Do or donut, there is no try

President Ken Gormley hands out donuts to students in the fishbowl in the Student Union. This has become a Duquesne tradition as a way to kick off the beginning of the spring semester.

New banner system to hit DORI

JESSICA LINCOLN
staff writer

The Self-Service Banner system in DORI is getting an upgrade this year, with some changes set to take effect before the fall 2020 registration period begins in March.

“The functionality, the look and feel of the entire system will be changing,” said Kimberly Hoeritz, the university registrar and assistant provost for academic systems.

“We were anxious to get this out there for the students.”

The banner system was developed by Ellucian, a third-party software provider, and is used by students, advisors, faculty and departments throughout the university. Last year, Ellucian upgraded the Administrative Banner system, and now, they have begun to upgrade the Self-Service Banner from version 8 to version 9.

The transition process at Duquesne began in August, when advisors were given access to the banner’s new student profile system and “View Grades” function.

Since October, students have been able to access those functions

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Duquesne in the process of offloading another dorm building

HALLIE LAUER
news editor

Plans for another Duquesne building to change hands are underway.

On Jan. 24, Duquesne announced its plans for St. Martin Hall to become part of the Radnor Property Group LLC and its partnership with Harrison Street investment management firm.

Radnor Property Group is based in Wayne, Pa., right outside of Philadelphia. According to Tim Gigliotti, a Radnor partner since about 2006, the company’s primary focus has been on public, private partnerships with organizations like colleges and universities, as well as other nonprofits.

Radnor has been in a partnership with Duquesne since May 2018, when it acquired Brottier Hall. This new partnership will work the same as the Brottier one, with Radnor owning the building and renting it out to Duquesne students.

“We will maintain that on-campus feel, with residence life presence being a big part of that,” Gigliotti said.

Radnor will become the official owner of St. Martin Hall in May, when the closing is complete. According to Doug Frizzell, the vice president for student life, St. Martin will close for renovations at the end of the spring semester and reopen to students for the Fall 2021 semester.

“We are going to completely refigure the building into a suite-style arrangement,” Gigliotti said. “Our

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**Self-Service Banner gets a makeover, new features**

This photo has been blurred to hide the personal information of the student featured. To learn how to use the new banner system, the registrar’s office will be holding how-to demonstrations during March and April.

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Mitt Romney announcing that he will go against party lines in the impeachment vote.

*Courtesy AP News*

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

Another week of very few crimes. Keep hitting the books instead of each other’s vehicles.

On Jan. 31, a female flagged down a Duquesne police officer to report that one of the parked vehicles in the Forbes lot was hit by a pickup truck. The truck subsequently left the lot. A note was left on the windshield of the vehicle that was struck notifying the driver of the vehicle to contact the Duquesne police station.

On Feb. 2, a Duquesne student was found to be highly intoxicated along Seitz Street. They were transported to UPMC Mercy for treatment. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Feb. 3, a resident student reported that a bank account was opened in her name by an unknown individual.

**JOKE CORNER!**

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer, the bartender says, “sorry we don't serve food here.”

Q: Why did the bike fall over?
A: It was two-tired

Q: Why do plants hate math?
A: They relish it

Q: How do pickles enjoy a day out?
A: They relish it

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goal is to fill a place in the on-campus housing that doesn’t currently exist. It might have a few more amenities than exist in Vickroy or des Places.”

The building is going to go from holding around 500 students to about 324 students. This downsizing will allow for “suites, bathrooms, kitchens and lounge gathering spaces,” Frizzell said.

Two-thirds of the rooms will be single-occupancy and one-third will be double occupancy. Because of this downsizing, the university is allowing sophomores to apply for a one-time housing exemption and temporarily suspend the on-campus living requirement for sophomores during the 2020-2021 year.

“The administration will monitor housing needs throughout the room selection process beginning spring 2020 and will continue monitoring throughout the summer to assure that student housing needs are met,” Frizzell said.

Sophomores interested in the housing exemption will have to apply and be approved by the Office of Residence Life. Further information will be given to all sophomores regarding this exemption.

The biggest change coming to St. Martins will be the redesign of the layout of each floor. Gigliotti explained that as the redesign plans currently stand, the communal bathrooms on each floor are going to be removed and replaced with kitchens, loud study rooms, quiet study rooms or game rooms. Each floor will vary. “It’s still in design, but we’re looking for a way to personalize each floor,” Gigliotti said.

