You batter believe it’s pancakes with the Pres

The second annual Pancakes With the President took place on A-Walk on April 23. President Gormley was frying up some hot cakes and taking photos with students. There was also a DJ, free candy and coffee mugs as well as a photo booth and caricaturist.

New traffic patterns for finals week

As the end of the semester nears, students may find it a bit more difficult to move back home than it usually is.

Due to construction happening on the new UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse, some of the roads on and around campus will be closed or narrowed to one lane.

Beginning on May 1, the driving lane on Forbes Avenue, in front of the fieldhouse will be closed. The parking in front of the Life’s Work building will be removed and turned into a driving lane, so that traffic will continue on two lanes east.

Also starting on May 1, Magee street will become a one-way traveling from 5th Avenue, to Forbes Avenue; along with that Gibbon Street will be closed at the intersection with Magee.

Later on, starting May 13, there will be other, on campus closure including Shingiss Street at the Forbes intersection and Locust from the intersection with Magee.

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Liberal Arts College faculty faces changes in course loads

Kailey Love
editor-in-chief

Discontent amongst McAnulty College faculty is escalating following a decision to increase class loads. This decision comes following years of enrollment decline and budget cuts for the college.

According to sources with knowledge of the pending changes who wish to remain unnamed, all tenure-track Liberal Arts faculty will be moving to a mandatory six classes per year schedule. This means that research active faculty in PhD granting departments will move from a “manageable” course load of two fall classes and three spring classes to a course schedule of three classes per semester.

While sources in Ph.D granting departments claim that a 2-3 schedule has been the “standard load” for baseline teaching schedules, university officials maintain that this is not a change at all. Rather, “the long-standing expectation for all tenure-track faculty across the college is to teach a 3-3 load,” according to Gabe Welsch, vice president for marketing and communications.

“There are no changes. That said, each year deans and department heads are asked to review requests for course releases for research, to do administrative work, or to otherwise help,” Welsch said. “Because of that process, some faculty members may for a time teach a course load different from 3-3. However, the standard and long-standing expectation is that all faculty in the College teach a 3-3.”

One McAnulty college professor alleged that the 2-3 schedule was being “framed” as a one-course release, when an existing 3-3 schedule was never what described to them as “standard” upon their hiring.

Sources say that this decision was made by Provost David Daussey and communicated to liberal Arts department chairs over spring break.

According to the 2017 iteration of the Duquesne Faculty Handbook, a faculty workload committee is in place to fulfill three

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POLICE BRIEFS

Due to the fact that everyone was on break this last week, there are no crimes to report. So just because you’re back on campus doesn’t mean you can go breaking the law.

BLUFF BRIEFS

Just a reminder, the final day of classes is Tuesday April 30, Reading Day is May 1 and finals go from May 2 to May 8. The library will be open 24 hours starting Tuesday April 30.

JOKE CORNER!

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.

My friend says to me: “What rhymes with orange” I said: “No it doesn’t”

Q: Want to hear a joke about paper?
A: Nevermind it’s tearable.

Q: What did the grape do when he got stepped on?
A: He let out a little wine.

Knock, knock. Who’s there? Adore. Adore who? Adore is between us. Open up!

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Police research abilities may differ from prior years

According to the University Enrollment Overview, Liberal Arts enrollment has been on the decline for several years - the earliest available data in the overview lists the grand total of liberal arts students in the Fall 2014 semester as 2,290 (compared of both undergraduate and graduate, part and full-time students). The current spring 2019 enrollment numbers sit at 1,725, dropping about 100 students per semester between 2014 and 2019.

“It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy - they [the administration] complain about the lack of enrollment, and then they slash our budgets, complain about the lack of enrollment, slash our budget,” one liberal arts professor said.

The other reasons cited by the administration, according to some sources in the liberal arts department, were that the university was “in some financial trouble” and wanted to “slash the budget for adjunct professors and use tenured faculty to take on the excess class load.”

