Duquesne's Gumberg Library kicked off an early Veterans Day celebration in an attempt to share many personal stories through the Veterans' Oral History Exhibit. The exhibit is on display until Nov. 30.

Duquesne veterans who have previously participated in the Duquesne Veterans' Oral History Project (VOHP) volunteered to share their stories to be featured in the new exhibit. This project strives to honor Duquesne alumni who have served in the military.

The idea for this exhibit began in July 2016 by the university Oral History Initiative, in partnership with the Office for Military and Veteran Students. The purpose of this project was to preserve Duquesne veterans' stories about their military service, in addition to their memories as a DU student.

Oral historian Megan DeFries, who helped spearhead the project, emphasized that although many people may know a veteran, they may not know his or her story.

"The exhibit is one way to share the oral histories we’ve gathered, which speak to the dedication and, at times, sacrifice of those who serve our country," DeFries said. "It can help people understand what we ask of the men and women who serve our country every day and how they often continue to serve their communities long after their military service obligation ends."

Veterans who have participated in this program include two World War II veterans, one

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PB&J here! This past week was jam-packed with delicious dishes, though many got their just desserts!

On Nov. 7, a St. Ann Hall resident reported that he never received Pittsburgh Steelers tickets after responding to an ad on Craigslist. Seems a little fishy, if you ask me.

On Nov. 8, a student reported that her ex-boyfriend is harassing her through phone calls via Snapchat.

On Nov. 9, a DU dispatch received a report of a possible rape of a DU student. The report came from State College, Pennsylvania, Police Dept. The incident will be investigated by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Sexual Assault Unit. The case is still active.

Also on Nov. 9, an administrative search in St. Ann Hall resulted in a student being found in possession of several items of marijuana paraphernalia. The student shall be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Also on Nov. 10, a woman reported her purse stolen while attending a basketball game at the Palumbo Center. The case is active.

Also on Nov. 10, a vehicle was pulled over for a stop sign violation. Marijuana was recovered from the vehicle. A suspect is being charged with summary traffic violations and disorderly conduct for the possession of marijuana. A resident student is being referred to the Office of Student Conduct for possession of marijuana, and another student is being referred to the Office of Student Conduct for a marijuana violation and disorderly conduct. Now this is a very smelly situation.

On Nov. 11, an intoxicated female student was located in the St. Martin parking lot. Being unaccessible, she was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Also on Nov. 11, a DU employee found someone to be in his car at Forbes parking lot. The employee yelled at the individual, who then fled on foot. The employee called the Fort Pitt Bureau of Police Sexual Assault Unit. The case is still active.

Also on Nov. 11, off-duty DU security personnel reported her purse stolen from The Incline in the Union. The case is active.

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**New 10-year development plan announced by DU**

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New Duquesne University’s newly announced Institutional Master Plan aims to add developments to campus throughout the next 10 years, in the hopes of benefitting both the DU community and the surrounding areas of Uptown and Downtown Pittsburgh.

According to the strategic plan, “Duquesne will become the region’s flagship for community engagement through mutually beneficial partnerships that advance the city, the region and the world.”

Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to give planners feedback. Forms can be submitted anonymously at duq.edu/imp.

**DU veterans oral history exhibited in library**

**EXHIBIT — from page 1**

Korean/Cold War era veteran, four Vietnam War veterans and one Gulf War/Global War on Terror-era veteran.

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leRoy, executive director of Good Housekeeping, said Greg Gruber's average figure of $65,800 per job was not good for the 'losers' and not good for the 'winners'. "It's ambiguous for the winners, and they have some time to prepare for it," he said.

Amazon announced on Tuesday, Nov. 13, that it has selected the Long Island City section of the Queens neighborhood in New York City, in addition to Arlington, Virginia, as the two sites for its new headquarters.

"The region adds 50,000 jobs every year, and no one complains about that," Fuller said. "They're not all coming at one time; they're coming over 15-20 years. It isn't as overwhelming as people think it's going to be." At the same time, Tim Bartik, a senior economist at the Upjohn Institute, cautioned that with unemployment so low in both cities, many of the jobs Amazon will bring will likely go to people who don't have the skills. Instead, Amazon chose to expand its footprint to two places where salaries and home prices are relatively close to those of Seattle, its current sole headquarters city, said Aaron Terrazas, senior economist at the real estate firm Zillow.

