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At long last, beginning of Dambrot era finally arrives

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On March 8 at PPG Paints Arena, in the opening round of last season’s Atlantic 10 Men’s Basketball Championship, No. 14 Duquesne eliminated No. 11 Saint Louis by 18 points with 15:03 remaining in regulation.

Pretty sweet, considering the Dukes, 3-15 in conference play last season, had managed to win a modest two games since the beginning of the calendar year.

However, Jim Ferry-led Duquesne teams seemed unable to shake various afflictions during his tenure. In this mismanaging late-game situations had become a recurring theme for the team. The team’s 18-point lead officially vanished as Saint Louis guard Davell Roby scored a putback layup in the game’s final seconds.

Duquesne graduate transfer forward Kale Abrahamson released a final heave ahead of the buzzer sounding to no avail, and the Dukes dejectedly exited in defeat for the last time under Ferry.

A fine recruiter, Ferry was able to lure both Mike Lewis II and Isaiah Mike to the Bluff last fall, and several 2017 quality prospects were committed to Duquesne ahead of Ferry’s dismissal.

One commit — point guard Jamari Wheeler — is now reunited with Ferry at Penn State, where Wheeler chose to attend following Duquesne’s decision to switch coaches and where Ferry is now an assistant coach under Pat Chambers.

Despite impressive recruiting finds in both Lewis and Mike, athletic director Dave Harper saw it fit to restructure the program, dismissing Ferry into his first season at the helm of his father’s alma mater’s basketball program.

In five seasons, Ferry recorded a 69-97 record, including an even more cringe-worthy 21-65 tally in the Atlantic 10.

Despite the program’s pronounced struggles, it seemed to many as if Duquesne had shot itself in the foot by firing Ferry in the ensuing weeks as administration struggled to find a replacement.

A plethora of potential coaching targets publicly denied having interest in the Duquesne position for what seemed like weeks on end, leading many to favor Mark Turgeon’s typically campaign for himself on ESPN’s SportsCenter to become the Duke’s next coach.

Meanwhile, Mike, Lewis, Nakye Sanders, Rene Castro-Canedy and Spencer Littleton all announced their intentions to gauge interest from other programs, leaving Tarin Smith as the Dukes’ lone contributing piece to the roster throughout the whole process.

Nobody could have expected that over half of a year later, Duquesne’s men’s program would be generating more positive momentum than Pitt.

Since his lucrative hiring on March 30, Keith Dambrot has gained Lewis’ favor and managed to convince Castro-Canedy to return with him despite the opportunity to leave as a graduate transfer and play immediately elsewhere.

What’s more, Dambrot has won over the locker room and the fanbase before coaching a single game with his brilliant enthusiasm and boisterous personality, effectively breathing a breath of fresh air into a weary A.J. Palumbo Center.

“They were both good coaches,” a men’s player said of both Ferry and Dambrot, “but Dambrot is (much) more personable.”

In a short time, Dambrot has awakened a comatose program and crafted it into one eager for the future, especially equipped with a particularly thirst for the NCAA tournament — something that Duquesne hasn’t reached since 1977.

For many of the hopeful excitement that Duquesne fans may have stored in the future, the Dukes will begin 2017-18 conference play at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 versus St. Francis N.Y. at the Palumbo Center with a scant eight healthy scholarship players, with reinforcements coming soon in sophomore Kellon Taylor, who acts as both a forward and wide receiver for Duquesne’s basketball and football teams, and graduate transfer Chas Brown, who will be sidelined until early December with a stress fracture, according to Dambrot.

With so much to manage and such little time to work with, Dambrot heads into his first season at the helm of his father’s alma mater’s basketball program extremely thin on depth.

Despite a thin backcourt, sophomore Mike Lewis — Duquesne’s leading scorer last season with 14.1 points per game — will retain his role with fellow returning starter Tarin Smith, who transferred to the Bluff from Nebraska in 2015 and led the Dukes with both 99 assists and 34 steals on the season.

In addition to Lewis and Smith, standout scorer Rene Castro-Canedy returns after averaging 7.1 ppg in 29 games last season, highlighted by a 29-point scoring effort in overtime victory over Saint Francis Pa. on Nov. 16.

Led by Lewis, Duquesne’s three returning guards must improve upon their output from last season’s campaign for the Dukes to compete in the A-10 this season.

Relying on Lewis is Duquesne’s best shooter, he will also facilitate the offense for Dambrot a vast majority of the time. Smith’s biggest strength is driving to the rim, which is something that Duquesne’s guards must resist the urge to do at an excessive clip, according to Dambrot.

While taking the ball strong to the rim is one of the first things that’s instructed to children learning how to play the game, Dambrot explained following Duquesne’s hurricane relief exhibition game versus D-III Chatham on Nov. 1 that, while driving the ball can be a good thing, his staff will be looking to see this year’s primary ball handlers feed big men on the block more frequently this season in an attempt to control tempo and force defenses off balance.

Joining Lewis, Smith and Castro-Canedy in the backcourt is freshman Eric Williams Jr., who was Dambrot’s first high school recruit to commit to the new coach at Duquesne.

Of New Haven, Michigan, the 6-foot-5 Williams will bolster Duquesne’s guard set with length and athleticism, which the freshman put on display during the Nov. 1 exhibition game, which the Dukes won 83-51, in catching and dunking several alley-oop passes over Chatham defenders.

A big scorer in high school, Williams will need to play aggressively to help get Duquesne on the board and defend and rebound on both ends this season.

Due to a lack of depth down low, Dambrot said that he will need his guards to rebound well this year in order to help offset a lack of size that the team faces this season.

Against Chatham, Duquesne allowed 16 offensive rebounds — something that can’t continue if the Dukes want to have success against the much more athletic teams that they will face this season.

Jordan Robinson and Tydus Verhoeven, the Bluff’s two 6-foot-8 forwards, are a scary cast of forwards that lack a true offensive presence. And if the Dukes can’t play a cleaner game than they have in past years under Ferry, then this new Dambrot-era of basketball on the Bluff will be one you don’t want to miss.
Primed for success, WBB aiming for A-10 title

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For years, the Pittsburgh area has been known for the vast amount of top basketball prospects it produces. The city has put out a ton of wrestling talent, as well. However, one sport’s protégés that are often overlooked in Pittsburgh and on basketball recruiting maps is girl’s basketball. A number of talented hoopers have come out of the city, but there is just one Pittsburgh native on an NBA roster this season: former WPIAL star and Chartiers Valley High School and current Philadelphia 76ers point guard T.J. McConnell.

The road to the top hasn’t always been an easy one for McConnell. He overlooked by top college programs coming out of high school, and his impressive collegiate career wasn’t enough to get him named during 2015-16. With that said, McConnell has had to make the best of the opportunity that he’s been afforded, and thanks in large part to all of his hard work and passion for the game, he has put himself on the basketball map.

“Growing up in the city, there’s been great players that came there and you just want to be one of those great players,” McConnell said. “If the city taught me anything, it’s to just play hard all the time and that’s what I try to do.”

It’s tough but also gratifying at the same time. Knowing how much work you put in and how much you’re in the gym to work for everything you get. It’s a [gratifying] feeling,” he added.

The Pittsburgh kid chose to stay local for his first two collegiate seasons, starring here at Duquesne. He shone during his first two seasons as a Duke, and his three years there was a time to develop. The impact of McConnell’s success in Philadelphia is felt everyday on the Pittsburgh basketball scene. He has proven that the area is capable of putting out basketball talents and isn’t to be disregarded.

76ers’ McConnell’s roots reach back to the Bluff

David Borne  staff writer

With the 2017-18 season right around the corner, the Duquesne Dukes women’s basketball squad is set to make another run at an NCAA Tournament appearance. Burt brings back 10 of last year’s 18-win team that reached the Atlantic 10 Tournament final, head coach Dan Burt and his team have the bar set high for the season ahead.

In fact, Burt enters the 2017-18 campaign with only one thing on his mind: Bringing another Atlantic 10 Championship trophy back to the Bluff.

“It’s an A-10 Championship [and] nothing less,” he said.

Despite returning a largely similar roster to the one that was rolled out last season, the Dukes were ranked No. 4 in the A-10 Preseason poll, picked to finished behind last year’s conference champion Dayton, as well as St. Louis and St. Joseph’s. Burt believes that his team’s success last year should’ve been enough to land them a higher rank.

“We really felt like any of the top-four teams could have been chosen in any [given] order and we were chosen at the bottom of that,” Burt said. “If you delve into the statistics of it, you’d see that we were No. 2 in the city, but that double figures both times, we defeated Saint Joseph’s by double figures and they lost at our place last season, we had seconds, and we returned a lot more than the other teams.

“One of the good things [about the A-10 preseason polling] is that we had three players named to various all-conference teams. That was the most, … more than what Dayton, Saint Louis or Saint Joe’s had. … We thought about [the preseason poll] for all of 15 minutes and moved on,” he added.

The three players Burt referenced, of course, were junior guards Chasidy Ogman, who moved on, and ranks 80th on ESPN’s 2018 Top 100 List. and Omogrosso and Vojnovic were named Atlantic 10 All-Third Team, and Richardson was named to the A-10’s All-Defensive Team.

The tandem of Omogrosso and Vojnovic will carry the offensive load for the Dukes this season. The pair averaged 24.6 points per game last season, shooting down 3.7 three-point shots. Both are natural point guards, but their versatility and shooting touch create a dangerous duo for Duquesne to sport in the front court.

