



## Prof develops app, wins award

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After winning two Emmys and multiple other awards, a Duquesne professor earned further recognition with his newly released educational app.

The app, BiblioTech “Rebound: Beating Concussions,” was created by The Partnership in Education, an Emmy Award-winning program based at Duquesne University that aspires to make science engaging and fun for people of all ages through its innovative educational products.

John Pollock, director of The Partnership in Education and a professor of biological sciences at Duquesne, described the app as a “branched, build-your-own story with interactive graphics, games, a digital notebook and embedded video,” with Adaptive Reader software that enables the app to cater to the reader.

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## Are ya ready kids? Aye, Aye!



JOSIAH MARTIN/STAFF WRITER

A student got his jar of mayonnaise signed by Tom Kenny, the voice of SpongeBob SquarePants, at an event on Feb. 22.

## People's Party wins SGA exec elections

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The People's Party delivered a clean sweep in the Feb. 20 student government election, winning all three contested Student Government Association (SGA) executive board positions handily, according to the unofficial results. The unofficial results also suggested that student participation in this election was the highest of the past three years.

For SGA President, Eric Chat-terjee (People's Party) captured 51.78 percent of the vote, defeating Ben Long (United Party), who received 45.61 percent.

Ciara Bartic (People's Party) won reelection to the position of SGA vice president of student life. She received 51.98 percent to Melissa Likar's (United Party) 44.65 percent.

For the SGA Vice President of Finance position, James Joyce (People's

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## DU Brazilian Carnival is a big hit

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Brazilian Carnival. Typically, these words evoke the image of a festive, colorful scene: ecstatic samba dancers sporting massive, feathered headdresses and embellished costumes, performing rapid routines as enormous crowds of enthusiastic spectators cheer them on in the streets of Rio. On Feb. 27, Carnival came to Duquesne University thanks to the efforts of the Latin American Student Association (LASA).

LASA President, Heidi Shellenberger, said that the original Carnival in her country of origin, Brazil, served as inspiration for the main LASA event of the semester. In Brazil, where Catholicism has a significant influence, Carnival began as a religious holiday to commemorate the abstinence of meat by some Christians during Lent. Now, the holiday has



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Animal masks and beads lay on a table in the Union for LASA's Carnival party.

grown to huge proportions.

“The country unifies completely for a week. In Rio's Carnival, 5 million people attended [in 2011], 500,000 of them were tourists,”

Shellenberger said.

According to tradition, Carnival is comprised of numerous,

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## NLRB rules against DU

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Duquesne suffered a major loss on Tuesday in the university's ongoing battle against allowing an adjunct union, according to a faculty-wide email from President Ken Gormley.

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruled in a unanimous decision ordering Duquesne to bargain with an adjunct faculty union group.

The case has been going on for six years and stems from the university's refusal to recognize a group of unionized adjunct faculty in the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts. The case had first been brought before the Region 6 NLRB office in 2012 and the office had rejected Duquesne's claim of a religious exemption. The university had appealed the decision to the NLRB national office in Washington D.C. in 2017.

The national NLRB office affirmed the Region 6 finding on Feb. 28 and rejected Duquesne's claim of a religious exemption.

“Unfortunately, the NLRB's decision, which has forced us to proceed to the courts, has undercut [our Catholic and Spiritan] mission and represents a misguided view of the Catholic identity of Duquesne, whose religious mission is embedded and pervasive throughout the University,” Gormley said in the faculty-wide email Wednesday.

Gormley announced that the university will be appealing the decision in federal court.

“Regrettably, due to the NLRB's unconstitutional action, the University is filing a Petition for Review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia,” he said in the email.

Clint Benjamin, adjunct

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## POLICE BRIEFS

Spring Break is nearly here and Grandpa PB will be happy for the peace and quiet. Yinz will be taking your delinquent behavior to the beach or wherever you meddling kids go. Out of my hair at least.

On Feb. 20, an administrative search of Assumption Hall yielded some marijuana and drug paraphernalia. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Also on Feb. 20, a student in Towers was found smoking marijuana and had possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was sent to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a student illegally parked his car on Seitz Street, damaging the car parked in front of him. The student then went to class without providing the appropriate information. A report was made and the case is closed. Let's hope he was on his way to a driver's ed class.

On Feb. 23, a student in Brottier was issued a non-traffic citation for possession of marijuana. The student will be joining other buds down at the Office of Student Conduct.

On Feb. 24, Towers resident assistants saw a female Towers resident stumbling toward her room. She was detained by the resident assistants, who called Duquesne Police. The student was taken to UPMC Mercy and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Also on Feb. 24, an intoxicated female student was found in a St. Ann bathroom. She was taken to UPMC Mercy and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Feb. 24, a student in Towers was found in possession of marijuana. The student was issued a non-traffic citation and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Feb. 25, an intoxicated 19-year-old male student was found in St. Martin Hall. He will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Also on Feb. 25, a Towers resident reported that his Xbox had been stolen from his room. The case is active. Somebody must have been taking *Grand Theft Auto* games too seriously.

Look out, Picasso. On Feb. 26, a non-affiliate reported graffiti on Fisher Hall's exterior east side and on parking signs in Fisher's lower parking lot. The case is active.

## A SMALL JOKE

Question: Why did the sun never rise on the castle?

Answer: It was full of knights!

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## App helps teach children about concussions

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"Rebound: Beating Concussions" was recently selected to receive the 2018 Parents' Choice Recommended Award by the Parents' Choice Foundation, which is the oldest and most revered nonprofit organization in the U.S. that recognizes quality media and toys for children.

To create "Rebound," Pollock worked with concussion experts and writers to develop the story about a high school basketball player who gets a concussion, subsequently working on the games and graphics that accompany the narrative. Simcoach Games, a game development company in the Strip District, then helped Pollock and his team bring their creation to life.

Pollock believes that "Rebound: Beating Concussions" will not only educate readers about concussions and why they are injuries that should be taken seriously, but it will help people to become better readers thanks to its Adaptive Reader technology.

"The text adapts to the reader. At the end of each chapter, you can pick to make the reading easier or more challenging, causing the vocabulary to shift as well as the sophistication of the sentence structure based on your decision," said Pollock. "In this way, everyone gets the same story, the same informa-



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John Pollock, a DU professor of biological sciences, has also won two Emmys for his science-based children's programming.

tion and learning goals no matter how proficient a reader they are."

Clinical and Executive Director of the UPMC Sports Medicine Concussion Program, Michael Collins, who advised Pollock with the app, stressed the importance of treating concussions.

"A key to recovery is recognizing symptoms and seeking proper treatment," said Collins. "There are a lot of myths about concussions and one of our goals is to help educate people."

Collins also expresses how "Rebound: Beating Concussions" assists in sharing and emphasizing the significance of treating concussions like any other serious injury.

"We have made tremendous progress in the diagnosis, management and rehabilitation of concussions, and the e-book appropriately stresses that a concussion is a treatable injury and provides a compelling case example to demystify the fears associated with the injury," Collins said.

Prior to "Rebound: Beating Concussions," Pollock produced a television show called "Scientastic! Sticks & Stones," and later produced a second show, "Scientastic! Are You Sleeping?" which went on to win an Emmy Award for children's programming and another Emmy Award for the original music.

"Rebound: Beating Concussions" is

the second app of the BiblioTech series, following "City Hacks: In Search of Sleep," which won both a Parents' Choice Award and an International Serious Play Award in 2016.

The app is compatible with Android and iOS devices.

The Partnership in Education is largely funded by Science Education Partnership Awards from the National Institutes of Health, as well as the Hillman Foundation and other local foundations.

BiblioTech "Rebound: Beating Concussions" and Pollock's other apps can be downloaded for free on Apple, Google and Amazon, and his shows are available on iTunes, Amazon Prime and GooglePlay.

## Hope Hicks resigns as the WH comm director

AP — White House communications director Hope Hicks, one of President Donald Trump's most trusted and longest-serving aides, abruptly announced her resignation Wednesday, leaving a void around a president who values loyalty and affirmation.

The departure of Hicks, who worked as a one-woman communications shop during his campaign, came as a surprise to most in the White House — and cast a pall over the West Wing at a trying time for the president. It leaves Trump increasingly without support of the familiar aides who surrounded him during his campaign, and marks the latest in a string of high-level departures in the administration's second year.

Hicks, 29, had a seemingly untouchable role in the West Wing, often viewed more as a surrogate daughter than a staffer. Perhaps most importantly, she served as Trump's glamorous shield and validator, always ready to provide "Mr. Trump" with a smiling dose of positive reinforcement, and controlling reporters' access. She was the fourth person to occupy the position since the president was sworn in, as the Trump White House has set modern records for staff turnover.

In a statement, Trump praised Hicks for her work over the last three years, saying he "will miss having her by my side." Hicks informed Trump of her decision Wednesday, a White House official said.



AP PHOTO

Hope Hicks, one of Trump's closest and longest-serving aides, resigned on Feb. 28, a day after testifying for nine hours in the House's Russia probe. Hicks served as the communications director since the firing of Anthony Scaramucci in mid-July.

