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A tale of two resurgent city basketball programs

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November 29, 2018
Getting into graduate school is a great accomplishment. However, so is being an Olympic athlete.

Meet Pavlos Kontides, 28, a graduate student at Duquesne University and the 2018 Rolex Sailor of the Year.

The Rolex award, considered to be one of the highest a sailor can receive in recognition of their accomplishments in sailing, is awarded to just one female and one male each year.

Along with that, Kontides was also a silver medalist in the 2012 London Summer Olympics and is currently pursuing his Masters of Science in sports business online at the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business.

Hailing from Cyprus, Kontides became the first Cypriot athlete ever to win an Olympic medal for his country. His first Olympic games was in 2008, when he was just 18 years old. During the 2016 Olympic games in Rio, Kontides represented his country as Cyprus’s flag bearer during the opening ceremony, which was “a huge honor,” according to Kontides.

Being recognized as the Rolex Sailor of the Year is an honor that Kontides has been dreaming of for more than 14 years. “To achieve it really means a lot for me, and all the people supporting me,” Kontides said. “It has been a long journey and I feel really proud and blessed to have my name on that trophy with all the sailing legends I grew up admiring.”

As of 2017, the population of Cyprus is only 1.18 million. Kontides is known particularly for her focus on famous female figures in Catholic theology and art, as well as in stage and theater. She concentrated especially on examining the merit of Shakespearean heroines — particularly Lady Macbeth and Portia, as seen in the Gumberg exhibit — at see EXHIBIT — page 3.
Writer and art critic featured in library exhibit

Duquesne University’s Gumberg Library is featuring an exhibit detailing the works of 19th-century writer and art critic Anna Brownwell Jameson. The newly-introduced exhibit will be open for the Duquesne community to visit until May 3.

Duquesne alumnus and North Side native Gen. Michael V. Hayden was hospitalized due to a stroke, his family announced Friday, Nov. 23.

“Gen. Hayden, 73, was the head of the CIA and NSA during the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations, before retiring in 2009. “Our thoughts and prayers are with General Hayden and his wife, Jeannine — who is also a Duquesne alumna — and their entire family,” said Duquesne President Ken Gormley. “General Hayden’s long, and distinguished career of service to our nation has been mirrored by his deep commitment to his alma mater. He was just on campus last month to participate in the National Conference on the First Amendment, and did a phenomenal job, as usual. Prior to attending Duquesne, Gen. Hayden served as a ball boy for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He later played football at North Catholic High School, where he was coached by fellow Duquesne alumnus, Dan Rooney.”

Gen. Hayden is a decorated veteran, receiving awards such as the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and more.

“We are extremely proud to count General Hayden among our most prominent and dedicated alums,” Gormley said. “The entire Duquesne University community sends him best wishes and continued prayers for a speedy and full recovery.”

POLICE BRIEFS

PB&J here! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and delicious Thanksgiving filled with lots of turkey, pumpkin pie and other foods! Welcome back to campus! Now, here are all the juicy details that you missed while you were gone.

On Nov. 23, an unknown actor entered into Rockwell Hall, CTS Suite and removed three iPhone 6 cellular phones from office C-14. The case is still active.

Also on Nov. 13, Residence Life in St. Ann’s Hall detected an odor of marijuana. Two resident students were found to be in possession of marijuana and were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Nov. 16, a Pittsburgh detective requested that DU police speak to a Duquesne student about a stolen sign from PPG Paints Arena. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

JOKE OF THE DAY

Knock, Knock...
Who’s there?
Lettuce...
Who’s there?
Knock, Knock...
Lettuce in! It’s cold outside!

EMAIL TIPS

We want your input!

The Duke’s news section would love to hear from you about stories that you want to see in print. Know a talented professor or accomplished student? See something on campus that just doesn’t make sense? You can send your tips and story ideas to News Editor Gabriella DiPietro at dipietrog@duq.edu.

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Olympic silver medalist receives highest honor in sailing

Local universities offer graduate scholarships to Promise alumni

Facebook expands its local news feature
“For us, if we’re going to become prominent, we have to be Pittsburgh.” — Keith Dambrot

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Trump suggestions undermine free press

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

We started a news article in this exact same fashion a few weeks back, to introduce our coverage of Duquesne’s First Amendment Conference. As journalists, we value the First Amendment to the highest degree, of course, as it allows for us to operate in the realm of the free press.

We have written countless times about President Trump’s negative view of the media, the danger his rhetoric poses to the safety of journalists and the pillar of free press that we hold dear. However, his latest outtry against the media has the alarm bells ringing much louder than usual.

