda forward. (Men) also have the right to be involved in some point in how to dismantle the patriarchy, as they’re part of it.”

Fundamentally, improving the lives of women will take discussion from both men and women. However, the world — especially Mexico — does not need any more mansplaining. What we need is more women speaking out on these issues because having solely a male viewpoint will only cause further inequality and discrimination. Let’s amplify women’s voices in a man’s world because Mexican women deserve to be heard.

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STAFF
EDITORIAL

How to relieve stress and prepare for finals

So you’ve just finished midterms, your brain is fried and you’re not feeling too great. *The Duke* is here to let you know it’s not the end of the world. Here are a few tips on how to bounce back from exams.

Firstly, take advantage of being at a small college. We’re lucky to be at Duquesne where it’s easier to have a one-on-one relationship with your professors. That being said, utilize their office hours. Your professors are here to help you, so ask as many questions as you need. And ask them what you can do better in the future instead of begging for extra credit. They’ll appreciate your willingness to improve.

Take advantage of other resources on campus, too, such as the Writing Center in College Hall, which is the perfect place for personal assistance on papers, presentations or other projects.

If you’ve spiraled into a negative state of mind, it can be hard to think rationally, and getting rid of anxiety and stress can be difficult with work constantly piling on. However, there are many things you can do to help distract yourself from negative thoughts.

Do a short stretching routine. This will help you relax your neck and spine and can give you a sense of presence. Focus on how your body is feeling for a few minutes.

Get up and move around. Remove yourself from the physical environment where you’re having a thought spiral and go to a place that you don’t associate with being stressed or anxious. Take a walk outside or people-watch on A-Walk.

Start a detail-oriented task that will get your mind to focus elsewhere, such as drawing, painting or reorganizing your closet.

Breathing exercises are a useful stress-relieving technique, as well. Take a deep breath through your nose, slowly count to three and breath out through your mouth. Repeat until you feel calm enough to tackle your problem.

Ultimately, make sure you are getting enough sleep, exercise and proper nutrition. Keep yourself physically and mentally healthy, and your body and mind will thank you. You’ll feel better equipped to deal with anxiety or stress when you’re keeping self-care in mind.

If you’re worried about your mental health, it’s best to seek help from a professional. The Wellbeing Center in Fisher Hall is a great resource for students to talk to professional psychologists for free.

And finally, remember that your GPA isn’t the most important thing in the world, but your mental health is. Take the time to learn from your mistakes so you’ll be better equipped for future stressful times — such as finals week.

OPINIONS

Tech journalists should speak out against industry giants

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Google has announced its successor to its critically-acclaimed Pixel, the Pixel 2. As well as boasting improved performance, this new phone will showcase a host of new hardware features, including an upgraded camera and ... the removal of the headphone jack.

This decision follows suit from Apple's announcement last year when they dropped the classic 3.5 mm headphone jack from the iPhone 7, a decision that was widely ridiculed at the time and is still generally panned today.

Well, sort of.

See, the reason I write this column is not because another pointless upgrade to a smartphone was announced, but because I need to address a sort of pet concern of mine that resurfaced in the aftermath of this announcement. Specifically, I wish to talk about the way announcements like the Pixel 2's are covered.

My message to the tech bloggers, journalists, enthusiasts and all forms of those who have dedicated their professional lives to covering such developments in this field, is thus: Grow a spine, you lily-livered shrimp.

I cannot express the rage that coursed through me when I read one reaction to the Pixel 2's removal of the headphone jack. Writing for The Verge, Vlad Savov wrote that, while he still was not convinced that re-

moving such a standard feature from the phone was the right move, he claims that the jack is something "we can learn to live without."

Sorry, Savov, but no. We all can't just "learn to live without" something that's been a staple to headphone tech since before you and I were born. Savov's opinion piece is so riddled with corporate apologies, entitled proclamations and pathetic sniveling that I honestly don't know if there's enough paper in the world that could encapsulate my disdain for such shameful and unprofessional behavior.

And I don't mean to single Savov out as the worst tech journalism has to offer, because that's not fair, and this is just one column. I also don't know the guy, and I'm sure if I were to ever meet him, I would find him to be a genuinely nice person. But if by some miracle we were to meet, I would also feel obligated to say, "You have a job to do, sir."

A tech journalist is not just some passive observer of the industries that he or she specializes in. No journalist is. Rather, the paramount role for every journalist is to be a check on power, a watchdog of sorts, to protect those who cannot defend themselves for whatever reason.

So when a bunch of tech giants come out with another anti-consumer move to remove a valuable feature because they want to justify all of their wasted time on useless junk no one ever asked for, you need to call them out on it, not make excuses for them.

I see this happen all the time with tech journalists, this inability or refusal to actually take companies to task for doing legitimately harmful tactics for longer than the hot takes get clicks. After the reviews for the iPhone 7 came out, there was virtually radio silence on the removal of the jack. Similarly, journalists are poised to make the same mistake (and it is a mistake) with the Pixel 2. The quiet is almost deafening.

And this is to say nothing about the shameless, almost immoral, marketing ploys that these companies execute constantly without nary a whisper of dissent. Apple in particular is flagrantly disgusting in how it will blatantly contradict itself for the sake of a catchy phrase. I rewatched the iPhone 7 announcement in preparation for this piece, and within it, Marketing Chief Phil Schiller states within three minutes that pairing AirPods with your phone is easy, and you also don't need to pair your AirPods. Wrap your brains around that one, kids.

This is also the same gentleman who said it took "courage" to drop the 3.5 mm jack, and the fact he wasn't laughed off that stage the moment he said such a ridiculous statement should speak wonders to how much these companies are allowed to get away with.

What is truly infuriating is that tech journalists know that they're being complicit. They know by now that if there's enough sustained discussion on an issue, then companies do affect



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The Google Pixel 2 can be pre-ordered today, starting at \$649 for the 64GB model, but will be officially released on Oct. 19th.

change. Remember all of the outrage about the Galaxy S6 removing its expandable storage? Guess what feature was put back into the S7.

Similarly, games journalists have proven time and time again that speaking up does persuade the public and corporations. Having followed games journalism for the past decade (time well-spent, by the way), I have seen the rise and fall of such unethical business practices such as DRM, pay-to-play mobile games, online passes, always-online single-player games and many other ridiculous practices that have gone the way of the dodo bird. Sure, there is still other unethical business practices that exist in the industry, but I would argue that if it was not for the hard work of journalists following announcements

and tagging these practices for the anti-consumer guff that they were, we would be in a far-worse industry than we are in now.