Hicks, who occupied the desk closest to the Oval Office in the West Wing, has been a central participant in or witness to nearly every milestone and controversy of the Trump campaign and White House. She began her White House tenure as director of strategic communications — a title that only partly captured her more expansive role as the president's gatekeeper to the press.

The news comes a day after Hicks was interviewed for nine hours by the House panel investigating Russia interference in the 2016 election and contact between Trump's campaign and Russia.

Hicks acknowledged to a House intelligence panel Tuesday that she has occasionally told "white lies" for Trump. But she said she

had not lied about anything relevant to the Russia investigation. She has also been interviewed by special counsel Robert Mueller's team about her role in crafting a statement about Donald Trump Jr.'s 2016 meeting with Russians, as Mueller's expansive probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election and potential misdeeds committed by those in the president's orbit moves ever closer to the Oval Office.

Hicks' departure leaves a vacuum in the White House communications team, and in the president's collection of trusted aides. The announcement came a day after news broke of the impending departure of deputy communications director Josh Raffel, and just a few days after senior adviser Jar-

ed Kushner saw his security clearance downgraded — limiting his access to classified information.

"I can't imagine anyone here leaving a bigger hole in the White House than Hope on her departure," said White House lawyer Ty Cobb.

White House officials and outside advisers suggested Hicks' departure would strengthen chief of staff John Kelly's control over what has been an oftentimes chaotic West Wing.

In a statement, Kelly said Hicks had become "a trusted adviser and counselor," but behind the scenes the pair had occasionally clashed over her more informal role. Kelly had begrudgingly supported making Hicks communications director after the short-lived tenure of Anthony Scaramucci.



# Chatterjee elected as new DU student government president

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Party) received 53.42 percent of the vote. Jesse Anzelone (United Party) received 42.93 percent. This position had the highest percentage of votes that went to None of the Above with 3.63 percent.

Alexander Christensen (United Party) won his uncontested election to become SGA vice president of academic affairs. Maria Miller (United Party) was reelected uncontested to her position of SGA vice president of communications. Percentages or vote totals were not provided for the uncontested elections.

Chatterjee recognized the effort of all the candidates involved.

"All of the candidates running should be proud of themselves for the campaigns that they ran," he said. "I know that the figures at least indicate that this was one of the highest voter turnouts, if not the highest, we ever had. And that is something we can all be proud of together."

He said that he and his fellow People's Party members worked incredibly hard during the campaign.

"We worked our hearts out. We were all physically, emotionally exhausted by the end of it," he said.

Chatterjee has already started some of the projects he wants to work on as president.

"We are going to be forming a strategic plan. I think that many



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The People's Party from left to right: Ciara Bartic, James Joyce and Eric Chatterjee.

things in that strategic plan are going to mirror the president of the university's strategic plan," he said.

Joyce is ready to start focusing on the budgetary issues as vice president of finance.

"I think that the budget the [SGA] works with is the people's money, the student's money," he said. "It's going to be important to release what would essentially be a ledger of the student government's budget."

Bartic said she was also happy with the results.

"I am very pleased with how the campaign went," she said.

Since she was reelected, Bartic has several projects she will continue to work on.

"In the continuation of my position, I'm looking forward to the increasing in safety initiatives with planning a large self-defense class for the entire student population," she said. "I'm looking forward to working with Parkhurst again to address student concerns to an even greater degree."

Jesse Anzelone, the United Party's candidate for vice president of finance, was disappointed but had good things to say about his opponents.

"We were up against opponents who we knew would be tough to beat ... We simply got out-worked," he said. "Although we didn't win, I know that students are good hands with James Joyce as the VP of Finance."

Anzelone said he'll stay on with

SGA through legislative officer and chair positions; however, he won't be around as much.

"Moving forward, I don't want to be as heavily involved as I am now so that I can turn my attention to beginning law school and my career," he said. "With that said, I love serving the students of Duquesne, and I will always serve them to the best of my ability."

Ben Long, United's presidential candidate, thought the electoral process went smoothly.

"I thought the campaign and overall elections were very well ran by the SGA Election Board, including Tim. They did a great job with this election and handled everything that came up very well," he said.

Long enjoyed getting to know his party members better.

"The United Party was a great group of friends that I would have loved to work with on the SGA Executive Board, but unfortunately it did not turn out in our favor," he said. "I do look forward to staying friends with everyone on the United Party."

Long has been involved in SGA since his freshman year, but he will be stepping away in the future.

"I will be finishing the 46th Senate of SGA with my good friends in the United Party, while completing the roles that I currently hold for this Senate," he said. However he won't be returning to the 47th Senate so he can

focus on classes and an internship.

Melissa Likar, United's vice president of student life candidate, also discussed the campaign.

"Although the entire United Party would have hoped for a different outcome, we all tried our best," she said.

Likar also plans to step back from SGA commitments.

"I want to focus more on my double major and become more active in my business fraternity. SGA became a big part of my life for a while, and I would like to do more things than just SGA," she said.

The School of Liberal Arts will be represented by two more SGA senators, as Kelly Myer and Austin Imro were elected as senators for McAnulty. Nicholas France became a senator for the School of Business and Erin Lexner became a senator for the School of Pharmacy.

The Commuter Council also held elections for their executive board, with none of the positions being contested. Steven Dziadyk is president, Steven Strain is vice president, Sara Roberto is the vice president of programs and Nikola Ranick is the vice president of public relations.

A total of 1,458 students voted in the election, which was higher than the 2017, 2016 and 2015 turnout totals.

The official results will be posted on March 1.

*Josiah Martin contributed reporting.*

## DU to spend \$20 million on projects

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news editor

Over the next couple of years, many buildings on campus will be receiving both external and internal upgrades.

At a Feb. 20 Allegheny County Council meeting, a resolution was passed which allowed Duquesne to finance \$20 million through the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority.

The resolution noted that a large number of the renovations will be to internal mechanical equipment like HVAC, elevators and sprinkler systems. Buildings receiving these upgrades include the Koren Building, Fisher Hall, School of Law, College Hall, Mellon Hall, Rockwell Hall, Liberman Hall, Gumberg Library, St. Ann Hall and the Administrative Building.

Rod Dobish, assistant vice president and chief facilities officer, explained that the behind-the-scenes upgrades were much needed.

"Simply ... it's time," he said. "They're due for a replacement."

Rockwell will continue to receive renovations of its own, many of which will be noticeable.

"This new funding will go toward bathroom upgrades, HVAC improvements and life-safety upgrades," Dobish said.

Over the summer, Dobish said that the first floor of Rockwell will be the site of a variety of



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Part of the renovated fourth floor of Rockwell. The rest of the building will be updated.

projects, such as "new ADA compliant bathrooms, replacement of all the HVAC systems and new corridor ceilings installed with LED lights, exit signs and emergency-powered egress lighting."

Assumption Hall, campus' oldest living learning center, will see the funding go toward finishing the bathroom renovations.

"This summer, Bluff Street wings' renovations will include ADA compliant bathrooms/shower facilities, a new laundry room on each floor and a new HVAC system," Dobish said.

The money is also going to projects at St. Ann Hall for "masonry repairs, window and screen/solar shade replacements [and] room

upgrades," among other changes, according to Dobish.

Dobish added that Mellon Hall will undergo further biology and chemistry lab renovations, along with electrical upgrades.

Two of the larger projects are roof replacements for Trinity Hall and the Student Union. The contract for the Union replacement is currently out to bid and Trinity Hall's will go out at a later date, Dobish said.

He added that most of this work will take place over summer "in order to ensure the least disruption to students, faculty and staff."

The various projects are expected to be completed in the next five years.

## Sporting goods store Dick's and Walmart cut down on gun sales

AP — Dick's Sporting Goods and Walmart took steps Wednesday to restrict gun sales, adding two retail heavyweights to the growing rift between corporate America and the gun lobby.

Dick's said it will immediately stop selling assault-style rifles and ban the sale of all guns to anyone under 21. Its CEO took on the National Rifle Association by demanding tougher gun laws after the massacre in Florida.

Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, followed late Wednesday saying it will no longer sell firearms and ammunition to people younger than 21. It had stopped selling AR-15s and other semi-automatic weapons in 2015, citing weak sales.

The announcements from the major national retailers came as students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, returned to class for the first time since a teenager killed 17 students and educators with an AR-15 rifle two weeks ago.

"When we saw what the kids were going through and the grief of the parents and the kids who were killed in Parkland, we felt we needed to do something," Dick's Chairman and CEO Ed Stack said on ABC's "Good Morn-

ing America."

Several major corporations, including MetLife, Hertz and Delta Air Lines, have cut ties with the NRA since the Florida tragedy. None of them were retailers who sold guns.

Sporting goods chain Bass Pro Shops, which owns Cabela's, didn't respond to requests for comment. Nor did the Outdoor Retail Association or Gander Outdoors.

The announcements from Dick's and Walmart drew hundreds of thousands of responses for and against the moves on the companies' social media accounts.

Dick Sporting Goods had cut off sales of assault-style weapons after the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. But sales had resumed at its smaller chain of Field & Stream stores, which consisted of 35 outlets in 16 states as of October.

