Second annual Gender Neutral Fashion Show a success

Issues with Wifi being resolved after complaints

Once a subject of frustration and discontent, sure to get a snark or snide remark from students and staff, campus Wi-Fi is actually better now than it has ever been.

Many students and staff complained of internet connections dropping in the middle of streaming movies or presentations quite frequently. The connection was spotty at best in many locations on campus.

“A couple of years ago it was pretty bad, but it has definitely gotten better,” said Mike Dillon, a media professor on campus.

The truth is, campus Wi-Fi has gotten much better over the years. “The University invested $2.7 million dollars in budget years 2016 and fiscal year 2017 to implement additional, significant improvements to campus Wi-Fi, particularly in the Living Learning Centers,” said Chuck Bartel, chief information officer in Computing and Technology Services.

Survey results from 2018 show great satisfaction with the campus Wi-Fi, with the exception of parking garages and outdoor spaces. However, CTS is looking into possibly spending another $1 million dollars in fiscal year 2021 as a way to stay ahead of the curve and stay current with Wi-Fi technology.

In fact, Duquesne currently operates with some of the fastest internet possible. “Duquesne is a member of the Three Rivers Optical Exchange (3ROX), KINBER (the Keystone Initiative for Network Based Education and Research) and InterNet, which enable CTS to provide the campus with some of the fastest network connections,” said Bartel.

Duquesne has many older buildings and because older buildings were typically built with denser materials and no concern for internet connection at that time, it may slightly affect connection in those areas. Even so, CTS appears to be finding ways to overcome this obstacle as well.

“The recent upgrades did address this issue in the LLC’s by placing a wireless access point in each resident hall room,” said Bartel.

From 2015 to 2018, first-year student satisfaction has continually increased based on survey results provided by CTS.

In response to the issues concerning Wi-Fi connection in the parking garages and outdoor areas, Bartel said, “Based on Pittsburgh’s climate which can include cold weather for 4 to 6 months of the year and current academic and recreational use of the parking areas, CTS has prioritized Wi-Fi investments in robust network coverage for campus areas that support campus living, academics and research year-round.”

Students needing help with Wi-Fi connection or any other related issues are urged to contact the CTS Help Desk at 412-396-4357 or help@duq.edu or simply stop in at the help desk in room 206 of the Union.

Ollie Gratzinger / Editor-in-chief

The fate of this year’s Gender Neutral Fashion Show was uncertain; a series of obstacles and restrictions had been imposed upon the hosting groups, Gender Forum and the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS), and for awhile, it seemed as though the show wouldn’t be able to happen at all.

But after massive backlash from both university affiliates and community members, the university retracted its stance that the show could only go on if it avoided gender neutral language and iconography, and the event was greenlit once again.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, the Union Ballroom filled with nearly 500 attendees — in comparison, last year’s event had 103. There were 20 models and five panelists speaking about fashion, history and gender, and according to Gender Forum President Emma Shirey, the second annual Gender Neutral Fashion Show was a hit.

“It was exactly what Duquesne University needed,” Shirey said. “Everything worked out exactly as planned. We had 20 models and five panelists. It was beautiful.”

A panel discussion preceded the fashion walk, featuring WGS professor Laura Engel; Linda Kinnahan, professor of English and co-founder of WGS; and Ali Breznik, assistant professor of humanities at Chatham University, as well as Shirey and nonbinary fashion designer Stew Frick. Gender Forum Adviser and Director of WGS Faith Barrett and McNulty Dean Kristine Blair also spoke at the panel.

Kinnahan and Engel discussed the role of fashion in history, and how the way folks dress reflects social ideas about gender. In her opening remarks, Blair echoed this sentiment.

“From both theoretical and cultural standpoint, gender is a performative process,” Blair said, citing feminist scholar Judith Butler. “The performances of gender are in response to a larger cultural assumptions ...

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Gender Forum event highlights LGBTQ+ representation

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that empower some and disenfranchise others.”

Among those disenfranchised by normative gender expectations are members of the LGBTQ+ community.

“The importance of the Gender Neutral Fashion Show is both academic and communal, as we also come together to support LGBTQ+ students, faculty and staff to feel visible and valued,” she said.

Blair went on to say that the fashion show will help create a “relationship between gender theory and self-expression.”

Frick, who has reached local acclaim following their recent gallery exhibition Worse for Wear at BOOM Concepts, highlighted what they identified as an alarming trend of transphobic behavior and anti-LGBTQ+ violence.

More than half of the population of transgender women in Atlanta reported physical or interpersonal violence in 2017, according to Frick. They also pointed out, though, that it is notoriously hard to track violence against trans people.

“In the U.S., it is prohibitively expensive to legally change gender markers on government IDs, particularly considering that trans people are far more likely to experience job insecurity and discriminatory hiring practices” they said. “This often leads to murdered trans people being reported by police and local news with dead names, or not acknowledging that the person was trans.”

Frick was going to take a moment to list the names of every trans person killed in America in 2019, but they said it would’ve taken up the rest of their speech time. And so, they focused on a select few victims, including Elisha Stanley, a black transgender woman who was murdered in Downtown Pittsburgh this past September.

“All too often, Pittsburgh is not stronger than hate,” they said.