"These two markets definitely can absorb this kind of employment shock — and they have some time to prepare for it," he said. AP Economics Writer Josh Boak contributed to this report.
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Ollie Gratzinger

in focus...

Christmas Capitalism unfair to workers, buries true meaning

The halls are decked, the stockings hung, the trees are lit, and it’s not even Thanksgiving yet.

’Tis the season, I suppose, but every year, the season comes sooner. Malls were adorned with ornate bulbs and towering trees as early as Nov. 1. Stores sent out their holiday catalogues weeks ago, and towering signs for “holiday collections” and “Christmas sales” have been positioned in the windows of every shop in sight.

Now, there’s no problem with getting into the spirit early. I love Christmas songs and pine-scented candles as much as the next guy, but it always felt to me like there was something sinister amid the focus on consumerism, something detracting fundamentally from the holiday’s real substance.

For many, what used to be about spending time with loved ones, being thankful for what you have or celebrating one’s religious beliefs is now about getting the best sale, finding the best gifts and, for companies, making the most money.

On a larger scale, the corporatization of Christmas highlights a trend that has always been present, but it seems like stores coming out with holiday-themed merch earlier and earlier only strengthens the connection between Christmas and consumerism. By putting up a big ol’ pine tree in the mall and flyers in the windows of storefronts, businesses are incentivizing folks to buy stuff before the sale ends, before they lose the deal, before someone else gets it first, and the idea of gift-giving becomes complicated by a sense of urgency and fear of novelty. These corporations use Christmas as a way to make products more marketable, exploiting their workers and preying upon the consumer’s fondness for the holiday season.

There’s no doubt in my mind that capitalism — and the materialism that goes along with it — has irreparable consequences on our moral character. Don’t get me wrong; It’s no sin to buy your friend a nice present. That isn’t what I’m complaining about, here. The problem, instead, lies in the lack of responsibility on the part of companies to be conscious of retail workers’ needs.

Corporations rarely care about those who work for them — especially not during the holiday season, which the National Retail Foundation estimates can yield 20 to 30 percent of its annual profit, depending on the store. Instead, corporations only care about how much the self-induced Christmas frenzy can put in the company’s pocket.

Employees are forced to put in tireless hours and sacrifice their time with loved ones, just so customers can come in and buy that sweater, TV or cup of coffee. Most stores find themselves understaffed and unprepared to deal with the rapid increase in foot traffic, and consequently, managers pushed to breaking points take out their frustrations on associates and cashiers who might’ve been there for eight, 10 or even 12 hours. Maybe they missed Thanksgiving dinner with their family. Maybe they weren’t able to attend their kid’s Christmas play at school. They had to be at work, instead, just because Christmas came early and it brought a bunch of sales quotas along with it.

Nevertheless, customers are almost always in a hurry, and when crowded stores yield long lines, they tend to forget that the folks ringing them out are people and not robots, and the words that are said tend to lack even the most basic kind of respect. Folks who would treat workers with dignity and perhaps even kindness during any other time of the year find themselves stressed by the holiday rush, and if they feel that the sale wasn’t good enough or the service wasn’t fast enough, all humanity goes out the window.

Is that really what Christmas is supposed to be about? Money and efficiency? There’s a reason that Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol portrays the fabulously wealthy businessman Ebenezer Scrooge, who rarely takes into account neither the comfort nor the plight of his employees, as a bad and selfish man.

If Dickens didn’t suit you, what about the Bible itself? Wasn’t it Jesus who flipped the merchants’ table in the temple and accused them of transforming a house of worship into a den of thieves? Something tells me that Jesus wouldn’t be a huge fan of Christmas coupons.