On Wednesday, Stack said that would end, and he called on lawmakers to act now.

He urged them to ban assault-style firearms, bump stocks and high-capacity magazines and raise the minimum age to buy firearms to 21. He said

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Housing rules need  
adapting for new students

From the pattern of the past two years, incoming freshman class sizes seem to trend bigger and bigger. This sounds exciting, as more people joining the campus community is always welcomed. However, we've also seen that these classes' living situations become more and more tight.

Earlier this academic year, we saw issues with students being placed into temporary housing that included kitchenettes and lounges. The latter are often converted into dorms, replacing a common area for students who would otherwise have nowhere to go. Some students were also incentivized to move into triples and quads, putting up to four kids into one space.

Having enough housing for students is obviously important, but what might be lost on some is that simply having a place to sleep and store a wardrobe isn't enough. A dorm must do more than simply provide the bare necessities; it must sell the student on the college experience.

That may sound like a reach, but when one remembers that your typical student will spend a majority of their college experience in one room, that room has to be really, really good.

Getting along with a roommate is already tough, but balancing the thoughts and opinions and habits of two, three other people can be a job in its own right. That's a whole lot of stress to put on freshman, many of whom are still trying to figure out what it means to live on your own.

Furthermore, converting common areas into living spaces also denies a critical space for other types of development to occur. Lounges provide the perfect space to meet new people, avoid stressful roommates and study together. If Duquesne brands dorms as "Living Learning Centers," then they must be spaces that fulfill the latter half of that promise by providing not just a room to sleep in, but a place to develop into a person.

We can't pretend we know the solution to this problem, but looking at just how many students are being admitted at once might be a place to start. Duquesne isn't a big campus at all, and unless more housing is added (which seems unlikely), it will and should remain that way.

Similarly, reconsidering housing rules may also provide an opportunity for change. Opening up more buildings to freshmen, for example, is an option, as is dropping the on-campus living requirement from two years to one. The University of Pittsburgh only requires one year, and it seems to be doing fine.

Whatever the case, in light of the upcoming housing lottery, we remain slightly apprehensive for the incoming class. If things continue as is, we might see another year of fraught housing situations.



# OPINIONS

## Parkland survivors not letting nation forget

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According to U.S. News, there are 2,972 students enrolled at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. This means that 5,944 parents and guardians, give or take, sent their kids to school on Feb. 14, 2018, expecting them to come home safe and sound. By the end of the day, the parents of 17 had to cope with the news that their children died as victims of a mass shooting.

Prior to this tragedy, I began to notice a trend in America. It was a vicious cycle that I thought we would never find ourselves out of: shooting, “thoughts and prayers” for a week, then back to normalcy. Months later, another shooting occurs, and the cycle begins again. As the familiar pleas rang out in the aftermath of violence, I realized that Americans have become numb to hearing about “x number of people killed at y place.”

Just in my first semester of college alone, I heard news of two highly publicized shootings: one at the Las Vegas concert and the other at Sutherland Springs. According to the not-for-profit corporation Gun Violence Archive, Sutherland Springs marked the 307th mass shooting in America for 2017. If you reflect back upon the days before Nov. 6, it seemed that our country as a whole just forgot about or grew apathetic to the issue of gun violence.

After the tragedy at Stoneman Douglas, our government officials once again tweeted their “thoughts and prayers” to the victims. Of course, there is no problem with turning to God in times of strife. However, nothing substantial changes because of mere condolences. We hear talk about mental health and background checks, but not a thing happens in the aftermath. We just wait another month to receive a notification on our phones that more lives were lost.

At least that’s how things used to be. This time, the survivors of the shooting decided to take things into their own hands. Stoneman Douglas students have taken to social media and traditional news outlets to speak out about their right to go to school safely. These students are not just sounding off about their beliefs, either. They are organizing, as well they should.

On Feb. 23, The Washington Post posted a video of five students from Stoneman Douglas announcing the date and reasons for the March For Our Lives. The protest will be held on March 24 in various cities around the country. Organizers hope to use this event as an opportunity to change minds and cause President Trump, Sen Rubio (R-FL) and Gov Rick Scott (R-FL) to act on gun control. On top of this, organizers from the Women’s March are encouraging a national school walkout 10 days prior to the march for much the same reason.

Needless to say, I am all for both



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Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School student Emma Gonzalez took to social media to become an outspoken activist for gun control. Her account gathered more than a million followers.

events. It has been a long time coming that Americans see a group of people protesting gun violence. With the amount of lives taken over the last decade due to shootings, I am actually surprised that this type of organizing has not happened yet. I highly encourage other students to

participate in these events.

To address the backlash to these events: I encourage people to understand that these protests are not necessarily about taking guns away from people. The “liberal

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## Would it really be that hard to provide some kosher food?

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Food: We eat it almost as often as I complain about it.

In 2016, Jamie Moore, Parkhurst’s director of sourcing and sustainability, spoke with the Terra learning community and took questions regarding the nature of food at Duquesne.

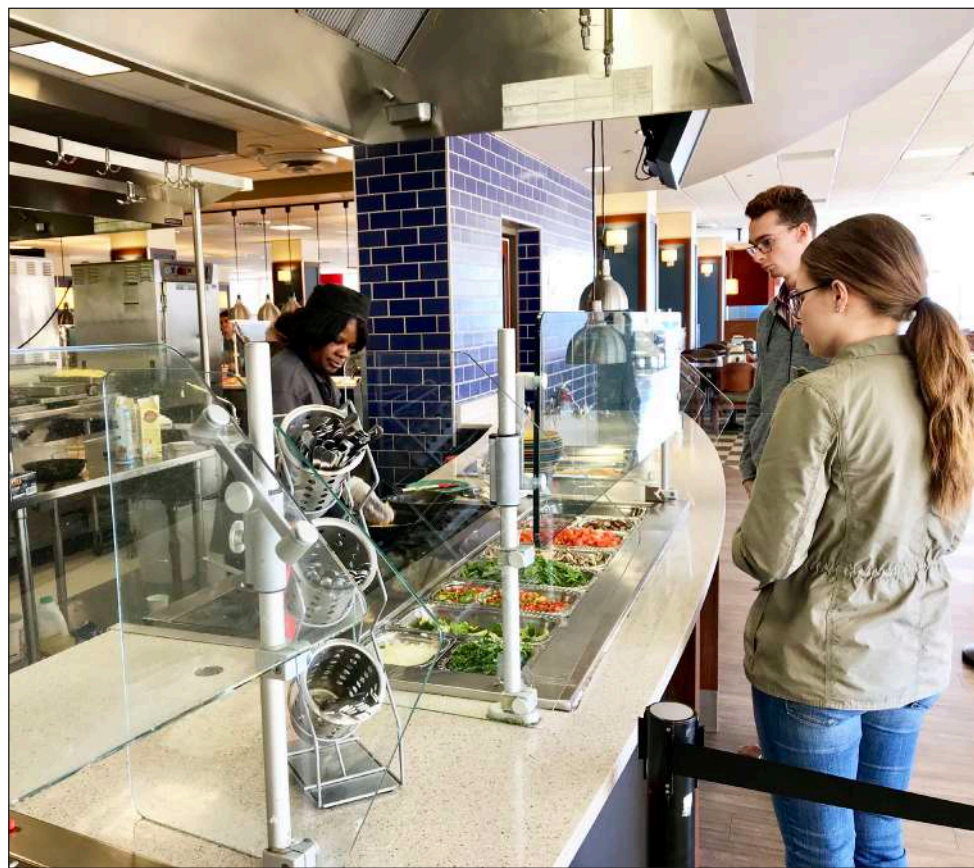
Questions ranged from the general to the decidedly specific, addressing issues such as waste, factory farming and product sourcing. It was a compact and informative discussion, but one question and its answer stood out.

“Are your meats kosher?”

“We don’t currently source any kosher meats for Duquesne University,” Moore said. “If we had students that adhere to kosher, I would assume we would then locate a source, but at this time, there isn’t a need.”

With Lent upon us again and Friday fish-fry events popping up at every local church (and in the third floor Union Concourse courtesy of Phi Kappa Theta), some Jewish students are left feeling cheated, somehow, wondering why there still “isn’t a need” for their community’s representation on campus despite the reality that we are, in fact, here.

I get that Duquesne is a Catholic school. Let’s even assume that most of its students are Catholic. Still, there are *some* that aren’t, and their needs aren’t being met. A Catholic student can go down into Hogan Dining Center on a Friday evening and grab some sort of fish-based dinner well within the parameters of their faith. It’s excellent that they have that oppor-



MEGAN KLINEFELTER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Food options at DU have long since been a source of stress and conflict for students who abide by dietary restrictions, as the dining halls often fail to accommodate different food-related needs.

tunity, but a Jewish student wandering around the same dining hall might have a much harder time.

Kosher eating doesn’t just exclude pork, contrary to common belief. Shrimp, crab, lobster and other shellfish aren’t allowed, and neither are any eggs containing blood

spots or any other food items containing gelatin, as gelatin is made from extracting collagen from the bones and skins of (often non-kosher) animals.

