Duquesne community mourns loss of student Marquis Jaylen Brown

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Over the weekend, the Duquesne community mourned the death of Marquis Jaylen "JB" Brown, a junior and running back on the Duquesne football team. A memorial service and mass on Sunday, Oct. 7 packed the Student Union Ballroom to near-capacity and featured eulogies by President Ken Gormley, football coach Jerry Schmitt and both of Brown’s parents. Brown was pronounced dead on Friday Oct. 5, after Pittsburgh police responded to reports of a male who had jumped from the 16th floor of Brottier Hall.

In a statement to The Duke, Pittsburgh police said that campus police had been sent to the 16th floor to investigate an altercation. While campus police spoke to Brown, he “jumped out of a nearby window,” according to the statement.

The investigation is active. Brown had quite the impact on a number of his fellow students.

Students petition for change

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This is the second article in the Duke Deep Dives series.

A petition to change Duquesne University’s residence hall visitation policies was created on Wednesday, Sept. 26 by a Duquesne student, and garnered upward of 1,600 signatures in the first 24 hours of being live.

Sophomore Katelyn Ziskind began the petition after finding difficulty signing out a guest in Duquesne Towers. The petition, however, lists multiple concerns, including those regarding overnight guests and sign-in and sign-out times when visiting residence halls.

The current housing policy, with the exception of Brottier Hall, allows students to sign in guests between 8 a.m. and midnight and mandates all guests be signed out of the dorms by 2 a.m. Students may have overnight guests in their dorms, provided that the guest fills out the proper form before midnight and is of the same sex as the student signing them in.

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ing for changes in the policy, but, upon receiving feedback from other interested students, Ziskind clarified her requests.

“Overnights should be allowed regardless of the guest’s sex and what time they arrive on campus. (Signing people in after 12 should be allowed.)”

Ziskind’s petition on Change.org reads: “Guests should also be allowed to stay past 2 a.m.”

The petition, which was posted on various Duquesne-related Facebook groups and pages, received much attention from other students.

“I can’t believe allowing people to separate during the opposite gender during ‘late hours’ has any impact on our education as students here,” wrote Julia Walker, a first-year student. “It’s a great environment for meeting new people.”

“My daughter attends Duquesne, and her Dad and I feel the dorm policy is incredibly restrictive. When her sister visited, both girls felt like criminals... even I felt like an intruder just taking her stuff to her room,” one parent wrote.

In the comments of the petition post to the Duquesne University Class of 2022 Facebook page, student Ashlee Werman added, “They have a limit of six overnight guests sign-ins allowed a semester, so that should change as well. As well as you can only sign people in overnight for two nights.

Many students objected to what was seen as a lack of freedom and responsibility for students who are not only Catholic, but also pay for their room and board.

“We are adults paying for the room that we live in and the policies that we are supposed to live under are undermining the independence and self-identity of adulthood we are trying to secure,” wrote the Ross Aguilar in the comments of the petition.

Others pointed to the policy of forbidding overnight visitation to prevent same-sex overnights while permitting same-sex ones as ignoring the reality of LGBT students on Duquesne’s campus.

“I attended a Catholic high school to deter sexual activity, it seems those who crafted it forgot homosexuality,” read one comment.

Caniglia, however, believed Duquesne’s housing policies were perfectly fair for the university’s status as a private Catholic institution.

One commenter on the petition’s Facebook post read, “Y’all do know it’s a private Catholic university...”

Ultimately, the petition led Ziskind to meet with the Office of Residence Life. On Sept. 28, two days after the petition was originally posted, Ziskind met with Dan Cangilla, the university’s associate director for housing operations. The meeting, at which a Duke writer was present, consisted of topics ranging from limits on overnight guests to the issue of allowing opposite-sex guests to stay the night. Ziskind focused on the limitations on overnight visits. While acknowledging that the rule leads to Duquesne students wasting overnight stays on students who might otherwise live on campus, but only in a different building. According to Caniglia, the overnight limit is in place simply for the safety of Duquesne students and to ensure that people who are not supposed to be there are not in the residence halls.

Duquesne University values the health, safety and well-being of all members of the University community,” the Office of Residence Life said in a statement. “The Residence Life Policy on Overnight Visitation is in place to provide a safe, secure and distraction-free living and learning environment in accordance with the University’s Mission and Catholic Identity.”

Another reason Caniglia stated, and with which Ziskind agreed, was that students who are not residents of the halls are not staying there illegally. Limiting how many overnight guests a student may have per semester cuts down on the ability of non-Duquesne residents living in the dorms free of charge.

Caniglia additionally raised concerns regarding the rights of other students on the floor. He cited previous instances of students complaining to the Office of Residence Life that their neighbors had repeatedly having overnight guests over, which was disruptive. Students should have the opportunity to be safe and secure in their homes,” Caniglia said. “These rules are in place to facilitate that.”

One of the more contentious points raised at the meeting was Ziskind’s challenge of the ban on opposite-sex overnights.

“We are a Catholic university. We are not going to allow overnights of the opposite sex,” Caniglia said.

When Ziskind raised the objection that not everyone who attends the university agrees with the rule, Caniglia responded that, when agreeing to come to Duquesne, students agree to the housing policy whether they themselves have had overnight visitors. The housing policies, he said, fall in line with the Catholic mission and the Spiritan identity of Duquesne.

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POLICE BRIEFS

PB&J here! This unseasonably warm fall weather has people going crazy! Take a look at the recent campus happenings.

On Oct. 2, a student reportedly struck an unoccupied vehicle in the Locust Garage. The student provided all necessary information and made contact with the other owner.