For some, Christmas itself is as holy as a temple, and for others, it’s just a time to relax with loved ones. By kicking off the Christmases festivities early, corporations have found a way to capitalize on holiday cheer. Corporations sell their product under a model that assumes the more you spend on a person, the more you love them. But as the Beatles said, you can’t buy love, and you can’t buy Christmas, either.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Climate change is a growing danger

The images coming out of California leave a horrific impression. It looks like one is witnessing Armageddon or taking a peek into Dante’s mind when the revisit Hell.

Since Nov. 8, California has been devastated by three incredibly destructive — and deadly — wildfires. The Camp Fire, located north of Sacramento, has killed at least 84 people and destroyed close to 9,000 buildings as of press time according to the New York Times. The fire is at 201 square miles and growing, which to put it into perspective, is 3.7 times the size of Pittsburgh, according to an NBC News graphic. It has been declared the most deadly and destructive wildfire in California’s history. The Woolsey Fire also started on Nov. 8, and has grown to 95,000 acres, burning the posh neighborhood of Malibu north of Los Angeles. A relatively smaller fire, the Hill Fire, burns nearby the Woolsey one.

These wildfires are just the latest flashing red warning light of the irrevocable damage being done to our planet from climate change. Just last month, the United Nations warned in a report that the world is 12 years away from crossing the 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming threshold that scientists warn will bring dramatic environmental destruction. As America and much of the world stands idly by, unmotivated to change, our situation will just get worse.

Record-breaking hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes and droughts will continue to occur at an ever-alarming rate. If nothing is done, these will continue to become ever more the norm. The pressure of human-made climate change have long been ignored by most of the media, many politicians and a large number of the American people. Distractions like Trump Cabinet drama seem insignificant next to an existential crisis, yet it dominates our discourse.

For some reason, climate change always seems to take a backseat to whatever else is driving the news cycle. It is buried in fine print through all of the articles and hot takes in our feeds on a day-to-day basis, and while what is happening at the government level in our country needs to be paid attention to and addressed, all of the articles and hot takes end up being futile if we can’t preserve our planet.

Our priorities have to refocus to the environmental and human tragedies in California and across the globe. Europe faced a record-setting heat wave this past summer, where according to the Guardian, there were wildfires above the Arctic Circle in July. In February 2018, cities in the Mid-Atlantic and New England saw the temperature rise above 80°
Black Friday is a cultural tradition, albeit a problematic one

By MITCHELL TAYLOR

CNN has come under fire for the actions of its chief White House correspondent, Jim Acosta, following an unusually heated press conference. Video of the event shows a persistent Acosta refusing to give up the microphone to the White House intern, despite President Trump’s repeated demands to do so. After he finally acquiesced, Trump proceeds to tell him that he is “a rude and terrible person” and that he “shouldn’t be working for CNN.”

The barrage of insults—and his subsequent attack on CNN—should come as no surprise to those who are familiar with Trump’s belligerent behavior. After revising Acosta for lacking moral integrity, Trump goes on to claim that “when you report fake news, which CNN does a lot, you are the enemy of the people.” It’s easy to spot the irony in Trump’s self-contradictory statements, first claiming that Acosta is not worthy of working for CNN and then underestimating the network’s credibility by accusing it of frequently reporting fake news.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted the altered video following the following, asserting that “[w]e will not tolerate the inappropriate behavior clearly documented in this video.” This video also conveniently omits the part where Acosta says “Pardon me, ma’am” to the intern. Despite the video’s dubiousness, it is unclear whether the original was deliberately doctored. In an interview with Buzzfeed, the Infowars editor Watson argued to the contrary: “Fact is, Daily Wire put up a gif, I download a gif, zoomed in saved it again as an m24 file — then converted it to an mp4. Digitally it’s gonna look a tiny bit different after processing and zooming in, but I did not in any way deliberately ‘speed up’ or ‘distort’ the video. That’s just horse shit.”

Even if deliberate doctoring of the video cannot be proven, the ease with which many accepted it as valid confirms that the rampant propagation of fake news in this country needs to be earnestly acknowledged. I don’t believe that Sanders knew that the video she was tweeting was not the original one. I may very well be wrong, naïve even, for thinking this. But it seems more likely to me that Sanders was simply another victim of fake news, one who chummed accepted information without questioning its origins.