A meat’s kosher-ness or lack thereof is also defined by how the meat is obtained. Jewish law prohibits causing pain to an

animal, and, therefore, a slaughtered animal isn’t kosher unless it experienced an instantaneous and effectively pain-free death. There exists a debate among Jews that abide by *kashrut*, or the Jewish laws involving food, addressing whether or not any factory-farmed meat can be kosher. Traditionally devout Jews separate the consumption of meat and dairy. Don’t even get me *started* on special occasions like Passover, where bread, rice, corn, peanuts, mustard and anything else *chametz* or *kitniyot* is suddenly forbidden.

As you can probably tell, kosher means a whole lot more than pork-free.

There are, of course, varying levels of *kashrut* observance, and maybe it’s probable that Jewish students that choose to attend Duquesne won’t oppose a cheeseburger. But that isn’t the *point*.

The point is that there exists a general issue in America where “religious expression” is almost always deemed synonymous with “Christian expression.” Again, I get it. Duquesne is a Catholic school. Maybe it isn’t fair to complain about a lack of accommodations for non-Christian students. Maybe I “knew what I signed up for,” as I’ve often been told by some of my (Catholic) peers. Maybe I should “just be a vegetarian.”

But nevertheless, it wouldn’t bankrupt a university that rakes in about \$30,000 to \$50,000 per student to offer something. Throw me a bone here, Duquesne. Preferably one not from a pig. Would providing meat from one kosher supplier really be that much harder than finding a bunch of fish to fry in the dead of winter?

Somehow, I doubt it.



## Service learning classes offer opportunity for engagement

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If you're looking for an opportunity to apply your education to the real world before graduation, there's an opportunity to do just that on (and off) campus. Community-engaged learning offers students the opportunity to use their educations beyond the classroom. Classes collaborate with the public in several different ways like community-based research, policy work and dialogue groups, just to name a few.

Duquesne's history is rooted in giving back. According to Jessica Mann, director of the Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research, Duquesne holds the Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification, which is only held by about 300 higher education institutions nationally.

Duquesne initially required all students to participate in a service-learning component. The model, Mann said, was not efficient for all of the schools and their respective curricula.

In 2015, Duquesne shifted to a two-tiered model of community-engaged learning, giving students the chance to continue experiencing service learning opportunities. Service learning is no longer mandatory for all of the schools, but some programs like occupational therapy, nursing and pharmacy still require students participate in community-engaged learning programs.

So what are the benefits of service learning? For one thing, students get to apply what they learn in the classroom in a real world setting, and it allows them to expand their horizons. Mann highlighted the benefits of the opportunity for students to develop as responsible, global citizens. The collaboration of the classroom and the public allows students to grow in their personal goals, but in their professional goals as well.

"Students who participate in community-engaged learning experiences graduate from Duquesne as civic-minded individuals prepared to take action with a solid set of skills they can put to work in the community," Mann said. "Community-engaged learning opportunities connect students with real-world experiences that further their education and, in turn, expand their career opportunities."

Junior Catherine Evans agreed that the experience was beneficial for both her and the public. She worked with Operation Safety Net, doing work with Pittsburgh's homeless popula-

tion. She had to go through a simple application process and an interview to get accepted.

"It definitely gave me a wider world view," Evans said. "Going into the program I definitely had a lot of misconceptions about the homeless population ... After getting out there and actually having those conversations it widened how I viewed the social issue."

Evans did eight to 10 hours of outreach work per week, and was paid \$625 at the end of the semester after completing at least 100 service hours. Within those hours, she also attended an hour long class each week. While it was beneficial, it was a commitment. She would recommend it to other students who are serious about the opportunity to use education to better the world.

"You can't go in there thinking you can get by with the minimum because it's a lot of work, but it's beneficial," Evans said.

Because the two-tiered model is still relatively new, Mann said that the number of designated courses is still limited. Mann and the rest of the faculty are working on adding more courses to the service-learning curriculum, and their ultimate goal is to have a wide array of classes to offer students.

If a service learning course sounds interesting to you, look out for the classes when registration rolls around. Foundational courses have the attribute FCEL, while advanced community-engaged courses have the attribute ACEL. Not only will the course benefit you, but it will also make a difference in the people's lives you get to work with.

"You will gain real world experience that not only enriches your learning, but also lets you provide real benefit to our local communities," Mann said. "The Pittsburgh region will become a part of your classroom, as you work alongside your classmates and community members to contribute to meaningful environmental and social change."

Combining education with outreach led to richer learning experience for Evans. She created bonds with the public that a normal class would not have allowed for.

"There were certain bonds I definitely made with certain people," Evans said. "Some people I worked with actually ended up getting housing. It was interesting to see someone actually make it through that process in six months."

## Rustic charm, murder trials and more shown in old Bluff photos

OLLIE GRATZINGER  
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Spring cleaning at The Duke typically comes with a fair amount of questions, ranging from, "Do we even have a computer that can read a floppy disk?" to "When was the last time somebody threw something away?"

But every so often, the hoarding spirit of journalists comes in handy, and we dig something pretty cool out from the depths of the back room. This spring yielded bins upon bins of photographs and papers detailing the life and times of yesteryear's Duquesne students.



COURTESY OF THE DUQUESNE DUKE

Before A-Walk was A-Walk, it was A-Drive. Traffic was banned from using Vickroy Street in 1968, creating the landscape we see today. This way, students are better connected to campus and less in danger of being plowed down by the passing Pittsburgh traffic known for its lack of mercy.

The Duke began publication in 1925 and celebrated its 50th birthday in 1975, with cake and cocktails. In attendance was Henry O'Brien, the first Duke editor.

COURTESY OF THE DUQUESNE DUKE



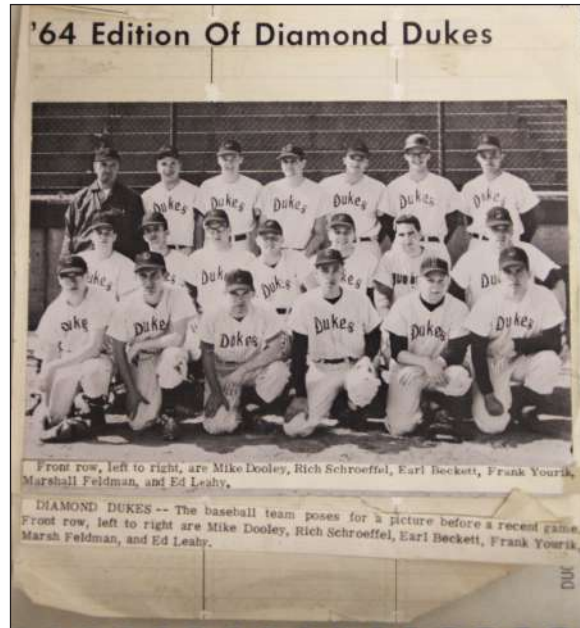
COURTESY OF THE DUQUESNE DUKE

Father Henry J. McNulty was the ninth president of Duquesne, serving from 1959 to 1980. He passed away in 1995 after suffering a heart attack on campus. College Hall bears his namesake.



COURTESY OF THE DUQUESNE DUKE

Word of a murder swept across the Bluff in 2003 when two former DU football players and a friend with whom they'd attended high school were found guilty of killing a Ridgmont man, Andrew Jones. Craig Elias, Jared Lischner and Jared Henkel allegedly lured Jones, along with another man, Anthony Brownlee, to a row house on Mt. Washington and accused them of stealing what amounted to \$5,000 and drugs. Brownlee was let go when he promised to repay the trio, but Jones' body was found at the bottom of the Ohio River in March of 2002. Elias was charged with first-degree murder, aggravated assault and abuse of a corpse, and Lischner and Henkel were charged with second-degree murder. All three men received kidnapping, criminal conspiracy, robbery and simple assault charges, as well.



COURTESY OF THE DUQUESNE DUKE

Back in the day, Duquesne's football and basketball teams were joined by a baseball team. However, the team was eliminated in 2010, along with wrestling, golf and men's swimming to "strengthen other athletic programs." The photograph above shows the 1964 team. It's also an example of how newspapers were laid out before computers and digital programs such as InDesign were readily available.

History lives on for as long as folks remember it. Discovering relics demonstrative of times long past and often long forgotten brings to light an uneasy question: In the midst of the digital age, what will generations to come find buried in bins in the back of our closets? One may wonder what we'll have to show for all the trials and tribulation of the 21st century, when SDHC cards and iPhones are just as outdated as floppy disks and compact cassettes.

Keep making memories, DU. Here's to what tomorrow brings. Just don't commit any murders, please.



Men’s basketball team tops Saint Louis at home

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The last time the Saint Louis Billikens visited Pittsburgh, they stunned Duquesne with an 18-point come-from-behind win in the first round of the 2017 Atlantic 10 Tournament at PPG Paints Arena. It was a heart-breaking conclusion to a miserable season on the Bluff.

Fast forward to Spring 2018, and a lot has changed. Both teams were among the A-10’s cellar dwellers last season, but each have rebounded nicely this year.

Saint Louis is vying for a potential bye in the upcoming conference tournament, while Duquesne is looking to finish with its first winning record since the 2011-12 season.