“We’re both point guards, so we know the game and we can see the floor very well,” Omogrosso said. “We’re both also good shooters, which is positive for both of us. If I run the point, she can spot up, or if she runs the point I can spot up. It’s a great one-two combo.”

As for Richardson, she led Duquesne in steals last season with 41 on the season. The junior also crashes the glass well, as she pulled down 3.3 rebounds per game last year.

Kadri-Ann Lass returns to the starting lineup, as well, which is vital for the Dukes, who will rely on her for post production. The junior averaged 7.9 points and 4.5 per game in 2016-17. Coach Burt has high expectations for Lass this season, yet believes that she is more than capable of exceeding them.

“This year, when our two guards graduated, we really had that sophomore slump, but she clearly doesn’t have it any more. Kadri looks very good in practice … Her ability to score the ball [is impressive], her confidence level has improved, and she’s in a very good state-of-mind right now.”

With the loss of Amadea Szamosi, Duquesne’s go-to option in the paint last year, one starting spot remains unaccounted for the time being.

Redshirt sophomores Eniko Kutter, Paige Cannon and freshman Helmi Toloue will all compete for the final starting spot.

For Kadri’s sake we have to find another effective scorer in the post, and I think we have that with multiple people. We don’t know who the other person is that’s going to start [right now],” Burt said.

Freshmen Amanda Kalin and Libby Bazelak are Duquesne’s two newcomers that figure to contribute this season. With sophomore Tina Latt redshirting this season due to injury, Burt expects that the preceding freshmen will see plenty of time on the court.

A year removed from an 18-16 record and a WNIT appearance, Duquesne has all of the tools necessary to reach its second Atlantic 10 championship game in three years.

Richardson and her team know they have something to prove to the rest of the conference.

“The Dukes are coming this year,” a confident Richardson said. “We’re going to get that ring, and we’re going back to the Dance.”
Freshman Kratholm balances basketball, bio-med

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Hailing from a basketball-mad state and having attended one of the top training centers in the world, freshman forward and biomedical engineering major Nicholas Kratholm is looking to make an immediate impact on the Duquesne men’s basketball team this season.

Kratholm comes from Louisville, Kentucky, and grew up in the middle of the classic University of Louisville/University of Kentucky rivalry, which influenced his sport of choice.

“Growing up in Kentucky, basketball, especially college basketball, is the biggest thing,” he said. “So from a young age, especially as a boy, you’re kind of taught that basketball is the way to go.”

The 6-foot-8 Kratholm was already tall as a 10-year-old, which helped influence his decision to go with basketball over baseball in the fifth grade.

“I said, ‘Basketball is what I want to do,’” Kratholm said. “I’m tall, it helps to be tall. So I decided to focus all my energy on basketball.”

He pursued the sport at Waggener High School in St. Matthews, Kentucky, where he was also valedictorian. After he graduated, he decided to take a gap year at IMG Academy, a sports-oriented boarding school in Florida. It was an experience Kratholm called “phenomenal.”

“It’s a world-renowned sports training center for all athletes. When you’re there and you’re training and you see these high-level players – the best of the best – coming in to work out … the experience and the exposure is incredible,” he said.

Kratholm also credited the coaches at IMG for helping improve his game.

“One of the biggest things I took away from there was the mental aspect of my game, focusing on mental conditioning and getting your mind right,” he said. “That’s one thing I really focused on there. … just to keep a calm head and block out distractions.”

His biggest inspiration for basketball is Kobe Bryant, especially because of his intense play style.

“It’s called the Mamba mentality, just to be in that attack mode and always have that drive. That’s what I try to do, and obviously I’m no Kobe Bryant. But if I take pieces here and there and put it together, it can only help me,” he said.

While finishing his time at IMG, Kratholm was sold on coming to Duquesne after giving college recruitment a shot.

“The moment I saw [the Duquesne coaching staff] I thought these guys [were] great. Turned out [Duquesne] had biomedical engineering. It seemed too good to be true,” he said.

Duquesne’s biomedical engineering program is rather new and is as of a demanding major as they come, but Kratholm’s interest in the field dates back to when he was young.

“Ever since I was little, I loved buildings things, taking things apart,” he said.

In high school, Kratholm pursued a medical track that was offered, and he realized building prosthetic limbs was a future goal that combined his interests.

“That’s really something I want to do because I love building things and seeing how things work. Being able to help people would be so rewarding. … To change someone’s life while doing something that you love at the same time [motivates me],” Kratholm said.

Biomedical engineering is definitely not easy, something that Kratholm knew going in.

“It’s a lot of work, a lot of tough classes. Math, science which is what I [like, prefer and want to take]. I tell people, ‘It’s hard but I brought it upon myself,’ he said. “Every day, I know I’m working toward that goal of getting my degree.”

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Vojinovic finds home away from home at Duquesne

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When Julijana Vojinovic first arrived in the United States, she felt like she was in a movie thanks to culture shock.

The junior guard for Duquesne’s women’s basketball team came to the United States on Aug. 15, 2016, which was the first year of her way from her hometown of Cacak, Serbia. While she described the experience as “very tough,” she knew Duquesne was where she was meant to be.

“Everyone is just talking in English, signs on the street are in English, everything is confusing,” Vojinovic said. “Coming to States was one of the hardest decisions I had to make in my life because I knew I was coming somewhere where I have never been before. But I knew everything [was] going to be alright. And at this moment, I never regret that I made this decision.”

Before arriving in the U.S. and taking the court for Duquesne, Vojinovic played for the Serbian National team is one of the best in the world. She averaged 15.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game in the 2014 U16 European Women’s Championships, where Serbia finished in first place in its division and fourth overall after losing to Spain on Jan. 25.

But even after ending the campaign averaging 1.79 three-point field goals made a game, Vojinovic looks not at her individual statistics, but at the team’s potential as a whole.

“I feel great about [last season] because that is me, that is my game that defines me,” Vojinovic said.

“But it is never good enough. It can and it will be even better. However, it is not all about me, [as] I am sure that everyone’s goal is to win. We had ups and downs during the last season, and we were inconsistent. We lost games we shouldn’t [have]. It has to be better this season.”

However, with her team-first mentality, Vojinovic is still working on improving herself both on and off the court this season.

“I always work on mental balance and focus and on training my mind, so definitely I will continue improving that,” Vojinovic said. “Basketball wise, I know I am strong, so I have to go into contact and

Bryanna McDerMott/Assistant photo editor Vojinovic, a junior psychology major, sinks a free throw during a women’s basketball game during the 2016-17 season, which finished with a lay-up or get fouled. I keep improving my game and my mental strength, because so many times, it is more ... mental than basketball.”

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Democrats score big wins across nation on Election Day

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A blue tide washed over the American electorate Nov. 7, as Democrats won resoundingly in many local and state elections across the nation. However, statewide results in Pennsylvania showed more mixed results for both parties. According to the Pennsylvania Department of State unofficial election returns, with 99 percent of precincts reporting, Republican state Supreme Court Justice Sallie Mundy held on to her seat defeating Democratic challenger, former Steelers player and Duquesne Law grad Dwayne Woodruff. Pennsylvania Democrats had more success in the Superior Court elections. Unofficial returns had three Democrats, Maria McLaughlin (14.09 percent), Carolyn Nichols (12.78 percent) and Deborah Kuselman (13.61 percent) elected to the bench. They were joined by Republican Mary Murray, who garnered 12.01 percent of the vote. The parties split the two slots for Commonwealth Court. Unofficial returns reported that Christine Pizzano Cannon, a Republican, won 25.83 percent and Ellen Ceisler, a Democrat, captured 25.63 percent.

Biking commuters brace for harsh weather arrival

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With Halloween behind us and the possibility of freezing rain and snow ahead, one group on campus is affected more than most by the forthcoming precipitation: cycling commuters.

According to the Office of Commuter Affairs, commuters make up the majority of Duquesne’s student body. While most commuters drive to campus, some walk from Uptown or South Side, take buses from Shadyside or Oakland or even take the T, Pittsburgh’s metro, from the North Side. Graduate student Josef DiPietrantonio rides his bike. He said it is the most convenient way for him to get to school from his apartment in Uptown.

“I can bike right down Forbes or Fifth, leave my bike at the elevators (to the Forbes Garage) and take the elevator right up to College Hall,” DiPietrantonio explained. Students are not the only ones to commute via two wheels. Media Department Chair and journalism professor Mike Dillon spends much of the year cycling to his office, also in College Hall.

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According to DiPietrantonio, he plans to still ride his bike when the weather gets colder.

“Usually the sidewalks and streets are pretty clear, so unless there’s a ton of snow, I’ll probably ride,” DiPietrantonio said. He added that it’s a short drive from his home in the South Hills to a church parking lot in Hays close to the Glenwood Bridge, where he leaves his car. From there, he said his cycling commute is about seven miles one way, which takes him approximately 30 minutes.

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This week you are in for a good one two-for-one deal. We've got two weeks of debauchery coming your way, so buckle up buttercup.

On Oct. 29, a vehicle was hit by another vehicle in Locust Garage. A report was made.

Also on Oct. 25, a resident of Assumption Hall reported receiving obscene messages on her phone. A report was made and the case is closed.

On Oct. 26, a parked vehicle was hit in Watson Alley.