Also on Oct. 2, a resident student in St. Aimi’s was found to be in possession of an small amount of marijuana and related paraphernalia. The case was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Oct. 4, three resident students in Towers were found with marijuana, related paraphernalia and alcoholic beverages. Two students were issued a state citation, and all three students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct. That decision had a bitter aftermath.

On Oct. 4, a female student reported that she was being stalked by an unknown male on Forbes Avenue on Oct. 3, around 11:15 p.m. The suspect was later identified as Kevin N. Fields, 20, Centre Ave., which was arrested and transported to Allegheny County Jail for processing.

On Oct. 4, a student came to DUPS to report that someone had made charges on his Visa card.

Also on Oct. 4, two suspicious males were seen in the Locust Garage stairwell. DUQUESNE PARAMEDICS was later found in the area.

Also on Oct. 4, a Duquesne Law student was harassed by a non-affiliate. The case is still active.

On Oct. 7, students in St. Martin’s were found smoking marijuana in and in possession of alcohol. All four students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

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DU students remember friend, Marquis Jaylen “JB” Brown

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Nayia Faxio-Douglas, a junior and staff writer for The Duke, recalled her long friendship with Brown. “JB once told me I was one of his top five favorite people, and I was honored to be in that category of his life,” Faxio-Douglas said.

She had known Brown since her sophomore year of high school. She attended Elizabeth Seton High School, which was a sister school to DeMatha Catholic High School. Students at the two schools created large groups of friends.

“Our friend groups were like a big family, with different group chats and the boys would always get us (the girls) in trouble at school because they could use their phones to spread joy all over campus, and everyone will remember him as a centerpiece of our Duquesne community,” said Kraig Hill, a junior and integrated staff writer for The Duquesne Duke.

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“While Kavanaugh’s educational credentials are certainly for elevation to the highest court of this land,” the op-ed stated. “In this case, the music of Brown’s good humor was something that will always stick with Hill.

He always kept you laughing. Genuinely just a very funny guy. Funniest guy I’ve ever met. He would give you a hard time sometimes, but it was never malicious. You always knew it was out of love,” he said. He described Brown to be a free spirit.

“He lived in the moment. He always wanted to try whatever came to his mind because he was always about to be in the fullest. He preached that,” Hill said.

Hill hoped that the memories of Brown’s good spirits will prevail on campus.

“JB always lit up the room when he walked in. If you were having a bad day, it automatically got better when you saw JB. He was a symbol of happiness and the blessing that it is just to be alive, no matter how hard times may get,” he said. “One of the last things JB told me was ‘time stops for no one’ — life will always keep moving regardless of how you spend that time. I know everyone will remember him as a cornerstone of our Duquesne community, someone who spread joy all over campus, and a great student, football player, teammate, friend and brother. He will be missed.”

Law professors sign op-ed against confirmation of Kavanaugh

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the country who have a wide variety of political opinions,” said Ann Schiavone, assistant professor of law at Duquesne. “It was our regard for the importance of impartiality and temperament that brought us all together in this endeavor.”

Although Kavanaugh’s nomination and subsequent hearings were primarily focused on the sexual assault allegations, the New York Times op-ed focused on Kavanaugh’s credibility as a future justice on the highest court from the perspective of the rules governing the behaviors of both judges and attorneys. “We regret that we feel compelled to write to you, our Senators, to provide our views that at the Senate hearings on Sept. 27, Judge Brett Kavanaugh displayed a lack of judicial temperament that would be disqualifying for any court, and certainly for elevation to the highest court of this land,” the op-ed stated.

The temperament Kavanaugh put on full display the moment he took his place at the desk in the hearing room has been widely criticized as partisan, evasive, hostile and disrespectful.

“Judge Kavanaugh’s demeanor and blatantly partisan statements about the opposition to his nomination call into question his ability to be a Justice of the highest court in the land,” said Jan Levine, professor of law and director of legal research and writing.

“Nothing similar has ever been stated into question his ability to be a Justice of the highest court in the land,” said Jan Levine, professor of law and director of legal research and writing.

“In the op-ed, the letter claims that “instead of being open to the media’s request for accuracy, Judge Kavanaugh was repeatedly aggressive with questioners.”

Rona Kaufman, associate professor of law and director of the women in legal education section of the American Association of Law Schools, had much to say on the matter.

“Rather than demonstrating impartiality, Kavanaugh showed himself to be partisan and vengeful.

In spite of the media storm, public protests and overall backlash, Kavanaugh was confirmed and sworn in by a vote of 54-48 in the Senate. The Supreme Court started its latest session on Oct.1, and there are at least eight cases that Kavanaugh will have to judge as the 102nd associate justice of the Supreme Court.

According to a national NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, more voters opposed Kavanaugh’s nomination than supported it.

“In the poll — which was conducted Sunday (when the accusation from Christine Blasey Ford was first made public) through Wednesday — 38 percent of voters say they oppose Kavanaugh’s nomination to serve on the nation’s highest court, including 27 percent who ‘strongly oppose him,’” according to Mark Murray, an NBC News journalist who studied the media.

“This was not just a job interview. This was a hearing to determine whether this particular person has the character and temperament to serve in the most esteemed and important position in the judiciary,” Kaufman said.

“While Kavanaugh’s educational and professional credentials are qualifying, his demeanor and character are not.”

In turn, Kavanaugh’s confirmation is important for not only Duquesne students to follow, but also all Americans.

“As we see lower numbers of our country standing up to exercise their right to vote, we need to be that catalyst for change right here in our own community,” London said. “We can start compassionate, thoughtful and meaningful debate and bring back that level of civility in public discourse that has been missing for quite some time now.”