“While CNN doesn’t do great in the United States based on ratings, outside of the U.S. they have very little competition. Throughout the world, CNN has a powerful voice portraying the U.S. as an unfair and false way,” Trump tweeted on Nov. 26. “Something has to be done, including the possibility of the United States starting our own Worldwide Network to show the World the way we really are, GREAT!”

To translate: the president is proposing a state run media network to combat what he views as “unfavorable coverage” of his administration and policy agenda. Fox News isn’t exactly a model of journalistic integrity, but we also have no interest in donating to that network.

Just to list some of the countries that do something similar: North Korea, China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Russia just to name a few. According to a study on World Press Freedom about Borders 2018 World Press Freedom Index, which ranks 180 countries based on how they treat the press, these countries earned scores such as 180, 176, 164, and 148, respectively. So, clearly we’re in good company!

Worldwide, violence against journalists is growing. The Committee to Protect Journalists has counted 47 murders of journalists in 2018.

The environment is not getting safer, and the encouragement of authoritarianism will only make it more dangerous.

The president’s support for authoritarian control of the media is a dangerous, frightening development that will open Pandora’s box to the worst of America’s demons. Future politicians will follow in his example. Democracies like Hungary and Turkey have moved to dictatorships after the government transferred the countries’ media into their playthings.

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in focus...

Baraboo school district should punish students for Nazi salute

Ollie Gratzinger

OPINIONS EDITOR

A photograph taken last spring has recently gone viral, sparking outrage among Holocaust memorial groups and concerned citizens alike. In it, a group of high-school-aged and mostly white young men from Wisconsin posed for a prom picture, their faces alight with laughter and their arms held high in a Nazi salute.

Even though the photographer, a parent, claimed the boys were simply waving goodbye to their mothers and fathers, testimony from a fellow student, seen in the top right of the picture, was providing a stark contrast: “They knew it was wrong, but they still did it.”

The blunt cultural insensitivity and historical blindness seems obvious, and yet according to NBC News, Baraboo School District won’t punish the students involved because of their “First Amendment rights.”

Young girls can be punished for showing their shoulders in school, sent home if their skirts are too short or made to change if their outfit is considered “distracting.” But, as it turns out, young men who salute Hitler and praise white power in their pre-prom photos can get off scot-free. The double standard is as insidious as it is obvious.

Furthermore, many school districts don’t allow their students to wear bandanas, hoods or hats because of fears surrounding gang affiliations, and in others, you can be suspended for finger guns or other symbols perceived as crude. I can’t think of a symbol more crude and offensive than the Nazi salute, especially so soon after 11 Jews were killed barely 15 minutes away from Duquesne’s campus.

For Jews, the social wounds from last month’s horror are still tender and raw, and even though the picture was taken long before, it still plays into the kind of horrific rhetoric that makes terrible things like Oct. 27 possible, and makes it even harder to heal from.

This isn’t an issue of free speech: it’s about the safety and well-being of all students in all schools. First Amendment rights shouldn’t protect those who act hateful toward students from the ignorance and hate-filled gestures. How, then, could the actions of the boys in Wisconsin be protected by something that hadn’t been anticipated at all?

Baraboo School District has a responsibility to protect all of its students from the ignorance and bigotry that propagate hate. By failing to punish the boys involved in this incident, it’s indirectly sending a message that the kind of behavior they demonstrated is not only acceptable, but protected. This epitomizes the privilege of young, suburban white men and encourages a cycle of consequence evasion. We need to combat hate in our society before it becomes too late to fix what’s broken.
Wellbeing Center deserves more funding to better serve students

Lauren Humphreys
staff columnist

Any college student in the 21st century knows that sinking feeling when that all too familiar email comes in—“Semester Bill Posted.” Rising tuition prices across the country (and the hefty student loan bill that will eventually come with it) could possibly be the biggest stressor for post-secondary students in the modern world. Upon receiving that first gut-wrenching bill, many students wonder where exactly their tuition dollars are going. Generally, tuition monies are spent on room, board, student activities and professor and staff salaries. But what about the other expenditures, ones that are just as vital to the interests of college students that aren’t allocated for in the budget? This is currently an issue here at Duquesne University, particularly in regard to the University Counseling and Wellbeing Center.

Throughout the last few years, there has been a spike in interest for the services of the Counseling and Wellbeing Center. If the University Counseling and Wellbeing Center crumbles in on itself due to internal pressure and the University of New South Wales found that 30 minutes on Instagram can “make women fixate negatively on their weight and appearance.” They analyzed 350 American and Australian women. When looking at Instagram, it’s guaranteed we will see two things: extremely skinny models and a new dietary and exercise craze that cannot be healthy, like the Keto Diet.