So, Savov, if you miraculously read this, and every other tech journalist out there that cares about protecting consumers, I implore you to not give up. Don't resign yourselves to complicity when action is needed. I see a dangerous future for the tech industry if the journalists that are meant to curb the anti-consumerist greed of these companies do not stand up for what they believe in. The removal of the 3.5 mm jack from the iPhone 7 was not OK last year, it is still not OK, and no amount of companies towing the Apple line will make it OK.

Because this is definitely not OK.

Trans people deserve equal protection under law



AP PHOTO

US Attorney General Jeff Sessions has reversed a 1964 federal government policy that protects transgender workers from discrimination.

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features editor

Every time the United States administration does something stupid, I think to myself, "Well, at least it can't possibly get any worse than this."

And then it does.

We've hit a moral rock bottom, and instead of offering a ladder, Attorney General Jeff Sessions broke out the shovel and dug himself even deeper into his amoral trench.

Earlier this week, an article in the New York Times reported that Sessions "ordered the Justice Department to take the position in court cases that transgender people are not protected by a civil rights law that bans workplace discrimination based on sex."

This comes as no surprise, considering the fact that Sessions also voted against the Matthew Shepard Act, passed in 2009 with the intention of expanding the 1969 United States federal hate-crime law to

include offences targeting LGBT folks. But as unsurprising as it is, it's also infuriating, heartbreaking and maddeningly wrong.

So soon after Trump sets in motion his plan to bar transgender folks from joining the military, this move feels a lot like the reduction of such individuals to second-class citizens. Trump will cite biological evidences, and Sessions will claim a legal technicality, but that's all just fancy jargon to dance around calling their actions what they really are: discrimination.

Sessions and all those other figureheads on the Hill are so far removed from the daily lives of minority groups – the transgender community being one of them – that I seriously doubt they have even stopped to consider the implications of rhetoric such as this. Even though the Supreme Court will likely shoot Sessions' proposal down, that doesn't undo what's already been done by the ideals propagated by the Trump campaign and administration.

In 2016, the Human Rights Campaign reported that 22 transgender folks were murdered in the United States. While some of the cases are direct results of hate-crimes, others are the consequence of extenuating circumstances such as homelessness or poverty, which in some instances correlated with

their gender expression.

That number is higher than ever before, and so far, in 2017, the HRC reports 21 murders. Violence against the community is at an all-time high and steadily on the rise. When privileged, cisgender men come out of Washington and say these people aren't protected legally from violence and discrimination, what message is that supposed to send to the American people? What message is that supposed to send to transgender Americans, who are no longer allowed to serve their country and are left wondering if their country would even serve them, should the situation arise?

What we see so often now from our administration is a startling lack of lucidity and self-reflection. These big-mouths say whatever they want to say whenever they want to say it. It really seems as though they don't ever stop to think about how it reflects the ideals of our nation, or how it paints this country in a negative light for both its citizens and those watching from abroad. It doesn't matter if Sessions thinks there's a loophole in civil rights law that he can worm his way around, or if his beloved religion tells him people like me and the

rest of the LGBT community are going to Hell. He isn't paid to let his personal beliefs saturate his public affairs. None of them are. The administration is paid to serve all of the people in its country. No ifs, ands or buts about it.

Why is this such a hard concept for these people to grasp? My four-year-old niece understands kindness and humanity far better than the White House cronies ever will. If an employer fires someone for being transgender, that's a clear-cut case of sexual discrimination no matter how Sessions or any other bigwig in Washington sees it, and that individual should be able to seek legal counsel. This shouldn't, under any circumstance, be a radical idea.

We as a collective need to do better. We mustn't accept this bigotry as the new normal, and we mustn't allow ourselves to fall in line with the rhetoric that singles out members of our communities and vilifies our neighbors for things far beyond their control.

We need to put a firm foot down and demand the end of state-sanctioned hatred and admit that our ever-patriotic America is still sick with the same prejudiced bug that has ailed it since its birth.

Only then can we move forward.

Resources and advice for transfer students at DU

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Well, fellow Dukes, it's that time of year again. The weather doesn't know the meaning of consistency, pumpkin spice mania has returned in full swing and, most prominently, Duquesne's newest students have been set free on campus, ready to explore, make friends and, of course, ace their classes.

I'm proud to say that I'm one of those new students — although not as a freshman but rather a transfer, one of many in the undergraduate population of this student body. In the weeks I've spent here so far, I've had the opportunity to make some observations and do a bit of research about this particular situation in which I and so many others find ourselves, namely, how exactly to go about being a transfer.

Making the move from a community college to a university is definitely significant, not only because it's a huge accomplishment but also because they are two different animals. Being perfectly honest, it isn't always easy. This is an amazing experience, but it's certainly a surreal one at the same time that can be a bit overwhelming every once in awhile. But it is worth it, and it's simple to get the hang of student life in this new environment with a little help. That said, here are a few tips to make the move go much more smoothly.

To begin, let's discuss the merit of getting involved here at Duquesne. If you live on campus, your opportunities for socializing and student activities are automatically increased. But transfer students, like commuters, don't have that advantage from the start. A great way to combat this dilemma and make friends is to get involved with campus life. Join a club or volunteer society. Their doors are always open, even now that the EXPO has long passed. Duquesne has a diverse range of clubs, sports and activities available to students of every background, and members of those clubs are more than happy to see others showing

an interest. Whether you're an introvert, an extrovert or somewhere in between, there is likely an organization or two that will speak to your interests.

Even just browsing a bulletin board can provide a wealth of information about what's happening on campus. But if you've missed any flyers, getting involved is still as easy as visiting the Campus Link page from your DORI account and exploring. From there, it's easy to see what this university has to offer, such as the many organizations dedicated solely to student activities and involvement.

One such organization is the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) located in room 305 of the Duquesne Union.

"The [organization] is comprised of Co-Curricular Community Engagement, Commuter Affairs, Greek Life, Student Organization Services and Programs & Leadership and also coordinates the services and programs for recognized student groups," said Marc Grandillo, Director for Programs & Leadership in the CSI.

"Our department strives to provide resources and opportunities for all Duquesne students to get involved on campus, regardless of class year or status. Whether a student is interested in joining a student organization, pursuing a campus leadership role, has questions about commuting to campus or becoming more engaged in the local community, we encourage students to connect with us," Grandillo continued.