Kaufman is similarly hopeful for change.

“Our students’ interest, concern, commitment and attention to the #MeToo movement and the appointment and confirmation of Kavanaugh are heartening,” Kaufman said. “The students see what is happening, they recognize it as wrong, they are unsatisfied with the status quo and they are working for change. It is an honor and privilege to work with them.”
New report warns of climate change, fast-coming dangers

Ollie Gratzinger

The world has a fever, and we’re making it worse.

After three years of research, South Korea’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has issued a special report detailing the pressing dangers we can and will face if we don’t take action now.

In the past, the study says, the Earth was thought to be okay as long as we were able to keep warming below 2 degrees Celsius this century. That’s not the case anymore. Scientists warn of real and fast-coming problems with the planet’s livability if we venture past 1.5 degrees Celsius. This “guardrail” temperature could be exceeded by as early as 2030.

Already, we’re seeing the way the changes in temperature are impacting the world in the wake of 1.5 degrees Celsius global warming. International heatwaves this past summer, the melting of sea ice in the Arctic, increased rain and flooding can all be traced back to a seemingly minute rise in global temperature. As we’re learning, even the smallest increase can be too much, especially if it happens too quickly.

More droughts may be awaiting us, which could limit an already dwindling reserve of clean drinking water worldwide. Wildfires, like those burning in parts of the U.S. and also in Greece, could be worsened by dry winters and heavy winds, both byproducts of a rapidly changing climate. Wilderness could go extinct if the ecosystem shifts faster than species can adapt. A rise in ground-level ozone can contribute to dirtier air, which in turn cultivates a downward spiral in health and wellness.

The planet we’re inheriting is sick and ailing, and it’s up to us to take action to make it better. Nothing else matters more than this, because everything we do depends on the sustainability of our pale blue dot. There can be no politics without a planet. No education, no health care and no future.

The IPCC report demands “rapid and significant” changes on every level, from governments to individuals, in areas of energy consumption, land use, cities and industry.

A lot of our current politicians don’t believe in climate change, such as Donald Trump calling the phenomenon a “hoax” and pulling out of the Paris Agreement during the summer of 2017. Those who do acknowledge it, though, seem to view it as some far-off thing that’ll happen in hundreds of years, when we and everyone we love are long gone. But 2030? That’s only 12 years down the road. This is our generation. Our children. Our world.

As individuals, we’re far from helpless. Little changes in the lives we lead can add up, in the end. Walk or bike into town or back from South Side instead of taking an Uber or a Lyft. Throw out less food. Vote for local politicians who are willing to dedicate resources to public transit, and national politicians who pledge to limit the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas. Carpool with your pals if you’re all going to the same place, limiting vehicular emissions when possible. Reduce, reuse and recycle.

Even smaller changes can help, like hanging your clothes on a line to dry instead of using a dryer, or replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs instead. The biggest thing, though, is challenging corporations to implement changes in their policies, and setting an example by boycotting those which refuse.

According to an article in The Guardian, only about 100 companies are single-handedly responsible for more than 70 percent of greenhouse gas emissions since 1988. Among the worst offenders are ExxonMobil, Shell, BP and Chevron, all recognizable names in the fossil fuels industry. If changes don’t happen soon, we’re on course to see a temperature rise of 4 degrees Celsius before the end of the century, the effects of which would be nothing short of catastrophic. Climate change science is not a science of raw data and strings of numbers, but rather a science of our planet. No education, no politics without the planet.

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Men are not the ones most endangered by U.S. society

Alyse Kaminski
staff columnist

Las Tuesday, President Trump claimed that, “it is a very scary time for young men in America.” He also made the argument that, “you can be guilty of something you may not be guilty of,” and that this is a huge problem that goes beyond what happened with Brett Kavanaugh.

I do not agree with President Trump on much of anything, and I really do not agree with him that men are the ones who need to be scared.

I don’t want this column to be about whether or not I think Christine Blasey Ford is telling the truth or if I think Brett Kavanaugh is guilty.

But, for men like President Trump, who have made explicit comments about women, I am waiting for when the #MeToo movement comes to a man in America.

With President Trump, I also feel for men who have lost a good reputation because of false allegations. However, I am waiting for actions from President Trump that prove he also is interested in making America a safer place for women.

There is a reason why my mom bought me pepper spray for my walks downtown. There is a reason I call my friends when I know they are walking alone. There is a reason men from the military taught my all-girl gym class self-defense in high school. And there is a reason that 310 out of every 1,000 sexual assaults are actually reported, as noted on RAINN’s website.

America was not a safe place for women during the time of Ford’s experience, regardless of whether or not it was Kavanaugh that assaulted her. America is not a safe place for women now, either.

We live in a country where dangerous men do not go to prison even though they have not committed a similar crime to theirs. Their system is broken and it seems to be working in favor of terrible people.

Therefore, it is scarier to be a woman in America than it is to be a man. But, for men like President Trump, who have made explicit comments about women, I guess it is a scary time. Men today cannot get away with speaking about women the way that Trump did on the Hollywood bus.

I truly believe, however, that there are more good men than those like President Trump. I was fortunate enough to have been brought up by men who prove this to me everyday. I am fortunate enough now to have a boyfriend who respects me. It is not difficult to be like that and for them, this is not a scary time in America.

Anyway, midterm elections are coming up. It is so crucial to vote for candidates who have the best interest of women in mind and I am not just talking to any female readers here. A country that supports and fights for both men and women is one where no one should be fearful.