But Frick stressed that life as a queer individual isn’t all negative. Often, clothes and fashion can make a world of difference. The Gender Neutral Fashion Show, they said, allowed for students who may have otherwise felt marginalized on campus to find a space where they could express themselves freely.

“It’s important to hold events like this that support and normalize queer and otherwise gender nonconforming styles of presentation,” they said.

Frick believes that the fashion show, coupled with additional educational resources, will help make Duquesne a better place for queer people. They agreed that, while the well-attended fashion show was a success, activism and advocacy can’t stop after the show, when the publicity ends.

“Walk with us tonight on the runway, walk with us in life. Stand up with us, applaud for us. We did it, but we’re not done,” Shirey said.

“Here’s to many more years of Duquesne University’s annual Gender Neutral Fashion Show.”

California braces for possible round two of outages

(3) — California’s largest utility said it will go ahead with widespread blackouts affecting nearly half a million people starting Wednesday as dangerous fire weather returns to California.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company said it would begin precautionary power shutoffs Wednesday afternoon to nearly 180,000 homes and businesses in portions of 17 counties, mostly in the Sierra foothills and north of the San Francisco Bay Area. The outages will last about 48 hours, the utility said.

Meanwhile, Southern California Edison said it could cut power Thursday to more than 160,000 customers in six counties and San Diego Gas & Electric was warning of power shutoffs to about 24,000 customers.

The utilities say they’re concerned that winds forecast to top 60 mph could throw branches and debris into power lines or topple them, sparking wildfires.

PG&E cut power to more than 2 million people across the San Francisco Bay Area in rolling blackouts from Oct. 9-12, paralyzing parts of the region in what was the largest deliberate blackout to prevent wildfires in state history. Schools and universities canceled classes and many businesses were forced to close.

PG&E’s new warning just two weeks later prompted a feeling of resignation among residents and business owners and renewed rushes to stock up on emergency supplies.

“I think it’s not panic per se, just, ‘Oh, we gotta do this again?’” said Kim Schefer, manager of Village True Value Hardware in Santa Rosa.

Schefer was busy Tuesday directing customers to gas cans and batteries as they prepared for what many see as a costly, frustrating new routine.

Love Birds Coffee & Tea in the old Gold Rush town of Placerville lost about $6,000 in the last outage — a huge chunk of change for a mom-and-pop business and a hit from which the store hasn’t yet recovered, owner Garrett Sanders said.

“Working this close to the last outage is going to be a true trial by fire,” he said.

This time, Sanders plans to brew up coffee and stock up on handmade pastries before the shutoff, then sell them on the sidewalk — along with a smile — when the power goes back on.

“It’s going to be a sober morning for people waking up without their coffee,” he said. “We can’t do, like, all of our espresso and milk-based drinks but we’ll have coffee. It’ll be

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Antisemitism conference to hold many speakers, ideas

Melissa Haviv, assistant director for CWB, hopes the event will give the community the opportunity to learn more about antisemitism and how to combat it.

This conference aims to educate and equip teachers and students with the tools they need to provide early intervention and teach students to develop empathy and respect for diversity,” Haviv said.

A report released from the FBI noted that hate crimes have increased over the past decade. The report also noted that anti-Semitism accounts for 9.1% of all anti-hate crimes nationally.

While cities nationwide are struggling to maintain security for their minority inhabitants, the Tree of Life Synagogue death exemplifies that the further diversity and inclusion education is necessary in Pittsburgh,” Haviv said.

The event begins Nov. 10 at 11:15 a.m., when Michael Berenbaum will give a lecture titled “Not Your Father’s Anti-Semitism: Where Contemporary Anti-Semitism Dif- fers from What Matters.” The lecture will focus on contemporary antisemitism.

Berenbaum is the director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implica- tions of the Holocaust at the Amer- ican Jewish University, where he is a professor of Jewish studies.

Following Berenbaum’s lecture, Peter Hayes talk on the historical context and “Us vs. Them” think- ing in his speech titled “Why Explaining the Holocaust.” Hayes wrote a book of the same name that specializes in the histories of Nazi Germany, the Holocaust and the conduct of the nation’s largest cor- porations during the Third Reich.

He was a German and history pro- fessor at Northwestern University for 36 years, and currently serves as the chair of the Academic Com- mittee of the United States Holo- caust Memorial Museum.

The event splits up into tabling after Hayes’ speech, and picks up with a panel discussion moderated by Berenbaum. Speakers include Hayes, Ken Jacobson, the deputy national director of the Anti-Defa- nition League and Mary Johnson, a senior historian of Facing History and Ourselves. Dinner will follow the discussion.

The last event of the night is a film screening, conducted by filmmaker and journalist Patrice O’Neill. O’Neill leads “Not in Our Town,” a community-based movement of people working to stop hate together.

The “Not in Our Town” national series is on PBS and O’Neill has led a multi-platform approach that uti- lizes documentary film, social net- working, outreach and organizing efforts to encourage dialogue and community action.

Currently, O’Neill and her team are in production of “Stories from the Tree of Life,” a “documen- tary and community engagement project focused on the powerful actions of Pittsburgh leaders and residents to counter hate and an- tisemitism and build community resilience in the aftermath of the traumatic attack,” according to the CWB agenda.

