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PA Supreme Court Chief Justice Baer, DU Law School alum, dies at 74

Instructor uses racial slur during lecture

ALICIA DYE news editor

During a lecture on Black feminism in "Psychology of Gender" Thursday afternoon, the instructor for the course, teaching assistant and third-year Ph.D. student Jennifer Hamann, said a racial epithet while reading a quote from Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I A Woman?" speech.

Students from the course said there was no warning that Hamann was going to say the racial slur, and that it took them off guard.

"When she said it, my friend and I just looked at each other in shock," said senior Hadia Razzak. "This experience made me super uncomfortable to say the least. I could barely look up at her for the rest of class, let alone pay attention. To be speaking on Black feminism, and then use a word that is so harmful to the Black community is so ignorant."

According to multiple students who spoke to *The Duke* and were in class, Hamann justified the use of the word by saying it was "historical language" and that she was using it for "historical purposes."

Hamann did provide a statement to *The Duke*. It was the same email Hamann sent to students of the course on Friday evening.

"I'm extremely sorry about the painful word I said in class yesterday. There are many painful words associated with history that should be read but not spoken. I chose to speak one of those painful words, and I whole-heartedly apologize for that choice," Hamann said. "I take full responsibility. I will be mindful of these painful words in the future, and I'm using this experience as a teachable moment for myself. That said, if anyone would like to talk to me in private

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Courtsey of Duquesne University

Chief Justice Max Baer, seen here on Sept. 7 prior to the renaming of the Duquesne Law School in honor of Thomas R. Kline, died on Saturday at the age of 74. Baer, a 1975 graduate of the Duquesne Law School, is survived by his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

ALICIA DYE news editor

Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Duquesne Law School alum Max Baer died on Saturday at his home. Baer was 74 and is survived by his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

Duquesne University held a memorial for Baer in the Charles J. Dougherty Ballroom in the Power Center on Tuesday. Many guests were in attendance, including Governor Tom Wolf, the next Chief Justice Debra Todd, and Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala Jr.

Baer graduated from Duquesne Law School in 1975, and then served as a deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania. In 1989, Baer joined the family division of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Baer oversaw many changes within the division and eventually earned the reputation as the "Fighting Judge," as he changed how the court dealt with children. Baer was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 2003 and was sworn in as Chief Justice in 2021.

"No longer were our children adverse and vulnerable children led to the dark corners. No longer would they be carrying green plastic bags with their life belongings, going from home to home, shelter to shelter," said Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty during the memorial. "He decided that when there's a place to go, it was a home. When there was someone to love, that was the family."

Baer extended family court hours for working families, hired more officers to process backlogged cases, created education programs for struggling parents and more advancements during his time in the family division. Baer also created the Office of Children and Family in the courts.

Duquesne President Ken Gormley focused on Baer's kindness and his service to many.

"In many ways, Max was the heart of the court because his kindness and his caring were on display every day," Gormley said. "His death is a terrible loss to all of us, and there is no escaping that. But I can't help but feeling despite that strong sense of loss, that Max is exiting this earth on top of his game."

Baer was fondly remembered as a dedicated father and grandfather, who loved and cared for his family.

"He loved the law, and he

loved being a judge," Todd said.
"But most of all, he loved his family. Max Baer's greatest legacy is found in the fine young men he and Beth raised together and their grandchildren, and in our memories of Max's pride in regaling us with stories of his wonderful family."

Andy Baer, Baer's younger son of Justice Baer, shared his fond memories of their father and how he helped them throughout their lives, specifically how he helped Andy prepare for joining ROTC before college.

"My dad showed up. I don't mean he put boots on the ground or feet in the seat," Andy said. "I mean he showed up in a big way when we needed him, come hell or high water. When I sat down for the interview with the colonel, I was ready. I was ready because Max showed up."

Allegheny County Common Pleas President Judge Kim Berkeley Clark also paid tribute during the memorial. Clark has known Baer since 1999.

"I'm going to ask you to celebrate the life of Max Baer. There is much to celebrate," Clark said. "There are a few words that come to mind when I think of Max. Icon, leader, servant lead-

er, legend, innovator."

A longtime friend of Baer, Dr. Peter Davis met Baer when he moved to Pittsburgh and when their children became friends in preschool.

"It was through the children that we developed this incredible friendship," Davis said. "It has lasted for well over 35 years. The Baers took us in as the extended family, and it's been a wonderful family to be selected into, not born into."

Davis also discussed Baer's interests, even describing them as "eclectic" and talked about how the justice used "Star Wars" in his life.

"Yoda was his guiding light, his guidepost," Davis said. "He looked at Yoda for direction and support, and he found it."

Ben Baer, Baer's older son, shared how his father helped him from an early age with his academics, which prepared him for college.

"While he was doing all these incredibly important and professional things, he came home and sat down at the kitchen table on one side, with me next to him," Ben said. "He would look over my shoulder and go over

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Family, friends remember Baer's life, legacy

Tuesday, Sept. 27-

POLICE BRIEFS

A student in Duquesne Towers reported that she was sexually assaulted at an off-campus location. The case was referred to

Tuesday, Sept. 27-

university administration.

Officers responded to Duquesne Towers regarding a student having seizures. The student was transported to Mercy Hospital by paramedics.

Wednesday, Sept. 28-

A doctoral student went to Public Safety to drop off a copy of a PFA. The subject in the PFA was aggressively following the victim on Interstate 376 on their way to Duquesne on Sept. 27. Pennsylvania State Police are investigating.

Thursday, Sept. 29-

Several Duquesne employees witnessed a driver of a vehicle strike a parked vehicle while attempting to enter a parking space in the Locust Street Garage (10th level), and then leave the scene without providing information. Employees were able to obtain the vehicle's registration number, along with the make, model and color. The suspect's vehicle was located parked on the 11th level of the Locust Street Garage. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Thursday, Sept. 29-

While checking the "City Steps," officers discovered two students smoking marijuana. The students were identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Thursday, Sept. 29-

There was a report of a man panhandling and disrupting soccer practice at McCloskey Field. He was issued a defiant trespass warning.

Friday, Sept. 30-

A student in St. Martin Hall requested to be transported to the hospital due to a medical condition. The student was transported without incident in a Public Safety unit.

Friday, Sept. 30-

Dispatch received a call from an office in the Union. People in the office were dealing with a student who was upset. Officers arrived and the student calmed down.