This follows the ongoing battle between the university and the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) regarding adjunct’s ability to unionize. After six years of failing to recognize a union of liberal arts adjunct faculty, the NLRB ruled against Duquesne and dictated to negotiate with the group in 2018.

While Duquesne has consistently asserted that it should be exempt due to being a religious institution, the NLRB has continually disagreed. In 2018, President Gormley notified the Duquesne community via email that the university would file a petition for review with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. as a challenge to the NLRB ruling.

“Things have been markedly worse since 2016 when the new president [Gormley] came in,” one professor said. “He wants us to become a technical college with some Liberal Arts, and does not envision PhD granting programs as part of Duquesne Liberal Arts.”

Another source with knowledge of the decision, however, said that the liberal arts college is only the first that will experience these changes, as the other schools will eventually follow.

A meeting of liberal arts department employees is planned for April 29, according to a memo obtained by The Duke, which was organized and will be led by McAnulty faculty. They plan to discuss budget cuts and the increase in course load, as well as “faculty lines eliminated, unfilled and displaced; changing support for faculty research; changes in graduate tuition credits/undergraduate and graduate financial aid; changes in policies; elimination of programs and/or departments” and several other topics.

They also will consider putting together a department wide faculty response regarding the changes.

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Shingiss to the intersection with Boyd. Boyd Street will then become a one-way travelling north to Forbes.

In addition, the Rockwell Sky Bridge will also be closed for renovations until August 16.

According to an email sent to all Duquesne students on April 24, proper signage as well as fences and barricades will be installed for the duration of the projects.

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U.S. measles cases hit the highest mark in 25 years

(AP) — Measles in the U.S. has climbed to its highest level in 25 years, closing in on 700 cases this year in a resurgence largely attributed to misinformation that is turning parents against vaccines.

Public health officials are worried, not just because measles can be dangerous in itself, but because its return could mean other diseases that were seemingly consigned to the past may be coming back, too. Officials in hard-hit New York City on Wednesday reported 61 new cases since late last week, in what would make this the nation’s worst year for measles since 1994, with eight months still to go. Other states are reporting more cases, too.

The official nationwide count will not be released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention until Monday. CDC officials said they are reviewing the latest reports.

Roughly three-quarters of this year’s illnesses in the U.S. have been in New York state, mainly in two ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities in Brooklyn and suburban Rockland County. Most of those cases have been in unvaccinated people.

The number of cases is likely to go even higher. Measles is highly contagious and can spread through the air when someone coughs or sneezes. And in recent days, Jewish families have been gathering for Passover meals. It can take 10 to 12 days for symptoms to develop.

The CDC recommends the vaccine for everyone over a year old, except for people who had the disease as children. Those who have had measles are immune.

The vaccine, which became available in the 1960s, is considered safe and highly effective, and because of it, measles was declared all but eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. But it has made comebacks since then, including 667 cases in 2014.

Public health experts say some U.S. communities have low vaccination rates because of the spread of bad information — especially the now-debunked notion that the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine is linked to autism — through social media, pamphlets, hotlines and other means.

“Many parents are afraid. And if you want to believe your kid doesn’t need it, you believe it,” said Dr. Jonathan Fielding, former head of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. “It’s not so easy to discern what is real and what is not.”

Measles in most people is not life-threatening. The most common symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough and a rash all over the body. However, a very small fraction of people can suffer complications such as pneumonia and a dangerous swelling of the brain.

According to the CDC, for every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it. No deaths have been recorded this year.

Measles’ return may be an early warning sign of resurgence in other vaccine-preventable diseases such as German measles, chickenpox and bacterial meningitis, said Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University vaccine expert.

“Measles is the signal that in these communities where there’s profound under-vaccination, they are susceptible to a whole menu of communicable diseases we thought were relegated to yesteryear,” he said.