The second day of the event will kick off with a lecture by Rachel Kranon and Jeanette Joulli, associ- ate professors of religious studies at the University of Pittsburgh. The talk is titled “Anti-Semitism, Rac- ism and Islamophobia.” Accord- ing to the CWB agenda, Kranon specializes in modern Jewish his- tory, Judaism in America, religi- on in America, gender studies and the Holocaust. Joulli specializes in Contemporary Islam, anthropol- ogy of religions, political and sec- uralism, religion, popular culture and gender studies.

After the lecture, attendees will break out into workshop sessions.

The morning workshops range from confronting white national- ism in schools, to confronting con- temporary antisemitism through holocaust education to creating an environment for holocaust and genocide studies in schools. The afternoon breakout session is a spiritual leadership and clergy track, dealing with Christians countering antisemitism through reorientation, repair, revitaliza- tion and resources.

The last lecture of the event is a discussion with Johnson, Kathleen Blee, a University of Pittsburgh professor and author of “Under- standing Racist Activism: Theory, Methods and Research” published in 2017, and Shannon Foley Mar- tinez, a former neo-Nazi skinhead. According to the CWB agenda, Foley Martinez “works as the Pro- gram Manager for Free Radicals Project, as well as being a U.S. Re- gional Coordinator for the Against Violence and Extremism Network (AVE)—the largest network of for- mer violence-based extremists and survivors of extremist violence in the world.”

Because Duquesne is partnering with CWB for the conference, all Duquesne students and faculty are invited to attend for free. You can register online at: https://fesdpgh. org/antisemitism-hate-and-social responsibility.

DU ranks above state average for passing the bar exam

Hannah Boucher

For the fourth year in a row, Duquesne University’s law school students have scored above the state average on the Pennsylvania bar exam. This year, however, was the first time that over 87% of the university’s first-time tak- ers passed the exam.

The bar exam is an intensive, two- day test that evaluates a law student’s knowledge in all 21 subjects of law. The first day consists of eight hours of essay writing that tests the student’s legal analysis and writing skills, while the second day is a 200-question multiple-choice exam.

The bar exam is “designed to wea- ne you away from the right answer. The best way to prepare for the exam is to study well and do well in law school. You can’t do this as a part-time exer- cise,” said Richard Gaffney Jr., J.D., Duquesne’s director of bar studies.

In order to even take the exam, stu- dents must have graduated from an accredited legal program, approved by the American Bar Association. One of the key contributors to the students’ success rates is the special- ized prep course at Duquesne’s law school. During the three years of law school, students constantly review material that isn’t typically discussed, such as contract law and property law. Students have the opportunity to review old concepts and build upon what they already know to further their understanding of different law subjects.

“Duquesne Law has developed a comprehensive bar prepara- tion program over several years that continuously backed up by the excep- tionally high pass rates of the first-time test takers,” Gaffney said.

On top of that, many of the uni- versity’s students still take addi- tional 10 week commercial prep courses for the exam outside of their normal classes, Gaffney com- pared it to taking classes to pre- pare for the SAT.

There are two exam periods — February and July. For the stu- dents taking the exam in February, their course begins around winter break, whereas those taking the exam in July begin their prepara- tion in May.

Without passing this exam, it is impossible to become a lawyer. The bar is equivalent to a doctor taking their boards, or a teacher be- ing certified. If a law student wants to practice in a certain jurisdiction after graduation, they are required to pass.

For students that still need the ad- ditional help after graduation, law school professors will provide assis- tance after graduation for the exam in July, which equates to the optional 10-week prep courses that students can enroll in, such as BarMax, Kaplan Bar Review and Themis Bar Review.

“The law school’s priority is to ensure that all students are thor- oughly prepared for the practice of law makes this outstanding achievement possible,” President Ken Gormley said.

This pattern of success is con- tinuously backed up by the excep- tional pass rates of the first-time test takers.

In the 2017 winter edition of the National Jurist Maga- zine, Duquesne law was ranked ninth out of 205 law schools for exam preparation. Rating above schools such as Villanova, Temple, and Drexel in the state, Duquesne was only below Uni- versity of Pennsylvania and Penn State.

“We are working with our grad- uates one-on-one. Our objective is to consistently out-perform our competition. That’s why students choose Duquesne,” Gaffney said.

More power outages coming to California

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AP — from page 1 better than nothing.”

Sanders said he is sympathetic to the argument that the outages are aimed to prevent wildfires, espe- cially since a dozen people settled in Placerville after they were burned out of the town of Paradise by a fire that killed scores of people last year.

“Of course, none of us wants the devastation” of a wildfire, Sanders said, “but I think the measures that PG&E is taking are up to the ultimate extreme.”

California Gov. Gavin Newsom sent a sharply worded letter Tuesday to Bill Johnson, PG&E’s CEO, blam- ing the unprecedented mass outage earlier this month on the company’s failure to maintain and upgrade its equipment.

“I believe the unacceptable scope and duration of the previous out- age — deliberately forcing 735,000 customers to endure power outages — was the direct result of decades of PG&E prioritizing profit over public safety,” the Democrat wrote, refer- ring to the number of businesses and households affected, not the total number of people. PG&E says the shutdowns are not about money.