Granted, her subconscious search for information that supported her opinions was almost certainly a factor in this, but this is yet another symptom of those who fall prey to fake news. Too many people are either ignorant of their confirmation bias or are stubbornly unwilling to acknowledge it. Each scenario is equally pernicious, as it consigns its victim to obtuseness and gullibility. Anyone who researches anything must consider the credibility of the source, which can be done in several ways.

The most obvious strategy is to consider the reputation of the source. Is it a nationally recognized network such as CNN? Or is it some blogger with unrealistic aspirations of becoming a renowned journalist? Likewise, consider who the author is. Is it a renowned journalist with professional credentials and an abundance of experience? Or is it that aspirational blogger who most likely cannot be trusted? A way of judging the credibility of the article itself is by looking for clearly biased words or phrases. If the author suggests that the subject of discussion is either good or bad, for example, this should immediately alert you to the fact that the article is not entirely fair. If it could also simply mean that you are reading an opinion piece, like the one you’re reading now (hopefully you’ve noticed). Whatever the case, be wary of the information you are given. Reluctance to believe something with scant evidence is far safer than ready acceptance of it.

In review of the press conference feud, it is also important to note that Jim Acosta was not without error. His ostensible questions were in fact devious criticisms of the president’s policies and statements, statements which required no clarification. Acosta partook in an unprofessional form of journalism that seeks to interpose other holiday specials. Specifically, stores like Best Buy, Macy’s and Bed, Bath & Beyond often mark prices as the lowest of the year on holidays like Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our policy states price matching is not available from Thanksgiving through the end of the following week.

With all of that said, Black Friday truly is not worth it and does not offer significant sales unless someone does major couponing, ad reading, storefront camping and price comparing. Preparation is key in actually saving a noticeable amount of money in the grand scheme of things.

However, does that stop millions of people from waking up at 3 a.m. and I do not think it should. Even though Black Friday is a big scam for retailers to create quick profit, the fun and tradition can never be taken away.
New program assists in helping students find jobs

Claudia Hardy  
Staff Writer

The university is made up of a diverse student body that includes people of all abilities who are working towards the same future goal: a career.

Thanks to the Jewish Family and Community Services Career Development Center (JFCS), students with physical, psychological and learning disabilities have the opportunity to get career advice specific to their needs right on campus.

The Career and Wellbeing Initiative, also originally known as "EmployABLE," recognizes that job seekers with disabilities could potentially have struggles or challenges when searching for meaningful employment. JFCS Career Counselor Kaitlyn Myers-Brooks has worked closely with the establishment of this program that is now available at the university.

"In 2017, JFCS reached out to local universities, working to address these challenges with students before they reached graduation," Brooks said. "Duquesne recognized the need for this kind of support ... and we are excited about our strong partnership moving forward."

The Career and Wellbeing Initiative hopes to help students successfully learn about important aspects of the job search in relation to how their personal wellbeing intersects with their career goals.

"The more we can have conversations about the impact of personal wellbeing on future goals for employment," Brooks said, "the more successful all Duquesne students will be."

The program was established in 2017 when JFCS began working with Duquesne by providing training to staff on topics such as mental health and the job search, disability disclosure and career accommodations. As of September 2018, there are now regular career counselors on campus who are providing one-on-one career counseling and workshops for students.

Brooks noted that this program is not limited to students with a formal diagnosis, but is also available to those who have found that their academic success and career have been impacted by several aspects of their emotional, financial and physical wellbeing.

A common piece of advice that Brooks and her team give to students is the importance of learning about yourself.

"Give yourself time for self-assessment, because it is not only the most important step in the entire career process," Brooks noted. "You will discover not only what kinds of jobs align with your interests and skills but also the strengths that will help you reach your career goals."

In addition to helpful career advice, students also have the advantage of accessing this program for free, thanks to funding from the United Way of Southwest Pennsylvania.

When compared to other similar programs at other universities, Brooks noted that the Career and Wellbeing Initiative stands out due to the importance of collaboration.

"Our career counselors, who all have backgrounds in clinical social work or clinical mental health, are working with four unique student services at Duquesne: the Center for Career Development, Disability Services, the Center for Student Wellbeing and the Office of Military and Veteran Students," Brooks said.