On Monday, the CDC put the nationwide count of measles cases at 626. The latest New York City illnesses would push the national tally past 680, according to an Associated Press review of state and national figures.

In 1994 there were 983 cases. Up to now, the biggest single U.S. measles outbreak in recent years was in 2014, when 383 cases were reported in the Amish community in nine Ohio counties. But on Wednesday, New York City officials said the outbreak centered in some of the ultra-Orthodox, even though they have little exposure to the internet.

“Anti-vaxxer” movement has made inroads among the ultra-Orthodox, even though they have little exposure to the internet.

Earlier this month, city officials ordered mandatory vaccinations in four ZIP codes, including 6,400 students who have little exposure to the internet.

Ultra-Orthodox rabbis generally have no religious objections to vaccines and have urged their followers to get inoculated. But the “anti-vaxxer” movement has made inroads among the ultra-Orthodox, even though they have little exposure to the internet.
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STAFF EDITORIAL

We should care about Sri Lanka attack more than Notre Dame fire

Tragedy struck in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, when nine suicide bombers killed more than 300 people and injured hundreds more in coordinated attacks at churches and hotels throughout the country. According to USA Today, Sri Lanka’s Defense Minister Ruwan Wijewarnede has stated that the attacks, which targeted the nation’s Christian minority, were in retaliation for the shootings at several mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand earlier this year. At this time, the perpetrators are thought to belong to a radical Islamic group, National Thowleek Jamath.

The attacks received international coverage, but overall, public outcry in the U.S. wasn’t as extreme as it has been for other recent tragedies, namely the burning of Paris’ Notre Dame cathedral. For the French church, several billionaires from around the world have pledged donations to help reconstruct the damaged parts of the building, but social influencers have been generally silent about what happened in Sri Lanka. At the very least, they haven’t been tussing money around like they did when Notre Dame caught fire.

According to Google trends, the peak of internet searches for the Sri Lanka attacks was a fourth of the peak for the Notre Dame fire. In short, fewer people sought out information on Sri Lanka than Notre Dame. No one was even injured in France, and while it was surely sad to see history burning, it doesn’t outweigh the value of human life, or eclipse the tragedy of its loss.

As the cathedral smoldered, Twitter and other social media sites were rife with travelers who had visited France and taken pictures of themselves posed before the church. Most of those people felt a personal connection to Paris because it was familiar to them, and if they were silent about Sri Lanka, it could be because they didn’t feel that same connection.

The problem, then, becomes that too many folks can only empathize with people, places and cultures that are known to them. We as a society tend to pay more attention to disasters that happen in the West and dismiss Eastern tragedies. Maybe it’s because the Eastern world feels far away, or because it’s harder for some people to conceptualize what they don’t even know the exact location of the country it happened in. Maybe it’s because of the way the media covers different events. Maybe it’s because we’re burned-out on tragedy and it’s easier to focus on human loss than personal, human loss.

Regardless, the victims in Sri Lanka

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We should not downplay the scale of Russian interference

TIMOTHY RUSH
staff columnist

Patriotism is a word that has largely been associated with that of the military, a strong country and strength in leadership. Since its founding, America has largely existed on the idea that we are a nation born for greatness. Surrounding our republican heritage, ideas of American exceptionalism and Manifest Destiny has been at the forefront of American thought. And while this is far from horrible, the results of these ideas taken to the extreme have been taken and continue to be exceedingly so.

There is nothing wrong inherently with patriotism, but patriotism taken to a blind fervor has little difference from the nationalist waves of the early 1900s. In the name of expanding democracy, we capitulated overseas territories and enforced our will upon the world. In the name of security, we punished those we feared both at home and abroad. In the name of purity, we marginalized and persecuted many to hold to American values and ideas of superiority. And out of all of these, the power of leadership has been seen as sacrosanct to the point that no one dares question our leaders.