Someone did more than check out books in the library on Oct. 26. A student stole a Bose headphone set from Gumberg as they were being charged. The offender was caught and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Oct. 27, St. Martin's Residence Director found a small amount of marijuana in a room. Four were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Oct. 28, Pittsburgh City Dispatch contacted Duquesne Police about a possible contaminated marijuana. The student was transported to the Mercy ER and referred to the Office of Student Conduct. It got really spooky on Oct. 29 when Pittsburgh Police requested Duquesne Police's help in chasing down a large off-campus party with a number of students. Pittsburgh Police will cite the occupants of a house and a female Duquesne student.

Also on Oct. 29, a male undergraduate Tuve reported a fire alarm activated. He was taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment and was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Oct. 30, a student reported that her wallet was stolen.

Additionally on Oct. 30, a vehicle was hit while it was parked in the Locust Street Garage.

On Nov. 1, a stop sign pole in Locust Garage was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Also on Nov. 1, a Parkhurst employee in Campus Market found an unattended dog of marijuana. The source could not be identified and the marijuana was destroyed.

Nov. 1 was a bad day. A student reported receiving unwanted test messages and the case was referred to the Administration.

A student reported a telephone scam on Nov. 1. Someone had called stating that the student's family had been kidnapped and then demanded money. The case is active.

On Nov. 2, two students in DePac were found with alcohol, marijuana and paraphernalia. Both were sent to the Office of Student Conduct.

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On Nov. 4, two students in Des Placer reported receiving unwanted text messages that were sent to a Duquesne fraternity president. Duquesne Police are investigating.

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Innovation is propelling Pittsburgh into new realms of societal and technological development.

Core Realty recently announced its partnership with Amazon in transforming the old Macy's department store in Downtown Pittsburgh into apartments equipped with advanced technology, including voice command operating systems through Amazon's product, Alexa.

Amazon's technology will enable residents to do several tasks, such as utilizing the television and air conditioning, simply through voice commands. Along with Alexa, other luxuries, including iPads and high quality televisions, will be included.

"Making Amazon Alexa and our Savvy Live system available in our apartments introduces the next level of modern living," Michael Samschick, President and CEO of Core Realty, said, according to PRWEB. "We're excited to be bringing this new culture to Pittsburgh that will offer Kaufmann's Grand residents not just a new lifestyle, but a technology-based living experience.

The historical value of the building is also being preserved through the restoration of several parts of the building dating back to the 1800s. "This is an iconic and historic building with amenities that have never been seen before in Pittsburgh's residential market," Samschick said, commenting on the classic nature of the structure itself.

Mayor Bill Peduto of Pittsburgh shared that he has high hopes of the project helping in modernizing and reinvigorating the area. In fact, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Peduto said that he hopes to make the region "an area that will be more than just a roadway between the South Side and the Strip District but be the heart of vibrant Downtown."

The potential the enterprise has is outstanding, and it could mean great opportunities for students in the area seeking housing. A key concern is pricing for these units, as one-bedroom units will have a rent starting at approximately $1,200.

Students expressed that they believe this to be a good deal, especially with how much high-level technology is included in the apartments. Maggie Kraus, a freshman athletic training major, expressed her opinion on the price. "I feel like it comes already with an iPad, a TV and Alexa, you're cutting down on other costs which would make more room in a budget for rent," Kraus said.

Michael Scarfino, a freshman sports marketing major, added to Kraus' opinion. "It would make simple things easier to do with Alexa and it is already includes a lot of expenses that I don't have to buy on my own," Scarfino said.

However, some students do not believe that this is a feasible deal for college students. Amber Gorog, a psychology student, contradicted Kraus' opinion. "I don't think it's attainable for a college student," Gorog said. "But it may be for a fully functional adult with an actual career."

Kiersten Daugherty, a criminal justice major, pointed out the specific factors of the technology that should be considered. "I think that given the fact that the electronics, appliances and Air Conditioning are all included in the building, and they are voice activated, the price is relatively reasonable," Daugherty said. "The only drawback is that all of these additions could break or have problems, which could add more unexpected expenses."

New business center debuts on Rockwell Hall floor

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of marketing, finds the center to be a much-needed addition, noting the importance of successful selling skills.

"Sales is a critical component of nearly every organization because it drives revenue and facilitates operations, so it's critically important for organizations engaging in personal selling to employ educated, capable sales professionals," Ciletti said.

Ciletti also noted how the Center and its goals tie in with the mission of the business school.

The center addresses this need, providing facilities and programming to better prepare students for professional sales positions. It supports the Puffy-Moosho Business School of Business focus on providing a unique, transformational educational experience, along with how our expertise in professional selling facilitates operations, so it's critically important for organizations engaging in personal selling to employ educated, capable sales professionals," Ciletti said.

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On Oct. 21, the center was put to the test when the school held the inaugural Steel City Sales Challenge, an annual sales competition sponsored by Steel Dynamics, Inc. which is open to universities in the region.

McFarlin hopes that the Center for Leadership in Professional Selling and the school's sales program will continue to expand and grow. He has aspirations to engage some corporate sponsors to help fund the Center's activities going forward.

"We hope to convince students— and not just business students—that 'selling' isn't a dirty word. It's really a core process for all organizations, and in a business-to-business environment, selling often means developing deep and long-lasting strategic relationships with your business partners," McFarlin said. "Over time, we hope to collaborate with other academic units on campus to leverage the center, its technology and our expertise in professional selling for their students."

McFarlin believes it is vital to learn and develop good influence skills, whether that involves direct selling activity or not, and the Center for Leadership in Professional Selling aims to foster those skills and provide opportunities needed for students' success.

"This center isn't just an asset for the business school — it's an asset for Duquesne," McFarlin said.

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union, according to the Associated Press. More locally, in Allegheny County, Mayor Bill Peduto (D) won his unopposed re-election in a landslide with 96 percent of the vote. The Pittsburgh referendum on allowing city employees to take part-time positions coaching in the public school system or teaching at public universities, passed with 73 percent support, according to WESA, Pittsburgh’s NPR station.

Turnout was low in Allegheny County with reports showing only 23.4 percent of registered voters went to the polls. Turnout in Pittsburgh Ward One, District One, where Duquesne is located, was particularly dismal. Reports showed that only 166 ballots were cast, making up only 3 percent of all registered voters.

The biggest stories of the evening were in other states, as results in Virginia were especially notable. Ralph Northam, the Democratic nominee for governor, won a commanding victory over his Republican challenger, Ed Gillespie. Northam exceeded expectations in what many thought was supposed to be a close race, capturing a nine-point victory. Even more surprising was the Democratic swing in the Virginia House of Delegates, which has been controlled by Republicans since 2000. Democrats picked up at least 15 seats, with several likely to go into recounts. This could mean a 50-50 split or slight Democratic majority depending on the remaining close races. Jessica Post, the executive director for the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, described the gain of seats in Virginia in a tweet as “the biggest Democratic pick-up since 1899.” Several individual stories in Virginia were notable. Danica Roem became the first openly transgender person elected to a U.S. state house, defeating a Republican incumbent who called himself Virginia’s “chief homophobe,” according to the Washington Post. Virginia also saw the upset victory of Lee Carter, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, to the House of Delegates beating a high-ranking member of Republican leadership.

Elsewhere across the country, Democrats were victorious in New York’s governor’s race where Phil Murphy won and in Maine, which went to the polls. Turnout in Pittsburgh Ward One, District One, where Duquesne is located, was particularly dismal. Reports showed that only 166 ballots were cast, making up only 3 percent of all registered voters.

With winter weather on the way, student, faculty bikers prepare

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nice to have the option to walk or ride, depending on the weather. "It all depends on where the snow is," he said. For David Lampe, a biology professor and the faculty advisor for the Duquesne Bicycle Club, snow is not a deterrent to his daily commute. "If you have the right clothing and the right gear, you can bike in any weather," he said. Lampe’s commute from his house is about 12 miles in one direction, he said. Although he has been teaching at Duquesne for almost 20 years, he has only been a cycling commuter for the last seven. He began for “health and money” reasons, he explained.

Dillon also espoused the wellbeing aspects of cycling. "Biking isn’t aggravating like driving," Dillon said. "You feel invigorated and it gives you time to think." Both the City of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University have expanded their biking infrastructure in the last five years, Dillon said. "I’ve been teaching here for 20 years, and when I arrived, there was almost no biking infrastructure in this city," Dillon said. "Now this city is phenomenal [for cyclists] and still getting better." DiPietrantonio said he has been impressed by Duquesne’s biking facilites, such as the bike maintenance stand next to College Hall, where cyclists can pump air into their tires or use tools to adjust their bike seat. "I’ve used it once or twice for pumping [tires]," DiPietrantonio said. "I think things like that have a big impact on people choosing to bike, because sometimes people don’t ride their bikes for a simple reason like that— ‘Oh, my tire’s not pumped.’" Lampe said there is still room for Duquesne to improve its bike-friendliness, especially given Pittsburgh’s fluctuating weather. "When you only have about two months in the fall of nice weather, September and October, it can be hard to get people out riding if they aren’t as committed yet," Lampe said. "Something like a flexible campus parking permit would help people who want to bike while the weather is nice but use their cars in the winter.

"Right now, you have to buy a permit for the entire semester. Also, [providing] reasonably-priced Port Authority bus passes, like what other schools have, because each bus has a bike rack on the front."
How millennials are de-sensitized to terrorism

If you’re a millennial, which is loosely described as someone born in the 1980’s to early 2000’s, then chances are you most likely remember the tragedy of 9/11. Some of you may remember feeling scared, confused or even angry. The attack on the World Trade Center was the beginning of all millennials’ experience with domestic and foreign attacks.