Healthcare epidemic brings up complex, layered issues

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There’s no such thing as a free lunch – and if there’s no such thing as a free lunch, there’s definitely no such thing as free healthcare.

America is facing a crippling healthcare epidemic, fueled intense political debate over the direction we, as a nation, should go in guaranteeing quality, affordable healthcare. With costs skyrocketing, public support for government-subsidized or socialized medicine has surged.

Colloquially known as “Medicare for all,” the system would delegate the funding of healthcare to the government while leaving the practice of medicine in private hands. While founded in noble intentions, Medicare for all would not solve our country’s healthcare epidemic. Rather, it would decrease our quality of care, disadvantage individual medical practitioners, and sink our already-strapped federal budget deeper into debt. However, our current system is equally flawed. Rather than making the radical transition to socialized medicine, why don’t we explore the reasons healthcare and pharmaceuticals have become so expensive in the first place?

Proponents of Medicare for all argue that free-market healthcare has failed, but the truth is, we haven’t had free-market healthcare since the advent of the health insurance market. In fact, the vast majority of money spent on healthcare isn’t going to the care itself.

The free-market can’t thrive given the existence of monopolies. Monopolies prevent innovation, reduce competition, inhibit innovation and create drug shortages. For example, saline, which costs approximately $1 per bag to produce, has been reported to cost patients between $20 and $200, according to the New York Times. Not surprisingly, there’s only one major producer of saline in the U.S. Baxter, the leading manufacturer of saline, produces the compound in Puerto Rico. After the devastating hurricanes struck the small island in 2017, the U.S. faced a saline shortage, driving the costs up even further.

Saline costs so much because hospitals don’t get to set their own prices. Rather, they must go through middlemen, known as pharmaceutical benefit managers, or PBMs. PBMs negotiate the contracts between the manufacturers, the distributors and the healthcare providers. If pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers pay the PBMs enough money, they’re offered uncontested contracts with the healthcare providers. This means that even if a cheaper version of a medication exists, healthcare providers must go with the more expensive version, as PBMs negotiate the bulk contracts. Even though PBMs never touch the product, they often skim off over 75 percent of the cost billed to insurers.

For example, an individual with diabetes pays, on average, $400 per month for insulin treatment. Of that $400, 75 percent of the money goes to the PBMs, healthcare providers and wholesalers, while only $100 goes to the manufacturer. This means that of the money diabetic patients pay for insulin, only 25 percent actually goes to the treatment, while the remainder goes to administrative overhead.

And when faced with life or death, diabetics don’t have much of a choice but to fork up the cash.

But, insurance will pay for it, right? It’s not that simple. In fact, insurance is a large reason healthcare costs have increased so dramatically. No longer do doctors need to compete for business, because when you need a sports physical, or a flu shot, or a cavity filled, (all very inexpensive procedures) health insurance pays for it. There’s no shopping around, there’s no looking for a better deal.

These cost increases have life-threatening consequences. If you have a severe allergy, you probably have an EpiPen. The EpiPen is an epinephrine injection, distributed by Mylan, which prevents anaphylactic shock when one is exposed to an allergen. Like saline, the drug in the EpiPen only costs about $1 to produce. Despite this, if you have insurance, the EpiPen will cost you $200 to $600 for a pack of two. If you don’t, it could run as much as $800-$1,200. And if you’re lucky enough not to need them, you’ll still have to throw them away after a year, because they expire and lose their effectiveness. There must be a generic alternative, though, right? After all, epinephrine, also known as adrenaline, is a very common hormone and medication. Well, there is a generic. Guess who produces it – also Mylan.

These are just a few of the reasons socialized medicine would not solve the healthcare epidemic. When someone tries to sell the concept of socialized healthcare, they’re actually advocating for socialized health insurance. But if insurance is the predominant reason healthcare has become so expensive, how will socializing the practice mitigate the cost? It won’t. Instead, the cost will be transferred to the federal government.

We know, firsthand, the effect of
Changes in plastic exports affect recycling habits

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nown throughout the world as a treasured commodity, plastic is highly dependent on cultures and societies globally — so much so that the amount of plastic produced in one year is roughly the same as the weight of humanity, according to Science Advances. In 2017, the Chinese government announced its National Sword Policy that it will no longer accept plastic exports from recycling as of January 2018. The government cites local environmental issues as its main reason for the ban. Until this statement, China had accepted 106 million metric tons of plastic globally since 1992. From 1988 to 2016, it accepted 26.7 million metric tons of plastic from the U.S. alone. An estimated 111 million metric tons of plastic waste will be displaced by 2030 due to this ban, according to an article by NPR.

For American recyclers, this change is concerning. In the U.S., residents have heavily relied on curbside recycling for the disposal of their plastic, glass, aluminum, paper and cardboard waste. Curbside recycling allows residents to combine all of their recyclable waste into a single bag that is collected by their local waste management company. The combination of all recyclable waste is known as single-stream recycling, or commingled recycling.

Americans have come to appreciate the convenience of single-stream recycling and how it makes them feel like they are helping the environment. However, many overlook the rules that they must follow in order to efficiently and effectively use single-stream recycling.

In order for single-stream recycling to work, residents must only recycle clean plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and paper. This excludes plastic lined with leftover food, greasy cardboard and sticky soda cans. They must also recycle only certain types of plastics, which vary depending on the region’s recycling standards. Each piece of plastic is labeled on the bottom with a certain number from one through seven that indicates what kind of plastic it is. Certain regions only recycle certain types of plastic.