Another thing that’s changed since that devastating loss last March is Duquesne’s ability to win close games. While they haven’t played their best basketball recently, going 2-8 in their last 10 games prior to their matchup with the Billikens, this Dukes team has proven to be

more resilient than teams in year’s past.

After letting a 12-point lead disappear late in the first half, Duquesne bounced back with a strong start in the second half as Mike Lewis II provided 10 quick points to open the frame. It shouldn’t come as a surprise that nine of those points came on 3-pointers.

Duquesne fans know by now that “Microwave Mike” is one of the A-10’s most electrifying players. As fans saw tonight, he can change the momentum of the game in a matter of seconds.

Lewis’ usual partner in crime, Eric Williams Jr., was superb as well. He posted yet another double-double, finishing with 20 points and 11 rebounds against Saint Louis on Feb. 28.

Williams’ outstanding performance was not just impressive, but also record-setting. The first-year standout tied the Duquesne freshman double-double record and set the school’s freshman 3-pointer record in his big game against the Billikens.

However, while Lewis and Wil-

liams might be the stars of this year’s squad, it was freshman Tydus Verhoeven who proved to be Duquesne’s MVP against the Billikens.

The big man didn’t miss any of his seven shot attempts and missed only one of his eight free throws, ultimately finishing the night with a game- and career-high 21 points.

His stat line might have come as a surprise to many, but coach Keith Dambrot seemed to be expecting a big game from Verhoeven.

“He doesn’t know how good he is,” Dambrot said.

Dambrot elaborated by explaining that if Verhoeven plays with more faith in himself, performances like these should become more commonplace.

“Thinking you’re great is a good thing ... You have to think you’re great because if you don’t, you’re never going to be great,” Dambrot added.

Verhoeven agreed with Dambrot’s analysis, crediting his play to better personal composure.

“Today felt like one of the first



COURTESY OF DUQUESNE ATHLETICS  
Dukes freshman Tydus Verhoeven, No. 25, blocks a Saint Louis shot attempt.

days where I’ve truly relaxed,” Verhoeven said.

While Duquesne has been sliding in the standings recently, the win over Saint Louis was proof that the Dukes are on the rise.

The Dukes shot 56.5 percent from the field on the night, their highest mark thus far this

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Duquesne lacrosse team falls to visiting Niagara

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The Duquesne lacrosse team dropped its third consecutive game of the season on Sunday, Feb. 25, falling to the Niagara Purple Eagles at home, 17-14.

Duquesne jumped to an early 2-0 lead as senior Jill Vacanti and sophomore Maddie Hart were both able to find the net in the game’s first 35 seconds, but the Purple Eagles stormed back quickly, scoring three goals of their own.

The two teams went back and forth for most of the first half in the high-scoring affair, trading goal for goal and switching back and forth between one-goal leads. After Hart scored her second of the game, putting the Dukes up 7-6 with just over nine minutes to go in the first half, the Dukes seemed to struggle to find the back of the net again.

Niagara went on a 6-0 scoring run, recording the game’s next six goals and holding the Dukes scoreless over the next 16 minutes, taking a 12-7 lead.

The Purple Eagles took their biggest lead of the game at the 13:05 mark, when they increased their lead to six at 15-9.

The Dukes did not go down without a fight though, as they scored four of the contest’s next five goals to close the gap to three goals at 16-13.

That would be the closest the game would be though, as each team traded one more goal apiece



COURTESY OF DUQUESNE ATHLETICS  
Sophomore Maddie Hart, pictured during a game vs. Robert Morris, scored two goals against Niagara on Feb. 25.

and the game finished at 17-14.

The Dukes were paced offensively by two New Jerseyans in Carlee Braverman and Kirsten Barnes, who both recorded a hat trick.

Jill Vacanti, Maddie Hart and Michaela Connolly all tacked on two goals apiece, while Courtney Battles and Haley Matthai each added a goal as well.

Defensively, the Dukes seemed overmatched for most of the game, as they had trouble slowing down the Purple Eagles’ attack all day. Caroline Crump had seven goals for Niagara on 16 shots, and she was able to pace the attack all afternoon.

Two of the biggest issues for the Dukes for most of the game were turnovers and failed clears. Duquesne turned the ball over 25 times compared to just 15 turnovers by the Purple Eagles. The Dukes also struggled on clearing the ball, converting just 15 of their 23 clears.

“I think the biggest thing today was discipline and turnovers,” said second-year Duquesne head coach Lisa Evans postgame. “I thought we were playing in a

hurry. We want to play quick, but not in a hurry.”

Goalie Emily McMinimee was peppered with shots for most of the afternoon, as Niagara took 42 shots, managing to get 28 on cage. The senior keeper was able to stop 11 of those for a season-high in saves.

Hart, a sophomore, set a new single-game school record for the Dukes with 13 draw controls. Draw controls, an area where the Dukes struggled last season and have thus far this season, was an area of strength for the Dukes against Niagara, as the Red & Blue won 19 of 32 on the day.

“I think turnovers and transition are the key for this team,” said Evans. “We need to move the ball in transition and get those fast break looks like we did at the beginning of the game here today. If we do that, we will be fine.”

The Dukes travel to play Saint Francis (1-2) on March 1 at 4 p.m. as they still look for their elusive first win of the season.

Duquesne will return home to Arthur J. Rooney Athletic Field on Saturday, March 10, when it will host UMBC at 12 p.m.

Duquesne Briefs

— Duquesne’s women’s basketball team, seeded second in the Atlantic 10 Women’s Basketball Championship, will play No. 7 Saint Louis on Friday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. at Richmond Coliseum in the quarterfinal round. Saint Louis defeated No. 10 UMass, 70-64, on Feb. 27 in the first round of the A-10 tournament. Duquesne received a first round bye as a top-two seed.

— On Feb. 28, the Northeast Conference announced that freshman Duquesne bowler Olivia Farwell had been named the NEC’s Rookie of the Week for the seventh time. This past weekend, Farwell helped Duquesne claim a spot in the NEC Tournament for the program’s first-ever time at a regular-season NEC meet in Farmingdale, New York. Duquesne is seeded fifth for the NEC Championship, which will take place in Howell, New Jersey, from March 23-25.

— Dukes freshman track & field athlete Chyna Beck was named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team following her 60-meter hurdle performance at last weekend’s A-10 Indoor Championship. Beck earned a bronze medal in the event with a time of 8.80, which is the third-fastest time recorded at an indoor event in Duquesne history.

Pittsburgh Briefs

— The University of Pittsburgh’s basketball team lost to Notre Dame, 73-56, on Feb. 28, finishing its season winless in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Panthers finished 8-23 overall and 0-18 in the ACC. On Dec. 1, 2017, Pitt defeated Duquesne 76-64 at PPG Paints Arena.

— Penguins general manager Jim Rutherford scoffed at the idea of remaining quiet at the NHL’s trade deadline, adding center Derick Brassard from the Ottawa Senators in exchange for a package including the Penguins’ 2018 first round draft pick and defenseman Ian Cole.

This Week in Sports History

— On **March 1, 1909**, construction began on Forbes Field in Oakland. The ballpark was finished just three months later.

— On **March 5, 1956**, Duquesne beat St. Bonaventure in the last-ever game at Duquesne Gardens.

A-10 MBB Standings — Top 10

Rank	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak	Next
1.	No. 17 URI	15-2	23-5	L1	March 2 at Davidson
2.	St. Bonaventure	13-4	23-6	W11	March 3 at Saint Louis
3.	Davidson	12-5	17-11	L1	March 2 vs. No. 17 URI
4.	George Mason	9-8	15-15	W3	March 3 vs. Richmond
5.	Saint Louis	9-8	16-14	L1	March 3 vs. Bonaventure
6.	Saint Joseph’s	9-8	14-15	W2	March 3 vs. La Salle
7.	VCU	8-9	16-14	L2	March 3 at Fordham
8.	Richmond	8-9	10-19	W1	March 3 at Mason
9.	<b>Duquesne</b>	7-10	16-14	W1	March 3 at UMass
10.	G. Washington	7-10	14-16	W1	March 3 at Dayton

NCAA MBB Rankings — AP Top 10

Rank	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak	Next
1.	Virginia (48)	15-1	26-2	W3	March 1 at Louisville
2.	Michigan St. (17)	16-2	28-3	W14	Big Ten Tournament
3.	Xavier	14-3	25-4	W2	March 3 at DePaul
4.	Villanova*	12-4	25-4	L1	March 3 vs. Georgetown
5.	Duke	12-5	24-6	L1	March 3 vs. UNC
6.	Kansas	13-4	23-6	W5	March 3 at Oklahoma St.
7.	Gonzaga	17-1	27-4	W1	WCC Tournament
8.	Purdue	15-3	26-5	W3	Big Ten Tournament
9.	North Carolina	11-6	22-8	L1	March 3 at Duke
10.	Cincinnati	14-2	25-4	W2	March 1 at Tulane



# Swim coach Sheets gratified by first championship

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The Duquesne swimming & diving program won its first-ever Atlantic 10 title on Saturday, Feb. 17 in Geneva, Ohio, at SPIRE Institute, where it outscored seven-time defending champion Richmond 567-558.