So no matter what you choose, getting involved in the many aspects of Duquesne's student life is a great way to settle in, meet new people and have fun, making the adjustment from college to university that much better.

Aside from fun and socialization, there are also more serious matters to attend to on a regular basis, such as utilizing the resources available to us.

One of many valuable resources is the presence of our academic advisers and the significance of their roles in our lives as first-year transfer students. Like all students, transfer students come from

diverse backgrounds, but unlike new freshmen, we have a bit more experience under our belts, which is certainly a positive thing. We've participated in campus life already to a certain extent — whether at community colleges or other universities — and for the most part, we know the ropes. We've learned from our mistakes and have taken the sagely advice from those that came before us. It's more than likely that we have a better idea, if not a concrete plan altogether, of what we intend to do after graduation.

Bluff and how classes are going."

Klewein also stressed the importance of utilizing the resources that your advisers can provide.

"Advisers have extensive experience in working with the requirements of their respective academic program," he said. "They know how and where a student's academic program intersects with core requirements. They can often suggest ways that students might be able to get the most out of their time in the classroom at Duquesne."



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According to its website, Duquesne University typically sees more than 300 transfer students per year.

But it's also not uncommon to feel like a fish out of water and more than a little bit lonely regardless of everything we've experienced elsewhere. Because, let's face it: We don't know everything. Our academic advisers, on the other hand, pretty much do.

It's easy to forget that it's perfectly acceptable to see them for reasons beyond building the ideal schedule for the coming semesters. Part of what makes them great resources is right there in their title: Academic advisers advise. They can help put our stress, fear and confusion into perspective and often have solutions to our problems that we might not have considered yet. We simply need to utilize opportunities to make (and keep) appointments.

As Bill Klewein of the McNulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts said, reaching out to your advisors provides "a time to revisit some of the policies and procedures that would be new to a transfer student."

"Transfer students often come to Duquesne with a basic understanding of how colleges work, so to speak, but sometimes need additional guidance when it comes to accomplishing familiar tasks in a new setting," Klewein explained. "From the adviser's perspective, the registration period provides a good opportunity to check in, to make sure that the semester is going well, that the student is adjusting to life on the

So check in with your academic adviser every now and again. They're happy to help, and they know their stuff.

Between visits to your adviser, remember that another aspect of settling in is making yourself feel at home.

According to Timothy Lewis, Director of the Office of Commuter Affairs, which can be found in room 115 of the Duquesne Union, "Duquesne is unique in that we have an entire office designed specifically to assist, support and provide opportunities for commuter students ... The Commuter Affairs staff does everything possible to help undergraduate freshmen and transfer commuting students become active students on campus."

For example, the first floor of the student union has a lounge with facilities for meal preparation that commuter students can use. Lewis explained that Commuter Affairs also offers "exciting programs and activities [that] are always occurring in the Commuter Center, and most of our commuter students make this their 'home' while at Duquesne."

Having these resources available to students that don't live on campus makes student life that much easier because it means more worries are taken off our hands on a daily basis.

Commuter Affairs also aids new students with settling in by providing Commuter Assistants.



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The Commuter Center is a popular hang out spot for transfer students who do not live on campus.

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Defense shines in football team’s home opener

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Duquesne’s football team did its part to make the university’s 2017 Homecoming weekend memorable, beating NEC rival Wagner 38-0 on Oct. 7.

The win was the program’s first shutout win since a Nov. 22, 2014, victory against Robert Morris.

Among the game’s Homecoming festivities was an appearance from University President Ken Gormley, a commemoration of Duquesne’s 1977 club football team, the Homecoming court at halftime and a performance from the Dukettes, Duquesne’s dancing team.

“It’s a good win, because when people come back, you want to

Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

Likewise, the offense was hitting on all cylinders, as the Dukes’ passing game thrived in the returns of top tailbacks A.J. Hines and P.J. Fulmore, both from injury. Hines ran for 77 yards on 17 carries and one touchdown in his first game action since Sept. 16.

“It felt great, man. It felt great to be back out here with my brothers and get a great win,” Hines said.

The only person more excited for Hines’ return other than himself may have been quarterback Tommy Stuart.

“Yeah, that was great, having both of those guys back,” Stuart said after the game. “That really opened up the passing game for us.”

Stuart, who entered the game



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Linebacker Greg Simmons (left) and offensive lineman Gabe Spurlock run onto the field ahead of the Dukes’ Homecoming game versus Wagner on Oct. 7.

“Just making the play. Once I [saw] the ball in the air, I was like, ‘Oh yeah, it’s a touchdown,’ and all I had to do was catch it,” he laughed.

Crawford, who has scored in all five of Duquesne’s games this season, leads the NEC with eight receiving touchdowns this season. Crawford’s eight receiving scores are tied for second in the country at the FCS level.

“It feels great, but you know, it’s more about the team,” Crawford said of his recent success. “We came out and shut them out today, so that’s wonderful.

“I think we lost Homecoming last year, so we had to top it this year and get a nice win. A shutout win is always great, and the whole team played well.”

The Dukes fell to Kennesaw State in last year’s Homecoming game on Sept. 24, 2016, 36-28.

Duquesne hopes to maintain its positive momentum as it heads into a rivalry game on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. versus Robert Morris (2-3, 0-0) in Moon Township. The Dukes will have to improvise versus Robert Morris following cornerback Brandon Stanback’s fourth quarter targeting penalty against Wagner.

Since Stanback was penalized in the second half of the Dukes’ game, he is ineligible for the first half of the team’s next game.

While the Colonials’ offense has had its struggles so far this season, matchups between the two schools always seem to be competitive.

Led by junior quarterback Jimmy Walker, the Colonials average 7.8 points per game, having only scored four offensive touchdowns all season long. To its credit, Robert Morris has faced several quality opponents this year, including No. 6 Youngstown State, No. 2 North Dakota State and East Tennessee State, all away from home.

“It’s just another game. You know, we just have to come out and do our job, and hopefully we’ll get the same results as today,” Crawford said on Saturday of the Robert Morris matchup.

Duquesne has won four straight games versus the Colonials, last losing on Nov. 3, 2012, at Robert Morris, 17-13.

The Dukes, picked to finish first in the NEC Preseason Coaches’ Poll this season, have won nine of their last 10 conference games.

Robert Morris was picked to finish last.