Failure to abide by these rules results in contamination, which is when collected recycling contains non-recyclable materials. This includes trash, such as food waste and plastic wrapping, and recyclable materials that are rendered non-recyclable due to, for example, food residue. When collected recycling is contaminated, the products are no longer able to be recycled and are thrown away.

Because most Americans are not aware of the rules of recycling and the consequences of contamination, recycling has become less efficient for waste management facilities and more expensive for exporters. Justin Stockdale, the co-executive director of the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), elaborated on the issue of single-stream recycling.

“The average American consumer has been told that many, many things are recyclable when, in fact, they’re not. And that’s a hard thing to come back from,” Stockdale said.

“We in this country have accepted a whole variety of plastics for recycling that have never actually been recyclable,” he said, “and China saying, ‘Alright, we’ll support those plastics forces us to recognize that reality.’”

China’s plastic import ban has severely affected American recyclers to realize how important correct recycling is. It also brings light to the growing American consumerism, according to Hannah Enderby, a member of the executive leadership team of Duquesne University’s Evergreen Club.

“It kind of teaches Americans a lesson that we do really need to just cut down on buying plastics and just being such a disposable society,” Enderby said.

Although local recycling companies across the country are changing their collection rules to accept limited types of plastics and just some even not accepting glass as recyclable material.

Regions outside of Pittsburgh have adapted to these changes as well. Erie, Pennsylvania will no longer recycle glass, plastics numbered three through seven and shredded paper. In the South Hills, Republic Services will no longer accept glass and plastics numbered three through seven.

As of now, the city of Pittsburgh is still “marketing all of these materials as recyclables,” according to Stockdale. However, there will most likely be changes coming in the near future.

In order to prevent heavier consequences of contaminating recycling, Pittsburgh residents need to be more mindful of their recycling habits. People can recycle more efficiently by cleaning recyclables before throwing them into recycling bins in order to prevent food residue contamination.

Residents can also take advantage of using sorted recycling bins, which help prevent contamination by inhibiting people from placing a recyclable in the wrong receptacle. Finally, Pittsburgh residents can continue to educate themselves and others on local recycling protocols to further promote recycling and its importance.

“Recycling is not dead. Recycling is not broken,” said Stockdale. “Recycling is having a little bit of an honest correction.”

Alumni return for homecoming festivities

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Homecoming weekend this year brought students and alumni together to connect and share their love for Duquesne. Last Monday through Wednesday, Duquesne celebrated its history during the 6th annual Heritage Week, which commemorates the university’s 140th birthday and deep-rooted Spiritan tradition.

The energy on campus last week, through the weekend as alumni and their families visited Duquesne.

The homecoming weekend kicked off Friday with a Welcome Mass, reunion lunch for the class of 1968 and a president’s dinner. Sigma Lambda Phi, Sigma Tau and Sigma Phi Delta hosted reunions for their alumni Friday evening.

Sarah Sperry, the assistant vice president of alumni engagement, the department that helped coordinate 2018 homecoming events, estimated that between 1,000 and 1,500 alumni attended the events.

Alumni were given campus tours on Friday and Saturday morning. For the class of 1968, which celebrated its 50th year since graduation, Duquesne has changed quite a bit. The Rangos School of Health Sciences and the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences have since opened. Gumberg Library opened in 1978, and construction of the Power Center concluded in 2008. The class of 1968 is symbolic of a turning point in the university’s history. The campus had been growing quickly throughout the 1960s thanks to efforts by Father Henry J. McNulty, who served as president from 1959 to 1980.

In 1970, the school was embroiled in a financial crisis from the rapid expansion and students ended up raising enough money to keep its doors open. As Duquesne increases its reputation, academic opportunities and amenities, alumni and faculty notice a definitive and tangible change.

“Fifty years ago, people would not call Duquesne’s campus beautiful. It is beautiful now. It’s quite a nice thing to show off to our alumni,” said Sperry. “Whether you are first year out or 50 years out, we want you to feel proud of your alma mater.”

On Saturday morning, students, alumni and families participated in the Homecoming 5K Run at South Shore Riverfront Park. The event was sponsored by the Delta Zeta sorority in support of the Starkey Hearing Foundation, which provides hearing aids to people who cannot afford them.

Later that morning, students and alumni crowded A-Walk for the much anticipated Autumnfest, a yearly celebration sponsored by the Duquesne Program Council (DPC). The DPC is a student-run organization that is responsible for bringing entertainment and recreational activities to campus. A number of organizations had set up booths on A-Walk and the Mellon Hall patio with food and entertainment while the Dukes faced off against the Bryant Bulldogs on Rooney Field. The DPC handed out hundreds of homecoming T-shirts to students and alumni.

The Duquesne women’s volleyball team beat St. Louis 3-0 on Saturday afternoon. That evening, alumni and friends gathered in the Union Ballroom for a dancing piano concert and enjoyed food from various cultural neighborhoods of Pittsburgh. Classic Pittsburgh fare like pierogies and kielbasa reflected the ethnic European heritage that the city is known for.

Next year’s homecoming is already being planned, said Sperry. It is scheduled to take place during the weekend of Oct. 25, 2019.
Dukes drop heartbreaking NEC opener

The following DU Sports Events are all of Duquesne’s varsity athletic events for the next week.

- Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
  Women’s Soccer vs. George Mason

- Oct. 12, 10:45 a.m.
  Men’s and Women’s Cross Country at Penn State (Penn State National Open)

- Oct. 12, 7 p.m.
  Women’s Volleyball vs. La Salle (A.J. Palumbo Center)

- Oct. 12-13
  Women’s Tennis at Toledo (Rocket Invite)

- Oct. 12-16
  Women’s Tennis at ITA Championship (at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.)