In addition to collaboration, the career counselors look at each student as an individual and work with students to build a job search plan that meets their specific needs.

“Our program has helped over 1,000 individuals with disabilities find meaningful careers that match their skills and education,” Brooks noted. "Since launching the program at Duquesne University and Point Park University, we have seen about 50 students and conducted trainings for over 100 professors and staff members."

The team is made up of 14 career counselors that work in the main office in Squirrel Hill, and a career counselor that serves on-site at each campus.

"I am excited to be serving as the Duquesne program’s on-campus career counselor," Brooks said. "I am available to meet with students on Wednesdays."

The team hopes to see attendance with this program increase in time and that students will take advantage of this service, whether it is through individual counseling or by attending the various workshops.

"We hope that the discussion of disability and student wellbeing becomes a normalized part of the conversation around career planning," Brooks said. "We believe this will help ensure that students have the support they need to succeed during their time at Duquesne and beyond."

For students interested in participating in this program, please contact Duquesne’s Center for Career Development at 412-396-6644 and ask to meet with someone to discuss Career and Wellbeing.

This program is also open to alumni, who can either meet with a career counselor on site at Duquesne, or contact JFCS Career Development Center at 412-422-5627 to meet with a counselor in the main office or one of the nine regional sites throughout the city.
Dukes hit the ground hot, jump to 2-0

Adam Lindner
Sports editor

Prior to Nov. 10’s season opener against William & Mary, the vast majority of observers were totally unsure of what to expect from the Duquesne men’s basketball team this season.

With 11 newcomers on the team’s roster, there was bound to be cause for excitement surrounding the program’s trajectory, as it’s clear that the team possesses talent — and a lot of it at that. Nevertheless, much of that enthusiasm was supplemental by uncertainty, thanks to a severe lack of experience.

With only two returning contributors, Mike Lewis II and Eric Williams Jr., on the team’s roster at the season’s outset — forward Kellan Taylor won’t join the team until his duties with Duquesne’s football team end — nobody was quite sure of what to expect from such a new group of teammates.

Following an 84-70 victory over a solid William & Mary team on Nov. 10 and a thrilling 89-88 overtime win against the UIC Flames two days later, pundits should have a pretty good idea of what to expect from Duquesne now: unpredictability.

Against the Tribe on Nov. 10, 73.8 percent of the Dukes’ points came from new faces, including 17 tallies on 8-of-9 shooting from 6-foot-10 freshman Austin Rotroff — including a 3-for-3 clip from downtown.

Perhaps even more impressive was freshman guard Sincere Carry’s debut. The Solon, Ohio native posted nine assists and zero turnovers in his first-ever collegiate outing.

As for whether or not he could have asked for a better two games to begin his college career, Carry said, “Not really. I don’t really care about my own stats, I just care about winning. And turning the program around. So, we won both games, so I wouldn’t change nothing.”

Fair enough.

Beyond strong individual performances, the nature of DU’s two victories should give fans plenty of cause for enthusiasm.

Against William & Mary, the Dukes had to maintain focus on the technicalities of the game, paying close attention to the Princeton-style offense that Head Coach Tony Shaver employs. Dambrot said he was pleased with his team’s ability to disrupt the Tribe’s offensive attack, forcing a good half-hanging team into 16 turnovers in the process.

“We’d like to trap a little bit more, I just didn’t feel like it was the right time to really come at them,” Dambrot said, referencing a more conservative defensive style than what was on display two nights later against UIC. “But we’d like to run at the ball — we did a couple times in the halfcourt, and I thought it frazzled them up a little bit.”

Conversely, against UIC, the Dukes found themselves down early, largely thanks to superb shooting even from the Flames. UIC shot 7-for-11 from 3-point range in the first half.

However, forward Marcus Weathers did acknowledge post-game that the Dukes had to up their physicality in the game’s second half to get back into it.

Down by 12 with around three minutes left in regulation, Duquesne put together one of the most memorable late-game runs in recent program memory, tying its third-best comeback in the past 22 years, according to Duquesne basketball sports information director Dave Saha.