The only goal “is to prevent a cata- strophic wildfire,” Johnson said in a Tuesday briefing.

"You can't do this as a part-time exercise."

Richard Gaffney Jr., J.D.
Human trafficking: America’s secret epidemic

With all the seemingly insurmountable issues plaguing the world, it becomes incredibly easy to sweep the less visible problems under the rug. One of the most overlooked and undiscussed problems facing the world is slavery. For the majority of Americans, the word “slavery” conjures up images of overt racism from centuries past, but unfortunately, the institution of slavery is alive and well within the borders of the U.S.

Modern slavery takes many forms, with the most common being human trafficking. This practice includes the kidnapping, smuggling, transporting, and selling of human beings for sex and/or labor.

Thousands of men, women, and children are bought and sold every year on the black market. Many are forced into prostitution or pornography with no possible escape.

The barbaric and gruesome nature of this practice makes it seem impossible for it to occur in a nation as wealthy as the U.S., but all 50 states have incidents and rings of sex trafficking.

Even the city of Pittsburgh faces the problem of human trafficking. Just this past August, state authorities and FBI agents raided a number of facilities in association with an interstate sex trafficking ring. Some of the raided locations included massage parlors in Carnegie, Turtle Creek, Jeannette, McKees Rocks, Bridgeville and Erie.

This problem is not isolated to darkened alleyways or third world countries. The horrors of human trafficking are present in the Pittsburgh community. Just because human trafficking is not as regularly visible as homelessness, hunger or poverty does not mean it can be ignored. Out of sight out of mind cannot apply here.

These problems are also ignored by the public because it can be difficult to spot the counters with their captor. The signs of modern slavery frequently mirror those of domestic abuse. Victims will likely be entirely dependent on their captor and look to them for all decision making. They may appear malnourished or dehydrated. This is because many traffickers use highly addictive drugs to control their prisoners.

The victim’s dependency on the drugs makes them extremely susceptible to persuasion by their abusers and captors.

While these are subtle signals, they could be vital to saving someone from a life of slavery and abuse. The most common locations for human trafficking are airports, bus stations and train stations. Although it may feel awkward, it is important to alert a flight attendant or security after noticing these signs.

An increase in public awareness and human trafficking training will pave the way for an era where the signs of trafficking are as apparent as those of homelessness.

Unfortunately, in addition to the current lack of public interest in the modern slavery epidemic, survivors of human trafficking are offered little to no resources after escaping their captors.

Although the Pittsburgh community has resources like The Asservo Project for those reentering society after time in captivity, most survivors cannot sustain their lives on the sole support of one organization.

The young people and children who survive America’s slave trade are not given the opportunities to reintegrate into society. Their education is not seen SLAVERY — page 11

Language speaks volumes

All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here — a lynching. But we will WIN!

Those are the words that President Trump chose to close out a tweet on Oct. 22 about the impeachment proceedings against him. As the looming threat of this process has become a theme of more and more of the president’s Twitter feed, it’s easy to disregard this tweet as just another in a long series.

However, for the president of the United States to use the word lynching — a word with a long, dark and violent history in this country in particular — as a metaphor for his own situation, is nothing to be tossed to the side.

Language matters. Though Donald Trump has, to say the least, taken to be more casual and conversational approach to his public statements than his predecessors, this does not excuse the use of language that has long been associated with one of the bleakest, tragic aspects of American history.

The Tuskegee Institute claims that over 40 African Americans were lynched in the U.S. between 1882 and 1968. This is the history that is indelibly linked to this term. These are the conditions the word “lynching” evokes to this day. While the word is a proper term with a definition beyond this chapter of our past, the weight that it carries because of the larger context means it is not a word to be tossed around lightly.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) failed to recognize this when he was rushed to the president’s defense when asked about it, saying, “I’m from South Carolina; I understand it very well. Mob rule is what lynching is all about. I didn’t say they were lynching the president literally.” Graham went on to say the impeachment proceedings “a lynching in every sense.”

This defense didn’t sit well with Michael Steele, former chairman of the RNC. On Twitter, Steele shared a graphic photo of an African American man hanging from a tree, adding, “this is a lynching. Trump this is not happening to you and it’s pathetic that you act like you’re such a victim; but it did happen to 1,477 black people in your state Lindsey. ‘A lynching in every sense’? You should know better.”

This is nothing new. In 1998, Joe Biden used the phrase “partisan lynching” in reference to the impeachment proceedings against Bill Clinton. As that comment has resurfaced, Biden was quick to publicly apologize.

This highlights an important point. Every time an important dark chapter of our past to make a political point is unacceptable, regardless of party, and those who choose to do it, are clearly and rightfully removed from their positions. The condemnation from both sides of the aisle. This is not an issue of party, of
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Pittsburghers grieving one year after Tree of Life shooting

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There’s a word that sort of means the opposite of deja vu; instead of feeling like you’ve been somewhere you’ve never been before or experienced a situation twice, jamais vu describes the sensation you get when a familiar place feels somehow different. And in the last year or so, Pittsburgh has been giving me a sense of jamais vu.