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Duquesne, led by sophomore Jaison Young (front, center), takes the field against conference foe Wagner. The Dukes are now 5-2 vs. Wagner in Pittsburgh all-time.

put on a show,” Duquesne junior cornerback Jonathant Istache said following Saturday’s win. “For the people who graduated, and for the people who set the foundation for what we play for now, it’s a good win.”

Istache led a sound Duquesne (4-1, 1-0) defense, finishing the game with an interception, a forced fumble, two broken-up passes and seven solo tackles. The Dukes held Wagner (2-4, 0-2) to 237 total offensive yards, including only 84 passing yards.

Sophomore transfer linebacker Brett Zanutto, Duquesne’s leading tackler so far this season, registered eight tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss against Wagner, and senior linebacker Carter Henderson contributed seven tackles in the Dukes’ triumph.

Zanutto was named the NEC’s

ranked fourth in the country in completion percentage at 70.8 percent, connected on 14-of-23 attempts for 238 yards and four touchdowns after only completing one-of-six attempts for nine total yards in the first quarter.

Two of those scores were connections with Duquesne’s leading receiver Nehari Crawford, who finished the day with six receptions and a career-best 156 yards in his third multi-touchdown game of the year. Named the NEC’s Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts, Crawford pulled in a season-long 79-yard pass from Stuart in the third quarter to put the game out-of-reach for the Seahawks.

“Touchdown,” Crawford said of his mindset after he beat a Wagner defender down the sideline and caught the pass from Stuart.



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Junior tight end Stew Allen scores his first-career TD against Wagner on Oct. 7. Quarterback Tommy Stuart hit Allen from 17 yards out for the score. Allen’s twin brother, Drew, is a starting cornerback for RMU and will face Duquesne on Oct. 14.

DU’s Athletic Week

Women’s Soccer (9-3-2, 5-1-0) at Dayton (7-6-2, 2-2-2) on Thu. Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

M/W Cross Country: Penn State Open Fri. Oct. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Women’s Tennis: ITA Championship Fri. Oct. 13 to Tue. Oct. 17

Volleyball (8-12, 3-3) vs. Rhode Island (8-10, 3-3) at Palumbo Center on Fri. Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

Bowling: KU Fall Invite Sat. Oct. 14 to Sun. Oct. 15

Football (4-1, 1-0) at Robert Morris (2-3, 0-0) on Sat. Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Fordham (10-9, 2-4) at Palumbo Center on Sun. Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.

Women’s Soccer vs. UMass (6-6-2, 3-2-1) at Rooney Field on Sun. Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.

M. Soccer (3-9-1, 1-3-0) vs. St. Bona. (4-7-2, 0-3-0) at Rooney Field on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

Notable DU News

— Duquesne’s **women’s cross country team** won the Carnegie Mellon Invite on Oct. 7 at the Schenley Oval, posting a team score of 31.

— Duquesne **women’s bowling** heads into their second season ranked No. 25 in the NTCA Coaches’ Preseason Poll.

— *Nehari Crawford* (six catches, 156 yards, two touchdowns) was named the NEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week, and *Brett Zanutto* (game-high eight tackles, 2.5 TFL) was named NEC Defensive Player of the Week following Duquesne’s Oct. 7 Homecoming win versus Wagner. The Dukes won, 38-0.

— *Lauren Bell* was named Atlantic 10 Co-Rookie of the Week for the second time this season, following her goal off of the bench in the 76th minute that lifted Duquesne to a 3-2 win over A-10 foe George Mason on Oct. 5.

— Len Komoroski, A’82, CEO of the Cleveland Cavaliers & Quicken Loans Arena, returned to campus over Homecoming Weekend, where he led a seminar in Rockwell Hall on Oct. 7.

National Briefs

— The U.S. Men’s National Soccer Team lost to Trinidad and Tobago, the world’s No. 99-ranked team, 2-1 on Oct. 10, failing to qualify for the World Cup for the first time since 1986.

World Series Playoffs Briefs

— On Oct. 9, the Houston Astros beat the Boston Red Sox, 5-4, in Game 4 of the A.L.D.S. to advance to the A.L.C.S., where they will face the New York Yankees. The Yankees, powered by Didi Gregorius’ two home runs in Game 5 of the A.L.D.S. versus Cleveland on Oct. 11, beat the Indians, 5-2, in Cleveland. Game 1 of the A.L.C.S. is set for Friday, Oct. 13, in Houston.

— In the N.L., the Dodgers swept N.L. West rival Arizona, where they await the winner of the Chicago Cubs and Washington Nationals. The defending World Series champion Cubs will visit Washington, D.C., on Oct. 12 for a decisive Game 5, set for an 8 p.m. first pitch. Probable starting pitchers are Kyle Hendricks for Chicago and Gio Gonzalez for the Nationals.

CFB AP Top 10 — Week 7

Rank	Team	Record	PTS	Last Week	Next
1.	Alabama (43)	6-0	1507	W @ Texas A&M, 27-19	10/14 v. Arkansas
2.	Clemson (18)	6-0	1481	W v. Wake Forest, 28-14	10/13 @ Syracuse
3.	Penn State	6-0	1370	W @ Northwestern, 31-7	10/21 v. No. 17 Mich.
4.	Georgia	6-0	1327	W @ Vanderbilt, 45-14	10/14 v. Mizzou
5.	Washington	6-0	1284	W v. Cal, 38-7	10/14 @ Arizona St.
6.	TCU	5-0	1192	W v. No. 23 WVU, 31-24	10/14 v. Kansas St.
7.	Wisconsin	5-0	1127	W @ Nebraska, 38-17	10/14 v. Purdue
8.	Washington St.	6-0	1094	W @ Oregon, 33-10	10/13 @ Cal
9.	Ohio State	5-1	1051	W v. Maryland, 62-14	10/14 @ Nebraska
10.	Auburn	5-1	914	W v. Ole Miss, 44-23	10/14 @ LSU

Following Pens' success, NWHL should consider Pittsburgh

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Following back-to-back Stanley Cup victories for the Penguins, Pittsburgh may soon be welcoming another professional hockey franchise.

Reports surfaced recently claiming that the National Women's Hockey League, or NWHL, is preparing to add two expansion franchises to the league for the 2018-19 season, according to Sporting News. Many believe Pittsburgh is one of several front-running locations for potential expansion.

For any Pittsburgh-area hockey fan, this needs to happen, and it needs our support.