We’ve experienced terrorism in recent times, such as the events in Las Vegas, Texas or New York. Whether the attacks are done by a lone shooter, an extremist regime, a white or brown person — the attacks are all the same. People are hurt or killed, and the country mourns together.

From Sept. 12, 2001, to Dec. 31, 2016, there have been 85 attacks in the country by violent extremists, resulting in 225 deaths, according to the U.S. Extremist Crime Database.

World conflict or domestic terrorism has shaped our generation in more ways than meets the eye. Paul Taylor, the executive vice-president of special projects at the Pew Research Center and author of the book The Next America, said in an interview with Big Think: “Millennials came of age in the nineties and aughts, an era of global terrorism, of domestic school shootings. Columbine, 9/11, a lot of pretty horrible things that are particularly disturbing to parents. The worry about strangers online, online predators and the rest... There is kind of an every­body-gets-a- trophy quality to the way millennials have been raised. You’re precious. It’s a mean and difficult world. I need to protect you. Which may then be picked up by the children raised this way as you better be careful, you bet­ter be wary.”

As the nation becomes more cautious for future attacks, so do millennials. It makes us increas­ingly wary of trusting others. Every shooting or bombing that has hap­pened since we were young is be­coming an unknown part in our everyday lives. While we are un­knowingly becoming desensitized to terrorism, we are also becoming less trust­ing of others, including our government.

Half of mill­ennials describe themselves as po­litical independ­ents, and nearly 30 percent say they are unattached to any organized reli­gion, according to a survey done by Pew Research Center in 2014. Millennials are at the almost highest level of political and relig­ious disaffiliation ever recorded by the Pew Research Center.

To be honest, millennials have it harder than older generations like to claim, and maybe that’s why we’ve become so distrusting as a generation. Divorce rates constantly increase, unending war, economic inequality, student loans and unreachable retirement make success seem like a faraway dream. (Not to mention we are blamed for every failing industry.)

Michael D. Hais, co-author of Taking Control: Politics in the Information Age, believes that 9/11 may have induced emotions that transferred into the political beliefs millennials have grown to adopt today. “For millennials, 9/11 is their equivalent of Pearl Harbor,” said Hais in an interview with Huff­­ington Post. “As the nation becomes more cautious for future attacks, so do millennials. It makes us increas­ingly wary of trusting others. Every shooting or bombing that has hap­pened since we were young is be­coming an unknown part in our everyday lives. While we are un­knowingly becoming desensitized to terrorism, we are also becoming less trust­ing of others, including our government.”

Hais found millennials are far more likely to identify as liberals than older generations are. He also found that the 9/11 attack created an abiding sense of patrio­tism in most young people.

Millennials may also be increas­ingly desensitized to the constant attacks because of mass amounts of media coverage. Al­most every other day the news is reporting a tragic event, and dis­cussions of gun control or immi­gration bans carry out for weeks until the next incident occurs.

While the tone of this column is mainly negative, it’s impor­tant to note that millennials are still working hard. We are aware that a school shooting or public bombing could happen to anyone at any time, but that doesn’t hold us back from going to classes or traveling abroad.

With the bad comes the good, and after every attack, there are people fighting to prevent the next tragedy. We are working toward a better future for the next genera­tion, a future with little to no do­mestic or foreign attacks.

Maybe that is why millennials have become so desensitized to terrorism, because we are working (and hoping) for a peaceful future.

While terrorism has become an integral part of our everyday lives, it does not make us live in a state of fear.

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“Nothing is given. Everything is earned.”

LEBRON JAMES

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

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Recently, 18 time Grammy-nominated rapper and pop culture icon Snoop Dogg released the cover art for his new album: “Make America Crip Again.” The cover depicted Snoop, who, at his ripe age of 46, remains a force in the music and entertainment industry, standing over a dead body covered in an American flag, with a tag that read “Trump.”

Snoop Dogg has since changed the cover art after taking criticism for the art’s provocative message, but he definitely is not the first celebrity to make such blatant statements against the president. Comedian Kathy Griffin became the subject of national debate when she tweeted out a picture of her holding a fake severed head of Trump. Jokes at the expense of Trump have become the staple of every late night monologue on television, and one cannot go on Twitter without seeing at least one Trump joke or criticism from high-profile political figures. These jabs compile to create a new culture that revolves around tearing down the president in any way possible.

Snoop’s prank went over the line for many. Depicting the President of the United States in a cartoonish or satirical way is one thing but to portray him as dead enters a whole new realm of controversy. Similar to the Kathy Griffin photo, there were those who had no problem with the expression, but there was still enough controversy surrounding it that Snoop vouched for the cover’s removal from Instagram.

Regardless of how you line up politically, it’s obvious that Donald Trump has received a hefty load of criticism in his first months as president. In many ways, Trump is the personification of all that is wrong in America. He most aptly describes bad citizenship in a country of many possibilities that he is a product of a political system that doesn’t care about its citizens. With his Cheeto-like complexion, toupee, lacking vocabulary and populist views, the guy is pretty much a walking meme.

Add his inflammatory comments on security, every political and social topic and he becomes the subject of criticism from all of those political backgrounds. There’s no question that Trump deserves to be condemned on some level. For the most part, the criticisms are not only understandable, but well warranted. That being said, I think that critiques of the president need to look at the effectiveness of their strategies and understand that an overload of criticism often evokes, at the very least, a disinterest of their message. When it comes to such an important topic, an educated, well-calculated ‘less’ will always be more effective than a lazy, unfiltered ‘more.’

Freedom of speech is at the crux of our American Identity. I stand by the right for people to say anything they want, and respect people’s right to be offended by it. I will even go so far as to say that criticizing the president is a necessary job for all Americans to partake in. But it is going to such an extreme like depicting our nation’s leader as dead or executed a proper way to express the right to freedom of speech? Morality aside, is this portrayal even a strategically effective way to create, at the very least, a dialogue about change? I would understand if our country’s leader was Hitler (who Trump has drawn comparisons to by some critics), or Stalin or any other historically-awful leader, but at the end of the day he is just another cog in the massive multi-headed bureaucracy that is the United States government.

When Trump is depicted in ways such as laying dead on a table or with his head severed, that extreme portrayal draws comparisons to those of real dictators and thus trivializes the atrocities that those dictators committed. Yes, Trump’s comments may more-often-than-not be over the top, hurtful and asinine, but he is no Hitler. No racially-ignorant tweet or even a border wall could ever compare to events such as the Holocaust or other atrocities committed by infamous dictators. When you go to the extreme to describe something that is clearly not as serious as it being depicted, the effect is lost. Yes, many people dislike Trump, but the vast majority of these people know he is no evil dictator. When some of Trump’s most influential critics attempt to put him in the same light as that of a Hitler or Stalin, the criticism’s credibility takes a major hit, skewing the original message.

Despite its worthiness, a volume that often borders on obsession and a mentality that saying ‘something is better than saying nothing at all’ has created a disenchantment to the important job of criticizing the prezident. This can most accurately be said for the criticism Trump receives daily on Twitter. Countless celebrities have led in the electronic battering of president Trump. The worst part is that these actions almost always elicit a response from Trump, who in his inability to deflate a situation, adds fuel to the fire with childish (in substance and delivery) response. Although these tweets make for good entertainment, between over-saturation, lack of solid content and a perpetual temptation to troll over having an educated dialogue, Twitter criticism of Trump has become white noise.

Although Trump is at an abysmal 37 percent approval rating, still 91 percent of his voters said they would vote for him again. This disparity shows how important it is to look for more effective strategies. Personally, I think more concentrated, well researched content at lower volumes would prove to be more potent than the ones currently in place. Every American has a right to criticize our elected officials. I believe that a more intellectual and composed approach will prove to be more effective in changing the views of lay observers and creating a national dialogue on our nation’s shortcomings.

Eco-Soap supports environment and working women

Rachel Pierce 
staff columnist

After reading the story of the Eco-Soap Bank, you may have a hard time revisiting soap stores like Lush or Bath and Body Works. Founded in 2014 by University of Pittsburgh graduate Samir Lakhan, the Eco-Soap Bank recycles used soaps from hotels for those in developing countries, specifically orphans, hospitals and schools.

An organization that endorses the environment, hygiene and equality is one that we all need to take note of and support. Though hygiene is not a problem for many of Americans, it does not mean that we should not pay attention to this issue. The reality is, poor hygiene is due to its convenience. Tourism is at the heart of much of American society, we not only have an abundance of hotels with a course on business. Their people work as soap recyclers and earn a steady income. Their advantage in developing countries are trained as staff.

In many ways, tourism is an epidemic in most developing countries. Less than one percent of homes in developing countries have proper sanitation. This causes illness, death, over populated hospitals and poor school attendance. If 31 women are working to save a person from these consequences, imagine what an entire country can do.

The mission of the Eco-Soap Bank is to improve health. This extends to an increase of school attendance as well as a reduction of those admitted into already over-populated hospitals. Each year, there are 1.6 million deaths per due to unsafe water, poor sanitation and hygiene. Secondly, the Eco-Soap Bank strives to cut down waste of soap from hotels. According to their website, 24,053 pounds of soap has already been recycled. Of the recycled soap, 650,000 people have been supplied with soap along with sanitation tips.

Before soaps are donated the collected soaps are first sanitized, then pressed into a bar or converted into liquid soap. They partner with the Soap Bank for hire for this job as another aspect to this organization. Women who are at a disadvantage in developing countries are trained as soap recyclers and earn a steady income. The workforce consists of 31 women who are also provided with three English classes as well as a course on business.