In total, there will be five floors of quiet study, three floors for student lounge gathering space and five floors with community kitchens in them. Renovations will also include a remodeled ground floor entrance and upgrading and replacing the buildings mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems.

According to Matt Frist, the vice president for finance and business, St. Martin Hall was chosen for this partnership and redesign due to its age and condition.

St. Martin’s was built in 1961, making it the second oldest dorm building on campus.

“We could not be happier that our presence in Pittsburgh is now twice established in such a highly visible place,” said David Young, managing partner of Radnor Property Group in a statement sent to Duquesne students. “With the Brottier Hall project, we were able to complete a real showpiece for the highly attractive work we can do. St. Martin will be a great project for us to show even more of what we can accomplish with great partners.”

Because Radnor has not closed on the building yet, the price was not released. Once the closing is finished in May, it will be made public.

Martin's Hall to see significant renovations under new owners

Weinstein accuser says he trapped her during hotel assault

(AP) — As Harvey Weinstein stripped off his clothes, pulled down her dress and groped her breast in a hotel bathroom in 2013, Lauren Marie Young says he also offered a chilling excuse for his lewd behavior: “This is what all acts do to make it.”

Young’s account of her encounter with then-one of Hollywood’s most powerful movie makers came on Wednesday after she was called to the witness stand at Weinstein’s New York City rape trial in a final push by prosecutors to show there was a pattern to how he preyed on women.

Weinstein persisted by masturbating, despite her telling him, “No, no, no! the whole time,” Young told jurors as the last of six women to testify at the trial about alleged series of sexual assaults by the defendant.

The criminal charges are based on two allegations: that he raped a woman in March 2015 and forced oral sex on a TV and film production assistant in 2006.

Additional women, including Young, have been allowed to testify as prosecutors attempt to show there was a practiced method to Weinstein’s attacks, including inviting women to his hotel room to discuss business, then disrobing and demanding sexual favors.

Weinstein, 67, has insisted any sexual encounters were consensual.

Young began her testimony by describing how she put on her favorite dress before heading off to a meeting with Weinstein where she expected to “network and pitch my ideas.”

After he invited her up to his Beverly Hills hotel room, Weinstein lured her into the bathroom while a friend of his who helped arrange the meeting, Mexican model Claudia Salinas, closed the door behind them, she said.

The witness testified that after Weinstein was nude, he kept her from escaping by pushing her against the sink and blocking her way to the door. “I felt so trapped and I was in shock,” she told jurors, fighting back tears. She said she pleaded with Weinstein not to hurt her before he finally stepped out of the bathroom.

She pulled up her dress and walked out to find Salinas still standing right there, she said. “I shot her an evil look and I left as quick as I could without saying anything.”

On cross-examination, defense attorney Damon Cheronis questioned Young about her admissions that she was initially confused about when the alleged assault occurred and her description of the lummbering Weinstein so quickly taking advantage of her. His voice rising, Cheronis asked, “And then this big, fat man does a ninja tear off of his clothes, right?”

Cheronis also seized on some inconsistencies in Young’s courtroom testimony compared to her previous statements to investigators. For example, on the witness stand, she said Weinstein grazed her genitals, but in 2018 she told a Beverly Hills police detective, “I don’t think he touched me down there.”

The witness was to return to the stand Thursday with the prosecution case nearly complete.

Young’s allegations involving the hotel encounter in California are partly the basis of criminal charges filed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney on Jan. 6, just as Weinstein’s New York trial was getting underway. Weinstein is also charged in that case with raping a different woman the night before the alleged assault on Young.

The Associated Press typically does not publish the names of people alleging sexual assault unless they give their consent, as Young has done through her lawyer.

On Tuesday, the jury was shown a series of nude photos of Weinstein taken by the district attorney’s office a few weeks after his arrest, possibly to try to corroborate claims by another accuser he’s charged with raping that she noticed “extreme scarring” on his body.

On Wednesday, jurors were shown a drawing Young made for investigators of Weinstein’s naked body and she testified that she recalled a scar that “was not a normal looking scar from a circumcision.”

Messages were left Wednesday with Salinas and her manager.