Pittsburgh is traditionally a great sports town, and has been a major advocate of women's ice hockey, making the city a perfect spot for a new team.

Last season's NWHL All-Star Weekend was held at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, the Penguins' practice facility in Cranberry Township, on Feb. 11-12, 2017. A skills competition was held on Saturday, Feb. 11, and the league's All-Star Game sold-out the next day on Sunday, Feb. 12.

This season, the facility will host a regular-season NWHL game, and the Penguins will host the "NHL Youth Cup for Girls" for a second-consecutive year at the Cranberry Township rink. The Youth Cup for Girls is an annual large-scale girls' hockey tournament to be played in January 2018.

The interest in women's ice hockey has escalated within our society over the past quarter-century, and especially in Pittsburgh's region.

According to USA Hockey, there were only 6,336 female member participants in 1991-92. In 2015-16, that number stood

at a staggering 73,076.

Furthermore, there are 1,234 registered female USA Hockey participants in Western Pennsylvania alone. That's a strong number, totaling more than Ohio, Virginia and nearly a dozen other states.

Nobody can truly understand the growth of women's hockey in the area better than members of the Pittsburgh Puffins, a recreational women's ice hockey team that plays its home contests at Frozen Pond Arena in Valencia, PA, and competes in the Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey League, or MAWHL.

"The NWHL has brought women's hockey to the forefront and shows girls — and parents — that there is a great future for women in hockey," Susan Sobona, a 51-year-old right wing for the Puffins, said. "Remember, I played in the 70's and 80's when girls 'didn't play hockey,' and it

wasn't an Olympic sport."

26-year-old goalie Anna Brewton voiced similar sentiments.

"It's developed a lot in the past few years," Brewton said of women's hockey. "There are more and more women playing now than ever [before]. The girls' programs have also exploded in the last decade, so I know the women's scene will only continue to grow when these young ladies grow up and continue to play."

"It was also encouraging to see the NWHL All-Star Game sell-out — A big sign that women's hockey will stay as a big market here in Pittsburgh."

While the Penguins won their second-consecutive NHL championship this past spring, the Puffins claimed their own championship title in the MAWHL's D-League.

If the NWHL chooses to expand to Pittsburgh, there would be no shortage of ca-

pable players willing to help fill the roster, and a pronounced local interest would fill the bleachers for games.

"The Puffins would love it," forward Charlene Bidula said about the possibility of a Pittsburgh NWHL team. "We play hockey because we love the game, and we would definitely support a professional women's hockey team in the city."

"A few of us traveled to Buffalo a couple of years ago to see the Buffalo Beauts play the New York Riveters. We are excited that we can finally witness a professional women's hockey league in the USA."

Penguins right wing Phil Kessel's sister, Amanda Kessel, is a forward for the New York Riveters. A University of Minnesota alum, her \$26,000 contract that she signed with the Riveters on May 1, 2016, is the most lucrative NWHL contract to date.

Whether or not Pittsburgh does receive an NWHL expansion team in 2018, the passion shown for a growing women's hockey industry across the region is heartwarming for a hockey enthusiast like myself, especially after speaking with the ladies from the Puffins.

"I think, psychologically, ice hockey is a happy outlet that serves as a counterbalance to the many jobs or academic tracks that, by and large, require a lot of sitting and thinking," Sarah Lim, a 30-year-old center for the Puffins said.

"When you are out on the ice, nothing else matters for the next hour but that small rubber puck," Lim continued. "You become a reasonably safely-padded wrecking ball that is allowed to rush around, fall, or just straight-up get scrappy with another player. There is nothing else like it."



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The NWHL, founded two years ago, is looking to add two franchises to its four-team league.

Junior O'Connor eclipses women's soccer scoring record

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'Never give up.'

It's a simple three-word phrase that Katie O'Connor has heard for years that perfectly encapsulates her style of play. During game action, the junior refuses to give up on a play, her efforts consistently leading to scoring chances for herself and for fellow teammates. After netting a goal in the second half of Sunday's 2-0 win over Davidson, O'Connor set the program's record for the most goals in Duquesne women's soccer history.

"Growing up I was always told to never give up. My parents always encouraged me to keep moving forward even when things were hard and not going my way, and that is one thing that I still think about today," O'Connor remarked.

O'Connor, who has 22 goals over the course of her career, mentioned that the record is something that has been on her mind for a while. However, she was more concerned about winning games and championships than setting individual records.

"After freshman year, I was told it was possible to reach the top of the record list," O'Connor said. "It wasn't a main focus, but it was definitely a goal I was trying to reach."

"It means a lot to me to achieve something like this. But, I do not get here without my teammates helping me on-and-off the field everyday," she added.

One of those teammates that has helped O'Connor along the way is senior forward

Linnea Faccenda. Faccenda has recorded five goals and four assists on the season, and the two are largely responsible for recent successes that their team has had.

After losing their A-10 opener 3-0 versus La Salle on Sept. 21 in Philadelphia, the Dukes have rattled off five-straight conference wins and stand with an overall record of 9-3-2 and 5-1-0 in conference. O'Connor and Faccenda are the team's top two scorers and have been responsible for a combined five goals and two assists during the team's current win streak.

"Working with a strong attacking player like Linnea is helpful," O'Connor said of her teammate. "We try to work together, along with the other attacking players, to achieve the main goal of winning the game. It doesn't matter who scores the goal, it matters that we score and win games."

Even though O'Connor and her team are rolling right now, they understand that there is still work to be done. Duquesne has four regular-season matches left on its schedule before the Atlantic 10 Championship tournament begins.

Moving forward, O'Connor and her team only have one thing on their mind: Bringing an Atlantic 10 title back to the Bluff. During her freshman season, O'Connor led Duquesne's 2015 championship team in scoring, netting 10 goals.

"Our team goals have been consistent. We all want to keep getting better, keep winning games and win a championship," O'Connor said.

O'Connor isn't the only member of her

squad that has left their mark on the program's record books this season.

With its 3-2 win over George Mason on Oct. 5, the team's senior class, including Linnea Faccenda, Veronique Dagenais, Malea Fabean, Amber Fichter, Emilie Larsen, Delaney Reiff and Jorden Thornton, became the winningest recruiting class that Duquesne has ever had.

With four regular-season games left, all against middling conference squads, two other Dukes are on a mission to continue to set records as well in O'Connor and Faccenda.

Head coach Al Alvine needs just two wins to become the program's all-time win leader, and goaltender Kyra Murphy needs three wins to become Duquesne's all-time winningest netminder.