Friday, Sept. 30-

A vehicle was struck on the rear fender on the ninth floor of the Locust Street Garage, which left a small amount of damage to the body. The operator of the other vehicle did not leave any information, and left the scene of the accident.

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my homework because I hadn't done it properly.

'We spent hours every night doing my homework. He was invested in making sure I would be successful. He taught me to study, he taught me his value of work ethic, and in a few years, I was prepared and ready to go. Many of the successes I've achieved in this world are because of him teaching me."

Gormley released a statement Saturday, in which he recalled his own experiences with Baer.

"Chief Justice Baer has been a good friend for most of my own career, ever since I did work with Chief Justice Ralph Cappy and other members of the court as a young legal scholar writing about Pennsylvania Constitutional Law and the unique contributions of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court," Gormley said. "Max was kind, positive, humble, dedicated to the law school where he had gotten his start and a faithful friend to me and many others whose lives he greatly enriched.

The end of the memorial celebrated Baer's love of music.

"All of you who knew Max, and you heard from Ben and Andy, know that he loved music, especially folk music and guitar," Gormley said. "In Max's honor, we have integrated both of those into the presentation.'

'When the River Meets the Sea' was performed by Cmdr. Richard Manning of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office. Thomas Kikta, an associate professor at the Mary Pappert School of Music closed with "Always Will."



Courtsey of Duouesne University Baer had been on campus on Sept. 7.

Duqathon hosts carnival on Child Health Day

SAMANTHA HAUCK staff writer

In honor of Child Health Day, Duqathon hosted a carnival on Academic Walk. All proceeds went to the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, which is a Miracle Network Hospital.

This event served as one of many fundraising efforts that take place throughout the year, leading up to Duqathon's main dance event in the spring.

"For us, personally, we donate to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh," said external director Sami Srolovitz. "So the point of Child Health Day is to spread awareness for the need, so all of the money we raise goes straight to the hospital for supplies for the children there for different activities, to decorate the hospital and make it a more welcoming environment."

The Children's Hospital works with Children's Miracle Network to ease the stress of both the patients and their parents. Organizations that help these hospitals, like Duqathon, give donations that help provide anything from treatment to music therapy, and fun activities for the kids.

Duqathon is in its third year as

a club and is continuously looking for ways to spread the word about their cause, and to get more students to register for the dance-athon in the spring.

"This event in particular helps to spread the word about having people register at Duquesne to be a part of our dance marathon and to help raise some extra donations, and just overall spread the word about our cause and how we are raising money for that," said junior public relations chair Callie McKendree.

In its first year, Duqathon raised \$18,000, and last year the group raised close to \$70,000. The goal is to keep increasing this number as the years go on. Events such as these are very important for Duqathon because, not only are they a great way to fundraise, but they also help to spread the word of their cause.

"Child Health Day helps raise awareness for pediatric illness and disease, so for us, this is our whole mission," said finance director Grace Muccio. "This is our day of the year where it honors what we are working towards, so it gets us excited for our main event in the spring."

Events like the Duqathon carnival are ways to help out a charity and bring students together. It brings recognition to what happens outside of Duquesne's campus.

"I joined freshman year and it was just to get myself involved on campus and meet new people, but then throughout college, I just got more involved with it and it's super meaningful to me and this is for a great cause," Muccio said. I couldn't be more proud of our executive team for everything they do."

Hospital relations chair Maddie Bubb is involved in Dugathon because of how passionate she is for health care and helping others.

Muccio ran the raffle basket stand at the carnival. Each basket was worth \$100 or more, and had different themes such as a Pittsburgh basket, a workout basket, a coffee basket and a gift card basket. In order to get raffle tickets, students had to register for Duqathon.

Bubb and special events cochair Shaelyn Walker ran the games and prize stand. Participants could donate any amount they wished to play the games and potentially win a prize.

"We were just kind of thinking of a fun block party sort of theme, and everybody loves carnival games, everybody loves raffle baskets and free prizes, so I think we kind of combined all of those things and the free food into one and made it a big party," Walker said.

Students and faculty were able to stop by the carnival from 12 to 5 p.m. There was free cotton candy and popcorn, raffle baskets and games.

"I like participating in events like these because it helps me gain awareness of what is going on around campus and all of the different things that are going on," said student Re'Naye Waklatsi. "It helps me get involved and stay involved.'

Student Dasara Slova registered for Duqathon and was interested in Kendra and Joey's raffle baskets.

"I feel like it just gets students involved on campus and it opens up stuff outside of campus as well [about] what is going on not only at Duquesne, but around Pittsburgh, and it's not just about yourself, but benefiting others as well,"

Duqathon's main event is a dance-a-thon that takes place in April. Students can register online on their website: events.dancemarathon.com, or they can register at any event throughout the school year.

"I love Duqathon so much, and we really are just like a big family, a big community and we all have a passion for this, and it's so exciting," Walker said.



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Special events co-chair Shaelyn Walker (right) distributes tickets on Monday.



Brentaro Yamane | Layout/Multimedia Edtor

Students compete in the "Pong" event at Duqathon's carnival on Monday.

DU students, alum present at PCA Convention

Sovi Herring staff writer

The Pennsylvania Communication Association's (PCA) 82nd-Annual Convention was held on Oct. 1-2 at East Stroudsburg University. Due to Covid-19, there was no in-person conference in 2020 and in 2021, so they held a virtual conference. Despite the two years away, colleagues and new acquaintances made the most of the long-awaited event.

The conference theme was "Revitalization," where relevant scholarship focused on moving back to regular interactions in daily lives. With a two-year gap for most events, the theme was particularly fitting, as any field and writer could relate. Papers and posters from students and faculty from across the state were presented throughout the weekend, including Duquesne alumni and current students.

This annual gathering of minds is a local highlight for those in the field of communication in the state. It is the first stepping stone for communication conferences in the region, where students and faculty alike are working together to fine-tune their conference a success. discussions that help impact group learning for a short time.

The weekend consisted of a salon that honored Kenneth Burke, as well as various panels where other university leaders and Duquesne students and faculty led discussions of scholarship topics. Undergraduate and Ph.D. students of Duquesne's Department of Communication and Rhetoric had the opportunity to present their work and get feedback from others in the field. It was filled with first-time attendees, as well as multi-year veterans to make the

One of Duquesne's faculty members was given the honor of being the salon keynote speaker addressing the rhetoric of Kenneth Burke, an influential philosopher for the discipline. Richard Thames, faculty member and founder of the Kenneth Burke Society, spoke about his relationship with the late Burke, and how his insights have changed and furthered communication scholarship.