Earlier Wednesday, jurors heard from a former front desk manager who checked Weinstein into a midtown Manhattan hotel where he is alleged to have raped a different woman in March 2013. The testimony was meant to corroborate the woman’s claim that Weinstein bullied his way into the hotel over her objections.

“Usually, couples checking in are in a happy mood,” Rothschild Capulong told the jury, adding he was so concerned about Weinstein’s behavior that he made a note in his end-of-shift report that security might want to check on his room.

Impeachment reactions, State of the Union focus on Constitution

In her post-impeachment trial statement, Pelosi said that the Republican Senate had betrayed the Constitution, and because of that, the president remains an ongoing threat to democracy. At the end of the president’s state of the union address, Pelosi tore her copy of the speech in half.

The president also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Rush Limbaugh. Limbaugh, a former radio host, was recently diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. Trump awarded him the medal, thanking him for his “decades of tireless devotion to our country.”

President Trump finished his speech by saying that “our spirit is still young ... and the best is yet to come.”
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**Letter to the editor**

To the Editor:

Now that Duquesne University has won its case against the National Labor Relations Board concerning unionization of adjunct professors (No Unionization, 1/30/2020), the university has an opportunity to act voluntarily to honor the rights of workers. The university administration has insisted throughout that the litigation was aimed at the power of government and not against the rights of workers. Labor expert Michael Oswalt of Northern Illinois University has said that nothing in the opinion by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals prevents Duquesne from voluntarily recognizing the adjunct professor organization here, bargaining with it in good faith and reaching an agreement similar to the one voluntarily reached between adjunct professors and Georgetown University.

Proceeding in this way would demonstrate that Duquesne’s resistance to the NLRB was a principled defense of religious liberty, just as the administration maintained. It would also translate the administration’s professional desire to treat adjunct professors with dignity and respect into a measurable outcome.

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**Seneless screams on the South Side**

Colleen Hammond
opinion editor

In recent weeks, campus has been abuzz with talk of a potential sex-trafficking ring operating on Pittsburgh’s South Side. These rumors began after police responded to four reports of people hearing a variety of fear-inducing noises on the South Side from crying babies to women screaming and calling for help. While police came to the scenes of all these reports, they found no evidence of recording devices, women in distress or foul play of any kind.

As a response, administration sent out a list of safety tips for students who live and/or frequent South Side. While this was sent out as a healthy precaution and general safety reminder, many students have taken this reminder as an indication that something darker is occurring on the South Side. Although police have not found any evidence connecting these reports to sex-trafficking, many students have proposed the narrative that these noises were pre-recorded and played loudly to draw women out of their homes in hopes that they would become more vulnerable to attack. Other theories have included the potential of sex-traffickers luring women to abduction.

However, there were no coinciding missing person reports or reports of attacks.

Still, many students have communicated their concern about sex-traffickers in the area. While it is important to take proper precautions when it comes to personal safety, there is a danger in deeming an act of sex-trafficking when there is, in fact, no proof.

These types of accusations demonize communities and perpetuate stereotypes that specific neighborhoods should be labeled as “bad areas.”

From an early age, most children are taught that the act of spreading rumors is inherently bad and can damage one’s reputation permanently. But for some reason, this type of behavior is deemed acceptable when in reference to neighborhoods. Rumors of sex trafficking spread like wildfire across localized Facebook groups and Twitter feeds without official police or news confirmation.

In addition to the poor light these allegations shed on certain communities, like the South Side, this detracts from the realities and true dangers of human trafficking.

Sex trafficking is a serious, global issue that must not be ignored, but unsubstantiated claims draw valuable resources and public attention from the true atrocities of this issue.

Even though the need for public safety must be recognized, it cannot outweigh the truth of the situation.

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The struggle for a clear victory in Iowa Caucus proves futile
Alexander Wolfe, staff columnist

The Iowa Caucus has a history of picking winners, but who won? When I set out to write a piece describing what I saw from the Iowa Caucuses, I expected to write an explanation of why Bernie Sanders’ performance in Iowa was substantial evidence to predict that he would be the eventual nominee of the Democratic Party. To set aside the ridiculous, potentially caucus-ending, technical problems, Iowans may not have picked THE winner, as they have for the Democrats over the past 30 years, but they did pick some of the losers. The weekend of caucusing began on Monday, Biden staffers leaked their concerns to the media, expressing their worry that the former Vice President would finish in first or fourth. Tom Steyer proved money can’t win caucuses, and Elizabeth Warren became the establishment candidate.