It’s very easy to get comfortable talking about topics that make them uncomfortable. We’re all seeing that a slightly change in budget to hire more counselors cannot be granted. But what could possibly be more important than the continued sense of wellbeing amongst the students of the Duquesne community? There have been many students (as well as staff) who have asked this question frequently. Bartering traumatic events, what will it take for the University to allocate appropriate funds to the whole of the Department of Student Life?

A solution to these questions is unlikely to occur in the near future. As far as the student, know, an increase in budget for the University Counseling and Wellbeing Center is not even on the table at the moment. It will take a lot of push and pull to get the university to see the need that is occurring right under its eyes. While mental health has been destigmatized in recent years, the current administration of the university seems to value appearance over all else, and may not think that spending more money on a center revolving around mental health would look good publicly. In regard to the distribution of the funds the university receives, obviously academics take precedence over all else.

On the university’s 990 Form, it is reported that the university spends $223 million for Educational Programs, while $36 million is allocated for all student services. Recently, the university announced that a major renovation of the Palumbo Center will occur in the near future. While it is known that the money used to perform the renovations is not coming from student tuition, but from outside funding, it brings the question — if Duquesne can allocate outside funding and use their connections to renovate an athletic building, why can’t the same be done for the Counseling Center?

It can, and should, be argued that mental health is more important to the overall wellbeing of students. If the University Counseling and Wellbeing Center crumbles in on itself due to internal pressure with not enough external assistance, the students, and therefore Duquesne University as a whole, will suffer.

Lauren Humphreys is a student employee in the Duquesne Wellbeing Center.

As they remain a pressing concern, eating disorders must be destigmatized

Alyse Kaminski
staff columnist

When I got a call late this summer from my best friend saying that she had been diagnosed with an eating disorder, the world came to a halt. How hadn’t I known? I thought as her best friend, things like this would be obvious to me. Turns out, they’re not.

So, this semester my roommate and best pal, Abby Zornow, stayed home from Duquesne; I looked on regaining her physical and mental health. I could not be more proud of the strength she has shown me over the past three months and I wanted to share her story. From a recent talk with her, I learned so much about the truth, misconceptions, social pressures and stigma behind eating disorders.

It’s important for people to realize what eating disorders can look like. “People think that people with eating disorders look sick and bone thin. That stigmatizes it in the sense that people think anorexia is someone who is pale and thin and bruising and dying, which is very untrue,” Zornow said.

There’s a misconception that people with disordered eating have a specific body type. It worried Zornow that if people knew what she was going through, they would look at her as though she looked physically and mentally frail, which is the absolute last thing they is.

Zornow came to the realization that although her eating disorder affected her physically, it was more so her mental health that needed attention, something else that has its own stigmatization. “It’s a matter of mental health, but as I’ve gone through treatment I’ve realized that people want to help them, and they want to see you to the end,” Zornow said.

I’ll always stand behind the belief that mental health, as well as eating disorders, needs to be talked about. As soon as people get comfortable talking about topics that make them uncomfortable, we’ll realize that a lot of us go through similar things on one level or another. I also think that a stigma surrounding eating disorders is that it’s a choice, but it absolutely is not. There are so many environmental and genetic factors going into that. It has been scientifically proven that 40 to 60 percent of the risk for eating disorders is due to genetic factors. Not only this but, our culture promotes women having a specific body type. “In general, the culture is that celebrities are thin and models are super thin. There is this picture of what the perfect woman looks like. I think that young girls see that from a young age and it’s programmed into their minds,” said Zornow.

A study from Macquarie University and the University of New South Wales found that 30 minutes on Instagram can “make women fixate negatively on their weight and appearance.” They analyzed 350 American and Australian women. When looking at Instagram, it’s guaranteed we will see two things: extremely skinny models and a new dietary and exercise craze that cannot be healthy, like the Keto Diet.

“We have a diet culture and an exercise culture. There is a very thin line between healthy habits and disordered habits and that gets blurred because of our culture,” Zornow said. It is important to stress though, that it’s not just women who have eating disorders. I think there are more social influences for women, but there are some for men, too. It is very normal for men to struggle with eating disorders. They may not make one weak.

Abby’s experience taught me a lot about eating disorders. I can’t really say I ever thought about them before, but now I feel like I need the help I was talked about. The same goes for overall body image and positivity. I am not the first girl to stand in front of the mirror just wishing my body was different, and I will not be the last. However, by normalizing conversations about things like body image and eating disorders, everyone will feel more comfortable with themselves. I cannot end this piece without bragging about my best friend, but it’s definitely something to think about the next time you say to yourself, “I would never happen to one of my friends.” Always look out for your loved ones.