Ronald Arnett, the former chair of Duquesne's Department of Communication and Rhetoric, was awarded the 2022 Robert T. Oliver Lifetime

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Students react to instructor's in-class slur 3

POLICE BRIEFS

Friday, Sept. 30-

A resident student was located at McCloskey Field and transported to Mercy ER by ambulance due to excessive alcohol consumption. The student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Saturday, Oct. 1-

While checking the foot bridge at the Boulevard of the Allies, two males (one student, one visitor) were occupying the top step with a bag of marijuana in plain view. The student is being referred to the Office of Student Conduct, while the non-affiliate is being charged via Summons.

Saturday, Oct. 1-

A fire alarm in St. Martin Hall was activated in rooms 105 and 113-A. The Fire Department responded and found no smoke or fire upon investigation. The alarm panel would not rest. The maintanence supervisor for the building was contacted. He dispatched a technician to address the issue.

Sunday, Oct. 2-

A resident student in Des Places Hall was located unconscious locked in his bathroom due to excessive alcohol consumption. The student was under age and will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Sunday, Oct. 2-

Two students requested to be transported to an urgent care for a medical condition. The two were transported without incident in a Public Safety unit.

Monday, Oct. 3-

A smoke detector was activated in the kitchen of Hogan Dining Hall. The activation was caused by a box that was on fire. Pittsburgh Arson investigated the scene and it was found to be accidental.

Monday, Oct. 3-

The equipment manager for the football team made a report for a stolen tarp from the football field. A man was seen on camera taking

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about your experience of hearing that word, please feel free to email me."

According to Gabe Welsch, the university's vice president of marketing and communications, Hamann will continue to teach the course for the remainder of the semester.

"Hamann has apologized to the class and is taking educational steps to learn from the experience and rebuild trust with her class," Welsch said. "The Bias Education Response Team is working in their role to provide recommendations and education to assist, for everyone involved. The course will continue and she will remain the instructor."

Students Natalie Jones and Jaden Chou both submitted reports to the Duquesne's Bias Education Response Team (BERT) almost immediately after the incident. Chou also emailed the dean of Liberal Arts, the psychology department and the Center for Excellence in Diversity and Student Inclusion.

"I sent the report around 12:30 p.m. that day," Jones said. "They responded to me around 2:30 p.m., and I have a meeting with them next

Jones said the class was silent after that, and Hamann even got upset at the lack of student responses.

"Nobody wanted to speak after that. After that was said, the entire mood shifted within the classroom," Jones said. "[Hamann] was asking us questions throughout the class like she normally does, but no one wanted to speak. She was obviously getting huffy with it, but no one wanted to speak in class because the professor had just been racist.'

Chou and Razzak were the only two students to speak up against Hamann during class, according to Chou, Razzak and Jones.

"I told her it was incredibly offensive and was unacceptable," Chou said. "I wanted to leave class afterwards. I felt so uncomfortable and was at a loss for words."

"After Jaden spoke up, [Hamann] justified it by saying it was 'histori-

cal language' and responded 'that's exactly why we do not use it," Razzak said. "She then apologized if she made anyone uncomfortable. This is a class with all non-Black students and about five people of color."

Student Emily Liesch was uncomfortable and upset with Hamann after Hamann's use of the racial slur.

"She lost respect from me," Liesch said. "I don't know if she should keep teaching the class or not."

Jacob Thomas, a student in the

class, said that what Hamann said made him uncomfortable. "It's uncomfortable. I'm not going

to argue that," he said. "It's definitely uncomfortable to hear." Thomas suspects it was uncom-

fortable at the time the piece was written, too. But, he continued, Hamann was reading from a historical document.

"I think there's an injustice being done towards the professor by the person who spoke up," Thomas said. It wasn't meant to be offensive. She was just reading from the book."

According to students in the class, the PowerPoint Hamann used had the racial slur on a slide. However, in the PowerPoint made available to the class on Canvas, the slide used the word "Negroes." According to the original reading obtained by *The* Duke, it did include the racial slur.

Welsch said in an email to The Duke that the students were correct to report the incident to BERT.

"The university recognizes that the students in the class appropriately acted in sharing their concerns with the graduate student instructor and subsequently providing the Bias Education Response Team with information so that BERT could provide an appropriate educational response," Welsch said. "Information on the matter has been provided as well to the university's chief diversity officer as well as the dean of the McAnulty College of the Liberal Arts, both of whom are meeting with concerned parties.

"The university has invested significant time and thought in developing

Sojourner Truth's Impromptu Speech "Ain't I a Woman?"

"Well, children, what dar is so much racket dar must be something out o'kilter. I tink dat 'twixt de Negros of de Souf and de women at de Norf all a talkin' bout rights, de white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what's all dis her talkin' bout? Dat man ober der say dat women needs to be helped into carriages, and lifted ober ditches, and to have de best places...and ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arms!...I have plowed, and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man can head me - and ain't l a woman? I could work as much as any man (when I could get it), and bear de lash as well - and ain't I a woman? I have borne five children and I seen 'em most all sold off into slavery, and when I cried out with a mother's grief none but Jesus hear - and ain't l a woman?"

COURTSEY OF NATALIE JONES

The slide in question, which was obtained by *The Duke* last Thursday afternoon.

means for Duquesne students, faculty and staff to engage such issues, and will use its tools and processes to address the matter."

The Duke reached out to Dean of the McAnulty College of the Liberal Arts Kristine L. Blair, who referred The Duke to the statement given by

The Duke reached out to psychology chair Elizabeth Fein, but did not receive a response.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), an organization that focuses on protecting free speech rights on American college campuses for comment. FIRE said they were looking into the inci-

For some students, the incident with Hamann reminds them of a similar incident with Gary Shank in

"You would think that she would have learned from Shank," Chou said. "It was only two years ago and it's still discussed on campus.'

Shank also said the same slur during a lecture. A video of the incident circulated widely through social media, going viral online. FIRE stood up for Shank during the incident. Shank was later terminated from the uni-

Student Mia Capretta questions Hamann's intentions.

"At this point in time, and especially in her field of study, she has too much knowledge to make a mistake like that," Capretta said. "It would have taken less thought to skip over the word and it would have been even simpler to just pick a different quote. It makes you think about her intentions."