The Duke spoke with 17-year swimming head coach Dave Sheets following his program's championship victory.

*This year, freshman swimmer Emma Brinton was really outstanding for you guys, winning weekly awards seemingly every other week. How big was that addition to your program this year?*

**Sheets:** I think what it symbolizes is the building of our program. Emma was a great addition, but those are the caliber of kids that we're bringing in to our program. You know, we did it the year before with our sophomore class. So, you know, having somebody like Emma come into our program, it sets our bar for recruiting at a higher level, and I think that's important for us to continue our success moving forward — not just in the A-10, but as we try to break through on the national scene as well.

*As far as adding things goes, how big was the addition of the diving component*

*for your program this season in finally being able to win the title?*

**Sheets:** This year, Charlie [Hauser], the diving coach, and I made a decision that our divers — because it is a new program and it's so young — our divers weren't ready yet to compete as point scorers at the conference championship. So what we did is we used this as a learning experience for them, and they dove as exhibition



COURTESY OF DUQUESNE ATHLETICS

Swim coach Dave Sheets speaks with a Duquesne swimmer during the Atlantic 10 Championship in Geneva, Ohio. The Dukes narrowly edged seven-time defending champion Richmond for the title, 567-558.

— knowing that next year they're going to come back, and they're going to be a critical part of us trying to win another conference championship.

*You had two back-to-back second place finishes in conference the past few years; how good does it feel to finally just get over that hump and bring home a title to Duquesne?*

**Sheets:** Well, I think it's a testament to the work that our women are doing in the pool and in the weight room, and all of our coaches and our support staff... For me, it took us 17 years to get here, and it's very rewarding, for sure, to finally get that first one. But now, you know, we want to kind of continue on what we've done.

*Talking about continuing what you've done, you've obviously seen Richmond as a really strong testament to what a good program can be. What kind of steps do you plan to take to remain consistently competitive when it comes to winning titles within the A-10?*

**Sheets:** Well, we just have to keep doing the right things. We have to keep getting the right kind of swimmers and divers in our program. As coaches, we have to continue to push our athletes to get better, and we have to get the kind of athletes in here that want to win conference championships and help us continue this success

that we've built over the last, you know, 17 years, and really, over the last five years.

*Heading into the last day of competition [at the Atlantic 10 Championship], you guys were slightly trailing Richmond.*

**Sheets:** One point.

*What was kind of the message heading into that last day, where it seemed like it was going to be between you two for the title?*

**Sheets:** We tried to keep the message consistent through the whole meet, and that was basically, you know, 'We can't control what anyone else is going to do. What we can control is what we do and how we approach every race.' And that's what we focused on. We focused on what we could control, and at the end of the day, I told the swimmers, 'Whatever that scoreboard says at the end of the day is what it says. But just get in, do your best, focus on what you can control, and if we do that, we're going to be in a good place.'

Duquesne will cap off its season from March 8-10, when the Dukes will compete at the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) National Invitational Championship in Annapolis, Maryland, at the Naval Academy's Lejeune Hall Pool.

*Portions of this interview have been edited for clarity.*

# Contrary to popular belief, Pirates may not be half bad

DAVID BORNE  
staff writer

With baseball season right around the corner, it's time to address something. Something that the average Pittsburgh sports fan may consider a "hot take."

The Pittsburgh Pirates won't be that bad. They are even going to compete for one of the National League's two Wild Card positions. Any idea that this team could lose 100-plus games is ludicrous.

Yes, I'm talking about those Pirates. The ones that traded away their worshipped center fielder and the ace of their pitching staff this winter. The team with the cheap owner, and its third baseman trapped in



COURTESY OF MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Corey Dickerson, pictured rounding third base during a home game with the Tampa Bay Rays, may be just the man that Pirate fans are looking for to provide consistent production from the outfield following McCutchen's departure.

South Korea due to ongoing legal issues. Those Pittsburgh Pirates.

To clarify, I'm not a Pirates fan. That being said, memories of the miraculous 2013 or the 98-win 2014 season mean little to me. It's understandable for fans to be upset with how quickly that magic was lost.

But that success is long gone, and at some point a team has to move on.

Watching a player like Andrew McCutchen get traded is tough, but it was time. McCutchen is a depreciating asset with one year left on his contract. He was by no means "untradable." There are only two players in the league that one could argue have definitely reached that status, and their names are Mike Trout and Bryce Harper.

Sentimental value is only worth so much, and a team can't let that get in the way of how it does its business. If they didn't move McCutchen now, he likely would've been dealt at the trade deadline or accepted a lucrative deal elsewhere that the Pirates would not have matched in free agency.

Acquiring an unproven reliever in Kyle Crick and outfielder Bryan Reynolds, San Francisco's No. 4 ranked prospect, wasn't exactly a massive haul for the former National League MVP. That doesn't mean it was a bad return, though.

Reynolds still has quite the journey ahead of him before he reaches the majors, but Crick is a fireballer with a high ceiling.

Crick managed a 3.06 ERA with 28 strikeouts in 32.1 innings last season, and can be counted on as a valuable arm out of the bullpen this year. With veterans George Kontos and Felipe Rivero on the staff as well, the Bucs have a number of quality relief options.

If either Dovydas Neverauskas or Edgar Santana can show improvement as well,

the Pirates' bullpen suddenly becomes an issue for other teams.

Obviously, a solid relief staff is worthless unless you have a number of starters that can keep you in ballgames. Even with the loss Gerrit Cole, the Pirates have those.

Cole certainly hasn't lost his stuff completely, but numbers show that his best days are behind him. Replacing him as Pittsburgh's ace will presumably be Jameson Taillon, who has shown flashes of what the Pirates expected of him when they selected him No. 2 overall in the 2010 MLB Draft.

The Pirates bring back Ivan Nova and Chad Kuhl behind him. It's pretty easy to predict what Nova will bring to the table, but Kuhl is interesting. After getting off to a shaky start, Kuhl really settled in following the All-Star Break. He posted a 3.65 ERA in the season's second half.

Add Joe Musgrove, acquired from Houston in the Cole trade, as well as Trevor Williams into the mix, and this staff isn't too bad.

It is not a group of starters that comes with much, or any, huge names or star power. There is no reason to believe it can't be competitive, though.

The same can be said for the batting lineup: With the exception of McCutchen, the Pirates' lineup looks pretty similar to last year's outfit. Josh Bell, Josh Harrison, Starling Marte and Gregory Polanco have all proven to be quality players.

Third basemen Colin Moran, acquired in the Cole deal with Houston, has the potential to be a huge upgrade over David Freese at the hot corner.

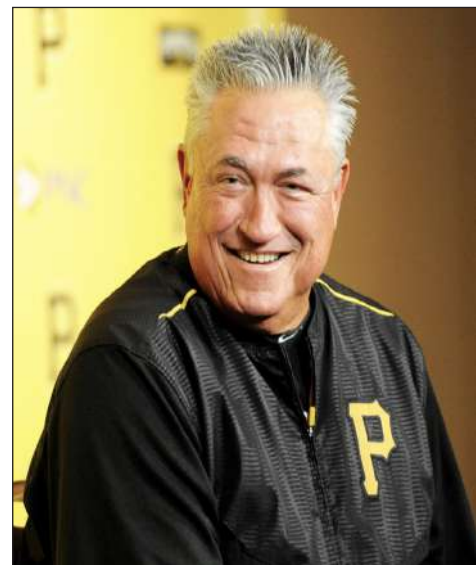
Then fill the gap left by the McCutchen trade with left fielder Corey Dickerson, who put up nearly identical numbers to 'Cutch last season with Tampa Bay. In fact, Dickerson finished the year with a 2.7

wins above replacement measurement, compared to McCutchen's 2.5.

The Pirates don't have a glamorous bunch by any means. However, the idea that they could be one of the league's worst teams is crazy. Last year's very similar roster finished with 75 wins. There's no way to suggest that this team can't achieve a similar total.

It will take some luck, and a number of fortuitous bounces, but this Pirates team could even end up making a playoff push. Don't be too surprised if they do, despite a tough NL Central Division.

The Pirates were guaranteed for another season of mediocrity if they put last season's product on the field again. At least this fresh look can help the Pirates remain competitive while shedding salary, as they habitually aim to do.



COURTESY OF PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Pittsburgh manager Clint Hurdle returns for his eighth season with the Pirates in 2018 — but his first without McCutchen patrolling PNC Park's outfield grass.



## Samsung revolutionizes the smartphone camera

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With the ever-changing landscape of social media and the need to share what we are eating and where we are going, there is one thing that must evolve with our age — the camera.

Samsung understands just that with the Galaxy S9 and S9 Plus, living up to its sneak-preview message, “The camera. Reimagined.” These two phones have the ability to change between two apertures based on light level, similar to how the eye adjusts. When it is dark, the camera opens to a F1.5 aperture mode to let in more light, but when it is bright, the lens changes to a F2.4 aperture to help sharpen the image.

Both phones can also achieve what Samsung is calling “Super Slow-mo.” With the chip set that is integrated into the camera, the S9 and S9 Plus can shoot at 960 frames per second. Crazy enough, this video type records about 0.2 seconds and stretches it out to six seconds of playback. For a niche audience, you can set these clips as your lock screen background (though, admittedly, it would probably get old after a while).