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D.U. Quark writing contest winner announced

Ashley Newman
staff writer

After over a month of anticipation, Duquesne’s Quark journal finally chose Courtney Boyd as the winner for their 2018 writing contest. The Quark is Duquesne’s scientific student-run journal. This contest was meant to raise awareness of the journal and boost student involvement in its creation. The contest was open to all students submit entries by the Oct. 14 deadline. The contest asked for a submission of a writing or art piece that included a scientific application with the incentive of a gift card for the winner.

Boyd is a sophomore at Duquesne. She is majoring in physics and is a member of the Society of Physics Majors, which she says meets Thursday nights in Fisher Hall and is open to anyone looking for more information on Duquesne Physics. Her submission can be found on the Quark’s website under “Contest Submissions.”

The winning project, posted on the Quark’s website on Nov. 21, is titled “A New American Electron Ion Collider On The Way: What It Means for Particle Accelerator Science and Duquesne Students.”

The National Science Advisory Committee urged the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Energy back in Oct. 2015 to build an EIC in America. An electron ion collider (EIC), according to Boyd, “accelerates electrons on one side and ions on the other close to the speed of light.” The electrons and ions are then forced into each other using energy and different measurements are recorded such as position, velocity and angles. ECCs help physicists study and understand quantum chromodynamics, which, according to Boyd, is “the theory where the strong force between quarks is due to gluon force carriers and their property called color.”

Boyd explained in her submission that if the U.S. wishes to remain “a nuclear science powerhouse,” an EIC is a necessary investment. The research that the EIC allows for can help with advancements in medicine, computing and homeland security. Boyd says of nuclear physics that “the field is full of opportunities because there is much to learn about nature at the subatomic level.” There is much research to be done, and the EIC would help with that immensely.

According to Boyd, the EIC that she wrote about will be included with the other accelerators that are located at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York and the Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory in Newport News, Virginia. It has not been decided which of the two laboratories will house the EIC yet. The location will be decided by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Physics. The office will also decide the schedule of construction for the EIC. The project is expected to cost about one billion dollars.

Duquesne has a strong connection with the Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory, as Duquesne students have been working with Fatima Benmokhtar, an assistant professor at Duquesne, for years at the laboratory. Two juniors, Elise Aaron and Collin McAuley, were chosen for internships at the laboratory last summer. Boyd says that because of this connection, Duquesne physics students will be given more opportunities to work with this technology. Benmokhtar is on the local collaboration team for the new EIC.

Boyd said she chose the EIC for her submission topic because she “wanted to show how exciting nuclear physics research is.” She was able to work with Benmokhtar and a few other world-renowned physicists last summer, researching protons. During her research at the Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory, she was given the opportunity to the other accelerators.

Boyd ended her article by thanking Benmokhtar for being her mentor, and encouraging students to join Duquesne’s Society of Physics Majors.

How to stay ahead of your holiday gift shopping

Hallie Lauver
features editor

December isn’t the only thing quickly approaching, get ready to hit with that sinking feeling of not knowing what gifts to get your family and friends. Before you know it, it will be Dec. 23 and you’re scrambling to buy something (or maybe that’s just me, who knows). For my own benefit, and the benefit of our readers, I have compiled some steps to help you beat the holiday procrastination, along with some great places to buy inexpensive gifts.

1. Figure out what is lacking in your loved ones’ lives

Thanksgiving was the perfect opportunity to talk to your family to see what was missing from their lives. Maybe they recently dropped and shattered their coffee mug, or drank a sweater in the dryer. Small tips like this are actually there is probably a present for them. Amazon Prime has made us all procrastinators, but just because you can buy it three days before Christmas and have it in time doesn’t mean that you should.

With all that in mind, here are some great ideas where you can find rather inexpensive gifts.

2. Improvise

Let’s say for whatever reason, this person doesn’t need anything and they also happen to be a cryptic enigma preventing you from finding out what they want. In that case, improvise. There are some things that you just can’t go wrong with: candles or food. Almost everyone loves a good candle, and hey, everyone eats, so you might as well throw together a fun themed basket full of things to have an Italian night, or a seafood night. Something to inspire the palate.