On April 23, White House Advisor Jared Kushner argued that the very investigation into Trump was more harmful to America than Russia’s attempts to meddle in our elections. “When you look at Russia did, buying some Facebook ads and trying to sow dissent, it’s a terrible thing... But I think the investigations and all the speculation that’s happened for the last two years has a much harsher impact on our democracy than a couple Facebook ads” Kushner said at the Times 100 Summit, referring to Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigations into the Trump White House.

Ignoring the downplaying of the actual scale of Russia’s meddling in the U.S. elections, the actual message that we see here can be summarized very simply as questioning our leaders is more dangerous to America than actual foreign interference in our democratic processes. Somehow questioning the President and investigating him is now seen as so negative that actual social engineering done by a foreign adversary of the U.S. is seen not as bad.

I’m not writing this to say that Trump is literally Hitler, but rather that the way we as a society are treating our power structures and our culture is becoming eerily similar to the rabid nationalism that arose during the rise of fascism in Europe. To the rise of many horrible dictators throughout time. It’s getting worryingly similar.

We as a society must remember what brought this nation out of the British Empire. It was the bravery of people willing to question absolute leaders, in the case of the Founding Fathers a leader who had divine right to rule over them. And while the Founding Fathers were far from perfect, they knew that unless certain things were done, the flegding U.S. would go the same way as the very empire they separated from. We have today the First Amendment of the Constitution that is meant to protect our people’s rights to speak and publish about how the government is doing and to freely disseminate our grievances whether they be right or wrong.

What I’m getting at is very simple: that our leaders are not beyond reproach. That our country is not beyond being tyrannical and authoritarian. The very essence of patriotism in America is following the legacy laid out by the American Revolutionaries, that being that no leader and no idea is beyond criticism and that everything should be questioned. Every leader and every decision that we as a country make should be questioned and not blindly followed.

Our president, whether or not you agree with him, should be investigated if there is any evidence to suggest that he might be working against the best interests of the United States. If there’s any evidence that he’s blantly violating our laws and institutions, it is his duty to support that investigation to find the truth, not shun it because it dares question the president.

So as more comes out about him and as we grapple as a country with its findings, let us remember what our real patriotic heritage is. We are a country founded on questioning and dissenting, and the president is not above the law or the will of the people.

Climate Change and green energy will have impact on economy

ALEXANDER WOLFE
staff columnist

I’m signing up to take a biology class, and it’s not just because my best friend is a bio major and I want to understand her when she says mitochondria are more than the powerhouse of the cell. Rather than just taking astronomy or an easier natural science requirement, I’ve committed to gaining an understanding of biology because I know I’ll need it to get hired. If it’s acceptable to want a stable career by age 30, you have to have the skills that will be in demand by 2030 (11 years for all you math blasters out there). 2030 matters because it’s the year that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has deemed the point of no return for climate change.

All dramatics aside, a new report released by the IPCC asserts humans must decrease our carbon footprint to hold the planet at a safe temperature. If we don’t make changes, the world will become a place with extreme heat and cold, and we will be fighting for survival with future generations. The renewable energy sector generates about $228.3 billion in revenue, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

If you’re marketing majors out there, most advertising from Exxon and BP these days is focusing on their investments in renewables, so becoming familiar with the language of conservation and sustainability may be a necessary resume item. Humanities majors would do well to examine the impacts of climate change, as it affects everything from security to psychology.

Legally speaking, environmental law will only continue to grow in importance, as businesses will grapple with environmental regulations that forward-looking governments will continue to impose upon corporations. The market is waiting for an entrepreneur to make sustainable business practices profitable, and that niche is where the jobs will be.

If you’re planning on entering the world of analytics, you’ll need funding for your research, and as climate change begins to annoy billions more than the fires at historical landmarks, they’ll devote their excess income toward climate research instead. Slide note: There’s already billions of dollars in climate research; look no further than the million granted to one of our own professors for sustainability experiments in South Africa.