This year’s Iowa caucuses were younger than ever before. According to CNN’s entrance polling, 37% of caucus-goers were first time attendees, compared to 44% in 2016, while 17-44 year olds were nearly in equal attendance as 45+ caucusers. Iowans polled their interest in a variety of issues, primarily healthcare (44%) followed by climate change (21%) with foreign policy and income inequality each receiving around 10%. Furthermore, 62% reported greater interest in a candidate’s electability than their policy. What these numbers display is the white bread liberal spread that is the Iowa Democratic Caucuses. Numbers like 44% concerned about healthcare, a representative sample across the age distribution, show the beliefs of old-timers but few first-time attendees.

Sixty percent of Democratic caucus attendees were new in 2008, generating a huge boost for then-Senator Obama’s campaign to help him win the state. Forty-four percent were new in 2016, and now 37% in 2020. Attendance has increased slightly, so the attendance numbers prove that no one in this race is Obama. Perhaps candidate’s messages are muddied by the density of the field or the debate stage attacks, but no candidate seems to be the Democrats’ savior from relative obscurity. Instead, candidates with widespread support battle others with intellectually diverse support. Like Monty Python’s King Arthur must bring together disparate knights to form his court, a Democratic nominee must bring together the fraying strands of the party’s traditional and contemporary voter bases.

Two potential candidates stood above their competitors in this way: Pete Buttigieg and Bernie Sanders. Mayor Pete’s lead with 71% reporting is built upon scattered support throughout Iowa’s college towns, population centers, and farming communities. He took supporters away from Warren, Amy Klobuchar and most notably Biden. Bernie on the other hand maintains a 1,000 ballot lead in the popular vote over Mayor Pete. Sanders’ support comes from population centers, evidenced by his dollar vote tally, and from a scattering of rural communities. In third place, Warren’s 20% comes exclusively from college towns, comprising a few cities across the state. Notably absent? Biden and Klobuchar. Receiving 15% and 12% respectively, the two traditional moderates won in scattered suburbs and rural precincts. Yet a look at the current map in Iowa reveals a worrying story for both campaigns. Their key bases of support were robbed by Buttigieg in hundreds of narrow-margin precincts. Throughout the evening, reports continued to confirm the Biden campaign’s worst fears, as he failed to survive the first rounds of caucusing across the state. In many precincts, supporters of Steyer, Biden, Klobuchar, and of course the Yang Gang, were considered the first ‘second choice’ voters by the Warren, Sanders and Buttigieg campaigns. Interviews with wide-eyed Biden supporters across the state featured precinct captains sure of victory, only to be found later in the evening caucusing for Pete or Bernie, like someone wearing a Pitt sweatshirt walking into Fisher.

In short, we’ve learned everything and nothing from these caucuses, perhaps apart from one thing. Just like Arthur’s knights in The Holy Grail, a few candidates are destined for the pit of death for some dumb answers to dumber questions.

Adopting new beliefs is not Mike Pence’s strongest suit
Allye Kaminski, staff columnist

Recently, I came across an article from NBC News which detailed the story of Vice President Mike Pence praising adoption agencies that prohibit LGBTQ+ people from adopting. In the moment, I really did not think much about it since everyone knows that Pence has his reservations when it comes to gay people, to say the least.

Then, the more I thought about it, the more I realized how dangerous that is. In the United States, there is a dramatic overload of kids in the foster care system, so many of them waiting for the day to be adopted. A day that may never come because the odds are stacked against them. In fact, the NBC News article mentioned that there are more than 100,000 children awaiting adoption in foster care.

And our executive branch only cares about making sure that only straight people can adopt them. Wholeheartedly, that is disgusting and a poor display from anyone who considers themselves pro-life.

However, the article does say that these adoption providers are based in faith and it comes down to a matter of religious freedom. As an avid supporter of the First Amendment, I feel like using freedom of religion as the explanation for this ban is the only way people could get away with feeling this way. Otherwise, it is 100% a matter of being hateful.