Do not be wary because of



COURTESY OF SAMSUNG

With the announcement of the Samsung Galaxy S9 and S9 Plus came many exciting, new augmented-reality features that have yet to be explored by the company.

storage issues that might come from all of the food pictures you will take. Not only do both devices have expandable memory, but they also have Google Photos, which features unlimited storage.

What Samsung will not let go, however, is Bixby. As an owner of a Galaxy S8 Plus, I’ll be blunt — Bixby sucks. Google Assistant not only can do more, but does it all faster and more accurately than Samsung’s counterpart. That being said, the new updates to Bixby for the S9 and S9 Plus actually look promising.

Now, Bixby features augmented reality (AR) integration to help people better navigate the world. The most impressive function of

this innovation: instantly translating written language. When using the camera, people can hold up their phone to a sign in a foreign language, and using AR, will be able to see what it says in their native speech. This is truly the future of a globalized world.

The other two more interesting Bixby functions are “Place” and “Food.” The first allows a user to see the location of a building in AR, showing a place marker when using the phone’s viewfinder and provides an alternative to Google Maps for walking-distance locations. “Food” makes tracking calorie intake ridiculously easy. All one has to do is point the camera at a plate of food, and Bixby can identify the meal and its nutri-

tional value and add it to the person’s Samsung Health app.

On a *Black Mirror*-inspired note, Samsung released its AR Emoji, a direct competitor to Apple’s Animoji. These new personifications are made to resemble the user by taking a picture of one’s face and turning it into an emoji. Like Apple’s version, AR Emoji can track facial movements in order to convey emotions or thoughts that plain emoticons cannot.

The new speakers on the S9 and S9 Plus aid in bettering the sound experience. The phones’ speakers are tuned by AKG and are 1.4 times more powerful than previous Galaxy models.

The phones were also improved for video immersion. Using Dolby Atmos technology, you can be watching something while hearing it as if you’re, “at the center of a theater-like experience,” according to Samsung.

The S9 and S9 Plus really seem to be remarkable players in the ever-growing smartphone market. Priced at \$719.99 and \$839.99, respectively, both are cheaper than the iPhone X at \$999.99, and both still have a headphone jack. If you are in the market for a new smartphone, highly consider one of these as your new mobile companion.

## WEEK’S EVENTS

### Spring Break

Kick back, relax and destress. The semester is halfway over and midterms are a thing of the past. Spend some time away exploring outside and enjoy the beautiful weather! You deserve it.

### Tropical Forest Cuba

Enjoy the beauty of Phipps Conservatory immersed in the cultures of Cuba. As an ongoing event at the botanical gardens, Cuban-native vegetation will be on display for the next few weeks. Admission for students is \$16.95.

## UPCOMING RELEASES

### How to Socialise and Make Friends March 2

Camp Cope’s sophomore LP debuts on Friday. The femme rock trio inspired many with their debut album in 2016 full of unique sounds. At their current pace, their success should only continue to blossom with their next release.

### Red Sparrow March 2

In her latest film, *Red Sparrow*, Jennifer Lawrence plays a ballerina turned Russian spy aiming to gain intelligence from a CIA agent.

## MICRO REVIEW

### The Ooz

King Krule’s second album swept the nation, this time with even more unique sounds. Classic rock influences a noticable, but the album also has an unconventional aspect with the use of lo-fi filters, tenor sax and groovy beats. *The Ooz* is the perfect follo up to this first album, *6 Feet Beneath The Moon*, and is worth a listen.

— Joey Mueser

## Tom Kenny not a square, entertains students

JOSIAH MARTIN  
staff writer

A crowd of more than 600 Duquesne University students erupted into cheers as Tom Kenny, the actor who has voiced *SpongeBob SquarePants* for nearly 20 years, ran through the aisles of the Union Ballroom, giving high-fives to any student within his reach. Exhausted, he returned to the stage.

“I thought that would be funnier,” Kenny said.

To the students, it was hilarious. Some had been lined up outside the door nearly an hour before his appearance on Feb. 22, hosted by the Duquesne Program Council (DPC). Kenny came to talk about his career and take questions from the audience. Lauren Casertano, a senior Health Science major and arts and entertainment director for DPC, explained that this was the first event of its kind for Kenny.

“It was his first time ever at a college,” Casertano said. “This is his guinea pig. He said he really liked it a lot.”

Kenny truly treated the event as an experiment. While DPC had a structure in mind for the event, Kenny opt-



COURTESY OF JOSIAH MARTIN

From being a voice actor in *Rocko’s Modern Life* to *SpongeBob SquarePants*, Tom Kenny has played a part in many people’s childhoods.

ed for a more informal approach and chose to have Casertano join him on-stage for the entirety of the program.

“It was supposed to be me ... going around with the microphone, getting questions. But instead he was like, no, you’re going to sit on stage with me,” Casertano said. “He’s just really down to earth, a nice guy.”

After his audience high-fives, Kenny briefly spoke about how he got started in voice acting. He got his start in stand-up comedy, but always had voice acting in mind as a long-term goal.

Kenny stated that voice acting was something he “wanted to do so badly but couldn’t figure out how to do it.”

Eventually, Kenny was approached after a stand-up show by people who noted the amount of characters and voices in his set. They brought him on board at Cartoon Network for what would be his first voice-over work. His start with Nickelodeon would be on the animated series *Rocko’s Modern Life*.

“That was my first series, and I just loved it so much,” said Kenny, who voiced Heffer, an anthropomorphized cow.

As *Rocko’s Modern Life* neared the end of its run, Stephen Hillenburg, the show’s creative director, pitched a new idea to Kenny.

Kenny recalled Stephen Hillen-

burg telling him, “I’ve got this idea for a show, it’s really stupid, it’ll never go. It’s about a sponge that works at a restaurant.”

That show became *SpongeBob SquarePants*, and Kenny jumped at the opportunity to voice its titular character, who he describes as having “one foot in the adult world ... He lives by himself, but he is very childish.”

After finishing his story, Kenny took questions from the audience. Some were *SpongeBob* in-jokes such as, “Have you and Patrick come up with any numbers funnier than 25 yet?” A few were serious questions, such as one about the perceived dip in quality of the series after Hillenburg’s departure in 2004.

That question, asked by sophomore Jeremy Landau, received groans from the audience. Kenny, however, accepted it warmly, assuring the audience that the cast of the show “talk about this all the time.”

Kenny recalled that Hillenburg needed to depart the show to “surf, paint and hang out with [his] wife and kid.”

Kenny believes that no matter what the direction of the show, his role within it must stay the same.

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# The Walking Dead brings agony in “Honor”

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On Sunday, *The Walking Dead* returned with a somber midseason opener. Previously, the Season 8 midseason finale turned the tides in the united communities’ war against the Savivors. Their siege on the Sanctuary was botched after Eugene masterminds a way for the Savivors to escape their overrun compound. Rick once again lost the short-lived allegiance of the junkyard people, led by the eccentric, backstabbing Jadis.

The finale also marked one of the biggest turning points for the series in its eight-year run: the impending death of Carl Grimes, who literally grew up on the show. The last scene was of Carl revealing his abdominal walker bite to Rick and Michonne; he obtained it while helping newcomer Siddiq (Avi Nash) get to the Alexandria community. This was a point of no return for main cast member Chandler Riggs, whose character was already running a fever.

If you have not watched the midseason premiere, this is your final warning — because here is a spoiler-heavy rundown of the good, the OK and the ugly of Episode 9, “Honor.”

## The Good

Even though Season 8’s overall premiere was a slow burn to the dramatic events between the start and end of the Sanctuary siege, the midseason premiere is a heart-pounding improvement. The Alexandrians continue to hide in the sewers as the Savivors firebomb their community. Carl, sickly, is laid out on a makeshift stretcher, and we get a montage starting from the point where he realizes he is bit to his calm preparations for his inevitable death. From writing farewell letters to friends and family, to sharing precious moments with his baby sister, Carl’s growth over the years reaches its logical conclusion. He reassures Rick and Michonne that he has come to peace



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Spoiler: Being a character in *The Walking Dead* since the first season, Carl succumbs to his death by taking his own life, instead of becoming a zombie.

with things, and to look toward the future without him. It is a sad sendoff, but compared to shocking, disappointing deaths like Beth’s or Glenn’s, the show takes the time it needs to give us an appropriate farewell.

Carol and Morgan’s rescue attempt of King Ezekiel is the second main plot point of the episode, and it gives us some unexpected interiority on Savior crew leader, Gavin. Ezekiel’s realization that Gavin — the voice of reason in the Kingdom and Savivors’ previous “transactions” — is a coward only looking out for himself is a satisfying touch. Granted, Gavin plays a narratively minimal role beyond being one of Negan’s top-ranking lackeys. But to see such a calm, collected character break down to his true colors is an organic moment.