As of Wednesday, students from the class had not gotten an apology from Blair, nor the university itself like occurred with Shank.

"I think Duquesne has some really big decisions to make," Liesch said. "This is now two incidents since I've just been at Duquesne where this has happened. You have to wonder who do we have teaching our classes if this has happened twice. After the second time, it's now a concern."

"You walk into the first day of classes and you think 'is my teacher going to say a derogatory word with no warning or anything?' I think they [the university] have a lot of apologizing to do," Liesch said. "As more time passes from the incident and we don't hear from the university, I just don't think it looks good."

PCA celebrates 82nd-annual convention

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Achievement Award for his dedication to the discipline and service to PCA as its executive director for many years. Three of Duquesne's Ph.D. students, Preston Carmack, Michaela Christensen and Natalia Wohar, won the 2022 Graduate Writing Competition for their works on the theme of "Revitalization."

Wohar's paper was titled "An Icon of Dialogic Courage: Response to the Absurd of the Unity of Contraries." She was excited to present the paper.

"The paper I wrote for this conference was on a topic that is very important to me, so I had fun writing it," Wohar said. "And I am lucky to have professors in the department who take the

time to look over student writing and give feedback that helps us prepare our projects for conferences. I think our faculty are the best at the university.

Accepted papers that influenced the rest of the panel conversations covered a wide range of topics to interest many sub focuses. Topics such as Confucius; the crisis of attention; navigating debate; doom scrolling and the metaverse are among the few things that were accepted for presentation.

Of the undergraduate papers that were presented in the Interpersonal and Corporate Communication category, two Duquesne students presented their research.

Catherine Foody wrote "Effective Use of Corrective Action and Other Communication Crisis Tactics by Stakeholders

in the Larry Nassar Scandal." Diya Krishna wrote "How Brand Image Transformation Saved Levi's." Both provided commentary and explanations on their research, which impressed other attendees.

Carmack enjoyed the undergrad presentations.

"My favorite panel topic was the undergraduate research panel," Carmack said. "It was so neat to hear from students engaged in meaningful research, and two of them were from Duquesne."

At the conclusion of Saturday's convention, the discussions that took place among the attendees focused on the next conferences in the area for 2023.

Comradery and mer curred between most who were able to stay for the final dinner, where many left in high spirits.

Though this was a conference

that focused on communication, all disciplines are welcome to submit and attend.

Wohar and the Department of Communication and Rhetoric encourage all to share their hard work.

This is a great conference for undergraduate students interested in grad school, or simply sharing their research with a broader audience," Wohar said. "It is a smaller gathering of super supportive professors and students across the state of Pennsylvania.

Even students who are not majoring or minoring in communication can work with the professor of their communication course to submit a paper. The food is good, the traveling is fun, and it is super rewarding to share your ideas with others who really care."



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SPORTS

Football loses NEC opener to Stonehill

RUSSELL MACIAS staff writer

The Duquesne football team returned from its bye week on Saturday, but fell to Stonehill 24-20, in what was each team's Northeast Conference season opener.

For Stonehill, it was the program's first-ever NEC win, as the Skyhawks transitioned from NCAA Division II prior to this season. Stonehill replaced Bryant, who departed from the NEC and moved to the Big South Conference. goal, which provided an early 3-0 lead.

Starting quarterback Joe Mischler led the Dukes' offense onto the field to open the game. A heavy dose of running back Billy Lucas was stopped at the goal line, and Duquesne also settled for a field goal, which tied the score at three.

On the following kickoff, Duquesne Head Coach Jerry Schmitt pulled a trick out of his sleeve, having kicker Brian Bruzdewicz send a pooch kick toward the sideline, where there were no Stonehill players in sight. Im-

PETER BOETTGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Running back Billy Lucas — seen here in Duquesne's Sept. 10 victory against Thomas More — rushed for 88 yards on 19 carries in the Dukes' loss to Stonehill on Saturday afternoon.

The Dukes were pegged second in the conference's preseason poll, receiving three first-place votes. The Skyhawks were picked to finish last.

That was all thrown out the window on Saturday, a day that, for Duquesne, was marked by frequent quarterback shuffling.

Immediately, the Skyhawks showed they wouldn't back down, marching down the field in less than four minutes into the red zone. However, a defensive stop on 3rd-and-1 forced Stonehill to settle for a field

mediately, multiple Dukes were there as the ball dropped, and they resecured possession on Stonehill's side of the field.

After a first drive that ate up seven minutes and put points on the board, Darius Perrantes took the field at quarterback on the next possession. Following three-straight rushes from Lucas and one from DeMarcus Ware that helped the Dukes get within the Stonehill 10-yard line, Perrantes connected with wide receiver Abdul Janneh on an eight-yard touchdown pass, and Duquesne took a 10-3

lead into the second quarter.

Instead of going to regular punter Michael Beraducci, who was active and later did punt, Bruzdewicz sent a punt that went just eight yards and gave Stonehill the ball at the 50. The Skyhawks drove five plays in just over two minutes to tie the game at 10 behind a 30-yard touchdown run from quarterback Ashur Carraha.

Mischler returned to the field on Duquesne's next possession. Although he led the Dukes all the way to the Stonehill 25-yard line, Ware was stuffed on a 4thand-1, giving possession back to Stonehill.

Two plays later, with under four minutes to play before halftime, Duquesne's Ryan Webb intercepted a deep ball, giving the Dukes' offense another chance to put points on the board before the break.

On a 4th-and-6 from the Stonehill 35-yard-line, Mischler connected with Janneh on a nine-yard completion for a first down. On the following play, he found Janneh for a 26-yard touchdown strike, putting the Dukes back in front at 17-10 heading into the locker room.

After the half, Mischler again led the team out as quarterback, but the offense was off the field after a quick three-and-out.

On a subsequent nine-play drive, Stone-hill marched up the field, gaining chunk after chunk, averaging nearly 7 yards per play. The drive was punctuated by an 8-yard touchdown pass from Carraha to Will Diamantis, evening the score at 17. It was just the second passing touchdown the Dukes' defense surrendered on the season.

When Duquesne got the ball back, the team went 18 plays and 65 yards over nearly eight minutes worth of game time, but stalled within the Stonehill 10-yard line. A 28-yard field goal from Bruzdewicz with under two minutes to go in the third quarter gave the Dukes a slight 20-17 edge.