3. Actually do the thing

After coming up with the actual idea, the next hardest (and only other) part is actually purchasing/making the gift. Pro tip, if you can, avoid the weekend to head to the mall. That’s when it’s most likely to be packed with moms and screaming toddlers. The mall is much busier than you think on Dec. 23, so that alone should be enough incentive to get out there and do it early. Amazon Prime has made us all procrastinators, but just because you can buy it three days before Christmas and have it in time doesn’t mean that you should.

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Strip District

The Strip is a great place to buy not only Pittsburgh-themed items but also to find things from local craft vendors like jewelry, art and other goods. Almost everything is at a reasonable price, not to mention if the person you are buying for is local, you could get them a gift card to a number of great restaurants or coffee shops in the strip. Shopping my personal favorite, La Prima Espresso Company.

DIY

With YouTube, there is nothing you can’t learn to do (except maybe rocket science ... actually there is probably a tutorial for that, too). A do-it-yourself gift is not only cheaper, it is more meaningful to your family or friend. YouTube and Pinterest are full of great ideas for gifts for anyone in your life.

Outlet/Online

Outlet malls and online shopping are two of the easiest ways to find deals. Outlet malls tend to have more sales than their counterpart stores. Online stores also always have a sale tab, and it is a lot easier to work within your budget online. Plus the possibilities are endless; if you can think it, you can find it on the internet.

Although my family tends to call me “The Great Procrastinator,” I hope that these tips help you (and me) avoid the last minute gift buying for whatever holiday it is that you celebrate. And remember, if you do happen to get caught falling behind, Amazon Prime is discounted for students and they have free two-day shipping.
Duquesne pounds Towson, advances in playoffs

For the first time in program history, Duquesne won an FCS playoff game, topping No. 16-ranked Towson on Nov. 24, 31-10. Next up is a familiar foe in No. 5 South Dakota State.

Duquesne's football team did something on Saturday, Nov. 24 that it had never done before — win an NCAA FCS playoff game. It did it in dominant fashion, too, topping No. 16 Towson, 31-10, thanks in large part to some 31 unanswered points, 28 of them coming in the second half. Duquesne’s offense sputtered early, but a consistent defensive effort kept the Dukes in the game.

Sloppy weather aided in defining the game’s character, giving rise to a tough day throwing the ball for Towson quarterback Tom Flacco, plus a memorable performance on the ground for Dukes tailback A.J. Hines. Flacco and the Tigers were limited to only 127 yards through the air, while Hines bulldozed his way to 175 yards rushing to go along with one touchdown.

Hines reeled in 71 receiving yards on the day, as well, all of which came via his 71-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter. The score, which gave the Dukes a 17-10 lead at the time, ended up being the game’s deciding score.

Head Coach Jerry Schmitt, in his 14th season at Duquesne, said he was thrilled to be able to finally make this breakthrough with his program.

“First of all, I’m really happy for these kids — everything they’ve been through, and the staff, to be the team that won their first playoff game,” Schmitt said. “I think it’s huge for the program.

“It’s for everybody. It takes administration, support staff, strength & conditioning, coaches, players. It’s big for alums because those guys have all been through the process of building this program continuously.”

Schmitt continued, saying he’s even more proud of this specific group because of the adversity that they’ve endured.

“It’s rewarding for them for the work they’ve put in — to get together as a group and to fight through adversity.”

Indeed, the win is monumental for Duquesne, a school that had only ever been to the FCS playoffs once before, in 2015. No. 16 Towson, one of six teams from the Colonial Athletic Association to qualify for the playoffs in 2018, was heavily favored against the NEC’s Dukes.

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Jackrabbits QB Taryn Christion outruns Duquesne defenders during an Aug. 31, 2017 game in Brookings, South Dakota. Christion threw for 254 yards and five touchdowns and ran for an additional 96 yards in a 51-13 South Dakota State win.

Did You Know?

Last season, Duquesne traveled 1,089 miles to face then-No. 4 South Dakota State on Aug. 31, 2017.

Did You Know?

Junior Dukes running back A.J. Hines currently sits at No. 3 on the NCAA FCS rushing yards leaderboard. Through 11 games played, Hines has amassed 1,499 yards and 15 rushing scores on 256 attempts.

Duke will be even heavier underdogs this Saturday, Dec. 1, when it will take on No. 5 South Dakota State. The Jackrabbits have averaged 50.75 points per game over their past four contests, outscoring opponents 203-100 in that span.

Schmitt said he’s glad that Duquesne has faced the Jackrabbits recently, compliments of an Aug. 31, 2017 game in Brookings. The Dukes fell, 51-13, to begin their season.

“It’s good we’ll be familiar with the surroundings. And, an understanding of what their program is like because they’re a top-five program in the country on a year-to-year basis.