LGBTQ+ people adopting could also be considered a matter of freedom from religion. Anyone who is fit to be a parent should be able to do so without someone handing them a Bible and telling them it’s wrong in the eyes of the Lord. If it is, then it is up to Him to decide. Not an adoption agency worker with hate in their heart. When it comes down to it, the Lord I believe in does not hate anyone and would not exclude anyone from the happiness of parenthood.

Whether or not it is a religious freedom matter, I personally still feel like it’s a cop-out. It is 2020 and people are still using ancient traditions as grounds to exclude people, which I find really disappointing. In no way am I saying that it is wrong to live life according to the Bible, but I think it’s time we really stop using it as a way to discriminate.

When it comes down to it, as long as a couple is willing and stable enough to give a child an emotionally and financially supportive home life, then sexual orientation does not need to be a factor in the adoption process.

My step姐姐 and her girlfriend are getting married this fall and I have no doubt that shortly after that they will be ready to become parents. I would hate to see their dream of giving a child a loving home squelched because a few homophbic people cringe at the thought of two women raising a baby together. That’s just silly.

There is no reason at all for people to think that a child is better off in a home with a male and female parent. I know plenty of people who grew up more so surrounded by women and grew up to be great people. There are plenty of others who grew up with only male figures and turned out fine. Plenty of people who grew up with only female figures and also turned out fine. Everyone knows that to be true.

Excluding LGBTQ+ people from adopting is just one more way to alienate and oppress them.

Truly, we can only hope that in 2020 leaders will be elected who stand up for human rights. The current administration has done nothing but disharmonize and berate the desire of people who deserve as fair a shot as anyone.

It is almost time for the public to use their voices at the voting polls. Please do your best to research the candidates past and present comments on anything regarding human rights. It is literally too exhausting to keep living in a time where innocent people cannot obtain the things they want and deserve because a few people think its gross and sacriligious.
The Human Rights Film Series has come a long way since its beginnings. Exactly 13 years ago, it started out as a foreign film festival, but after recognizing that Pittsburgh lacked a human rights festival, Professors Mark Frisch and Edith Krause changed the event into what it is today. This year, Frisch and Krause were also joined by professor Leonardo Bacarreza in the planning of the festival.

Krause, a German professor at Duquesne, has been able to watch this annual film festival develop into something that now reaches more than just students studying modern foreign languages. “We try to select films that might have a bearing on the Global South that might happen on campus,” Krause said.

When selecting the films each year for the festival, the board members contact foreign film producers in order to preview films. Each board member watches multiple films, but when one stands out, all of them watch it to decide if it makes the cut for the festival. Once all of the films are selected, then the members decide on the theme based on what resonates through all of the films.

This year’s theme, “In Pursuit of Justice,” focuses on the modern human rights issues that people face all around. Many, if not all, of the films that have been selected for this season are meant to call students to action.

“These are all very important films, and they all deserved to be talked about, especially this year when we have an election coming up ... very much is at stake,” Krause said.

Along with addressing the issue of global justice, the films address other controversial topics, such as gun control, sexual assault and conservation. The goal is to encourage students and community members to discuss the issues depicted in these films.

Katelyn Garland, a third-year education major, attended the first film of the series, Roll Red Roll, on Jan. 28. Roll Red Roll covers the 2012 Steubenville, Ohio trial of two young men who were raped, and the deeply-rooted issue within our culture surrounding sexual assault.

“It was a little bit hard to watch,” Garland said. “I think it was because it was so relatable to my high school.”

Another film that may strike a chord with students is Invisible Hand, a documentary that focuses on the environmental risks of fracking. Grant Township, the township featured in the film, is a neighboring town to Pittsburgh, with streams that feed into the Allegheny River.

Due to the fact that this film hits so close to home, Krause, Frisch and Bacarreza were able to get the director of the film, Joshua B. Pribanic, to speak at half of the documentary.

While every film has a speaker lined up to present after the showing, this is the only film this year that has the actual director coming to Duquesne. Speakers range from detectives to professors.

Frisch, Krause and Bacarreza urge students to attend as many of these screenings as possible so they can be in touch with what is going on in the world.

“These issues are manageable. We can make the world better. We can improve our justice system. If you’re willing to get involved and take action, you can make a difference.” Frisch said.
WBB knocks off previously unbeaten VCU on the road

**SPORTS**

David Borne
sports editor

Heading into Sunday’s contest at the Siegel Center, it had been nearly a month since VCU lost a game. The Rams entered the day with an unblemished 7-0 record against Atlantic 10 opponents. A full team effort from Duquesne put an end to VCU’s winning streak, as the Dukes pulled out a 79-76 victory.