- Oct. 13
  Women’s Rowing vs. Robert Morris/West Virginia

- Oct. 13, 11 a.m.
  Women’s Swimming & Diving at Youngstown State

- Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
  Men’s Soccer at George Mason

- Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
  Football vs. Robert Morris (Arthur J. Rooney Athletic Field)

- Oct. 13-14
  Women’s Bowling at Bud Whitman Memorial (Reading, Pa.)

- Oct. 14, 1 p.m.
  Women’s Soccer vs. Davidson (Rooney Field)

- Oct. 17, 8 p.m.
  Men’s Soccer at Saint Louis

On This Day in Sports History...

- On Oct. 11, 1992, Deion Sanders attempted to become the first-ever athlete to compete in two different pro sports leagues in the same day, when he played an NFL playoff game for the Atlanta Falcons before flying to Pittsburgh for the Braves’ League Championship Series game against the Pirates.

However, Sanders ultimately did not appear for the Braves that night.
**ALCS, NLCS both looking to provide interesting baseball**

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Baseball is not generally thought of as exciting to watch, but the Major League Baseball postseason provides some of the most heart-racing moments in all of sports. After a surprising short Division Series where no series went the full five games, it’s on to the American League and National League Championship Series (ALCS; NLCS).

This should prove to be among the most entertaining pair of League Championships Series in recent memory. To get you ready for the action, here’s a preview of each series.

**American League Championship Series**

- Representing the American League are the Boston Red Sox and Houston Astros, the two best teams in baseball this season. These clubs met last year in October, with Houston eliminating Boston in the AL Division Series (ALDS) en route to an eventual World Series victory.

- Following the 3-1 series defeat, the Red Sox fired manager John Farrell, later replacing him with former Boston infielder Alex Cora. Cora’s presence adds some additional flare to the already intriguing matchup, as he was Houston’s bench coach in 2017.

While both teams boast elite talent throughout their rosters, arguably the most anticipated battle of this series will be between Astros pitching staff and Red Sox hitters.

- At the top of its rotation, Houston has the former AL MVP and 2011 Cy Young winner, Justin Verlander, as well as 2015 Cy Young winner, Dallas Keuchel. Former Pirates starters Gerrit Cole and Charlie Morton, both of whom are likely 2018 Cy Young candidates, make up the other half of the starting group.

- Meanwhile, Boston’s lineup features two 2018 AL MVP candidates in Mookie Betts and J.D. Martinez. That duo, especially with such a strong supporting cast around them, is a nightmare for opposing pitchers.

- Hopefully, this ALCS makes it to seven games. There would be no better matchup than the reigning champs taking on the best team in baseball at historic Fenway Park to decide who represents the American League in the World Series.

**National League Championship Series**

- From the National League, we’ll be watching as the Los Angeles Dodgers and Milwaukee Brewers duke it out. This matchup features two of MLB’s hottest squads right now.

- After sweeping the Colorado Rockies, the Brewers are currently riding an 11-game winning streak. Their last loss came on September 22 against the Pirates, 3-0. The Dodgers, after looking like they might miss the postseason altogether, were clutch down the stretch. They swept the San Francisco Giants to close their regular season schedule, beat the Rockies in a tiebreaker to win the NL West, and handedly dispatched the upstart Atlanta Braves in the National League Division Series (NLDS).

- Whereas the ALCS possesses two big-market clubs, the NLCS is a sort of David vs. Goliath showdown. L.A. has the third-largest payroll in MLB, while Milwaukee is ranked 22nd.

- While L.A.’s roster features big names like Manny Machado, Clayton Kershaw and Yasiel Puig, Milwaukee’s has been every bit as good. In fact, considering their top-of-the-NL record this season, they’ve actually been better.

- Former Miami Marlins outfielder Christian Yelich (above) figures to be the NL’s MVP this season, following a season that saw him hit .326 and 36 home runs. Yelich now hopes to take the Brew Crew to their first World Series since 1982.

Much like the ALCS, we’ll be hoping for a seven-game series here, too.

**Tom Wilson does not deserve our sympathy**

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Of all the things that go into making Sidney Crosby the great player that he is, his on-ice awareness is one of the most significant. At any given point in time, Crosby knows who’s on the ice, where they are and where the puck is. He is aware of the ice quality, as well as the stiffness of the boards, and consistently takes those things into account in various decisions that he makes throughout the night.

That’s a trait commonly shared amongst hockey’s elite — it’s not possessed exclusively by Crosby, or the league’s other premier stars. Any top player in today’s NHL has the same ability to create something out of what’s seemingly nothing.

Well, according to Washington, Tom Wilson is one of the best in the game today. Wilson, who was suspended for 20 games by the NHL after blindsiding a vulnerable Oskar Sundqvist in the preseason finale, will forfeit about $1.26 million during his suspension, based on his average annual salary. The Capitals gave the 24-year-old winger a six-year, $31 million contract in July, and he skates on the team’s top forward line alongside superstars Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov.

- Having a tough, gritty winger that can perform consistently alongside Ovechkin and Kuznetsov has done wonders for Washington, who was at a loss without Wilson during his three-game suspension during its Eastern Conference semifinals series versus Pittsburgh last spring for a hit that led to a broken jaw for Penguin Zach Aston-Reese.

- Wilson’s transgressions against Sundqvist and Aston-Reese are barely his only head-hunting ventures, however. Wilson has a long history of brutality dating back to 2013 that includes multiple suspensions, as well as additional hearings with the Department of Player Safety that never materialized into anything more. Nevertheless, Wilson’s hits are all drawn unsuspiciously.