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Indeed, the win is monumental for Duquesne, a school that had only ever been to the FCS playoffs once before, in 2015. No. 16 Towson, one of six teams from the Colonial Athletic Association to qualify for the playoffs in 2018, was heavily favored against the NEC’s Dukes.

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Within college sports, championship events are typically held independently of one another. At the Division I level, events are not arranged strategically, leaving each event as a solo act entering town. The NCAA’s Division II level of competition, however, employs a festival-type setting for a selection of its championships.

According to the NCAA website, the Division II field hockey championship game will be held at Rooney Field. The festival’s latest rendition brings it to West Chester, Shipensburg, East Stroudsburg and Pace will battle for the D-II field hockey title.

Since being introduced in 2004, the festival has rotated from season-to-season and city-to-city, “giving all student-athletes and host institutions the opportunity to partake in this unique NCAA event.”

The festival’s latest rendition brings it to Pittsburgh, where six national champions will be crowned in their respective sports in the coming days. Teams will compete in men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, volleyball, men’s and women’s cross country in Pittsburgh, making the Steel City the seventh city to host a D-II Festival.

Slippery Rock and Clarion are the event’s two host institutions, and will work closely alongside SportsPITTSBURGH — the sports branch of Visit Pittsburgh — in hosting the festival. As part of the festivities, Duquesne will open its campus to some of the events for numerous days, beginning Thursday.

The A.J. Palumbo Center will see four women’s volleyball quarterfinal matches on Thursday, Nov. 29, beginning at 12 p.m. with No. 2 Wheeling Jesuit facing No. 7 Lewis University.

Two field hockey semifinal games will be played at Duquesne on Thursday, as well, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The games will be held at Rooney Field.

On Friday, Nov. 30, the winners from Thursday’s volleyball matches will face off in the semifinals, again at the Palumbo Center.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, the Division II field hockey championship game will be played at Rooney Field. Later, at 3 p.m., the women’s volleyball title game will begin at the Palumbo Center.

Along with Wheeling Jesuit and Lewis, the University of Tampa, Western Washington, Wingate, Washburn University, Tarleton State and American International College will compete for the women’s volleyball crown.

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This week, Duquesne is helping to host various events on its campus for the NCAA’s D-II Festival. Rooney Field will play host to the division’s field hockey semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 29, and its championship on Saturday, Dec. 1. Above, a banner drone over a Rooney Field handrail on Wednesday evening.
SpongeBob SquarePants creator dead at 57

JOSIAH MARTIN
AE: editor

S tephen Hillenburg, best known as the creator of SpongeBob SquarePants, died on Nov. 26 at age 57. He had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 2017. Hillenburg’s square, yellowopus hit television screens in 1999. Inspired and informed by Hillenburg’s love for marine biology and his experiences as a director on Rocko’s Modern Life, SpongeBob’s indescribable style and original concept made the series an immediate surprise hit for Nickelodeon.

While SpongeBob’s peers – Hey Arnold, The Angry Beavers and CatDog to name a few – were all well-received successes, none achieved the longevity, global recognition and cultural ubiquity of Hillenburg’s aquatic fry cook. Hundreds of people, from animators to actors, are responsible for Spongebob’s success. However, it is the vision and spirit of Hillenburg that has made the show stand the test of time.

“After college, I got a job at what was called the Orange County Marine Institute ... at Dana Point, California,” Hillenburg said in an interview for the season 1 DVD box set of SpongeBob SquarePants.

While there, he created a comic book called The Intertidal Zone to teach about marine life. As it became clearer to him that art was his calling, he applied to California Institute of the Arts.

“I met with Jules Engle, who was the head of the experimental animation program there, and he looked at my work and said, ‘you belong here,’ immediately, and it totally changed my life,” Hillenburg said.

With a proper education in animation under his belt, Hillenburg was able to find work at Rocko’s Modern Life. There, a writer encouraged Hillenburg to take the underwater world of The Intertidal Zone to television.

During a visit to Duquesne in Feb. 2018, Tom Kenny, the voice of Spongebob SquarePants, said that Hillenburg initially approached him saying, “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.”

Hillenburg took this concept to Nickelodeon. Eric Coleman, then-vice president of animation development and production, realized Hillenburg’s infamous departure between the series’ two film adaptations in 2004 and 2015. As Kenny put it during his talk at Duquesne, Hillenburg needed to take time to “surf, paint and hang out with [his] wife and kid.”