It took less than three minutes for Stonehill to reclaim the lead, which the Skyhawks did by going five plays and 72 yards in a short span. On a 1st-and-10 from midfield, Carraha hit Jermaine Corbett in stride, and he found his way to the end zone on a 50-yard touchdown. This gave the Skyhawks their first lead since it was 3-0 in the game's early stages.

Perrantes got the ball and the keys to the offense. After starting the second half with the lead and Mischler at the helm, Schmitt turned to Perrantes in the game's final quarter. Aided by a 15-yard, unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, the Dukes were able to make it onto Stonehill's side of the field, but were eventually forced to punt.

Stonehill got the ball back and was able to bleed some time off the clock, particularly on a 25-yard run from Corbett on a 3rd-and-23. Duquesne eventually got the ball back with just over seven minutes to play in the game.

Mischler returned to the field, but threw a deep jump ball that got intercepted by Stonehill's Kevin Porch, ending the drive after just two plays.

After the defense forced a three-andout, the Dukes had another shot to take the lead, this time with just over four minutes to go before the clock ran out. However, Duquesne followed with a quick threeand-out of its own, giving the ball back to Stonehill with minimal time to spare.

Duquesne was forced to use all three of its timeouts. Rather than trying a field goal to make it a seven-point game, Stonehill punted it to the Duquesne 4-yard line with just under a minute and a half to play.

Faced with the task of driving the Dukes nearly the entire length of the field, Schmitt again turned to Perrantes. On his first play deep in his own territory, Perrantes threw an interception to the Skyhawks' Anthony LaMonica.

Stonehill was then able to set up in victory formation and secure the NEC victory, which was also its first against a Division I team this season.

Now sitting at 1-4 and 0-1 in NEC action, Duquesne will return home to take on Merrimack at Rooney Field on Saturday afternoon. The Dukes bested the Warriors 37-14 in a road contest last season.

WSOC defeats La Salle in road showdown

SPENCER THOMAS sports editor

Behind a second-half scoring surge that netted three goals for the visitors, the Duquesne women's soccer team propelled itself to a 4-2 victory at La Salle on Sunday afternoon.

At least statistically, it was a tale of two halves for the Dukes, as they survived the sloppy play induced by heavy rain after being outperformed early.

They entered halftime trailing 2-1 and being outshot by a 12-2 margin. Cami Taylor's 22nd-minute goal was canceled out by a penalty kick goal from La Salle's Alyssa Gargiulo just 37 seconds later. The Explorers would add another marker in the 44th minute of the first half.

La Salle entered the locker room with a 7-2 advantage on corner kicks. However, the second half saw a dramatic swing in momentum in favor of Duquesne.

The Dukes outshot the Explorers 8-2 in the second frame, and eventually cashed

in with a 63rd-minute, game-tying goal from Eva LaVecchia, the first of her collegiate career.

In the 75th minute, Mackenzie Muir broke the deadlock with an unassisted goal. Maya Matesa added an insurance marker in the 84th minute, allowing the Dukes to ride out a two-goal victory.

Four goals marked a season-high in goals in a game for the Dukes, while also showing a diversity in attacking options. Each goal was scored by a different attacker, and the three assists came from three different Dukes.

Though the win came against a La Salle team that is now 1-4 in Atlantic 10 Conference play this season, it demonstrated some life on an offense that had been lacking in recent weeks.

The win broke a two-game losing streak for Duquesne, while Taylor's goal ended a 245-minute goalless stretch that dated back to Duquesne's 1-0 victory at Richmond on Sept. 22.

Duquesne is back to .500 at 5-5-

1 on the season, with just four games remaining before the start of the A-10 tournament.

Though mainly in the first half, Duquesne relied heavily on the goalkeeping of sophomore Maddy Neundorfer. She made six saves, marking the third time in the last four contests that she made at least six stops.

Duquesne is currently tied with Davidson for the sixth spot in a conference that invites its top-eight finishers to the conference tournament.

The Dukes will host those Wildcats in what will be each team's next contest on Sunday afternoon at Rooney Field.

Following Sunday's battle with Davidson, the Dukes will travel to Loyola of Chicago (Oct. 16) and George Washington (Oct. 23), while welcoming St. Bonaventure to town on Oct. 20.

Loyola currently sits in eighth in the conference standings, while George Washington is ninth and St. Bonaventure occupies the 14th and final spot.



Peter Boettger | Staff Photographer Emma Bundy (No. 28) — seen here on Sept. 18 — played 70 minutes in Sunday's road victory.

SPORTS

MSOC draws Saint Joseph's in home contest

Brentaro Yamane layout/multimedia editor

Going into Wednesday, the Dayton, Duquesne and Saint Louis men's soccer teams were in a three-way tie for first place in the Atlantic 10 Conference, with each team boasting a 2-0-1 record.

All three teams played on Wednesday. Dayton gained a point in a 1-1 tie against St. Bonaventure, while Saint Louis fell 3-2 to Rhode Island.

However, Duquesne failed to capitalize, and the team remains in a tie with Dayton for first place. The Dukes put together a stout defensive effort, but only earned one point in a scoreless draw with the Hawks.

It was a tale of two halves when it came to offensive chances. In the first half, Saint Joseph's was able to get more looks, outshooting Duquesne 10-5. In the second half, the Dukes had a 9-5 edge over the Hawks.



PETER BOETTGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Duquesne's Maxi Hopfer (No. 10) attempts to defend Saint Joseph's Kenyatta Collins (No. 2) in Wednesday's scoreless tie. Hopfer had two shots (one on goal) in 69 minutes worth of action.

With Duquesne hosting Saint Joseph's on Wednesday night at Rooney Field, it was the perfect opportunity for the Dukes to move into sole possession of the conference's top spot.

"Ultimately, we lacked energy in the first half, but I'm happy [with] the way the guys responded in the second half and unfortunately we just couldn't find the back of the net tonight," said Duquesne

Head Coach Chase Brooks. "You know, I always give the guys a few minutes in the locker room to talk amongst themselves, and then we come in and just provide a little bit of information and try to make sure we play a few things up.

"We talked about the energy in the first half. I think the subs came in and kind of turned the tide for us a little bit, but we just weren't good enough specifically in the first half. Ultimately, the guys responded really nicely."

Duquesne is still undefeated in its past 12 home games (last home loss came on March 27, 2021).

There were a combined 17 fouls in the contest. Brooks said that he was "not surprised it was a physical game."

"I thought the refs did a good job overall at keeping control of it and not throwing around random cards," Brooks said. "It's all learning moments, something that hopefully will help us down the road."