Such a gritty win couldn’t have even been visualized in recent years, especially with perennial top scorer Lewis struggling to find his groove, though he did hit a vital corner 3-pointer in transition in the game’s winding minutes.

Freshman guard Sincere Carry, pictured above, made impressive first impressions with fans during his first two games. DU won both contests, moving to 2-0 on the young season.

Against UIC, the Dukes were led by Carry again, who posted 32 points, eight assists, six rebounds, four steals and one very memorable block on a much taller UIC shooter’s layup attempt. That’s not to mention a contested layup at the buzzer that sent the game to overtime.

Freshman guard Lamar Norman Jr., who didn’t see the court at all against William & Mary, hit several key shots down the stretch for the Dukes, including a crucial long-range bomb halfway through the overtime period that helped the Dukes regain momentum for good.

Next, the Dukes face reigning Big South champion Radford in Akron, Ohio, on Nov. 17, where Dambrot will re-visit his old stomping grounds at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. Dambrot coached NBA great LeBron James from 1999-2001 at the school.

It remains to be seen what’s in store for the Dukes in their next contest, and chances are, Dambrot isn’t even too sure.

“I’d bet he’s probably just happy at 2-0 right now.”

Duquesne to retire Robinson’s No. 32

On Nov. 14, the Duquesne Department of Athletics announced that it will retire the jersey No. 32 in recognition of women’s basketball hall of fame April Robinson. The ceremony will be held prior to Duquesne’s Jan. 27 game against George Washington at the A.J. Palumbo Center.

Robotson, who graduated in 2016, finished her career at Du ranked fourth in program scoring history with 1,598 points, first in 3-pointers with 249 and first in both games played and started with 133.

Robinson becomes the third women’s basketball player in program history to have her jersey number retired, following Korie Hilde (No. 25) and Beth Friday (No. 40).

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Upcoming DU Sports Events

The following events are all of Duquesne’s varsity athletic events for the next 10 days.

– Nov. 16-18
Women’s Swimming & Diving @ Magnus Cup (at Cleveland State)

– Nov. 16-18
Women’s Bowling @ Hawk Classic Invitational (at Millsboro, Delaware)

– Nov. 16-18
Women’s Volleyball (A-10 Tournament; at Richmond, Virginia)

– Nov. 17, 12 p.m.
Men’s Basketball vs. Radford (at Akron, Ohio)

– Nov. 17, 12 p.m.
Football @ Central Connecticut State (at New Britain, Connecticut)

– Nov. 18, 2 p.m.
Women’s Basketball @ Toledo (at Toledo, Ohio)

– Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
Men’s Basketball @ Notre Dame (at South Bend, Indiana)

– Nov. 25, 1 p.m.
Men’s Basketball vs. UMass Lowell (A.J. Palumbo Center)

– Nov. 25, 2 p.m.
Women’s Basketball @ Saint Francis (at Loretto, Pennsylvania)
STEELERS’ BELL REFUSES TO SIGN TAG, OUT FOR 2018

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The Steelers (6-2-1), who have won five straight playoff berths.

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In this 2017 photo, Steelers running back Le’Veon Bell (26) warms up before a game against the Texans in Houston. Bell had until 4 p.m. ET on Tuesday to sign his franchise tag with Pittsburgh for the 2018 season.

But the attempt sailed left, and CC_SU celebrates as a devastated Duquesne team looked on.

Not only had Du blown a late lead in its impromptu title game — it had done it on its own turf.

Duke’s Blue Devils set for NEC Championship rematch

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Masquer’s shine where writing falls in ‘Dames’

The Duquesne University Red Masquers continued its fall season with the opening of Dames at Sea last week on Nov. 8. Dames at Sea, a two-hour-and-45-minute-long musical written by George Haimsohn and M. Haimsohn and with music composed by Jim Wise. While it is shorter in length, it does not fall short in execution, as it is packed with musical numbers from beginning to end.

Going into the theater, I had high expectations for this show, as I love comedic musicals. When I first saw the advertisements, I immediately thought of one of my favorite musicals, Anything Goes! However, when I saw it, my hopes were fulfilled in some aspects but let down in others. The cast was phenomenal, but the actual plotline and aesthetics of the show left a lot to be desired.