Even without Hillenburg, the character of SpongeBob has remained just as he was presented to Nickelodeon 20 years ago. SpongeBob has no dark side – he is, simply, joy and innocence incarnate. He is completely oblivious to the idea that there is nearly two decades, even through Hillenburg’s infamous departure, there is something wrong in the world that he cannot fix himself. We, as an audience, are still drawn to that, just as we were as children.

That consistency and concrete quality of Hillenburg’s characters helped carry SpongeBob through nearly two decades, even through Hillenburg’s infamous departure between the series’ two film adaptations in 2004 and 2015. As Kenny put it during his talk at Duquesne, Hillenburg needed to take time to “surf, paint and hang out with [his] wife and kid.”

Even when Squidward, who for all intents and purposes is SpongeBob’s foil, sees an angry customer berate our childlike yellow hero to the point of tears in 1999’s “Pizza Delivery,” he returns to throw the customer’s pizza in his face. Nobody can resist SpongeBob, and nobody can help but empathize with him.

Hillenburg wanted to create a character this lovable. He succeeded, and his humble creation still brings that unbridled joy to its viewers – once a boardroom of Viacom executives, now a worldwide audience of people of all ages.

To reference a classic episode, Stephen Hillenburg was “number one.” While his death is a blow to all who were raised on his works, the joy and innocence of his most famous creation lives on.

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Micro Review

Mamma Mia
Austin Weber

Accompanied by a mini-viral hit music video, indie musician Austin Weber created this cover of the Abba classic with a driving, cascading synth backing track. For no real discernable reason, Weber also chose to record the vocals while walking around various locales in Japan. Does it improve the song in any way? No. Do I love the song more because of it? Yes.

— Josiah Martin
Netflix reboots '80s classic She-Ra with more diverse cast

Timothy Rush

As Dreamworks’ own Voltron: Legendary Defender comes to a close in its final season, Netflix makes the move in remaking another classic cartoon in its most recent Netflix Original Series, She-Ra and the Princesses of Power.

Initially pitched to Netflix by showrunner Noelle Stevenson as a single-season remake of the classic She-Ra: Princess of Power, the network picked it up and began production with four seasons of 13 episodes each in production. Stevenson, an animator and Eisner Award recipient for her work on the comics Nimona and Lumberjanes, wanted to remake the series in the aim of portraying She-Ra as a hero in her own right, giving the cast to have their own identities beyond their roles as princesses.

The story takes a relatively simple approach near the end where Noah has proven himself to be a delightful comedy special that makes the audience think about racism, their own culture, and how to stand up comedy and combines it with jokes that make people laugh. Under all of the jokes and impersonations, there’s a powerful lesson about how to treat each other. What makes Noah so appealing is that he is not just a comedian with bigotry, he’s kind because he “doesn’t want to give anyone a hard time.”

The current host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, has proven that he knows how to handle politics and more sensitive topics in a way that is both educational and hilarious.

The Daily Show on Comedy Central, returns to stand-up with more stories about growing up in South Africa. In his new special, Noah makes jokes about the language barrier between America and South Africa, the country he was born in. One of the funniest bits of the show is near the end of the show, when Noah talks about the language barrier between America and South Africa.

Noah’s traditional stand up appearance, wearing a t-shirt and jeans and standing on an undecorated stage, is basic. It’s a simple set up that’s blank canvas for his exaggerated voices and sometimes over the top movements as he talks about the past presidents and growing up in apartheid. The title of the special comes from a story about his relationship with his mother. He is a child, he asked his mother what to do when someone confronts him in a racist way. His mom told him to face his oppressors with kindness. As Noah grew up he learned to understand that lesson more. Noah told the audience that when faced with bigotry, he’s kind because he “doesn’t want to give them the satisfaction of seeing [him] hurt or angry.”

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The unique diversity amongst the characters and the emphasis on their interpersonal relationships is exceptional, and will leave the audience feeling the genuineness between characters no matter the matter portrayed. And these relationships are ultimately what pushes the story forward, which is done in a way that is both believable and phenomenal.

All-in-all, She-Ra and the Princesses of Power is an amazing reimaging of the cultural classic and definitely worth a watch by both fans of the old and newcomers to the series. Its focus on characters and utilization of diversity gives this series a great foundation for a wonderful viewing experience. This is one remake that audiences should definitely give a chance, and will most certainly see Voltron: Legendary Defender as another successful remake of a beloved cartoon.
Government threatens the freedom of media

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The creation of a state-run government propaganda outlet is very possible in a world where Americans readily eat up fictional news from a variety of cable and online outlets. It may be here before we know it.

A free American press has been critical in advocating for the disadvantaged and the everyday person, from reforming the mental health system and meat-packing industries in the early 1900s to Watergate in the 1970s to exposing the child separation policies in 2018.