Until Duquesne adds a sustainability class to the UCOR curriculum, we bear responsibility for this knowledge, if for no other reason, to ensure our future wages. The day is fast approaching when your knowledge of conservation and sustainable practices will be just as important to your job prospects as interpersonal communication, second-language-speaking capabilities or coding prowess, and we must be prepared to adapt to this changing climate of hiring.

In a future America where politicians are forced to accept scientific fact (most likely when we pay them to accept it), it’s not difficult to imagine corporations becoming climate-conscious. A well-funded green energy lobby could inspire bipartisan tax credits for businesses with net-zero emissions or households purchasing solar panels, electric cars and metal straws. Special discretionary spending may be allocated for renewable energy research, and the Pentagon could get serious about the national security threat posed by environmental degradation.

Even if you think climate change is a hoax, the industry surrounding that hoax is positioned to be one of the most lucrative sectors in the global economy, so why not learn about it to make money. For the rest of us who respect the hard work and scientific consensus of 99% of the world’s scientific community, it’s in our best interest to make the economics of climate change profitable.

I still believe in the power of a united American economy, and if that power is united in the premise of making money to benefit the planet, we can save ourselves from ourselves.

April 25, 2019
Suffice it to say, I did not consider myself a Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to come. “I guess my secret is a point of Duquesne fashion icon, Zach Reed, in the weeks to com...
Dukes add graduate transfer; Williams Jr. to Oregon

Adam Lindner
sports editor

Baylee Steele, a 6-foot-11, 245-pound center who played last season for the Utah Valley University Wolverines, has signed a financial aid agreement with Duquesne. Steele, a graduate transfer, will be eligible to play for the Dukes in 2019-20.

Steele, a Norwalk, Iowa native, spent his freshman season at Des Moines Area Community College, located in central Iowa. He then transferred to Division I Eastern Michigan, where he appeared in all 33 games for the Eagles, making 22 starts. Three of Steele’s 33 appearances came versus the Akron Zips, then coached by Keith Dambrot. Dambrot left Akron for Duquesne following the 2016-17 season.

Steele departed from Eastern Michigan following the 2016-17 season as well, transferring to Utah Valley.

Following a redshirt season in 2017-18, Steele started in 35 games for Utah Valley in 2018-19, averaging 20.1 minutes, 8.5 points and 7.2 rebounds for the Wolverines.

Utah Valley advanced to the second round of the College Basketball Invitational (CFI) before falling to South Florida. Wolverines Head Coach Mark Pope then left for the BYU position.

Steele told Pittsburgh Sports Now that he was extremely happy with his decision to come to Duquesne.

“The situation that I was looking for when I entered the transfer portal was exactly what Duquesne had to offer me,” Steele told PSN. “Plus, when I was there, everything felt so real and so right.”

Steele added that Dambrot’s reputation for player development played a big role in his decision.

“He has such a long history of developing big men,” Steele said.

Steele will be immediately eligible for Duquesne in 2019-20 as a graduate transfer. His arrival should bolster the Duquesne frontcourt, where he will join forces with the likes of Mike Hughes, Marcus Weathers, Austin Rotroff, Amari Kelly and James Ellis.

In other news concerning Duquesne basketball fans, DU’s leading scorer and rebounder in 2018-19, Eric Williams Jr., has decided on a new home for his basketball and educational career.

On April 20, Williams Jr. announced on Twitter that he would be transferring to play for the Oregon Ducks.

Williams Jr. will have to sit-out the 2019-20 season before being eligible as a redshirt junior in 2020-21.

Damian Lillard puts Russell Westbrook in tough spot

Adam Lindner
sports editor

On Tuesday night, Portland point guard Damian Lillard connected on a game-winning 3-point shot that surely rivals any NBA buzzer-beater in recent memory.