Duquesne starting goalkeeper Domenic Nascimben continued his consistent play, as he made six saves en route to earning his sixth shutout of the campaign.

"My defense was stellar, although we started slow," Nascimben said. "I think my back five and two were very, very strong and making a lot of blocks as well, helping me making saves. I really appreciate them.

"They make my job a lot easier, and I credit them for even some saves I make. They really help me out, and they put a good shift in. I'm proud of the boys, and they definitely are a massive help. They're an awesome group to work with."

The Dukes will have a quick turnaround, as the team travels to George Mason for another A-10 contest on Saturday after-

noon. Even though the Dukes were not able to pull out the victory, Brooks still has a lot of optimism for what his team has in store for the long run.

"This is a great group of men," Brooks said. "I mean, you saw the disappointment on their faces after the game. I don't think keeping them focused is really going to be a problem, if anything. Again, it's just about cleaning things up, learning from our little mistakes and moving forward."



PETER BOETTGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Duquesne's Jesper Moksnes played all 90 minutes in Wednesday's draw with Saint Joseph's.

Thomas: No pulse for Pirates moving forward

SPENCER THOMAS sports editor

The Pittsburgh Pirates are back to playing in October.

Of course, that is thanks to the preseason lockout that pushed a series scheduled for late March and early April to the first week of this month. The Pirates wrapped up their 2022 season on Wednesday afternoon with a win over the St. Louis Cardinals, finishing the campaign with a record of 62 wins and 100 losses, finishing all of one game better than in 2021.

It was their fourth-consecutive sub-.500 season, and their eighth in a row without a sniff at playoff baseball. Their record was tied for the third-worst in all of Major League Baseball, and the team finished in fourth place in the National League Central division, marking their first non-last-place finish since 2018.

There were rare bright spots on a roster plagued by constant turnover. Bryan Reynolds, Oneil Cruz and Ke'Bryan Hayes have all strung together seasons that give fans a reason to hold out some hope for the young guys. However, their accolades are mostly a credit to how bad the rest of the team has been.

Reynolds' .262 batting average wouldn't

look so pretty if he were fit into a lineup that didn't resemble a Triple-A roster. He is also 27 years old and approaching his ceiling as a hitter. Unless there is reason to believe Pittsburgh will be making a run next season, he could be traded.

That is likely to get the fanbase's blood boiling. They worry that any player showing promise will be shipped out of town in order to avoid accommodating a large contract. However, there aren't too many players on this roster that could be marketable at the trade deadline.

Still, that doesn't give Pirate fans a free pass to blame every shortcoming at PNC Park on the ownership. They gave Hayes an eight-year, \$70 million contract in April, and he rewarded them by posting a .244 batting average on the campaign. Even if they did spend money, the Pirates haven't shown that they would put it in the right places.

Up the road, there is another team that plays in a "small market," doesn't like to spend money in the offseason, and yet finishes in playoff contention nearly every season — the Cleveland Guardians. A franchise like Cleveland needs to be the benchmark for Pittsburgh to be measured against. The difference between the two is that Cleveland's prospects enter the league producing well above their expectations.

On the flip side, Pittsburgh calls up prospects out of necessity, and the franchise sets a shockingly low bar for them.

For instance, Cruz has been the recipient of constant hype and praise from local fans for the velocity of his throws from shortstop to first base, and the speed at which the ball leaves his bat. However, that doesn't happen too often, as the 24-year-old leads the league in strikeouts during the second half of the season.

The cycle of anticipation and disappointment is taking its toll on the fans. Pittsburgh fans are loyal and passionate, but the state of the Pirates is nauseating. The team sold out just two of its 81 home games this season, which came against marquee opponents (New York Yankees on July 5, Philadelphia Phillies on July 30) where droves of opposing fans filled the PNC Park stands.

Any optimists who claimed that they were two years short of playoff contention in April are now resigning themselves to another year of rebuilding a roster. They struggle to feel attached to a team that runs its roster over on a seemingly weekly basis. For example, the team has used 11 different first basemen this season. The man who started the season pegged as the first baseman moving forward, Michael Chavis, was designated for assignment last week.

The franchise has flatlined, from top to bottom. Ownership won't spend, prospects are poorly developed and often fail to live up to their expectations. The team lacks identity, or even a general direction.

There is no reason to believe they will be playing meaningful games in the near future. It's also very plausible that no player currently on the roster will play a playoff game for the Pirates.

After a season that was supposed to be predicated on improvement, it feels like there's more questions than answers.



LUKE HENNE | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

PNC Park was filled to capacity on July 30, just one of two times the venue sold out for a game in 2022.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Pittsburgh fall festivities bring tricks and treats

ANDREW KAMIS staff writer

In honor of the season of pumpkin spice and spooky movies, here's a list of some fun fall activities perfect for you and your friends to celebrate before Halloween.

Soul Food Comedy Murder Mystery Show (Wilkinsburg, Pa)

Think you have what it takes to solve a crime? Assemble your team of detectives, and put on your thinking caps this Saturday for this year's annual "Whodunnit dinner" at the Hosanna House in Wilkinsburg! The show will place you and your friends at the scene of the crime and will have you sort through given clues to figure out the culprit. Prizes will be awarded for the team with the best detectives. The event includes dinner and dessert: alcohol is served, so this event is reserved for those who are 21 and older. Tickets are \$50, and the show is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pittsburgh's Monster Pumpkin Festival (The Stacks At 3 **Crossings, Pittsburgh)**

You won't find these pumpkins at your nearest patch. This FREE event includes two days of giant pumpkins, ranging in size from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds! Each pumpkin is uniquely carved or painted by local artists, including Max "GEMS" Gonzales, who was once considered to be Pittsburgh's "most-wanted" graffiti artist. Still not interested? Not only does this event display ginormous pumpkins, but it also drops them from a crane nearly 11 feet, eight inches off the ground! Pittsburgh's Monster Pumpkin Festival also provides glass-blowing exhibits, selfie locations, pie-eating contests, and food from local vendors! Admission is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 15-16.

Fall Slam Music Festival (Homestead, Pa.)