## The OK

Carl’s final advice to Judith to honor their father is a little awkward upon reflection but makes sense in context. The entire reason he got his bite was due to helping Siddiq honor the latter’s mother, who believed putting down the dead could help free their souls. The whole affair would not have happened, however, if Rick had not shot at Siddiq earlier in the season in the first place. Bonus points for how it turns out that Siddiq was a doctor pre-apocalypse. Still, at least Rick is appropriately regretful.

## The Ugly

The parallel between Carl and Henry is an important one, but like with Rick’s character development, it is ultimately for Morgan’s

benefit. When Ben is killed by the Savivors, Henry lost his older brother, and Morgan lost his short-lived protégé. And though it is Henry who gets his revenge upon stabbing Gavin in the throat, Morgan is implied to be the one who must cope with and learn from the experience. He has a choice on whether he is willing to be a cold avenger — or an executioner — and whether he wants to be that kind of role model for someone as impressionable as Henry.

The episode’s biggest shortcoming is thus not of quality, but of message. Carl’s long-time regret was when he shot a surrendering young man back at the prison; Rick’s willingness to take in the Woodbury people was the first step in showing Carl what kind of compassionate person he needed to become. But like with Morgan to brothers Ben and Henry, the kids’ own demons give way to building the character arcs of their morally flummoxed parental figures. (How many times does Rick need to “see the light” about building a better world? How many times does Morgan need to vacillate over whether it is right to kill or not?) Whether toddler Judith will have this same effect on Rick is yet to be seen.

## The End

Carl gives his final farewell to Rick and Michonne in the charred Alexandrian church, where he shares a surprising revelation for the viewers: The utopic visions of the future we saw glimpses of earlier in the season — where Rick is full-bearded and graying, the communities are thriving and Judith has grown into a young girl — have been Carl’s all along. His one dream is that everyone, including the Savivors, will one day find a way to live in peace with one another. It is a tough pill to swallow for his grieving father, who nevertheless pledges to make it happen.

Carl ultimately decides to be the one to end his own life. With Michonne and Rick waiting outside, we hear a gunshot go off in the background, and say goodbye to the nearly eight-year run of this mainstay character. Episode 10, “The Lost and the Plunderers,” premieres March 4 at 9 p.m. EST.



COURTESY OF AMC

*The Walking Dead*’s midseason premiere showed just how much the fans are losing interest in the series, being 37 percent down from the 2017 winter return.



## Dukes win home finale over Saint Louis

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year. This victory also gave Duquesne its most home wins in A.J. Palumbo Center history with 13. Overall, it was a great night for Duquesne.

The performances of Verhoeven and Williams Jr. showed why the future is bright. Multiple records were broken, and much to the relief of Dambrot, the losing streak was ended.

"I just wanted to win. I was so sick of losing," Dambrot said following the game. "I didn't know if I could take another one, to be honest."

Even in a season where expecta-

tions have already been exceeded, it was tough for fans to watch the Dukes lose six in a row. However, this win could prove to be some much-needed momentum headed into the final stretch of the season for Duquesne.

"We've lost a lot of close ones, but at least we rallied ourselves tonight," Dambrot said. "Hopefully we can win another one and not have to play on that first night [of the upcoming A-10 Tournament]."

The Dukes close out the regular season on March 3 at Massachusetts. After that, they'll head to Washington, D.C. to play in the A-10 Tournament.

## Florida tragedy sparks activism and outcry

**ACTIVISM — from page 5**

agenda" as a whole is not about that. It is about keeping weapons out of the hands of people who should not have them. Perhaps even more, this movement currently focuses on the fact that no civilian has a good reason to have a military-style weapon in their home.

That's right, most liberals are not protesting against your right to a handgun or right to hunt. These protests are about the fact that people over and over again legally get their hands on an AR-15 or parts to build it, and then use the gun to take lives. These weapons were not created for protection; they were created to kill, and we all know it.

Although I find it difficult to

live in a time where everyone is in danger when in public, I am hopeful for change. However, it may not happen soon. I really believe that as long as we have legislators like Rubio, minds won't be changed. It may be awhile until the cycle ends.

But, change is coming. One day the kids who are organizing and speaking up will run for office. Really, we could be the ones to change this. That is why I fully support walking out and marching this month.

Mikel Jollett, lead singer of indie rock band Airborne Toxic Event, said it better than I could: "When your children act like leaders, and your leaders act like children, you know change is coming."

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## LASA event is styled after Brazilian Carnival

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massive official parades and even more smaller parades. The public is meant to cheer on the former and participate in the latter, which the entire country takes great pride in doing.

Having attended several smaller Carnival events in Pittsburgh, Shellenberger and LASA wanted to bring the tradition to the college community in the form of a "Duquesnable" Carnival.

LASA had attempted to host the events three years prior, but the club was much smaller then and could not attract a sizable attendance. Lately, the group has been growing. According to Shellenberger, when she first joined the organization, half a dozen members attended meetings. Now, the club boasts more than two dozen active members.

Joe Ratay, who recently joined LASA, said that he enjoys attending multicultural events like Brazilian Carnival.

"[The events are] good way[s] to understand that there's not just

one culture in the world; [there are some that are] very different from the one culture people think there is, and they are very close geographically," he said.

LASA displayed the rich and diverse culture of Brazil, serving a traditional meal of rice, beans and chicken with a side of fried plantains from the Strip District restaurant Chicken Latina. Decorators splayed colorful beads and feathers as decorative centerpieces for tables.

Expert dancers from the Pittsburgh Art of Motion were fully bedecked in the traditional flamboyant costumes of Carnival, complete with headdresses and decorative wings. At the conclusion of the event, dozens of attendees joined the dancers to participate in a conga line and show off newly acquired samba steps.

Shellenberger said that through events like Brazilian Carnival, LASA "wants to spread culture and have fun while we're doing it" and, she mentioned that the student group's "events always have free food."

## Retailers implement new gun regulations

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universal background checks should be required, and there should be a complete database of those banned from buying firearms. He also called for the closing of the private sale and gun show loophole that enables purchasers to escape background checks.

"We support and respect the Second Amendment, and we recognize and appreciate that the vast major-

ity of gun owners in this country are responsible, law-abiding citizens," Stack said in a letter. "But we have to help solve the problem that's in front of us. Gun violence is an epidemic that's taking the lives of too many people, including the brightest hope for the future of America — our kids."

Walmart said it was also removing items from its website that resemble assault-style rifles, including airsoft guns and toys.

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# Sponge out of water at Duquesne University

**KENNY — from page 9**

"I'm just a dumb actor, my job is to be the keeper of Spongebob," Kenny said.

While taking audience questions, Kenny described his friendship with Bill Fagerbakke, the voice of Patrick Star. They two first met doing a short lived *Dumb and Dumber* animated series.

"20 years later, we're hanging out, we've watched each other's kids grow up," Kenny said.

Kenny told a story of a grown man brought to tears when he ran into the two actors together at Kenny's daughter's school play.

"People find it deeply reassuring to know that SpongeBob and Patrick hang out in real life," Kenny said.

Kenny ended the event by encouraging the audience to "go out into the world and do stuff. Just do it!"

Following the final questions, Ken-

ny was approached by a horde of fans asking for autographs and photos. Though this wasn't part of the original plan for the evening, Kenny gladly obliged and spoke at length to every audience member he had time for.

"We were like ... 'This isn't part of the deal, if you don't want to do it, it's okay,' and he's like 'Keep 'em coming, keep 'em coming,'" said Casertano. "We were just happy that everyone was so excited."

Regarding the event, Kenny told *The Duke*, "I loved it. I didn't know what to expect from it, except ... I'm just going to come and babble about what I do every day."

When asked for his impression of Duquesne students, Kenny added "The kids are great. It's invigorating to be around young people. I get to work with these people who are fresh and, you know, they're taking over the world, and that kind of keeps me young."

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# DU adjunct union wins NLRB decision

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professor in Duquesne's English department, disputed Gormley's claims.

"I've been with the organizing effort since day one and it's consistently disappointing to see Duquesne's administration take this tact," he said.

Benjamin said he is skeptical of the university's support of its adjuncts.

"The administration makes the claim that they care about adjunct faculty, who are the most vulnerable nationwide," he said. "But this casual disregard for our bargaining efforts doesn't seem particularly Catholic to me. I'd like to see them bargain."

Benjamin also said that the adjuncts have offered to negotiate outside the NLRB as well.

Robin Sowards, a United Steelworkers organizer, said they support the NLRB's decision.

"We're gratified, but not surprised, that the NLRB has yet again vindicated the union that the adjunct faculty voted over-

whelmingly to form, and found that Duquesne's administration has violated the law by refusing to negotiate with the union," he said.

Sowards said Duquesne should stop the appeals.

"It's unfortunate that Duquesne's administration has yet again chosen to spend tuition dollars pursuing an expensive appeal that treats with contempt the laws of the United States and the teachings of the Catholic Church," he said.

In the email, Gormley reiterated his support of adjunct faculty.

"Our decision to proceed to the courts also does not lessen our commitment to our adjuncts, who are valuable members of the Duquesne community and are important contributors in achieving our mission of serving God by serving students," he said.

Citing previous Supreme Court and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cases, Gormley said, "We are confident that the [United States Court of Appeals] will uphold Duquesne's position."



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