One woman who is working for Eco-Soap Bank noted that she feels “happy [she] is able to make soap to give to students at school.” Their work is done in developing countries due to its convenience. Tourism is at the heart of developing countries’ income. With tourism, there is an abundance of hotels with a large waste of soap. Thankfully, this soap is spared for a greater good.

Hygiene is a problem that is overlooked in much of American society. We not only have an abundance of soap brands at our disposal but also a variety of soap forms, including liquid, solid or even sand based. Though hygiene may not be a problem that affects most of us, it should not mean we cannot help. Though the Eco-Soap Bank collects their donations from hotels, individuals can financially donate through their website.

Apart from donations, Eco-Soap can grow by working here, in America. Take Pittsburgh as an example. We walk into stores like Lush or Market Square, passing a dozen homeless men and women. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, nearly half a million Americans do not have a home. Even if a family does own a home, it is not guaranteed that they have proper and healthy hygiene practices. Poverty and lack of hygiene is in Pittsburgh, not even five minutes from Duquesne students.

The problem leads us to wonder if there is something more that we can do rather than donate money. We should also support Eco-Soap Bank because of its environmental impact on our world. Though soap is biodegradable, it is always better to find a new purpose for our trash. This is the mentality our world needs to adapt, examining our waste and finding it new purposes.

In addition to the environmental impact, Eco-Soap Bank targets another larger problem that affects every country, developed or undeveloped, in that Trump’s undeveloped countries, as stated by Samir Lakhan, women “face immense hardship.” Women are... see SOAP — page 12

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Duquesne mail clerk recognized for outstanding achievement

Elsa Buthler
staff writer

It has been said that a community is only as good as the people within it, and if this is true, then all of Duquesne has much to be proud of in our own mail clerk of 36 years, Carol Radzanowski.

Radzanowski was recently recognized, along with a few other local community members, by Pittsburgh Magazine as an outstanding leader for her time spent as a volunteer. She works with Animal Friends. Its website describes their organization as a non-profit companion animal resource center.

“You won’t believe how I got started,” Radzanowski said, referring to how she began her volunteer work with Animal Friends nearly 30 years ago.

Her friend was a volunteer at Animal Friends, so she invited Radzanowski to come along with her one day. Before relocating to expand their facility, Animal Friends was located in the Strip District — just a short bus ride away for Radzanowski. Despite her initial hesitation, she soon found a passion for the work.

To make a long story short: “She quit, I stayed.”

Fast forward to 2017. In April, Radzanowski received the Animal Awards Lifetime Achievement Award for her unmatched dedication, hard work and passion for taking care of the neglected animals that come into the center. Animal Friends’ own publication, The Pittsburgh Press, says that in the entire 74-year history of the center, only a handful of their most devoted volunteers have been presented with this special award. Radzanowski’s name and achievement will also be honored in an etched brick in the Animal Friends patio.

Over the years, Carol has logged an impressive 27,000+ volunteer hours, but who’s counting? Carol isn’t. For her, volunteering isn’t about the recognition.

“I love dogs, I always have.”

The kinds of animals coming into shelters like Animal Friends need so much, Radzanowski said, because they don’t have anyone else. Her work gives not only companionship, but a voice to animals coming off of the street.

Though she still works with the shelter animals, Radzanowski now also helps with events at the center, such as pet photos with Santa and the Easter Bunny. Recognizing owners and pets who continually return to the center’s events is particularly rewarding for her. Radzanowski loves what she does, even if it means leaving her own furry friend at home for a bit while she’s volunteering.


Weighing in just over 20 pounds, he is a true reminder of how mild and lovable shelter dogs are.

If you’re just as inspired by Carol and Jesse Luke’s story as we are, consider getting involved with Animal Friends, located at 562 Camp Horne Road. The training may be slightly more in depth than it was when Carol began, but the payoff is clearly more than worth it. Find out more about donating, volunteering and other projects at Animal Friends’ website: www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org.

A leap back in time: How life on the Bluff has changed since 1957

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Mid-November 1957 was a very busy time on the Bluff. Veterans Day events, Greek life rushes and Homecoming festivities filled the Thanksgiving month with an air of excitement. There was also a meeting held with an anti-Communist group, as well as plenty of Marlboro advertisements to embody the nifty-fifties.

All Duquesne students were invited to attend the annual All-American Conference of National Organizations to Combat Communism over a two day period from Nov. 15-16. The conference was held so that students and their fellow Americans would know the ways to combat and to learn the methods of communism in countries like Italy and England and at home in the United States, as well. A focus was given to spirit and pride in facing communism and banding together was seen as important. The ‘50s were a rampart time for communist efforts, with the Red Scare taking up much of the decade. Seeing that Duquesne played an active role in fighting against the communist efforts only emphasizes communism’s effect on the country at the time.

The members of the Gamma Phi fraternity planted a sugar maple tree in honor of Veterans Day, memorializing their brothers who gave their lives to fight for the country. The tree was planted across from the campus bookstore, with an inscription stating that the tree was to memorialize the fallen brothers of the Gamma Phi fraternity.

Here at Duquesne, Greek Life still remains a large part of the social scene. During this time in 1957, the fall recruitment events were coming to a close, but not without a little fun first. Members of various sororities were required to go through some ridiculous hoops in order to be initiated at the end of recruitment. The Alpha Phi Omicron recruits had been forced to wear beanies and knee socks for the whole week, while the Sigma Phi Delta pledges were

Carly Radzanowski’s love of animals is evident in her affection for her own terrier, named Jesse Luke.

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Duquesne's football team (7-2, 4-0) faces a matchup on Nov. 11 that will determine the fate of its season. The team takes on Central Connecticut State Blue Devils (6-3, 4-0) at Rooney Field at 12 p.m. with the winner capturing the conference crown and thus a slot in the FCS Playoffs.

Duquesne hopes to notch its fifth NEC championship and earn its second FCS Playoff appearance. The Dukes last appeared in the playoffs in 2015, when they lost an offensive shootout to William & Mary (52-49) at Central Connecticut State, although Duquesne has won four of all of the FCS.

The Dukes are coming off a tough loss last week against Liberty University, who is in its last year of transitioning to the FBS, 27-24. Duquesne running back A.J. Hines had a career game, rushing for 253 yards on 25 carries, while scoring two touchdowns. However, his career-high didn’t make up for the disappointment of a loss.

“All those numbers and still no win, so they really don’t matter to me unless the win comes with it,” Hines said.

The loss to Liberty should taste out of our mouths and win into this game and get this nasty taste out of our mouths and win a championship,” Hines is currently leading the NEC in rushing yd. per game, which is good for third in all of the FCS.

Duquesne has won four-straight matchups against Central Connecticut State, although the series is locked at 5-5 overall. The Blue Devils won its last time out against Saint Francis 28-10 on Nov. 4 in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Central Connecticut State’s defense caused four turnovers in the game, and running back Cameron Nash carried 21 times for 93 yards and a rushing score.

The Duquesne swimming and diving team will head to Cleveland, Ohio, next weekend in order to compete in the Magnus Cup. With a 1.34 second lead. While 1.34 seconds doesn’t seem like much time, Watson’s efforts aided in the Duquesne relay team’s 2.3 second win. Watson’s second win came via the 100-yard back (59.44).

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The Dukes’ next event is on the road in Cleveland, Ohio, from Nov. 17-19 at the Magnus Cup, hosted by Cleveland State.

Duquesne placed second of 14 teams at CSU’s Magnus Cup last season.

### Sports

**Strong start to DU swimming and diving season**

ZACHARY GRACE  
staff writer

Perhaps one of Duquesne’s most consistent athletic programs over the course of the past several years has been Swimming & Diving. With two straight second place finishes in the Atlantic 10 despite not scoring a diving component, the sky’s the limit with our practices, and that’s the one thing that we’re really doing. I think that really kind of sets everything up for the meets that we’ve been swimming in."

In Duquesne’s first meet at Towers Pool this season, the Dukes won 10 of 16 events, besting Youngstown State to improve an unscathed 7-0 on the season. Over the course of the weekend’s competition, freshman Emma Britton won both the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.72) and 100-yard freestyle (54.25), and assisted in a Duquesne 200-yard medley relay team’s second-place finish (1:50.26).

For her efforts, Britton was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week for the third-consecutive week. The only other Duquesne swimmer to win the award three times is Katrina Streiner, who won the award three times in 2005.

Additionally, senior Abby Watson was able to win in both of the heats that she participated in. Watson was apart of Duquesne’s 200-yard medley team that placed first, supplying her team with a 1.34 second lead.

### Duquesne News

— On Nov. 1, Duquesne’s men’s basketball team will host D-II Chatham University in an exhibition match at A.J. Palumbo Center. All proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way’s hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

— The Atlantic 10 announced its major women’s soccer awards on Nov. 1, and many Dukes were honored. Senior Linee Faccenda was named the conference’s Midfielder of the Year, while Katie O’Connor, Faccenda and Casey Aunkst were named First-Team All-Conference. Lauren Bell was named to the All-Rookie Team, and Jamie Dugan was named to the All-Academic Team with a 3.9 GPA.

— Men’s swimming remains unbeaten following a 4-0 day at the Atlantic 10 Classic, where the Dukes beat George Mason, La Salle, Saint Louis and St. Bonaventure. Freshman Emma Britton was named the A-10 Rookie of the Week for the second-consecutive week following the Dukes’ strong showing.