The musical takes place on a 1930s cruise ship about to set sail. It is filled with Broadway entertainers, and Mona Kent (Mikayla Gilmer) is the over-plotting diva and star of the show. Soon before the ship sets sail, Ruby (Audrey Nigh), an aspiring Broadway actress from a small town in Utah, hops on board with a hopeful heart to perform in the show.

She quickly falls in love with Dick (Christian Poach), a sailor who is aspiring to become a song writer. And finally, Joan (Erlin Fulton) is in love with Lucky (Nathan Freshwater), another sailor.

While this musical was a lot to be desired, the cast was wonderful. The acting was top-notch, and the choreography was great. The show was similar to Anything Goes! as it had a similar setting, and both shows embraced comedy from the beginning to end. Dames at Sea was classically comedically driven by the performers especially. The two sets of lovers had great chemistry, and all of the actors fully conformed to their roles. Gilmer stayed in character the entire time, and her facial expressions were priceless. Nigh’s tap dancing was also excellent.

However, there was room for advanced steps that would have heightened the numbers, and the choreography as a whole could have been tighter. The set was also bare and minimal — it was hard to tell where the scene from the viewer, with songs by Nat King Cole and select orchestrations. However, just when the music was most appropriate, the show would throw in a very cringeworthy rendition of a song that was almost painful to listen to and watch.

While this film deviates from the source in many ways, the parts that are closer to the book material are more interesting and entertaining. When the Grinch prepares and executes his plan to steal Christmas, for example, the peculiar inventions and animations were indicative of something Seuss would have imagined. Unfortunately, The Grinch (2018) lacks a purpose or an identity. In the 1966 original, the animators followed the story with complete accuracy, while the 2018 version seems confused on where to put the focus and thus left the audience with a hollow shell of two characters whose motivations appear progressive, but in the end, nowhere.

Although The Grinch (2018) invokes a bright and lively feeling of Christmas nostalgia through exquisite animation, it leaves the audience feeling empty, truly lacking a solid plot or character development. Where the original is a faithful adaptation of the book and the Jim Carrey version gave us a wacky and unique character, this adaptation of the Grinch falls short of finding a lasting identity.
Imagine Dragons delivers strong, not flawless, *Origins*

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**Outlaw King** an action-packed take on historical tale

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A historical narrative was brought to life on the small screen, including two hours of violence, lessons about honor, countless royals and adequate Scottish and British accents. All of this makes up Netflix's new movie, *Outlaw King*, released this past Friday.

Chris Pine stars as the lead of this movie — based on a true story — as Robert the Bruce, a Scottish warrior that was exiled by the English for rebelling against King Edward. After Robert’s father passes, and the king makes it obvious that the nobles he rules over won’t be shown any kindness, Robert decides to start a new rebellion.

After the spark of rebellion is ignited, the rest of the movie follows Robert, James Douglas, played by Aaron Taylor-Johnson, and many others into battle against King Edward. Through stealthy take-downs and all-out battles against the strongest army in the world at that time, they take back what is rightfully theirs.

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With an action-packed take on historical tale
California fires prove the environment needs our attention

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degrees Fahrenheit, according to The Weather Channel. These bizarre events are canaries in the coal mine, warning us of the dangers humanity has caused.

The terror in California should serve as a motivator to start paying attention to the climate crisis. Join or donate to organizations like the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society and the Natural Resources Defense Council. To assist the victims in California, there is the American Red Cross, the California Community Foundation’s Wildlife Relief Fund, the California Fire Foundation and so many others. Or if you can’t donate, put pressure on your local, state and national politicians to back solutions to eliminate the danger. Just do something, before it’s too late.

Le’Veon doesn’t report to Steelers

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captured on social media found him riding a Jet Ski or hitting the club. He returned to Pittsburgh last week and even played some pickup basketball at a fitness center.

It’s as close to breaking a sweat with the Steelers as Bell will get.

Though the team could use the franchise or transition tag on Bell next spring, it’s more likely he’ll just walk away.

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