Additionally, freshman forward Lauren Bell continues to impress during her rookie season. Bell has recorded four goals and two assists in the Dukes' 14 matches this season, and was named the A-10 Co-Rookie of the Week for the second time on Oct. 9, following her go-ahead goal off of the bench in the 76th minute of an Oct. 5 3-2 win against George Mason.

The Dukes' next test is Thursday, Oct. 12, on the road against defending A-10 champion Dayton at 7 p.m. The Flyers enter the matchup with a record of 7-6-2, and currently sit seventh in the conference at 2-2-2. As for Duquesne (9-3-2, 5-1-0), their recent dominance has them in second place in the league, trailing only La Salle (11-3-1, 6-0-0).

Judging by the way O'Connor and her

team are playing as of late, they are more than capable of making another run at an A-10 championship title.

These next couple of weeks will prove just how ready they are to return to Atlantic 10 glory.

Duquesne's next home contest is Oct. 15 versus UMass at 1 p.m., and the A-10 tournament begins for the Dukes at Rooney Field on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. Their opponent has yet to be determined.



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Junior forward Katie O'Connor during a match versus Oakland at Rooney Field earlier this season.

BTS returns with delightful *Love Yourself*

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editor-in-chief

Eleven albums later, somehow, this group never gets old.

In mid-September, BTS dropped its first release, *Love Yourself: 'Her,'* since experiencing the most successful year of its career. The Korean group won a Billboard Music Award back in May and has since grown its online presence by garnering just under 9 million followers on Twitter and scoring collaborations with renowned artists such as Steve Aoki and The Chainsmokers.

All this newfound success can be strongly felt throughout the entire new album. The group has turned its usually fantastic writing and composing skills up a notch to make *Love Yourself* its best album yet.

Love Yourself is a little more mainstream electropop than BTS usually goes for, making it somewhat disappointing at first. However, after subsequent listens, it is easy to realize that the group's unique sound has merely evolved rather than been sold out for more hits, plays and purchases.

BTS may utilize sounds, structures, beats and rhythms that are becoming very common in mainstream music, but the album's songs are layered and combined in such clever, fresh ways that, despite recognizing a few elements from other works of late, they come together to create an experience never felt before. It's genuine musical genius that the boys have made, and it makes listening to *Love Yourself* never get old.

One song that exemplifies this phenomenon is

the album's intro, "Serendipity." The strongest start to any BTS album yet, this song has no distinct structure, instead using the track's whimsical music and vocalist Park Ji-min's delicate voice to build up to a powerful climax that gives listeners goosebumps.

"Best of Me," the album's third track as well as the aforementioned collaboration with The Chainsmokers, is one of *Love Yourself's* catchiest songs. But despite being a clear party hit that follows a very familiar electropop formula regarding composition, its sound is somehow unlike anything else out there now, making it wonderfully pleasing to the ear each time it comes on.

Two other noteworthy tracks on the album are "dimple" and "Go Go." They may start out fairly simple, but their choruses change the songs' rhythms in such drastic, unique ways that they single-handedly redeem them from being forgotten in the rest of the album's greatness.

The lyrics on *Love Yourself* are good, too (if you can understand Korean or look them up, of course). About half the album takes the boys' experiences with love over the past few years and puts them under a microscope in order to deeply and maturely dissect them, discussing not only their meaning but also their effects on their lives. The other half is a continuation of the group's usual contemplation of its place in the world, its goal in life and how it is dealing with all of its success, topics that the group always ponders insightfully.

However, there are a few cheesy moments in the lyrics that may turn off individuals new to the group or to the world of Korean music



COURTESY OF BIG HIT ENTERTAINMENT

Based in Korea, BTS consists of seven members: Jin, J-Hope, Rap Monster, Suga, Jimin, V and Jungkook.

— instances like calling someone "illegirl" because her dimples are "illegal." However, these cases are simply misunderstandings caused by language barriers that must be embraced as unavoidable rather than deemed as flaws. And because most of the English gets lost in all the Korean, it's highly likely that the weird lyrics will be entirely ignored anyway.

One slight disappointment is that BTS' rap roots are almost entirely forgotten in this album. Granted, "MIC Drop" is an incredible, atypical rap that pays serious homage to this heritage, but it is the only song from the genre

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WB, DC backing away from DCEU (finally)

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a&e editor

On Sept. 29, fans of superhero comics and movies finally got confirmation of a rumor that has been making the rounds for quite some time now: DC is officially stepping down from its Extended Universe (DCEU) project.

In what was a clear attempt to mimic the success of rival Marvel's Cinematic Universe, the DCEU was meant to link past and future movies starring the comic mogul's A-list heroes together under one roof. The critically-mixed *Man of Steel* started this maligned attempt to cash in on superhero hype back in 2013, but it wasn't until the critically-condemned *Batman v. Superman* that the first attempts to unite multiple movies were made.

The next attempt at keeping this plague-infested pile of filth alive was last year's *Suicide Squad*, an experience best replicated by smearing spray-on hair coloring on your TV and being smothered by an avalanche of the branded hoodies that invaded your local Hot Topic in the aftermath of this cultural disaster.

Am I making it clear that I thought this whole DCEU thing was a bad idea? If not, let me say it as plainly as I can: The DCEU was a trainwreck of an idea, birthed from the oxygen-starved brains of executives who have kept their heads buried so far underground for almost three decades as to blot out reality from their lives.

Is it clear now?

But then came *Wonder Woman*, and if you think this disdain is a bit overblown, please strap yourself into the nearest available seat as I explain to you the monumental stupidity that DC displayed:

The industry speculation is that *Wonder Woman*, the critical and box-office success story of this past summer, ruined the plans for the DCEU be-



COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.

Wonder Woman set numerous records upon release, including highest-grossing movie with a female director. It is the highest-rated film in the DCEU.

cause it was too good.

Give yourself a second to comprehend this.

Because *Wonder Woman* did well — because actually focusing on a single, cohesive film rather than trying to ape the success of far superior efforts worked — DC now has to rework its decade-long, billion-dollar roadmap. Because a part of their plan worked.

How anyone could approve of a plan so ill-thought-out as to fail because a part of it succeeded is beyond me. I literally cannot fathom

DC's decision making. I can't. It is beyond my scope of reasoning, and I pray, dear reader, it is beyond yours as well.