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45 ° Cloudy, a little rain

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53 ° Rain and drizzle

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61 ° A passing morning shower

Monday
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Tuesday
52 ° Snow possible in the morning

Wednesday
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Women’s team experiencing shooting woes early

The good news for the Dukes is that their post options are already in mid-season form. Kadri-Aann Lass, an All-A-10 Second-Team and A-10 All-Defensive Team selection, has continued to produce down low, and has been the team’s most consistent scoring option so far this year.

Her post partner, Laia Sole, is just as talented as advertised, and is another reliable scoring option for Duquesne. The Maine transfer stood tied with Lass for the team lead in points per game (9.6) entering Wednesday night’s meeting with the Golden Flashes. Paige Cannon has been another productive post option, with a highlight 17-point performance in the team’s win over Saint Francis on Nov. 25. Halle Bovell has also done a solid job adjusting to more of a forward role, and she seems to be settling in well.

On top of that, Libby Bazelak and Amanda Kalin have done a great job stepping up to help out at the guard spot. Both have emerged into efficient options on both sides of the ball, and their contributions have come huge for Duquesne so far this season.

The non-conference path from here on out certainly does not get any easier. More competition against strong opponents will be good for a Dukes team looking to really settle in before conference play begins in January.

With teams such as Penn State, UCF, Eastern Tennessee State and Syracuse on the horizon, Duquesne still has plenty of opportunity to prove that they can hang with bigger programs.

It’s likely that the top team from the A-10 Preseason Coaches Poll will find its groove eventually.

Shooters are streaky. Everybody hits a rough patch here and there, and the shots will start to fall eventually. Omogrosso and Vojinovic will start knocking down shots, opening the floor for multi-faceted Duquesne offense.

The season is long, and it still has a ways to go. Once everybody finds their shooting stroke, the Dukes will be back in championship form once again.

DU’s next game comes at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Penn State.

The 2018 class nationally.
So far, they’ve impressed. Johnson has witnessed high usage, and with good reason. His 16.0 points and 5.6 assists per game are team highs.
Toney leads the Panthers with 6.3 rebounds per game. McGowens has posted four double-digit scoring performances through seven games.
These promising freshman efforts, combined with a solid core including the likes of Malik Ellison, Shamier Stevenson and Jared Wilson-Frame, have Panther fans thinking big.
It’s amazing how much the Capel hire transformed the outlook for the Panthers.
There is a long way to go yet, but a 6-1 start is no doubt a refreshing sign for Pitt fans.

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Shooting guard Maceo Austin, the tenth-best 2019 prospect in Pennsylvania according to 247 Sports, will be joining the Dukes next year. Dambrot has proven capable of finding diamonds in the rough, so it will be interesting to see who else he brings to the Blue and Gold.

Pitt has not received any official commitments yet, but figure to be in the mix for a number of high-end recruits.
Both on the court and on the recruiting trail, these teams are rising.

It’s not just the teams that feature similarities though. The coaches, Capel and Dambrot, are much in common.
In the short time they’ve been on their respective campuses, they’ve managed to draw strong recruits and generate enthusiasm from fans.

This isn’t the typical hot air we hear from university athletic departments that’s meant to rise up a fanbase. Dambrot and Capel have offered blunt, honest analysis on their progress.
According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette’s Craig Meyer, after a close loss to Iowa, Capel said, “I see a lot of signs of encouragement, but I’m not happy that we lost. But I am proud of my team for how we played.”
Dambrot’s press conferences have mirrored that message on many occasions. In both situations, these coaches have exhibited optimism but are well-aware of the reality — that there is a long way to go. It’s refreshing for fans who have felt serious disappointment.

So, here we are. Two programs who appeared to be moving in opposite directions earlier this calendar year are on eerily similar routes now.
Given how things have changed, another TuCo Cities quote seems more fitting: “There is prodigious strength in sorrow and despair.”

It’s impressive to watch Duquesne and Pitt as they work their way back from times of “sorrow and despair.” They certainly are not the first programs to experience such transformations, but it is nevertheless fascinating how these two very different programs are embarking on almost parallel paths at the same time — within the same city’s limits.

Adding intrigue is their status as rivals. For much of the City Game’s history, there have been long spans of lopsidedness. That doesn’t look to be the case anymore.
Duquesne and Pitt are entering a new era for Pittsburgh basketball. As their coaches will remind you, there is still plenty of work left to do.

Even in the midst of unknown factors and futures, that won’t tamper the budding expectations for each program and their fanbases.
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