A year ago this week, something changed in our city when a man walked into the Tree of Life synagogue with a gun, killing 11 worshippers in the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history. The world rallied around Pittsburgh, voicing support for its Jewish community and expressing disgust at the rhetoric that enabled the terrorist. Fundraisers were posted to the Internet and signs went up in windows and front yards promoting a message of unity in the wake of horror. The solidarity was unparalleled; the worst of times can often bring the best of people.

While they say hate can’t wean a city of steel, it can still dent it, knock it out of shape, bend it up and make a place I’ve known for most of my life unfamiliar. There are some wounds that time can’t suture shut so quickly, and even when they begin to heal, the scars sting with phantom pains and twinges of raw remembrance.

The storefronts are all the same, only now, there are signs in the windows reading “stronger than hate.” The businesses and buildings that have been there for as long as I can remember are still standing, only now, memory banners and flowers decorate their facades. The people are still as friendly and the neighborhood still as vibrant as it always was, but Squirrel Hill feels haunted by a homesickness for the place it was before.

The differences are soft and subtle, easy to miss if you aren’t paying attention. It would be nice to say that we’ve overcome the tragedy and loss that befell the city last year, that in banding together and lifting each other up, we’ve put the past behind us and, essentially, moved on. It would be nice, but it wouldn’t be true — at least not entirely. A city can’t undergo such a thing and come out of it unchanged.

This year’s Rosh Hashanah services in Squirrel Hill, held earlier this month, were well attended and, as always, nice; Jews from across the city came together to usher in the Jewish New Year with the ceremonial sounding of the shofar — an instrument crafted from a ram’s horn — and a worship service. But the security guards at the entrances weren’t there last year. There was a stricter sign-in process. The rabbis’ sermon made mention of Tree of Life; it has become known as “10/27,” a simple but foreboding way to say it without really saying it. It’s like 9/11; everyone just knows.

Pittsburghers are tough and Jews are a resilient people — if we weren’t, the diaspora wouldn’t have made it this far. But the point is that we shouldn’t have to be resilient.

There shouldn’t have to be fundraisers to pay for funerals or signs condemning anti-semitism, because these big-otries shouldn’t exist in 2019. The Tree of Life shooting never should’ve happened, because there never should’ve been the vitriolic and divisive speech forging a wedge between communities. There should be better gun laws to prevent semi-automatic assault rifles from falling into civilian hands; guns of that caliber serve one purpose and on purpose only: to kill as many people as possible, very, very quickly.

As we approach the one-year anniversary of 10/27, we ought to be mindful of the power of words and how the actions they spawn can never be undone, and we have to condemn hateful rhetoric when we hear it — no matter who we hear it from.

Former Nazi officer to face trial a lifetime after his crimes

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There’s a famous Johnny Cash song called “God’s Gonna Cut You Down.”

The song lyrics go as follows:

“You can run on for a long time, but sooner or later God’s gonna cut you down.”

Ninety-three-year-old Bruno Dey is being tried in juvenile court for crimes he committed when he was 17 and 18 years old at Stutthof concentration camp. Dey was a guard at the camp during the Nazi regime. He was an alleged accessory to 5,230 murders. Dey didn’t commit any of the murders himself, but he did stand by and let them happen. Dey could very well be the last Nazi put on trial.

When I first read the article, the first thought that popped into my head was “what’s the point?” My second thought was that he was just a kid when he was a guard and was simply just following orders. It was his job, right?

Well, maybe, but that’s very flawed logic. If you stand by and let thousands of people die by your coworkers’ hand, then you’re an awful person.

The second thing is, well, he was just a kid. Yes, he was only 17, but he would have had to be an insanely immature 17 year-old to not know that what he was doing was wrong.

Bruno Dey is a guilty man but is he too old? Should we let bygones be bygones? My first instinct was to say yes.

I just couldn’t see the point of putting a 93-year-old on youth court. Also, why now? Why when he’s 93?

Before 2011, it was very hard to convict Nazi concentration camp workers of murder because German officials needed to have specific evidence that linked the concentration camp guards to one or more individuals. But that changed when former Nazi guard John Demjanjuk was convicted just because he had worked at a concentration camp.

That’s the reason they are trying Dey now - because they couldn’t have before recently. Reading all this made me understand why they put Dey on trial now but a part of me still didn’t get what the point of trying to put a 93-year-old man in jail who will probably die soon anyway.

Then for some reason, I thought about the Johnny Cash song, and the lyrics run through my head.

“You can run on for a long time, but sooner or later God’s gonna cut you down.”

Dey committed a crime. He was an accessory to 5,230 murders. He deserves to be in jail. Dey faces up to 10 years in jail if convicted, which at his advanced age would be a life sentence. So Dey most likely will die in jail, if convicted.

There’s a chance that he may die even before the trial is over. But he has to pay for what he did no matter how old he is.

Dey says he is sorry for his actions and says he never wanted to be a guard at Stutthof, that he had a heart condition and therefore couldn’t have joined a standard military unit. He also says that he couldn’t have stopped the murders. However, with saying that he also admits that he never tried to stop them, and he still showed up to the camp every day. He also knew those were innocent people being killed. Dey could have tried to do something, but instead he just stood by. He heard the screams; he saw the blood. Yet he did nothing, and that is a crime. Dey may be 93 years old, but there needs to be some kind of justice. Dey ran on for a long time, a very long time. But God cut him down.
McGinley-Rice Symposium event sheds light on story of homelessness

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James S. Withers, M.D., F.A.C.P. and founder of Pittsburgh Mercy’s Operation Safety Net program accepted the 2019 Eileen Zungolo Spirit of Service award on Friday for his work with Operation Safety Net.