— Football quarterback Tommy Stuart was named to the CFPA FCS National Performer of the Year Trophy Midseason Watchlist, along with 35 others. Impressively, Stuart ranks third in the FCS in completion percentage at 69.6 percent through nine weeks of play.

### National News

— The FBS Playoff Selection Committee announced its first poll of the 2017 season, with two SEC teams sitting atop the poll — Alabama, maybe not in the order that most people may have thought that they would be. Georgia leaptfrogged fellow unbeaten SEC juggernaut Alabama, with Notre Dame and Clemson rounding out the top four. Notre Dame’s loss only came against Georgia, while Clemson’s only fault came versus Syracuse.

— Following Marc-Andre Fleury’s summer departure, the Penguins continue to struggle to find a reliable backup goalie, having already placing Antti Niemi on waivers and sending Casey DeSmith back down to the AHL’s Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in favor of fellow prospect Tristan Jarry.

### FBS Playoff Rankings — Oct. 31

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Pictured above, The Dukes faced the Liberty Flames on Nov. 4, losing 24-27. In the team’s next game on Nov. 11 against the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils, the Dukes will compete to win a slot in the FCS Playoffs for the second time in its history. Duquesne has won four-straight matchups against Central Connecticut State, although the series is locked at 5-5 overall. The Blue Devils won its last time out against Saint Francis 28-10 on Nov. 4 in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Central Connecticut State’s defense caused four turnovers in the game, and running back Cameron Nash carried 21 times for 93 yards and a rushing score.

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Duquesne women’s soccer finishes successful season

Although it ended in rather heartbreaking fashion, the Duquesne women’s soccer program wrapped up a fantastic 2017 campaign in Richmond last weekend.

Soccer can be a game of bounces. After a redirected shot from Linnea Faccenda sent Duquesne to the semifinal round of the Atlantic 10 Championship Tournament against La Salle, the Dukes fell victim to an unlucky bounce in their subsequence match against the Explorers.

Trailing 1-0 with just above a minute left on the clock, the Explorers fired a shot toward the cage. The shot knocked off of La Salle forward Katherine Hennessy, who was laying on the field following a takedown attempt, directing the ball past Duquesne goalkeeper Kyra Murphy and into the back of the net.

The game’s 1-1 tie prevailed into overtime, where La Salle forward Madison Bower notched the golden goal in the 97th minute, ending Duquesne’s season abruptly.

It was a matter of seconds. Duquesne was just 67 of them away from beating a La Salle team that went unbeaten in conference during the regular-season, and went on to win the Atlantic 10 Championship on Nov. 5 versus VCU. The same team that beat Duquesne 3-0 earlier in the season.

Obviously, it was not the way Duquesne wanted to wrap up the season and send off a group of seniors that has done so much for the program. However, the result should not be enough to overshadow the successful season the team managed to put together.

Finishing with a record of 11-6-3, head coach Al Alvine and the Dukes consisted a solid defensive unit including Aunkst, Emile Larsen, Duquesne held opponents to just 19 goals all season long. Murphy recorded the net this year for Alvine, finishing the season with 102 saves and a stellar goals against average of 0.90. Combined with Alvine’s program here with key contributors Dagenais, Reiff and Larsen, Duquesne has been a joy to be in attendance for every game on the Bluff this season.

Duquesne women’s soccer program, lay down the groundwork for Alvine to continue to lead this program as one of the conference’s best.

Although Duquesne stands to lose a plethora of talent, the future is bright for Alvine’s program here with key contributors O’Connor, Aunkst, Bell and Murphy all set to return next season. Additionally, the Dukes will bring back sophomores Ciara Guglielmo and Abby Losco, as well as freshman Deena DeBaldo, who all saw significant time this season.

The biggest question will be how Alvine and his staff fills the void left on the backline following the departures of seniors Dagenais, Reiff and Larsen. Freshman defender Missy Moore will likely step into one of the starting roles, as she started eight games this season in place of injured teammates.

It was a fun season to watch, a fun team to follow, and it has been a joy to be in attendance for every game on the Bluff this season.

Seniors, congratulations on a great run here at Duquesne, and for accomplishing just about all that is possible in collegiate soccer career.

This team will come back strong next season, and I’m already looking forward to what the future holds for the women’s soccer program.

Men’s basketball coach returns to his father’s alma mater

Keith Dambrot, right, played on the Duquesne team that went to the final game of the 1954 NIT championship. He was accompanied by three all-American basketball players during his time at Duquesne.
Choir aims to attract all types of singers

Josiah Martin
staff writer

Getting involved in music at Duquesne just got a little easier, especially for those who aren’t studying music and find the idea of joining a campus music group a little daunting. These are the people that Caron Daley hopes to bring into the University Singers, a chorale group founded in 2016 that welcomes music majors and non-majors alike.

“I started [University Singers] last fall to reach out, to basically extend our reach to a population that has not had an opportunity before. Role models are mostly for music majors,” Daley, a professor and director of choral activities at the Mary Pappert School of Music, said. “I felt that we should have more involvement for folks from other schools who love to sing.”

While the existing Pappert Chorale also welcomes non-majors, the University Singers is unique in that its reach is even broader. The group is also welcoming “faculty, staff, alumni and community members,” according to Daley. This type of group is not unprecedented in universities, and Daley has had experience with them in the past.

“I’ve taught at other universities that have choirs [consisting of various community members], and I thought it would benefit our community here at Duquesne,” Daley said. “I just started it, basically, and people came.”

The group has a success so far. Daley states that the group’s “performances are very well-attended,” and the choir itself currently has 36 members. This number fluctuates, as members participate on a semester basis. Daley is hopeful, however, that this choir’s wide reach, and its ability to easily fill students’ creative arts requirements, will allow it to grow substantially in the future.

“My goal is that this will be our largest choir at Duquesne. I’d like there to be 60 or 80 people in our group … I think it can take a few years for a choir to grow.”

Part of the group’s success may be due to the fact that for students, there is no audition to join. Daley hopes that this attracts members who may not be otherwise confident in their ability to pass an audition.

“That can really scare people off. ‘Oh, I can’t be in a choir, I’m not good enough.’ So we just ask that they have some prior singing experience.”

With these perks in mind, Daley hopes the University Singers can reach new students through events on campus.

“Right now we’re doing a big push to try to populate the choir more for January,” Daley said, noting that the group has an opportunity to do this at their next performance. “Our see CHOIR — page 12

Comedy abounds in The Busy Body

Carolyn Palombo
staff writer

A frantic play with unhinged humor, The Busy Body’s fast-paced, electrifying environment thrills anyone who sees it, and the Red Masquers have really done the Susanna Centlivre play justice. Immediately noticeable is the play’s comedy. The Busy Body’s humor applies to all types of people, with jokes ranging from witty commentary, to outrageous body movements, to synchronized staging, to simple dirty jokes. Actress Amy Dick aptly described the play as, “Oscar Wilde meets Shakespeare.”

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Thor baffles with complex, confusing plot, tone

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staff writer

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Slaughter Beach, Dog forge new ground at Funhouse

Who: Slaughter Beach, Dog
Where: The Funhouse at Mr. Smalls
Date of review: Nov. 2, 2017

Before going anywhere, yes, the name of this band is, in fact, Slaughter Beach, Dog. Not the most catchy name for a band, but its music strikes inspiration and nostalgia of a familiar voice for its listeners.

Slaughter Beach, Dog was formed in 2014 by Jake Ewald. However, at that time, he was predominantly occupied by the punk-rock band, Modern Baseball. In that group, Ewald played guitar and performed half of the vocals. After the release of its second full-length album, Modern Baseball began to rapidly gain publicity. Subsequently, Slaughter Beach, Dog, Ewald’s side project, was put on the back burner for a while.

After a two-year hiatus from Slaughter Beach, Dog co-writing Modern Baseball’s most recent and third album, Holy Ghost, Ewald went back to writing for his secondary band. Holy Ghost was a very difficult and personal undertaking and, with Slaughter Beach, Dog, he began to experiment with more fictional styles of writing.

With the help of Modern Baseball fans, Slaughter Beach, Dog became a success quickly. It skipped the arduous period of having a small following and not producing a decent amount of revenue so many bands get caught in. By having the good luck in being associated with an established name, Ewald signed to Lame-O records. Shortly after, the side project for Ewald released its first full-length LP, Welcome, which was quickly praised and garnered publicity for Slaughter Beach, Dog as well.

After the unfortunate (and possibly temporary) falling-out of Modern Baseball, Ewald set out to take strides with Slaughter Beach, Dog. With this new help, the band gained a drummer and another guitarist in the way they have in their past two records. With a more laid-back approach and created a different sound.

Slaughter Beach, Dog’s sounds emerged with a more fitting, casual approach. The quasi-fictional writing gave Ewald just the edge he needed to, with the combination more acoustic turns further away from the borderline edgy songs of Modern Baseball, and the results are clear in their live performance.

The band members danced with one another and sang chord, captivated and shocked an audience consisting of mainly Modern Baseball fans who were now seeing a completely different side of two of their favorite artists. He quietly mentioned after speaking so kindly about his friend and bandmate that he mixed, produced and engineered the newest record. 

Ewald and company are on their way to a highly successful career as Slaughter Beach, Dog if they continue to express themselves in the way they have in their past two records. With a good, consistent sound, their band should catch on with a larger audience. Even if they don’t, at least the group is pleased and happy with the music they are producing.