The fact that this company blew an obscene amount of money on this heaping pile of human sick and filth only to have to backtrack because something good actually resulted from it should have people outraged. This fact alone should shake people to their very core.

Beyond the disgusting waste of money and the phenomenally insipid effort put into this garbage fire has to be one of the most embarrassing moments for DC in its history. To have to admit that your transparent money-grab was so bad that it actually working represented a failure in your scheme must be a hard pill to swallow.

And I do honestly wonder if heads are rolling at DC because of this whole mess. The company's front-facing policy is that the DCEU will, in fact, continue in some fashion — most likely focused entirely on the *Justice League* movies, and that the company will instead allow artists to choose their own direction for standalone films. In other words, it's business as usual for them, but now they are dropping the pretense that any of the films they produce matter.

But can you imagine working at DC's offices the day this decision came from above? Can you imagine the faces of every employee that was forced to hold up the stinking, cancerous corpse that was the DCEU when they heard that the company was stepping away from it? Can you imagine?

All of this is to say that I am honestly thrown by how bad this whole DCEU debacle has been. Having been closely watching it since its inception, anyone could see that DC and Warner Bros. didn't have a clue as to how to handle such a massive undertaking. As such, so much money — so much of people's lives — were squandered at the feet of reckless, feckless greed. And I am utterly disgusted.

WEEK'S EVENTS

Terror Trolley
Oct. 6-28, 7 & 9 p.m.

Take a tour through Pittsburgh's most haunted locals and hear stories of Pittsburgh's dark and sordid past. Tickets are \$25 a person and tours run every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ghost Stories
Oct. 14, 12 p.m.

This event will feature storyteller Alison K. Babusci and her scary — and sometimes funny — tales. Taking place Downtown at the Trust Arts Education Center, Ghost Stories is a family-friendly event for all ages. Best of all, it is completely free.

UPCOMING RELEASES

Beautiful Trauma
Oct. 13

The latest album from pop-artist P!nk, *Beautiful Trauma* will be the artist's first release since 2012's *Truth about Love*. The 13-track album features the single "What About Us" and Eminem on the track "Revenge."

Happy Death Day
Oct. 13

Directed by Christopher B. Landon, *Happy Death Day* follows Tree Gelbman (Jessica Rothe) as she relives her birthday over and over again, living through her murder continuously as well. In order to break the cycle, Gelbman must identify her assailant or be forced to relive her death forever.

MICRO REVIEW

Paper Girls Issue #16

This issue finally gives some long-awaited backstory on Tiff's home life and the sobering reasons for her love of gaming.

Meanwhile, Erin, Mac and KJ apparently find a linchpin clue to the girls' time-hopping travails. Even if it does end all too soon, this beautifully illustrated chapter is a great starting point for Tiff's character arc.

— Nicole Prieto

The Duke's shortlist of must-watch Halloween classics

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*From the macabre to the whimsical,
read what we are watching this season*

With the start of the spookiest season, watching classic horror flicks never fails to get one into the Halloween festivities. Among the multitudes of scary movies to choose from, the six movies listed below each exhibit their own sort of eerie, thrilling and nostalgic attributes that indisputably evoke the spirit of fall.

Halloween (1978)

John Carpenter's original slasher flick still holds up to this very day. Weaving a story that is not only original (for its time), but scary, *Halloween* created almost all of the tropes that we know today — for better and for worse. The actors perform believably well, and since the movie takes place on Halloween, spooky settings and props — like children trick-or-treating and carving pumpkins — really add to the film's ambiance. In the story, psychiatric patient Michael Myers breaks out of his hospital, returns to the location of his very first murder and pays the young teenagers of Haddonfield, Illinois a visit. The story follows high school students, including protagonist Laurie (Jamie Lee Curtis), and also incorporates details of Myers' psychiatric doctor, Samuel Loomis (Donald Pleasence), who works with police to find him and put a stop to his rampage. There are enough twists and turns to keep viewers invested, and the characters, especially Laurie, present a very smart and responsible dynamic in comparison to her boy-crazy friends. This movie is ideal for Halloween, not only because it is in the title, but because it creates the atmosphere and mood for any horror fan.

Trick 'r Treat (2007)

Trick 'r Treat is somewhat of a lesser-known entry on this list, even though it is beloved by horror and Halloween lovers everywhere. This movie is told as an anthology covering several different intertwining stories that all revolve around Halloween. The film also features a guide through

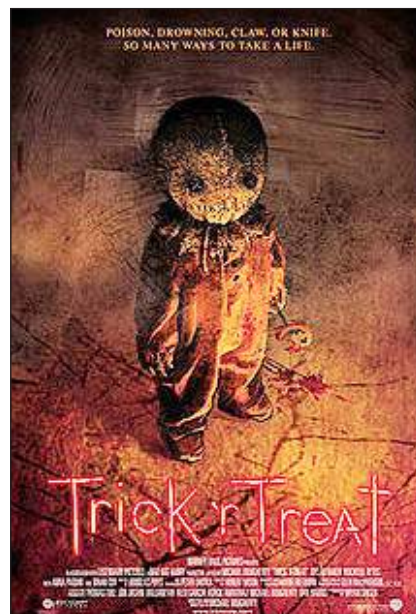
the different tales in the form of Sam, a child-like character donned in an orange jumpsuit with a sack tied around his head. From pranks, to werewolves to Halloween folklore to the chill of a crisp autumn night, *Trick 'r Treat* offers something for everyone. What this film lacks in true horror it makes up for in creating a fantastic atmosphere and simply just feels like Halloween. This movie continues to grow a strong following, but since it never received an official theatrical release, it never got the attention that it so-obviously deserved. Starring some mildly famous actors, *Trick 'r Treat* excels in its creative writing and clever plot. If you're a fan of Halloween decorations or aesthetic, then you will simply faint over this delight of a film.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

While watchable during both Halloween and Christmas, this Tim Burton classic surely leans toward the customs and traditions of Halloween. As a stop-motion film (an extremely underused craft), *The Nightmare Before Christmas* has risen to legendary status with its catchy music and original, vivid sets. The movie's branding was once relegated to the racks of Hot Topic but soon expanded to other outlets, and for a very good reason. In the film, Jack Skellington, the king of Halloweentown, has become bored with scaring individuals and decides it's time for a change of view. He stumbles upon Christmastown and soon becomes infatuated with the sights and sounds of his findings. Eventually, he tries to introduce the hope and joy of Christmas to a society that only knows and understands Halloween. The citizens of Halloweentown then try to create their own version of Christmas, only to discover that their plans caused a bigger mess than they anticipated. Regardless of the season, there isn't another movie that can appeal to both Halloween and Christmas lovers alike.