The McGinley-Rice Symposium event entitled “The Face of the Person Who Is Homeless” took place this past week from Thursday, Oct. 17 to Friday, Oct. 18. Sister Rosemary Donley directed the event for the 10th year. Kellie Collier, coordinator for research administration and conference planning at Duquesne, coordinated the event.

The symposium consisted of two days of speakers, panels and research presentations, as well as breakout discussion groups. McGinley-Rice is directed at a regional audience of nurses, doctors, social workers and other healthcare professionals who provide for the vulnerable, doctors, social workers and other healthcare professionals who provide for the vulnerable, homeless population. Some attendees directly provide one-on-one healthcare, while others provide through creating public policy. McGinley-Rice specifically focuses on healthcare practice and policy creation for vulnerable populations through a lens of social justice — social justice being defined as equality of participation in society.

Operation Safety Net is an innovative medical and social outreach program to people who experience chronic homelessness. The program provides vaccines, medicine, basic items and connections and resources to people who experience homelessness. They go directly to the people surviving on the street.

On Friday, Withers gave a keynote address to McGinley-Rice conference attendees. His keynote address consisted of a series of vignettes about the people he has met through the street medicine program. His anecdotes brought stories of humanity to the faces of the people on the street.

A story he told began when a co-worker medical professional called him from UPMC Mercy Hospital. A homeless man whom Withers had met through Operation Safety Net had wandered into Morton’s Steakhouse, bought the most expensive bottle of wine on the menu and then had a seizure when the waiter brought him the bill and he then ended up at Mercy. Fortunately, the man was okay in the end. All of Withers’ vignettes had an undertone of optimism, and the content ranged from people experiencing psychosis, sharing their past horrors over a fire by the Allegheny River and beginning to admit that they were worthy of helping themselves.

Withers also advocated for the medical community and the public to challenge the assumption that homeless people are “those people who just want to be homeless.” He encouraged medical professionals “to break out of the system” to meet the homeless people where they are.

Reiterating his point, much of the research on display at the symposium explored the fact that homelessness occurs for a variety of complex reasons. Research projects at the symposium included work on creation of a peer specialist program for people experiencing homelessness; an analysis at a domestic violence shelter, which discovered 10 emergent health care themes for people experiencing homelessness and domestic violence; and a study which looked into collegiate homelessness and housing instability, among others. Research came from Duquesne University School of Nursing and the School of Education, as well as various nonprofit organizations, both from Pittsburgh and from other areas of the country.

In the future, Collier plans for the symposium to reach more interested parties through innovative methods such as virtual attendance. Collier mentioned that an important presentation during the symposium was on the app called “Big Burgh,” which directs people in Pittsburgh experiencing homelessness to resources, safe places and immediate help based on their age, sex, gender, immigrant status or veteran status.

To get involved as a student, Operation Safety Net has opportunities for volunteers at their winter shelter. They are always in need of men’s white athletic socks sizes 6-12.

For more information, go to: streetmedicine.org or pittsburghmercy.org/homeless-services/pittsburgh-mercy-operation-safety-net/

Horoscopes

Scorpio
(October 23-November 21)
Your MCM thinks Beetlejuice is Michael Keaton’s best role. Show him the 1996 film Multiplicity.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21)
Really? You’re going to be a sexy cat for Halloween? Again!?

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19)
DU cares, but your man doesn’t.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18)
You’ll always be my homecoming queen.

Pisces
(February 19-March 20)
You: Cinco Cantina
The guy she says not to worry about: Doce Taqueria.

Aries
(March 21-April 19)
The stars are saying this new Tinder boy is the one.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)
Ordering that pumpkin spice latte and you’ll be pumpkin-spice late to class.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)
The spookiest thing about this semester is your GPA.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)
Your ex has been stalking your Linked-in profile. Show them up with your success.

Leo
(July 23-August 22)
St. Ann’s lounge, midnight, we settle this once and for all.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)
Begin hoarding Chick-Fil-A sauce packets, the end times are approaching.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
Enjoy it while you can, Libra, all your friends are going abroad next semester.
Dukes bowling finding early season success

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Boasting a 15-4 record, the Duquesne women’s bowling team appears to be hitting their stride just as the leaves fall. With a second-place finish last weekend at Mount Shootout, Duquesne knocked off No. 15 Delaware State before falling to No. 23 Youngstown State in the final match.

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The following events are all of Duquesne’s varsity athletic contests for the next several weeks.