“All the credit goes to our players,” Dan Burt said. “This is a great road win for us. This is a team that really guards you, they’re really strong. It’s great to get our eighth straight win against VCU here at the Siegel Center.”

A career-high 23 points from Libby Bazelak paved the way for Duquesne’s offense. The junior buried nine of her 16 points of her own. A handful of Dukes finished with nine or more points on the day. The Red and Blue’s ability to break down VCU’s typically sturdy defense impressed their head coach. “Libby played great. I thought her points were very quiet but very effective,” Burt said. “Paige [Cannon] hit a couple really big threes for us. Precious came in and was very effective on the offensive end and had a great block or two. Amanda Kalin... just a really great team win.”

While the final score was close, Burt acknowledged that it was a lot closer than it should’ve been. Duquesne held a 10-point lead with 34 seconds left on the clock. Despite the deficit, VCU did not lay down.

A deep-ball from Madison Hattix-Covington pulled the Rams within seven. VCU followed up with the basket with a steal and another jumper to trim the deficit to just five.

Covington-Hattix then forced another turnover and connected with Taya Robinson, who added VCU’s seventh point in just 12 seconds. A free throw from Sole, followed by two more from Nina Aho, put Duquesne up six in the game’s final seconds. The Rams did manage to make another three, but finally ran out of time and Duquesne escaped with the win. Burt took responsibility for the tense final moments of the game.

“You’re head coach needs to call a timeout when to have a chance to get in the win column before it leads to Pittsburgh, as the team will play Saint Louis on Thursday night in St. Louis. If the Dukes can carry their momentum through the bye, they should be able to pull out another win.

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

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  - Men’s Tennis vs. Richmond

- **Feb. 7, 6 p.m.**
  - Women’s Tennis vs. Youngstown State

- **Feb. 7, 7 p.m.**
  - Women’s Lacrosse at Ohio State

- **Feb. 8, 3 p.m.**
  - Men’s Basketball vs. St. Bonaventure

- **Feb. 8, 2 p.m.**
  - Women’s Basketball vs. Saint Joseph’s

- **Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.**
  - Women’s Basketball at Richmond

- **Feb. 12, 2 p.m.**
  - Women’s Lacrosse vs. Canisius

- **Feb. 14, 11 a.m.**
  - Men’s Tennis vs. Morgan State

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Leo: Reid deserves Super Bowl more than anyone

JAMES LEO
staff columnist

Dear Andy Reid,

As a die-hard Eagles fan, I can confirm that you had a great run with the Eagles.

Things didn’t start well after a 5-11 campaign in 1999, but things quickly turned around for the better.

You led the Eagles to six postseason appearances in eight years. In your 14 years as the head coach, you led Philadelphia to five NFC championship games, and won in 2004.

Even though you never won on the big stage with the Eagles, we loved you. You did things for Philadelphia that I never could have imagined; you won 130 regular season games and 10 postseason games. You brought consistent success to the city for 14 years.

I think on behalf of all Eagles fans when I say that it hurt to see you go.

Things didn’t go our way in the 2012 season, but part of me didn’t feel that it was your time to go. You embodied what Philadelphia wanted in a coach — hard-working and productive, and most of us felt that you would have reached the summit had you stayed.

You continued to prove your coaching talents at Kansas City Chiefs by leading them to an 11-5 record (and a postseason appearance) in your first season as head coach, and five more postseason appearances in six years.

And, as history has shown, you improved with every season. Although your postseasons in 2016 and 2017 proved fruitless, you did reach the AFC Championship game in 2018. Unfortunately, the virtually unstoppable Patriots took your ticket to the big game.

This year, you demonstrated once again that you have what it takes to make it to the big game even with all of the hurdles that the game placed in your way.

Your franchise quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, went down in Week 7; and your star players LeSean McCoy, Tyrick Hill and Damien Williams also battled injuries throughout the year. Even Chris Jones was listed as questionable for the Super Bowl.

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With Mahomes, you started Smith for a season before Mahomes the reins.

If you decide to retire on top, I wish to congratulate you on a great career.