- Wilson’s first suspension finally came during the 2017 preseason, when he was suspended by the NHL for two exhibition games for a hit on the Blues’ Robert Thomas.

Eight days later, Wilson received a major penalty, game misconduct and eventually a four-game suspension for another hit against St. Louis in an exhibition setting, this time against Sam Blais. He relinquished $97,560.96 in game salary as a result.

Wilson hasn’t exactly learned from his mistakes, evidenced by egregious hits against Aston-Reese and Sundqvist, among others.

The NHL came down harshly upon Wilson with its latest decision to suspend him, rendering him ineligible for the season’s first quarter. The length of his suspension mirrors that of Todd Bertuzzi’s 2004 suspension, which was levied as a result of Bertuzzi’s sucker-punch to the head of Colorado forward Steve Moore. The punch was one of the most atrocious on-ice acts in NHL history.

- So, which one will it be? Is Wilson simply a head-hunting enforcer? Or is he truly worth the $31 million that Washington gave him, blissfully unaware of the major impact he’s having on others’ lives?

He should probably figure it out soon. Otherwise, the Department of Player Safety will do it for him.
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Scare abounds at Phantom Fright Nights**

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The Foreigner

Kennywood’s UFO-themed gift shop, innocuous in the summer, takes on an otherworldly glow when enveloped by the fog and lights of Phantom Fright Nights. Night lets you know it is not for the extra squeamish.

For those who have visited Kennywood in the past, the first impression will be a shock. It will be inherently familiar but surprisingly new. It is no exaggeration to say that fog blanketed the whole surface of the park. In some places, it was so thick that it was impossible to see more than a few feet ahead.

As if the fog and darkness weren’t enough to create scares, scattered throughout the park were dozens more actors costumed as a variety of spooky characters. From crazy clowns and zombies to bloody victims and weapon wielding maniacs, Kennywood had it all.

Each of the actors made the characters their own. Some went for intimidation and others for laughs, but the majority favored the jump scares, screaming in the face of all park-goers that crossed their path. At almost every turn, someone was jumping out of the shadows and screaming in my face. It happened at such a frequency that I began to see it coming and prepare myself.

Despite my best efforts not to be scared, one lucky asylum nurse caught me off guard and sent me shooting into the air out of fright.

Not only had the scenery been changed, but to my surprise, the roller coasters were different as well. All of Kennywood’s coasters are as good as ever, but this time around, the lights illuminating the track were switched off. I never imagined I would get something unique out of the coasters, but riding in the near-darkness created an entirely new feeling. In the dark it’s harder to predict when there is going to be a big drop or a sharp turn, creating a more suspenseful and overall scarier riding experience. The effect was even more significant in Kennywood’s singular indoor coaster, The Exterminator. Traditionally, the ride is dimly lit, but this time around there was not a single light source. I couldn’t see my hand in front of my face, let alone the track’s numerous twists and turns.

Kennywood went all out with its haunted house style events, such as emptying the water from the ride Raging Rapids and shifting it into the Voodoo Bayou, a winding path filled with many swamp themed props and actors lurking in the dark corners to jump out. Though not the scariest of the attractions, it was a rather fun experience. Those seeking the best scares Fright Night has to offer should look no further than the Mortem Manor. The cafeteria was completely transformed into a maze of rooms with red-lit corners, most fitted with hidden spots for performers to jump out from. One actor even followed right behind me for several rooms. The Mortem Manor honestly had me jumping at almost every turn.

Keep in mind that Phantom Fright Nights are limited compared to Kennywood’s regular season, as several rides, restaurants and stores are closed. However, they make up for it by giving a more haunted Halloween experience while also providing many of the exhilarating roller coasters Kennywood is known for.

Phantom Fright Nights are open at Kennywood Park Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Oct. 28; tickets are $30.

** UPCOMING RELEASES **

**MUDBOY**

**Shack Wee**

One of the most intriguing newcomers in hip-hop today, Harlem rapper Shack Wee dropped his debut album, MUDBOY, featuring excellent production reminiscent of a Travis Scott-type sound. While Mr. Wees didn’t deliver another banger quite like his breakthrough hit “Mo Bamba,” the album as a whole boasts a consistent energy worth listening for, with “Hypnotic On The Shifts” and “Vetements Socks” serving as songs that stand above the rest.

— Adam Lindner
The Man in the High Castle returns with a vengeance

After almost two years, Amazon Studio’s science-fiction thriller returned with its third season, and The Man in the High Castle is better than ever. Following the events of Season 2, which supposes the Axis had won World War II, High Castle displays a world rife with near-unthinkable horrors. The majority of eastern America has become the Greater Nazi Reich (GNR) under German influence, while the west is controlled by Japan and known as the Pacific States. In between the two falls a buffer territory called the Neutral Zone, which looks a little like a dystopian take on the Wild West.

A small amount of time has passed since the end of the second season, which left off in the autumn of 1962. It’s springtime, now, and even though winter has come and gone, its chill remains in more ways than one.

The Antithesis of Old and New

Viewers are treated to characters who are grittier, more frightened, more driven, more desperate and more broken than before. Season 3 draws from the pages of Philip K. Dick’s 1962 classic by the same name more than the previous seasons have, emphasizing good old-fashioned sci-fi rather than exclusively historical alt-world fiction. The two genres blend in a unique symbiosis sure to please even the most dedicated fans of either style.

New settings, too, are more shadowed than before. Familiar spaces are shot in a different light for an effect that feels almost trancelike and surreal. Ambient noise, like traffic passing by, sirens and idle chatter convey a sense of uncanny realism. New settings, like the Smith family’s grand apartment, offer up an air of unease. Things have changed...or have they?