Ever want to spend the weekend listening to live music and enjoy-



CAPRI SCARCELLI | A&E EDITOR With haunted houses, pumpkin patches and more, Pittsburgh offers an assortment of fall fun for every person's needs.

ing the best that food trucks have to offer? This Sunday the Forge Urban Winery in Homestead has exactly what you are looking for. The Forge Urban Winery will be hosting their venue to over 20 vendors with 13 artists providing musical performances as well. Additionally, participants will have the chance to win free giveaways from sponsored companies. Tickets range from \$15 to \$50 and the event lasts from 12 - 11 p.m. Open to all ages!

HalloWeekend At Cedar Point (Sandusky, Ohio)

Looking for some extra thrills this Halloween season? Duquesne's Program Council is hosting a trip to Cedar Point on Oct. 15. This will be an all-day excursion filled with haunted mazes, roller coasters, and live music. Have fun during the daylight hours, participating in all sorts of traditional fall festivities, but be prepared for terrifying frights come nighttime! Tickets are \$60 and transportation is provided. The bus leaves campus at 8 a.m. and will depart from Cedar Point at 10 p.m.

Duquesne's Union Ballroom Halloween Social

Duquesne's Ballroom Association is hosting this event on Friday, Oct. 28 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Enjoy some free treats, games and get ready to show your finest moves on the dance floor. Don't forget to bring some friends and dress in your Halloween best for a chance to win some prizes in their costume contest. After all, the Monster Mash is better when you dress the part. This occasion is open to all students free of charge, so now you have an excuse to wear your costume more than one time this year!

Hundred Acres Manor (Bethel Park, Pa.)

Named by several renowned periodicals as the largest and scariest haunted experience Pittsburgh has to offer, Hundred Acres Manor features five haunt-

ed houses that are guaranteed to give you a fright. They also provide other attractions, including a haunted maze and a simulator designed to make you feel like you are being buried alive. The first 100 guests arriving at the park will also receive a free, limited edition t-shirt! Hundred Acres Manor is located in Bethel Park, nearly 25 minutes from campus. General admission costs \$28 and includes access to all five houses.

Trax Farms Fall Festival (Finleyville, Pa.)

Spend the day at Trax Farms, located in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, getting lost in corn mazes, going on hayrides, picking pumpkins and more! This 75-acre farm has been family-run for over 150 years, and this year will be their 53rd annual Fall Festival. Tickets are \$10 online at traxfarms.com and \$12 in-person. Fall activities are offered every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. now through Oct. 23.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022: Sugar Rush Oct. 6 @ 11 a.m.

Enjoy free red and blue desserts and candy offered in the Union! Supplies limited.

Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022: Homecoming Block Party Oct. 6 @ 7 p.m.

Go to A-Walk for food trucks, apple cider, raffles, performances and more!

> **DPC:** Homecoming Fireworks Event Oct. 6 @ 8:15 p.m.

Watch a dazzling firework show from McCloskey Field!

> Penguins v. Sabres Oct. 7 @ 7 p.m.

Student tickets on sale for \$25, first come, first served! Purchase in the Office of Residence Life.

> <u>Autumnfest</u> Oct. 8 @ 11 a.m.

Go to A-Walk for more fall fun!

CAPRI'S KIND WORDS

Self-care isn't always "productive"

Self-care does not have to be on-task.

Sometimes it's watching Disney re-runs, or organizing your Spotify just for you. Sometimes it's going on a walk with no destination in mind, or hitting snooze a few extra times.

We often only take care of ourselves if we have "time" to, or if we think that self-care is productively contributing to a looming due date, meeting, appointment or coffee date with a friend.

You can't always wait until the last minute to get yourself back on your feet. You have to nurture yourself with intentionality, with purpose and with the knowledge that you are worth every second of effort you put into the world around you.

Be gentle with yourself as you continue to establish your needs this semester. big or small. You'll find that your days go much more smoothly when you take them one at a time, even hour by hour. Take it easy and give yourself credit for making it here! Keep yourself well so that you can do even greater.

— Capri Scarcelli

Aquarius

XXL jersey for the homies

Pisces

VERY NICE VERY NICE!

Aries

Gotta be workin' workin' day and

Taurus

Virgo

You should write me a song about me but pretend it's not about me

Gemini

veeeeee!

Cancer

Wait. Did you copy me?

Leo

Cleaning your room every other day to put on BeReal

Sagittarius

I didn't copy you!

Capricorn

cue motion-sensor spider that sings a little Halloween song every time I clap*

Libra Scorpio

It feels like the perfect night! To dress up like hipsters!

lost penguin energy

I honor you: super slay of the week!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Don't Worry Darling' impresses and disappoints

EMILY FRITZ staff writer

A new psychological thriller, "Don't Worry Darling," premiered Sept. 23 starring Florence Pugh, Harry Styles, Olivia Wilde and Chris Pine.

You may have seen some of the trailers marketing a young couple (Pugh and Styles) living a utopian 1950s lifestyle when Pugh's character begins to experience cracks and holes in her too-good-to-be-true community.

If you haven't seen the official promotional material for this movie, odds are the title is familiar for an entirely different reason: cast drama, as revealed by Vox.

From a love triangle between Styles, Wilde and Jason Sudeikis (Wilde's former spouse), to a silent social media feud between Pugh and Wilde, to a more aggressive feud between Styles and Pine, "Don't Worry Darling" has been frequenting tabloid news.

Perhaps most importantly, but still largely unspoken, is the erasure of the film's already small cast of Black and brown characters.

Kiki Layne & Ari'el Stachel, who reportedly shot a lot of content for "Don't Worry Darling," were pushed to the background as "glorified extras" according to Stachel on TikTok. Layne took to Instagram and told fans "They [the production team] cut us from most of the movie.

Temporarily putting the drama aside, the film was certainly a worthy in-theater experience, but afterward left viewers long-

The film establishes an idealized relationship between Jack (Styles) and Alice Chambers (Pugh). They have the perfect life within the 1950s corporate society that they live in and even challenge some of the typical norms of the era.

The marital relationship is important because it promotes the "perfect world" that later starts

to fold for the sake of plot, but more importantly, it gives Alice and the viewer something to miss and something to lose.

Alice slowly starts to slip into odd moments of psychosis and doubt about her life within "The Victory Project" or her community. As shown in the trailer, walls start to close in, mirrored reflections produce erroneous images and she starts to hallucinate things that aren't real.

These anomalies prove to the viewer that Alice isn't crazy, but of course to those around her, she's going off the deep end and riding the train to Crazy Town.

While all of these cracks in Alice's reality prove to be fascinating and engaging, most of them are pushed to the wayside as red herrings. The majority of the weird and unexplained that tip her off to something not quite right, remain just that: weird and unexplained.