If you continue to show the world that you can build a dynasty, then I am sure I am not alone in wishing you continued success in Kansas City.

Enjoy those cheesesburgers.

NHL’s 1st black player says league working to fight racism

(Atlantic) -- Willie O’Ree is hopeful that one day sports will be free of racism and bigotry, yet thinks it’s still a long way off.

The 84-year-old O’Ree, the first black player in the NHL, took part in the league’s Black History Month Tour in Ottawa, which features a mobile curated museum displaying the history of black hockey players.

O’Ree endured a great deal of racism. He said he is saddened it continues today.

“It’s not only happening in hockey, it’s happening in football and baseball and other sports,” the Hall of Famer said Monday. “Now we’re concentrating on hockey because the sport has very few black players and players of color playing in it. I’m disappointed in the athletes themselves.

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Super Bowl LIV Halftime Show stuns viewers

Shakira and Jennifer Lopez on stage at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

During this final number, Shakira crowd-surfed, then went right up to the camera and did a high-pitch whoop with a flickering tongue, which has taken grip of the Twitter meme world as much as Katy Perry's infamous "left shark." However, it has since been made known that this was a celebratory Arab exclamation known as a Zaghrouta that was in tribute to her dad's Lebanese background.

Overall, her enthusiasm throughout was truly a marvel to watch; it was flirty, fun and made you want to dance right alongside her.

The lighting then completely changed from bright red to a dark blue as Shakira bowed and J-Lo takes the stage.

Hanging from a pole that mimicked the Empire State Building, Lopez majestically slid to the floor and got down to business. Starting her side of the set list with "Jenny From the Block," Lopez excitedly shouted to her audience before delving into the music.

Her confidence was radiating, and it was infectious.

Wearing a sparkly silver one-piece, fans were amazed to see that Lopez has not aged one bit. She absolutely demolished the performance; the floor was all hers. She and her backup dancers suddenly made me want to be coordinated, but only she could pull off a stunt like that.

J-Lo continued to hash out all of her classics, including " Ain't It Funny," " Get Right," " Waiting for Tonight" and "Booty" featuring J Balvin.

Lopez ended her set with Bruce Springsteen classic "Born in the USA." Accompanied by little girls all dressed in white, her own daughter, Emme Maribel Muñiz, had a stellar solo, getting to duet alongside her mother, who was brimming with pride.

Like many others, I noticed that the kids started this number in glowing cages. This was a political allusion to the current immigration issues, which I think was subtle, yet masterfully done to get the point across.

For the grand finale, Shakira came back onstage, joining J-Lo and the rest of the cast for "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)." This number exuded so much unity, it felt like the world was being embraced with a care-free kind of love.

Shakira and Lopez ended the act in a tight hug, flashing a smile of pure victory and pride to the audience.

This halftime performance was not monochromatic in the slightest. Both Shakira and Lopez brought forth a bilingual set list that showcased their Spanish-speaking roots, whilst also giving a nod to the sociopolitical debate of ethnic representation in the music industry.

With the nation-wide split over the Colin Kaepernick kneeling incident, some celebrities, such as Rihanna and Cardi B, voiced that they turned down the offer to perform unless Kaepernick was given back his quarterback position for the 49ers. The racial tension for Super Bowl performers has been unerving; hence why Maroon 5 had to be bribed into performing last year since nobody wanted to do it (Not to mention, they gave such a lack-luster performance that I zoned out at least twice).

Beyoncé and Jay-Z, for instance, were found sitting during the National Anthem. This sparked some controversy for sure, but nobody could take Demi Lovato's performance away from her. I was in absolute awe; in fact, I sobbed and I am not afraid to admit it.

Overall, how does this compare to the iconic halftime performances that have graced the Super Bowl timeline in years passed?

I would personally rank this performance as one of the best to come in our era.

Everything from the choreography to the transitioning of songs was incredibly fluid — the show flowed so smoothly, but with power and vigor.

Nothing in my eyes, however, can beat show-stopping debuts such as Prince, Madonna, Beyoncé or Lady Gaga, though there are some close contenders.

Even if you’re a well-received artist, you have to use your set wisely to keep the audience engaged (Unless you’re Prince. Then you get to be Prince).

For recap, Madonna was carried in by Roman soldiers and left by disappearing into the fog. Lady Gaga fell from a roof. Katy Perry rode a giant electric tiger with glowing eyes.