— Oct. 24, 7 p.m. Women’s Soccer vs. St. Bonaventure
— Oct. 25, TBD Women’s Tennis at ITA Atlantic Regional
— Oct. 25, 6 p.m. Women’s Volleyball vs. VCU
— Oct. 26, TBD Women’s Rowing at Head of the Schuykill
— Oct. 26, 1 p.m. Football vs. Wagner
— Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Men’s Soccer vs. Saint Louis
— Oct. 27, 1 p.m. Women’s Soccer vs. Rhode Island
— Nov. 1, TBD Women’s Rowing vs. Davidson
— Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Men’s Tennis vs. West Virginia (Exhibition)
— Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Women’s Volleyball at Fordham
— Nov. 2, 9 a.m. / 11 a.m. / 6 p.m. Women’s Swimming and Diving at Atlantic 10 Classic
— Nov. 2, 10 a.m. Men’s Cross Country at Atlantic 10 Championship
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Duquesne’s varsity basketball will play Wyoming for the first time since 1961 on Dec. 5, 2020.
Football looking strong heading into homecoming game

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With just five games to go, it’s an apt time to conduct a midseason review of Duquesne football.

The Dukes are off to a hot start in conference play. With a 2-0 record, the NEC preseason favorites are exactly where we thought they’d be.

The Dukes’ defense is among the best in the PCS. The unit ranks 11th overall in total defense and 13th in scoring defense.

The pass defense has been particularly outstanding. Seniors Reid Harrison-Ducros and Daivon Ellison lead a unit that has forced eight interceptions and allowed only 96 passing yards. Simply put, the secondary is making things miserable for opposing passers.

The NEC’s top passing offense, Sacred Heart, found that out the hard way this past weekend. Pioneers quarterback Logan Marchi had arguably his worst game of the year, throwing three interceptions and zero touchdowns.

Two of those picks were snagged by Harrison-Ducros, who earned NEC Player of the Week recognition for his performance. While pass coverage is this defense’s strength, the Duquesne pass rush and rush defense have been solid as well. They’ve racked up 15 sacks and allowed 143 rushing yards per game.

Thanks to these collective efforts, opponents average less than 20 points a game. In other words, even if the offense is having a bad day, this defense keeps their team in the game.

This has been important considering the offense may still be finding its rhythm. The run game, which ranks 2nd in the NEC, has been effective and efficient. However, the Dukes’ pass attack is yet to find quite the same success.

Quarterback Daniel Parr has 957 yards through the air and eight touchdown passes, both decent figures. However, with five interceptions and a 57.45 completion percentage, there is certainly room for improvement.

Meanwhile, A.J. Hines and Mark Allen have combined for a terrific one-two punch on the ground.

Hines has only played in four games but rushed for over 100 yards in both conference matchups.

Allen, on the other hand, has rushed for 453 yards and averaged 5.5 per game. Each player has three touchdowns.

If Parr and his receivers begin to click, this offense possesses explosive potential.

Overall, while there are undoubtedly kinks to work out, Duquesne seems primed and prepared for the second half of the season.

Following a trip to Bridgeport, Duquesne returns to Pittsburgh this week for a conference showdown against Wagner.

The visiting Seahawks have dropped two in a row and currently stand at 1-6. Their only win is over NEC cellar dweller LIU.

That record may suggest that the Dukes will have it easy come Saturday, but that’s unlikely.

Despite their abysmal record, the Seahawks have kept games close, losing only two games by more than ten points.

That’s largely thanks to its defense, which ranks 34th in the PCS. The unit is led by senior lineman and NFC prospect Cam Gill.

Gill leads the NEC in tackles for loss (12) and 2nd in sacks (5.5). He’ll undoubtedly be on the radar of Jerry Schmitt and his assistants.

With that being said, Wagner has struggled heavily on offense, currently ranking 122nd of 124 FCS teams. This constitutes an ideal matchup for the stubborn Dukes defense.

Whatever the result, it will have significant implications for both teams. With a win, the Dukes will remain undefeated in conference. They’ll also continue to control their destiny as they pursue another NEC Championship.

If Wagner pulls up the offenset though, they would still be merely one game out of first place in the NEC. A loss would likely knock them out of contention.

All things considered, this is an intriguing matchup well-suited for the excitement of Homecoming week on the Bluff.

WSOC drops result to UMass, playoff hopes still alive

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Despite a strong first half, the Duquesne women’s soccer team suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Massachusetts on Sunday afternoon.

A win would have moved them up in the A-10 standings; however, a strong finish to this season will allow them to make up some ground.

The Dukes controlled the field in the first half. They constantly pressured UMass early, with five shots in the first 10 minutes of play.

Their diligence paid off and led to a goal in the 11th minute, by sophomore midfielder Alex Saturni.

The Duquesne women’s defense also started off strong. The team’s defense, coupled with Megan Virgin’s stellar goaltending, kept the Minutewomen scoreless in the first half despite outshooting Duquesne in that half.

They also forced Massachusetts to make a lot of mistakes, with several offsides penalties and fouls going against the Minutewomen.

The second half was unfortunately a different tale for the Dukes. Massachusetts built on their first half momentum, attempting eight shots in the first 20 minutes of the second half.

These opportunities finally provided the Minutewomen with their first goal. Forward Lauren Bonavita’s goal in the 64th minute tied the game at 1-1, and took the air out of the Duquesne faithful.

Massachusetts continued to amass more pressure against Duquesne’s defense. They put up 10 shots in the next 15 minutes, including a 78th minute goal from midfielder Jenny Hipp.

The Minutewomen compiled 19 shots in the second half alone, many of which were on goal.

Final statistics from the game showed that Massachusetts outshot Duquesne 29-14, and had seven more shots on goal.