Tied at 115 each with around 20 seconds remaining in regulation, Thunder point guard Russell Westbrook missed a contested lay-up at the rim before the Blazers rebounded the ball. Lillard retrieved the rock from forward Al-Farouq Aminu before coolly striding up the court.

Dame arrived at half-court with around 13 seconds remaining, and as he dribbled near midcourt, guarded by Thunder forward Paul George, the Moda Center crowd rose to its feet.

The Blazers held a 3-1 series lead over their counterparts from Oklahoma City, victorious in each contest save for a Game 3 Thunder triumph. The series was one of the first round’s most entertaining matchups, pitting Lillard against a personal rival in Westbrook.

With the Thunder on the brink of elimination, Lillard dribbled at the top of the key, waiting for the clock to tickle down.

Seconds later, Lillard reminded everyone what it was: Lillard Time.

With a step-back 3-pointer from 37 feet out, Lillard ended the Thunder’s season in stunning fashion, relinquishing Oklahoma City into an offseason full of questions and uncertainty.

Following Kevin Durant’s departure from Oklahoma City during the summer of 2016, the Thunder are 4-12 in the post-round exits. During that span, Russell Westbrook has averaged a triple-double in each regular season, winning the NBA’s Most Valuable Player Award in 2016-17.

Paul George arrived in OKC during the summer of 2017 via trade, then decided to re-sign with the franchise last summer despite a belief that he wanted to play for his hometown Los Angeles Lakers. George’s commitment to the franchise was a humongous victory for OKC, and it’s scary to think about where the Thunder would be if George had skipped town after one year with Russ.

It’s worth noting that OKC doesn’t necessarily boast the most impressive supporting cast — and one that’s severely lacking outside shooting — but that doesn’t let Westbrook off the hook. Although Westbrook isn’t known for his outside shooting whatsoever, his insistence upon shooting mid-range and outside shots is visibly hurting his team. In Game 5 alone, Westbrook shot 11-of-31 from the field.

In the months following Durant’s departure, Westbrook famously posted a video of himself on Instagram singing along to Lil Uzi Vert’s lyrics, “now I do what I want.” Following three straight seasons of incredible personal statistics and accolades, perhaps it’s time for Westbrook to take a step back and do some self-reflection.

Time isn’t on Russ’ side either, as he’s now on the wrong side of 30-years-old. It’d be wise for Westbrook to alter his play-style in the hopes of higher efficiency ratings.

To his credit, he would be much better off with shooters situated around him.
The Duquesne Dukes women’s lacrosse team clinched a postseason berth for the first time since 2016. After a 9-7 season, including a 4-5 mark in Atlantic 10 play, the Dukes will travel to Fairfax, Va., to take on the Richmond Spiders in the first round of the A-10 Championships on Thursday afternoon.

A 19-11 victory over La Salle in the conference finale on Saturday secured the spot for the Dukes in what has turned into a great turn-around season under first-year coach Corrine Desrosiers.

After a 4-12 season last year and a 2-15 record the year prior, the Dukes were picked to finish last in the Atlantic 10. This year head coach Corrine Desrosiers has been one of the main reasons for the turn-around. The Dukes have the sixth highest overall winning percentage in the nation, in scoring offense with 16.78 goals per game, while also generating over 40 shots per game, which paces the country as a whole.

Junior Rilee Bradshaw has perhaps been one of the main reasons for the turn-around. The 3.44 ground balls per game put her fifth in the country in that category, as well.

Much of the Dukes’ success this year has stemmed from a change in coaching philosophy. “We want to get our feet off the ground quickly into possessions and has also shot the ball often. The Dukes rank sixth in the nation in scoring offense with 16.78 goals per game, while also generating over 40 shots per game, which paces the country as a whole. All of that is part of Desrosiers’ coaching philosophy. “We want to get our feet under us, we want to get a shot off in 11 seconds or less, we are looking to get on their hands on defense and apply a lot of pressure out there,” said Desrosiers after a 17-2 victory over St. Francis earlier this season.