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Thor: Ragnarok is the 17th entry in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. There was a concerted effort on the part of the writers, director and cast to change the tone of the Thor movies and to produce a film and characters that felt new. Here, Thor engages in physical and emotional conflicts with The Hulk, as well as the Grandmaster, completely negating Hela’s role as the main villain. Also, as if this wasn’t bad enough, Thor never ceases to wallow in self-doubt, where he constantly forgets his place amongst the Norse pantheon.

Do you now understand why this is a disaster? Thor never settles down to choose one plot or one theme to follow and see to the end. There is so much content vying for equal weight, so many characters demanding of the audience’s attention, that keeping up becomes a bore rather than exciting.

The ultimate problem with this film is that it never allows itself to create a unique identity. Every single plot element clashes and fights for our attention. The result is a movie that is spinning so many plates that caring about any one plot or character feels futile.

Not only that, but the fundamentals of the film feel scattered and confusing. Who is the main villain? What is the point of Sakaar? Why does Thor have the emotional baggage of a stressed college student? Is this a coming-of-age story? Or is it a mere superhero tale? Is it perhaps a buddy-cop flick? I honestly wouldn’t be able to tell you.

It’s a shame that this movie is atrocious, especially since it’s absolutely hilarious, rivaling the comedic genius of Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2. Each character interaction is filled with perfectly timed quips, unique mannerisms and downright humorous behaviors. There’s no specific reason as to why Thor is now funny, but it will be amusing to see how he interacts with other Avengers.

Thor: Ragnarok is a mess. If each plot element was featured as its own film, then this review would be singing its praises. Unfortunately, moviegoers are forced to experience a severe case of identity crisis and indecisiveness. Marvel has consistently produced amazing films, which is absolutely baffling to consider that Thor: Ragnarok managed to be released to the public.

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Rooney Field between the Dukes and Central Connecticut Blue Devils, then move on down to the A.J. Palumbo Center to catch the beginning of the coach Keith Dambrot era.

With all these amazing options and countless more to discover, what are you waiting for? Come on, Duquesne, and pursue your happiness.
Correction
In the news story run on Nov. 2 about the Post-Gazette about the correct web address is post-gazette.com/twoysters. It is not preceded by a "www." as printed.

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NCAA top 25 teams of the season

**TOP 25—from page A-7**

including guard Jevon Carter. If the defense labeled "Press Virginia" can do the same thing that they've become known for under Huggins, be wary of them come March.

13. Miami (FL) - Miami brings back six of its top eight scorers, and welcomes a Top 10 recruiting class to South Beach. If five-star prospect Lonnie Walker remains healthy, the Heat could certainly challenge for the ACC.

14. Notre Dame - The Irish return preseason All-America Bonzie Colson and scrappy point guard Matt Farrell as they look to lead a veteran Notre Dame team back to The Dance.

15. Louisville - Louisville is another intriguing team to watch this year, as former head coach Rick Pitino was fired in October as a result of FBI investigations. It will be interesting to see how a very talented Cardinals team responds on the court this season, led by Quentin Snider, Deng Adel and prized freshman Brian Bowen II.

16. Minnesota - Richard Pitino’s son, will welcome back almost the same exact roster as last year’s team, which finished 24-10. They should be very prominent in a weaker Big 10, who’s experienced a down year.

17. Northwestern - The Wildcats were a Cinderella story last year, qualifying for their first tournament in school history. They look to repeat their feat and head back to the Big Dance as they return all five starters from last year’s team this season.

18. Xavier - Xavier enters this season led by a pair of seniors in Trevon Bluiett and J.P. Macura. After an underwhelming 2016-17 campaign, the Musketeers look to bounce back and contend with Villanova for the Big East.

19. Gonzaga - Gonzaga was hit hard by graduation this past offseason, as a large portion of the team Mark Few rolled out for the national championship versus North Carolina. But with the Bulldogs returning many key players, they will be one of the favorites to make a deep run this year.

20. UCLA - The Bruins will be without four of their starters from last season entering this year, but hope to sustain success by combining veteran leadership with young talent and athleticism. LiAngelo Ball, Lonzo’s younger brother, already has UCLA in the news following his alleged arrest for shoplifting during a team trip to Hangzhou, China.

21. Purdue - The loss of Caleb Swanigan will hit Purdue hard from multiple angles, but the impact he left on current players should suit them well as they prepare to have another successful season in a moderately decent Big 10. Isaac Haas remains down low for Matt Painter.

22. Alabama - While football is the main sport in ‘Bama, look for the basketball team to make some waves as they enter this season, as well. The Tide return four starters and also added the eighth-best recruiting class in the country.

23. Baylor - Baylor returns three solid starters, and while the loss of Johnathan Motley hits hard, the Bears appear prepared to make the tournament for a fifth-straight year.

24. Seton Hall - The Pirates return three starters from last season, including perhaps one of the best defenders in the nation in Angel Delgado. They look to make the tournament for the third time in a row.

25. St. Mary’s - Saint Mary’s faced tough competition in last year’s tournament, including perhaps one of the best defend- ers in the nation in Angel Delgado. They look to make the tournament for the third time in a row.

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First African American NBA draftee attended Duquesne

Olivia Gratzinger
features editor

“Before LeBron James, before Stephen Curry, there was Chuck Cooper.”

Spoken by Chuck Cooper, President and CEO of The Chuck Cooper Foundation and son of the NBA legend, the words were uttered before any basketball fans or sports history buff here at Duquesne.

When the Celtics chose Pittsburgh native Charles “Chuck” Cooper as the 14th overall pick in the 1950 NBA Draft, history was made: In that moment, Cooper became the first African American drafted into the NBA.

However, his story doesn’t just start there.

Before he was drafted into the world of professional basketball, he was drafted into the United States Navy during the twilight years of World War II. Before that, even, his aptitude for academics, his love and passion for athletics set him apart throughout his education at Westminster High School. Later, while life itself was brutal, he established himself as an irreplaceable talent with a kind, guiding nature.

On the court, he was incredible, setting the school’s then-record of 90 career points while leading the Dukes twice to the prestigious National Invitational Tournament (NIT), according to the Chuck Cooper Foundation website. Off the court, as his son says, he was an inspiring leader with a “strong commitment to education” and a constant willingness to help others as best he could.

“He was a great man,” said Chuck Cooper III, who heads a nonprofit.

Adam Lindner
sports editor

Rarely will an amateur player claim to modeling their game after a player as low key, melodic and fundamentally-sound as former NBA guard Andre Miller, who boasts a career 2.73 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Castro-Caneddy's uncle was one of Miller's close friends and family. He just really enjoyed being around his close friends and family. I was definitely blessed and lucky.”

Cooper III went on to explain how his father’s influence inspired him to help others.

“I ran a youth program back in the early ‘90s when Pittsburgh was having a big gang problem,” he said. “And I think that’s what I wanted to give these young men and women who came from broken families an opportunity to experience some of that guidance and mentorship that he provided me.”

Chuck Cooper’s legacy prevails to today not only in his inspiring kindness to his retired No. 15 Duquesne jersey, but also in the prominence of his accomplishments.

“He was afforded a great education and the opportunity to become a leader on and off the court,” Cooper III said. “He was an All-American and the team captain, and both of those are very rare at a predominantly white institution back in those days.”

Cooper was a pioneer in athletics, breaking down segregation barriers and making a name for himself in spite of society’s bigotry.

Cooper III described certain times that his father faced injustices while playing basketball in a predominantly white sphere.

“I can’t even imagine -- teams going off to have their team dinner and he can’t sit down with the team; he has to get a brown-bag meal through the kitchen door,” said Cooper III. “His [Celtics] Hall of Fame coach, Red Auerbach, is quoted as saying ‘Chuck Cooper had gone through Hell.’ I just really can’t even imagine.”

Where many might have quit or turned back in the face of such discouragement, Chuck Cooper persevered and excelled. For as challenging as it was to be a trailblazer in a time that didn’t welcome diversity, he was able to find a home in his time with the Dukes.

“He always felt very supported by the coaching staff and the players,” Cooper III explained. “I think that his love for the university and athletics was really forged in the late ’40s when the University of Tennessee came [to play] Duquesne. They didn’t want to play if Duquesne allowed my father to participate, so they took a team vote. It came back unanimous, and they sent Tennessee home without a game. So,” he continued, “my father, I think, really developed a lot of respect for his teammates, his coaches and the university.”

Chuck Cooper’s story is one of triumph and gentle greatness. Regardless of ethnicity or athletic involvement, all of Duquesne can proudly boast the shared narrative of an unlikely legacy.

Cooper III’s sentiments echoed the actions of his father.

“Education is the key to success,” he said. “Know that there’s nothing you can’t accomplish if you put the work in.”

 Castro-Caneddy set on succeeding in final year at Duquesne

Bryanna McDermott / Staff Photo Editor

Guard Rene Castro-Caneddy attempts a lay-up against physical GWU defense.

The 2017-2018 Duquesne Basketball Preview
Arizona Wildcats Assistant Coach Emanuel "Book" Richardson was arrested in Tucson on Sept. 26 on several charges for conspiracy to commit bribery and fraud, reported the Arizona Daily Star. As a law student who claims the University of Arizona (UA) as an alma mater, this investigation into college basketball fiscal impropriety hits close to home.

The Star writes that the coach allegedly promised to "steer current UA players to ... agents for professional representation" and took $20,000 in bribes to make it happen. Additionally, UA recruit Jahvon Quinerly may have received a five-figure payment in relation to the scandal. The consequences for Quinerly could be steep for himself and the team.