Performing is nothing without the magic behind it; you have to be over-the-top to appease the audience at hand.

Shakira and Lopez did just that.
Miss Saigon’s tale of love in ’70s Vietnam shines Downtown

Hannah Boucher
staff writer

A story of love, loss, war and sacrifice, Miss Saigon has made its way to Pittsburgh for one week only.

The cast sends you on an emotional rollercoaster as soon as the curtain rises. Jumping right into the story, audiences find themselves in Dreamland, a night club that makes its money off of selling booze and women to American marines.

“The American Dream.” Flashy, fun and a bit vulgar, it is a much-needed break from the emotional turmoil going on.

While “The American Dream” is definitely a stand-out number, most if not all songs in this show are incredible. It definitely tasks a certain caliber of singer to perform these emotional songs.

The female lead, Kim, played by Emily Bautista, carries the emotion of the show as she evolves from a scared village girl into a hopeful, strong woman, who is willing to do whatever it takes to protect her son Tam.

Her love-interest, Chris, is portrayed by the talented tenor, Anthony Festa. Festa brings passion to his performance as Chris, which is evident in every number he performs. His charming demeanor and kind heart win Kim — and audiences — over in no time.

Another stand out performance was in the role of John (J. Daughtry), Chris’ war buddy. Filling the theater with his smooth tone, both while singing and playing the saxophone, I only wish Daughtry had more opportunities to show off his singing.

Miss Saigon has a larger cast, but still manages to have a good balance of both solo scenes and ensemble numbers. In this instance, there is definitely power in numbers.

One of the most impressive group songs was in Act One when the year jumps from 1975 to 1978. A powerful performance with complicated choreography, the ensemble does a splendid job of staying in sync with one another when mimicking an army.

The technical direction in this production is on a whole other level. Between the massive set pieces that moved and the amazing lighting design, audiences will be completely mesmerized by the visual presentation before them.

In Act Two, when the Engineer, Kim and Tam find refuge in Bangkok, they find themselves back where they started — at a club. In this particular scene, there are neon signs all over, bringing light back into the theatre.

A very unique show, Miss Saigon is definitely something to see if you have the opportunity. It is rare to find a show that truly depicts the harsh realities of life. It is refreshing and at times dark.

Tickets for Miss Saigon can be purchased on the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust website for the remaining performances. Running from now until Feb. 9, the times of the final showings can also be found on the website. However, tickets are limited.

HOROSCOPEs

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18)

We all have two names, Aquarius: What we call ourselves, and what our professor calls us in emails.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)

LOL, Gemini! I’m ROFLing at your awesome sense of humor! XD

Libra
(September 23-October 22)

Libra, your week will go as smoothly as the Iowa caucus. Bam! Political humor!

Scorpio
(October 23-November 22)

You will successfully outbid Radnor Property Group and purchase St. Martin.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 22)

Hey man, have you seen my keys? I’m ‘bout to head out.

Capricorn
(December 23-January 19)

Naughty Capricorns get no horoscopes!
O’Ree still fighting racism in hockey

from SPORTS — page 8

their color. They just want to be accepted as another player and this is the way I think it should be. “Just go out there and don’t look at a person by the color of their skin.”

It’s been nearly more than 60 years since O’Ree played an NHL game, yet his presence continues to inspire generations, as was evident by the excitement of the young children on hand to meet O’Ree. “I still work with these kids and still tell them the same thing,” O’Ree said. “Work towards your goals. Set goals for yourself. Stay in school and get an education. ... Be all that you can be, feel good about yourself, like yourself. I feel good about myself and I work with these kids and I hope I can pass something on to them that they can use in their daily life and be a better person.”

Iowa caucus results delay points to broader problems

from STAFF ED — page 4

Overall, the long delay in results is incredibly disappointing and disheartening. If we are going to continue to run the presidential primaries this way, which itself is debatable, we should at least make sure we can run this process competently.

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47 °  Milder with rain and drizzle

Friday

33 °  Cloudy, snow showers

Saturday

36 °  Some sun, then turns cloudy

Sunday

40 °  Cloudy most of the time

Monday

45 °  Rain and drizzle in the AM

Tuesday

45 °  Cloudy with rain possible

Wednesday

47 °  Cloudy and mild

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