The defensive pressure is also evident in every game as the Dukes rank second in the nation in caused turnovers per game with nearly 17, trailing only Liberty University.

Now, the Dukes will battle the Richmond Spiders with the winner taking on the host in George Mason. Earlier this season, the Dukes lost to the Spiders, who are the defending champions.
I Think You Should Leave is hilarious, but needs to abandon gross-out humor

Josiah Martin
a&c editor

Sketch comedy is hard. Tim Robinson knows this, but has the tools to pull it off — he was a featured player and writer on Saturday Night Live. He has pulled out all the stops for I Think You Should Leave with Tim Robinson, creating a sketch show that gets the laughs, but is often too vulgar or absurd for its own good.

The first sketch of the first episode sees Robinson — an actor whose strong suit is excruciating, calculated awkwardness — leave a job interview at a restaurant by accidentally pulling on a “push” door. His interviewer informs him of his mistake, and Robinson’s character chooses to double down and lengthy discussions in which “mudpie” is used as a euphemism for feces, it catches the viewer off guard and distracts from what was actually comedic about the sketch.

When a skit about a co-worker severely overreacting to a whoopee cushion prank becomes a vile monologue that I can’t reproduce in this dear Spirtan university’s student newspaper, it leaves me wishing that I could reach into the screen and cut a minute and a half off of the end of the sketch. This phenomenon repeated several times, and I had to fast-forward. Some of these sketches are funny at their core, but rely on some “funny” gross phrase and beat a long-since-deceased horse for far too long.

I Think You Should Leave is still worth watching, though. Even if the sketches can be a swing and a miss, the talent at the forefront — including Robinson and guest stars such as Cecily Strong, Steven Yeun, Will Forte and Vanessa Bayer — find the comedy in nearly every sketch, on some level. The series is guest star-packed, and by real, experienced comedy talent.

If I Think You Should Leave gets a second season, maybe it will strike a balance and be able to fully shine. All the elements are there, and maybe Robinson and company can realize that the strengths in their comedic writing are tonal and situational, and they don’t need shock value to carry 15 minutes worth of sketches. My hopes are high.

Horoscopes

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)
This week, buy some colorful suspenders, since you seem to want to act like an absolute clown.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)
The flowers are beginning to bloom! The sun is out! Stay inside and take a nap.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)
Live like a jack-in-the-box. As people put more and more pressure on you, just crouch low and sing “Pop Goes the Weasel.”

Leo
(July 23-August 22)
Try finding joy in something greater than yourself. Literal garbage, for example.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)
The jigger. He can’t run forever. Today’s the day you catch the Hamburger.

Libra
(September 23-October 22)
Sorry Libra, the stars hold no truth for you this week! Maybe next time!

Scorpio
(October 23-November 22)
Easter ham and Easter cheese! I’m begging, daddy, please, please, please!

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 22)
Good news! I know French, and buddy, your French final paper is énorme coude!

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19)
Do you remember how Andy Dufresne broke out of Shawshank? That’s how your finals week is going to feel.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18)
A chance at true love, beauty and happiness rears its ugly head once again.

Pisces
(February 19-March 20)
“Nothing to see here, folks,” you whisper to yourself in your dressing room mirror. The stage is set for your one-woman show, but the crowds have gone home. No applause. It’s over.

Aries
(March 21-April 19)
Grab life by the handlebars and pop a wheelie into success!

Upcoming Releases

Avengers: Endgame
Friday, April 26
This much-anticipated film concludes the Avengers arc in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and serves as a follow-up to Infinity War, which saw the deaths of much of the main cast.

In the End
The Cranberries Friday, April 26
Irish rock band The Cranberries are releasing their seventh and final album using surviving vocal demos by lead singer Dolores O’Riordan, who died in 2018.