"If it is determined that [he] took payments in the five-figure range," writes the Star’s Bruce Pascoe, "he could be ineligible for the entire season — and any past games he played in during after taking payments might be vacated."

The reason? Setting aside the luridness of doing out backdoor compensation, the National Collegiate Athletics Association’s (NCAA) amateurism bylaws forbid players from receiving payments related to their sports. On its website, the NCAA is firm in emphasizing that amateurism "is a bedrock principle of college athletics and the NCAA," and that collegiate competitors "are students first, athletes second." In the eyes of the NCAA, pay-for-play is nothing less than an affront to its very identity. Quinerly’s demotion is not something the UA is willing to bear.

Nevertheless, the affair brings to mind a question that has milled in the minds of college basketball fans for years. Are student-athletes employees who ought to be paid?

The Amateurs Rule

The 2017-2018 NCAA Division I Manual lays out rules for "Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility." Under Article 12, which spans 30 pages, the bright line separating a student-athlete from a professional is largely the receipt or promise of payment. Under Bylaw 12.1.2, a student’s athletic ability may not be used "directly or indirectly ... for pay in any form in that sport," nor may a student receive "financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as authorized by NCAA bylaws or legislation." Even promises of future pay upon a student’s "completion of intercollegiate athletics participation" are forbidden.

A student stands to lose amateur status — and eligibility for participating in an intercollegiate sport — upon receipt of an unacceptable payment not otherwise exempted by the NCAA. Bylaw 12.1.2.1 dedicates roughly two pages to defining what constitutes prohibited pay versus permissible payments. Bylaw 12.1.2.4 lists various exceptions: such as "use of athletics ability to obtain funds" on the behalf of charitable organizations, or "students" receiving "free equipment and apparel items for personal use." Bylaw 12.1.3 provides that it is possible for a student-athlete to maintain amateur status in a sport and be a professional in another, and student-athletes are permitted to be employed in some athletically-related work pursuant to Bylaw 12.4.2. Bylaw 12.01.4 states that student-athletes are allowed to receive grant-in-aid so long as they do not exceed the financial aid limitations set by the Association’s membership.

Thestakes

As the basketball scandal indicates, there are substantial financial stakes in collegiate athletics, even considering that programs do not necessarily bring in positive net revenue to their institutions. According to Table 3.11 of the NCAA’s 2016 Revenues/Expenses Division I Report, men’s basketball was the only program other than football to have a positive generated net revenue in 2015.

Positive net revenue or not, it is unreasonable to wonder whether college athletes should receive some kind of extra-educational compensation for the sports they are called to devote a considerable amount of time and energy toward. CBSSports.com reported that student-athletes were dedicating 50 hours of time each week to sports activity, according to a 2015 Pac-12 study the news site obtained from examination of the conference’s surveys. The report indicates that athletes “spend[ed] an average of 21 hours per week on required athletic activities, … [and] an additional 29 hours on other activities including voluntary athletics (4 hours), receiving treatment (4 hours) and traveling for competitions (22 hours).”

The Law

The 2015 Seventh Circuit antitrust case O’Bannon v. NCAA ultimately upheld the lower court’s finding that the NCAA’s rules needed to allow member schools “to provide [students] compensation up to full cost of attendance.” However, allowing students to receive compensation for commercial uses of their names, images and likenesses (NILs) was not a permissible alternative: “[N]ot paying student-athletes,” the court writes, “is precisely what makes them amateur.”

Interestingly, the court notes that abrogating the compensation rules to allow student-athletes to receive NIL income could encourage them to “attend college, and stay there longer.” Nevertheless, under the Rule of Reason as applied to the NCAA, courts ought to “generally afford the NCAA a ‘ample latitude’ to superintend college athletics” when considering a plaintiff’s proposed “substantially less restrictive alternatives to ... current rules.”

The difference between allowing student-athletes education-related compensation and offering them cash in the form of NILs is not minor,” the court writes, “it is a quantum leap.”

Recall that like 2016’s Berger v. NCAA and 2017’s Dawson v. NCAA have confronted the employee status issue more bluntly. In Berger, the Seventh Circuit affirmed the district court’s finding against the appellants, who were former University of Pennsylvania student-athletes. The appellants alleged such students “are employees who are entitled to a minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act (‘FLSA’).” The Seventh Circuit concludes that "as a matter of law, ... student-athletes are not employees under the FLSA.”

In Dawson, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California found the Berger court’s reasoning persuasive. It granted the defendant’s motion to dismiss the case brought against it by Lamar Dawson, a former University of Southern California college football player.

The Verdict

The short answer to why student-athletes are not paid for playing is because they are not legally, they have yet to be considered employees, and courts have indicated respect for certain restraints accompanying amateur athletics. The uphill legal battle for instituting a pay-to-play system is unlikely to get any less steep. Rather than licensing the courts, pro-pay folks may have to settle on focusing their efforts through old-fashioned lobbying. As the Ninth Circuit states in O’Bannon, the lower court “not[ed] that some major-conference schools had [previously] lobbied to change the NCAA’s scholarship rules to raise compensation limits.”

Granted, the NCAA may not necessarily move fast enough to effect the kind of change today’s student-athletes may want to see. Take, for instance, the Ivy League’s early-adopter implementation of a “10-hour window” where student-athletes are prohibited from engaging in any athletically-related activity after a road trip, according to Inside Higher Ed. In 2016, at the NCAA’s yearly January meeting, the Power 5 conferences tabled a similar proposal that would have blocked off an eight-hour period for athletic activities besides competition.

Frankly, other conferences were not willing to go to the lengths of the legislation in an efficient manner,” said Robin Harris, the Ivy League’s executive director, to Inside Higher Ed. “So doing this was really out of frustration that this process was going to take too long.” The eight-hour proposal was ultimately adopted by the NCAA in January 2017 as Bylaw 17.1.7.0.6. In the unlikely event that the NCAA revised Article 12 to allow room for pay-to-play, there would be no avoiding issues ranging from Title IX pay disparity concerns to the implementation of a workable system. As sports attorney and Foley & Lardner partner Mary K. Braza posited to legal news site Law360: “How would scholarships; medical and training benefits, such as access to training equipment, sports therapy — all these things; coaching; room and board be valued?

Would that system of student-athlete support work together, with student-athletes receiving a weekly paycheck in their place? Perhaps the most plausible solution is to refocus the conversation on ensuring that student-athletes are treated as "students first" — and less like younger analogs to the professionals the NCAA insists they are not.
Jokes aside, enjoy The Duke’s Top 25 college basketball rankings to begin the season, for what it’s worth:

1. Duke - The Blue Devils have the best recruiting class in the nation as they look to return to the top of college basketball’s ranks this season. They landed four of the top eight recruits in the nation as Trevon Duval, Gary Trent Jr., Marvin Bagley III and Wendell Carter Jr. all signing their national letters of intent to play under one of the best coaches in the country in Coach K in Durham. Those four will join senior Grayson Allen, who will look to bounce back after a controversial 2016-17 campaign.

2. Michigan State - Tom Izzo’s team returns one of the nation’s top seniors in center Nick Ward, coupled with a talented, maturing sophomore class which could very well lead to a Spartans national title run.

3. Kansas - The Jayhawks hold one of the most impressive streaks in college basketball and look to keep it alive this season by winning their 14th-straight regular-season Big XII title. Undisputed favorites to do so, they welcome a weaker recruiting class than usual. Expect their veteran leadership to help this season as they look to make yet another title run.

4. Arizona - Arizona will look for leadership and experience from junior guard Allonzo Trier this season to help overcome adversity on and off the court, especially after being involved in an FBI investigation headlining several NCAA basketball coaches and figures suspected of corruption and fraud, among other charges. With an assistant coach already fired and additional coaches and players facing possible implications, Arizona will need a talented freshman class to step up and aid Trier amid potential recruiting this season.

5. Villanova - The Wildcats, just one year removed from a national title, look to contend once again. They are led by preseason All-American Jalen Brunson, who is joined by a very good supporting cast. They are the favorites to win the Big East once again, per usual.

6. Wichita State - The Shockers are coming off of a 31-win season and return every key player from last year’s roster. Assuming guard Landry Shamet and wing Markis McEuffie both fully recover from foot injuries, the Shockers are in a position to let their talent and experience carry them deep into March.

7. Kentucky - John Calipari will try to do the same thing he has done for many years in now replacing one-and-done’s with a new talented group of young players. Unlike last year’s class, this year’s class is strong up front but lacks headline guards, so expect Kentucky to pound the ball down low and have its athletes crash the hoop to win games.

8. North Carolina - The reigning National Champion Tar Heels look to remain strong behind battle-tested guard Joel Berry. With the addition of former ACC foe Cameron Johnson, who transferred this season from Pitt, UNC will hope to make another deep postseason run this year.

9. Florida - The Gators have perished their most talented team in recent memory as they welcome back electrifying point guard Chris Chiozza and leading scorer KeVaughn Allen. They will look to contend in a suddenly deep SEC.

10. USC - Out west, the Trojans return their top eight scorers from last season’s 26-win team. Long, athletic and experienced, USC appears to be the biggest challenge to Arizona for the Pac-12.

11. Cincinnati - The Bearcats look to make its eighth-consecutive postseason appearance behind Mike Cronin with high production expected from new transfers Jacob Evans and Gary Clark. Barrage catastrophic injury, the Bearcats should be Wichita State’s tallest competitor in the AAC.

12. West Virginia - Coach Bob Huggins’ squad looks to build off of a very good season which saw them reach the Sweet 16. They return three starters.
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