Characters who have already lost so much, it’s hard not to wonder if love will guide them or break them. For the first time in the series, though, new storylines emerge to explore the complexities of life for gay men and women living in the Neutral Zone and the Reich. Ed McCarthy (DJ Qualls), long-time friend of Juliana and Frank, fled to Colorado with Robert Chilidan (Brennon Brown) to escape a series of bloody reprisals happening in San Francisco. In the Neutral Zone, Ed meets a cowboy named Jack (James Neate), and the pair quickly hit it off. Ed comes into a new freedom he didn’t have in California. For the first time, it starts to look like he has the ability to be genuinely happy. That is, if nothing goes wrong.

Back in New York, things are different. Protagonist Frank Frink (Rupert Evans), who killed a man in self-defense in the first season, it tore her apart, but by Season 3 she kills with the same fate as Joe Blake. To add to the mix, the notorious Smith family is struggling to come to terms with the loss of their teenage son, Thomas, who disappeared after fighting to the end of the second season after learning he had a congenital disease. Helen Smith (Chehal Horsdall) goes through every stage of grief over the course of the season as she mourns her son, most notably a deep and seemingly impermeable depression.

Season 2 came out on Dec. 16, 2016. In the time leading up to Season 3’s Oct. 5 release, fans were treated to panels at San Diego Comic Con and New York Comic Con this past year.

John Smith (Rufus Sewell), recently promoted, is grieving differently, all while trying to hold his family together and raise his two young daughters. Even at the peak of his political career, Smith’s life is coming apart more and more with every episode. The floor of rock bottom, for him, is made of glass, and the soles of his Wehrmacht boots weigh heavily upon it.

Sewell brings a jaw-dropping intensity to Smith’s character, which can be found in the subtle ticks and twitches that show a deeply traumatized and complex man. Perhaps one of the most well-versed-out characters of the series, Smith differs from the other bad guys in the sense that he knows what he’s doing is wrong, and he hates himself for it. Sewell calls him “a good guy trapped in a bad guy.”

Time and again, he’s justified his actions by saying he’d spilt blood to keep his family safe, but more is safe anymore, and while he has everything a Nazi could want, the people he claims he did it for are being taken from him in one way or another. He can’t change it, especially after yet another mystic film shows the happy, apparently kind man he became in the other world.

Smith is really the unreliable narrator of his own story, and while it’s satisfying to watch his backward politics and twisted convictions come back and bite him in the rear, it’s difficult not to pity the person he could’ve been, but wasn’t.

Throughout Season 3, he’s tormented by a series ofutmphalizing and haunting nightmares whose allusions to real-life history remind the viewer of High Castle’s most eerie feature: The Nazis were and are real. The things they did were done to real people, and there exist some in the world today who want to see that they’re done again.

A Political Statement

The Man in the High Castle comes during a time of heated, real-world political debate, marked by far-right trends in right-wing nationalism. The series, chillingly intertwining 1960s Americana with Nazi symbolism, showcases a civilian population that has become numb to evil. They’ve accepted their new world as the new normal, and in doing so, they’ve allowed evil to not only settle, but to flourish.

A rally of Nazi-inspired youngsters took place in the season finale, “Jahr Null,” hauntingly reminiscent of the deadly Charlotiville fiasco that happened in happened in America last year. High Castle asks its viewers, “What if it happened here?” but it also encourages them to ask themselves, “Is it happening now?"

With references to peaceful protest and political street art, the series goes far beyond the realm of science fiction, crossing genre lines in a way that that encourages its viewers to be self-aware and ever-conscious of the political landscapes in which they live. Characters like Smith show that evil doesn’t always look like we might expect it to, with sharp teeth and claws ready for the killing. Sometimes, evil looks like a man making breakfast for his daughters before putting his Nazi commemorative pin on to work. That doesn’t make him any less of a monster, only a different kind.

Season 4 is already in the works, and if it’s anything like its trio of predecessors, it’ll raise the bar even higher.
This Week's Weather

Thursday
72 ° Not as warm; morning rain

Friday
53 ° Mostly cloudy; cooler

Saturday
54 ° A passing morning shower

Sunday
62 ° Clouds and sun

Monday
53 ° Cloudy; cooler

Tuesday
52 ° Clouds and sun

Wednesday
52 ° A couple of showers possible

This Day in History

- **1727** - George II of England is crowned.

- **1795** - In gratitude for putting down a rebellion in the streets of Paris, France’s National Convention appoints Napoleon Bonaparte second-in-command of the Army of the Interior.

- **1844** - Henry Heinz, manufacturer, founder of H.J. Heinz Co. is born

- **1862** - The Confederate Congress in Richmond passes a draft law allowing anyone owning 20 or more slaves to be exempt from military service. This law confirms many southerners opinion that they are in a ‘rich man’s war and a poor man’s fight.’

- **1884** - Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Roosevelt is born.

- **1906** - The San Francisco school board orders the segregation of Oriental schoolchildren, inciting Japanese outrage.

- **1945** - Negotiations between Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek and Communist leader Mao Tse-tung break down. Nationalist and Communist troops are soon engaged in a civil war.

- **1946** - Daryl Hall, singer, songwriter, musician, producer; lead vocalist of Hall & Oates (“Rich Girl,” “Maneater”).

- **1950** - The Federal Communications Commission authorizes the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) to begin commercial color TV broadcasts.

- **1968** - Apollo 7, with three men aboard, is successfully launched from Cape Kennedy.


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