Micro Review
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
14th Century Hymn
Uh-oh! Easter time is back, and you know what that means — time to hear this absolute banger of a song nearly every Sunday. This is “We are the Champions” for Catholics, folks. From reaching into my falsetto register to belt out the line “who did once upon the cross,” to singing “Alleluia” as a 10-syllable word, I’ve waited all year to belt this bad boy at mass and the day is finally here.

Happy Easter.
Josiah Martin
Shazam! balances action with humor, thanks to cast

Natalie Schroeder
staff writer

After its opening weekend, Shazam! earned its rightful place at the top of the box office with $53.3 million. With 168 reviews, Rotten Tomatoes labeled this movie Certified Fresh. The movie was written by Henry Gayden and directed by David F. Sandberg with a cast that brought humor to the screen. This movie follows a young boy, Billy Batson (Asher Angel), as he struggles through foster care and finding his mother. After being placed in a new foster home, he gets in a fight with two older boys trying to save Freddy (Dylan Grazer), one of the kids in his foster home, and is summoned by the Wizard (Djimon Hounsou) to be named the “champion.” Shazam! captivated my attention from the very beginning, as it started out with a flashback.

The movie starts out showing the boy, Thad (Mark Strong), that would grow up to be the villain. Thad is a young boy in the 1970s when he is given the opportunity to be given the Wizard’s power, but his greed gets in the way. Since he cannot resist the Seven Deadly Sins, he is turned away by the Wizard. Thad then returns to his father and brother and grows up trying to find the Wizard and take the power of the Seven Deadly Sins for himself.

In a similar scene between the Wizard and Billy, Billy says the Wizard's name, Shazam, and he becomes a fully grown man with powers. While this movie is a superhero versus supervillain film, it also centers around a 14-year-old boy who behaves as such, even when he is the fully grown Shazam (Zachary Levi). After his encounter with the Wizard, Billy and Freddy test his new powers. This montage of characters add humor to the movie as Billy is able to do things as Shazam that he would not be able to do as his 14-year-old self. It’s hilarious to see a full grown man buy beer only to spit it back out on the first drink, especially when Freddy does the same when he tastes beer for the first time as Shazam.

Throughout filming the movie, Levi spent most of his time with the young actors to better play Shazam as Billy. This worked out in his favor, as I easily understood that Shazam was still Billy and his appearance was the only thing that changed. While it is the audience’s first thought that Billy should use his powers to save people, it is also understandable that a teenage boy would want to have fun first. Freddy plays an important role in Billy’s decision to save people from Thad and the Seven Deadly Sins, and it makes Billy think like a hero rather than a 14-year-old.

Overall, the movie was enjoyable and can make an audience laugh several times. The movie itself is sillier than other superhero movies an audience is used to, which separates this film from others. The actors themselves add depth to characters, especially Zachary Levi and Asher Angel as they tackle different aspects of the same character. They way Shazam and Billy both interact with Freddy in the same way shows that Levi and Angel worked together closely to have cohesive scenes. This movie has action, comedic relief and family love at its heart. Should Shazam hit the big screen again, I will be rooting for him to succeed just like I did in this first installment.
Attacks in Sri Lanka continue to go tragically unnoticed

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deserve our attention, empathy and aid just as much as the victims of horrors that happen closer to home.

As reporters, we can’t cherry-pick which tragedies get covered, nor can we differentiate between how we cover events that happen in the East versus the West. As citizens, we have to extend our empathy beyond our borders and allow it to cross oceans. Tragedy knows no homeland. If our hearts broke for Paris, they have to ache for Sri Lanka, as well.

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Thursday
67 ° Mostly cloudy, a little rain

Friday
63 ° Mostly cloudy, a little rain

Saturday
59 ° Turning cloudy

Sunday
55 ° Variable clouds, a shower

Monday
64 ° A chance for showers

Tuesday
66 ° Chance of a morning thunderstorm

Wednesday
77 ° A shower possible; warmer

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