The Shining (1980)

Stanley Kubrick's ingenious vision of Stephen King's novel is revered as one of the best thriller/horror movies ever made. In the beginning, Jack Torrance takes his family to a mysterious hotel in its off season to serve as grounds keeper while curing his writer's block. With the winter chill keeping them inside for weeks on end, Jack grows increasingly restless and frightening to his son who has the ability to sense the past and future. The strange little girls and the forbidden room number 237 all provide clues to the hotel's history and Jack's imminent wrath on his family. The dramatic and intense tension built in the first two thirds of the story leads to an eerie and haunting ending that really takes advantage



of the suspense between Jack and his family. The Torrence's interpersonal conflict and the plot seamlessly work together to create an unnerving sense of dread in the audience. From the maze-like Overlook Hotel to its iconic mise-en-scene to its framing, *The Shining* proves that there is true terror in not scaring someone but building on the atmosphere as well as psychological fear for a strong payoff.

The Evil Dead (1981)

Before Sam Raimi directed the original Spiderman Trilogy, his breakout film was *The Evil Dead*. Although it definitely is rough around the edges and lacks the overall polish of films today, the classic horror movie is still an entertaining and frightening product. In the film, Ash and his friends rent a cabin in the middle of the woods for a weekend camping trip. Inside the cabin, they find an ancient book and read aloud from it, awakening a demonic presence. The ruin and reckoning it causes for Ash and his friends



represents the primary reason for watching the movie, as it offers a great mix of both classic horror scares in addition to new and innovative ones. This movie is one of the first horrendously gory movies to come out, and even after the series spawned second and third installments (which got even more ridiculous and over the top), the first one still holds up well.

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (1966)

Despite only ever seeming to be on once or twice a season, this Halloween special always attracts a nostalgic audience. *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* follows the Peanuts gang in their Halloween adventures, including the anticipated arrival of the Great Pumpkin. This special has all the elements of a classic Halloween story, from the costumes to the trick-or-treating to traditional party games. *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* really showcases what it means to be a kid this time of year and evokes the true spirit of the season.



COURTESY OF COMPASS INTERNATIONAL

Despite only having a budget of \$300,000, *Halloween* grossed \$70 million at the box office. Many imitators since its release in 1978 have tried to replicate its success, spawning what is the widely-popular, and often criticized, slasher genre.

Duquesne partners for celebration

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president of the Division of Mission and Identity at Duquesne, helped facilitate the collaboration between Duquesne and the First Lutheran Church, and he highly values the 'Always Made New' project.

"This is an opportunity to come together and celebrate our common humanity and be inspired by stories of Faith, courage, resilience and change," said French.

The people of Pittsburgh are invited to join in the Always Made New campaign to help celebrate the Reformation's anniversary through its events. The project also invites individuals to consider how the community can be engaged and supportive toward each other. For more information about the project, visit alwaysmadenew.org. To RSVP for the pilgrimage walk, visit alwaysmadenew.wordpress.com/events/.



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AG goes after largest student loan company

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servicer of federal student loans, it is unknown how many Duquesne students have Navient for that purpose, according to Falleroni.

However, when it comes to private loans, Falleroni said that in the 2016-2017 year, Sallie Mae was the largest private lender used by Duquesne students.

"Roughly, 38 percent of Duquesne's private education loan disbursements came from students choosing Sallie Mae over all other private education lenders," he said. "Therefore, I would think many of our students will be dealing with Navient for repaying their private education loans and a fair amount will use them for federal loans."

Falleroni also said that if Shapiro's allegations are true, it would be "troubling." However, he believes that most students don't have to worry too much.

"From what I have read, allegedly, Navient was targeting students from schools with bad default rates. Fortunately, Duquesne has a default rate much lower than the national average and our graduation rates are very good," he said, which makes it unlikely that Duquesne students were potentially hurt.

The lawsuit seeks "full restitution to all borrowers affected by Navient's unlawful practices," along with Navient releasing any unlawfully gained profits, among other damages, the Attorney General's press release read.

Students who may have been affected by Navient's alleged practices are encouraged to file a complaint with the Attorney General's office either through an online form, https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/Complaints/Consumer_Complaint_Form/, or by calling 800-441-2555 or emailing scams@attorneygeneral.gov.



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Tips for transfers on the Bluff

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“[They] are upperclassmen commuter students who are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership and experience,” Lewis said. “They serve as peer advisors, plan activities, provide information and assist new commuter students in their transition to Duquesne. Each new undergraduate commuter student (both freshmen and transfer students) has a CA for the entire fall semester.”

If you're a transfer student, your CA will have been assigned to you, so remember to keep in touch with them this semester in order to make the most of your university experience. Like your academic advisor, your CA is here to help.

There's no need to be afraid of this new thing called university life. By utilizing Duquesne's resources and embracing its culture, transfer students may worry less about finding ways to fit into the new university dynamic and direct more of their energy to adjusting to the weather and finding the coffee shop with the best pumpkin spice latte.



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New album evolves BTS' sound

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on the album. This has never happened before with BTS, and while it is great for a group to evolve as its members grow, it's also been a tradition of the group to never forget where they started and always have at least a few raps on each album.

This small deviation sort of makes one wonder if BTS will soon pull entirely out of the genre that got it started all together. The group's raps have always been phenomenal, and the thought of a world with no more from them just puts a damper on every fan's day.

Regardless, *Love Yourself* is an otherwise stellar work, and for the first time in the group's history, it's actually gaining international recognition. All this appreciation from the group's last four years of insanely hard work is finally paying off. It's well-deserved, as *Love Yourself* is by far the most well-rounded, wholesome thing BTS has ever produced, and it foreshadows even greater things in the future as this up-and-coming group continues to develop.

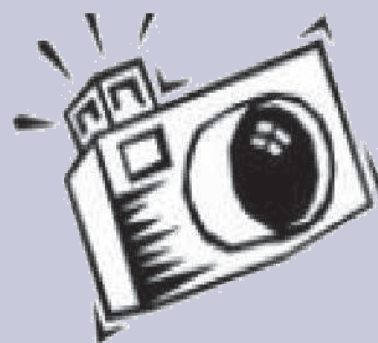
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