The Minutewomen also had four more corner kick opportunities than the Dukes, giving them more opportunities for a victory.

Despite the Dukes’ first half strength, Coach Al Alvine was dissatisfied with the result.

“We can have no complaints about this result today, because we played poorly in every facet of the game,” Alvine said.

“We looked disinterested, which was a shame. Up until this point, everything was in our own hands in terms of making the tournament and possibly hosting.”

Alvine also praised their opponent, who won in comeback fashion.

“When even we were up at halftime, they were determined to come out and change the narrative of the game, and that’s exactly what they did.”

Alvine didn’t think Duquesne’s recent road trip was the reason for their poor performance.

“It’s a long season, but everyone has to play the same amount of games; everyone has to travel; everybody has to play on the road,” he said.

“You could say the effects of a late night on Thursday getting back, and still feeling that could have been a factor. But they played on Thursday, too, and they had to travel from Massachusetts to get here.”

Regardless of Sunday’s loss, Alvine knows his team is capable of winning.

“Most of these players are pretty accomplished players who have played at a fairly high level. It becomes a question of being impressed by his team’s effort in its previous match.

“It’s disappointing because on Thursday, we were phenomenal. In the second half of that game [against Dayton], we took it to them, we battled, we fought hard. But today, with everything on the line, to get this sort of performance is discouraging.”

Duquesne will look to snap their three-game losing streak, and work their way back into the A-10 postseason picture, on Thursday against St. Bonaventure.

St. Bonaventure has posted a less than stellar 2-5-1 record in conference play this season, but has found success of late.

The Bonnies have won two of their last three contests, with victories against Richmond and Rhode Island.

The Dukes will then wrap up their 2019 regular season slate on Sunday, Oct. 27, on the road against Rhode Island.

If they win their remaining two games, the Red and Blue can finish .500 in A-10 play this year, at 5-5.

Two wins to wrap up the regular season would also clinch an A-10 Championship Tournament berth for Duquesne.

However, this team’s success — both in the regular season and the postseason — will remain contingent on their ability to display their talents and win on the road.
Paul Rudd and Paul Rudd shine in new series

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Paul Rudd has a reputation for being an endearing and relatable actor – a reputation he proves himself worthy of in Netflix’s Living with Yourself. In the series, Rudd expertly portrays two versions of Miles Elliot – a non-threatening, slobbish advertising writer, and his more confident, personable clone.

In the first episode, Miles attempts to better himself by going to a mysterious spa, which turns out to be a cloning facility. The original Miles wakes up in a makeshift graveyard in the woods, and the new Miles wakes up in the spa, both unaware of each other until they meet by accident. They then must figure out how two men can share one existence.

What stands out about Living with Yourself is the seamlessness in Rudd’s performance. He appears to flip effortlessly between two characters who, despite being literally the same person, both display distinctly different personas and outlooks. Particularly gripping, however, is the way that these characters slowly bleed into one another until they meet by accident.

In keeping with a noticeable trend in recent television, while I would certainly recommend Living with Yourself, and believe me, you do, this is the seamlessness of Netflix-era concept-driven shows – personal, emotional and practical – how its concept is handled. This isn’t Multiplicity. The idea of having a sudden identical twin isn’t just played up for laughs. The show wastes no time getting into the issues of sharing a life tears both of our protagonists apart.

The comedy mostly lies in the characters coping with their situation, such as Aisling Bea as Miles’ wife, Kate, on whom the fifth episode largely focuses. She bounces adeptly between struggling to cope with the weight of her situation and throwing up her hands in comical resignation at Miles’ unmatched obliviousness and ineptitude.

That’s the power of this series – how its concept is handled. This isn’t Multiplicity. The idea of having a sudden identical twin isn’t just played up for laughs. The show wastes no time getting into the issues – personal, emotional and practical – that Miles’ conundrum presents. The first few episodes play like a science-fiction version of Office Space, as New Miles excels at his job, but almost immediately, the impossibility of sharing a life tears both of our protagonists apart.

I would certainly recommend Living with Yourself to fans of Paul Rudd, fans of dark comedy and fans of Netflix-era concept-driven shows like Russian Doll. If you want to see a character work through an impossible conflict as two versions of himself, and believe me, you do, this is the show for you.
The Office! A Musical Parody was written for people whose entire personalities were built on the theory that life’s events are a series of jokes. The writers Bob and Toby McSmith’s unauthor- ized parody of the hit television show graced the Byham Theater last weekend. This non- sense musical spectacle excellently showcased a script composed of jokes so well written that humor can somehow fail to be the least bit funny. Surrounded by an eruption of laughter, we felt and the degradation in show quality once the parody even went so far as to erase the role of Kelly was originated on NBC by Mindy Kaling, who takes pride in her position as both the only female and only minority writer on The Office staff. To only cast one person of color in the entire show felt like a slap in the face. The parody even went so far as to erase the character of Stanley and Darryl, the two dominant African-American characters throughout the franchise. This made it clear to the audience that the representation of people of color was not a priority to the parody’s writers or casting directors.

Overall, the show was a disappointing and unnecessary remake of a beloved classic. From its pathetic writing to its lack-luster jokes, this show did not meet any of our expectations. We left the theater much like we left the final seasons of The Office: underwhelmed and not laughing.
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