As a viewer, this material is confusing and craves resolution. The resolution that's given in the movie is unsatisfactory and lacking. Had there been less build-up and more purposeful rising action, the ending would've seemed less rushed and could have left room for an equally psychotic sequel.

The more-minute details and cult-like language are important but less highlighted, which encourages audiences to return and re-watch the film. Given the retrospective plot holes, some viewers may not be drawn back to the film, while others will want to rewatch with their new insight.

The trope of perfect society somehow gone wrong can feel stale and overused. However, given that "Don't Worry Darling" is presented as a period piece, the trope takes on new and exciting layers.

Additionally, the isolation of The Victory Project gives the constructed utopia a unique dystopian feeling, which is intentionally contradictory and manifests an uneasi-



Actress Florence Pugh graces the big screen as "Don't Worry Darling's" lead protagonist: a young woman trapped in a seemingly perfect utopia.

ness for the audience early on.

This movie recycled an old concept and repackaged it well. In the present-day era of cinema where originality is difficult to come by, the film fit well but also gave a nice freshness to older ideas.

Within the context of the 1950s setting were some mixed messages around the feminist lens that Wilde (who also served as director) hoped to communicate.

On one hand, the Chambers' marriage was sexually charged and progressive for the decade. On the other hand, the cult of domesticity was alive and well, with the routine homemaking of cooking dinner, cleaning daily, hours of laundry, endless shopping and childrearing.

The overarching plot dealt with women's freedom, but

wasn't revealed until much later in the movie and exposed itself in an unclear resolution that left viewers without closure. In some ways this was frustrating, but also proved to be thoughtprovoking by giving the movie relevance even after the credits had rolled.

The role of woman as victim doesn't automatically make a feminist movie, but this film successfully unlocked a feminine nightmare with the near-end twist.

Overall, the acting was exemplary. The cast was effective and did their characters justice. The problem lay mostly in the buildup (and stalling) of the plot that didn't address the unusual phenomena that tipped off the main character.

Where some plot devices, like

the historical backdrop and cult language, were used very well, others still felt random or misleading.

The twist for the film felt like it came out of left field until after the credits, when the "big picture" is clear and visible through hindsight. However, even when the film is viewed through hindsight and the cues become more obvious, the ideas and logic behind the twist are still wildly disturbing.

If anything, the revealed concepts toward the end of the film can be applied to an extreme community in our society and reinforces a genuine fear for some. Viewers are left with a feeling of "could that ever happen?" and if so, "do I know anyone who would?"

While this film is far from horror or the stereotypical scary movie territory that most psychological thrillers occupy, "Don't Worry Darling" was still an engaging viewing experience that kept viewers in the same "what is going on" mindset that Alice Chambers endured for just over two hours.

This film felt initially like a nine out of 10 in-theaters. Postcredits, it begins to lose some of its charm and rests at about a six on the same scale. However, this movie is so frustrating and thought provoking, that it will stay with you for days afterwards. The final rating for this movie, as determined by its concepts, contradictions and theatrical presentation, is a 7 1/2 out of 10.

"Don't Worry Darling" has been received by audiences as a masterpiece or a flop, but never described as mediocre. Films are flawed and cinema can be particularly frustrating in ways that other mediums usually aren't.

The film is simultaneously lovable and detestable, but that is the essence of its charm. It's a train wreck that you can't stop watching and that you can't stop pondering, but nonetheless it craves better than it was able to achieve.

Pittsburgh in packed stadium Post Malone returns

MAX MARCELLO staff writer

On Sept. 28, Grammy Award nominated artist Post Malone performed in Pittsburgh as part of his International 12 Carat tour. Malone took the stage in a nearly sold-out arena packed with ecstatic fans to perform a set list of 23 songs across four albums.

Prior to his performance in Pittsburgh, many took to social media to express their concern as the tour did not run as planned.

While performing in St. Louis, Malone suffered a fall that injured his ribcage, and was taken to the hospital. It was these injuries that led him to cancel a show in Boston, citing difficulty breathing. Nonetheless, Malone did go through with his performance in Cleveland, followed by Pittsburgh.



Max Marcello | Staff Writer Post Malone plays his acoustic guitar for his ballads.

Los Angeles DJ Zach Bia opened for Malone. He played a compilation of popular songs ranging from "Sweet Caroline" to "Can't Hold Us." At 9:45 p.m., Malone emerged wearing a cus-

tom Penguins jersey, turning the mood from anticipation into ecstasy, belting out a newly released song, "Reputation" followed by his #1 hit "Wow. "Malone then turned to thank the concertgoers for their patience and their continued support while also making light of his recent injuries.

He jokingly apologized if his singing was off, as it is the result of the previously sustained inju-

Malone offered the opportufor someone in the audi ence to join him onstage. A man emerged alongside his brother who had just returned from deployment abroad. The trio performed an acoustic rendition of his song "Stay." The chance performance was executed as if it was rehearsed. Malone displayed his versatility as he continued to perform the next two songs including his Grammy nominated single "Circles" with his acoustic guitar.

Malone then delivered an emotional monologue about overcoming his struggle with alcoholism and the importance of supporting those who are in a similar situation. He then referenced the impact of the pandemic and other extenuating circumstances for being the reason why he has not released a studio album in four years. The crowd responded with a burst of energy his signature style combining elements of pop and hip-hop and finished his performance.

As Malone prepared to perform his final song for the evening "White Iverson," a person in the crowd collapsed. Malone immediately stopped the performance and asked fans to clear a path for EMS. Once the person was safely removed from the arena Malone continued to sing.

He acknowledged the personal importance the song had for him as it was the record that launched him into the mainstream and secured him a record deal with Republic Records.

Post Malone delivered a truly explosive act, performing a medley of songs across his critically-acclaimed discography. The entertainer despite his physical injuries displayed a passion for performing that was on full display. The enthusiasm of the crowd never dipped as fans displayed their signs and affectionately shouted, "Posty.

Malone responded by delivering a heartfelt thank you to those who attended the concert, and to the support staff working to ensure the show was seamless. His 12-Carat tour is ongoing, and scheduled to conclude in 2023 in Burswood, Australia.

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Former NFL quarterback Brett Favre (right) is at the center of controversy in his home state of Mississippi.

Favre is everything a superstar athlete shouldn't be

Twenty seasons. Three league MVP awards. Eleven Pro Bowl nods. One Super Bowl championship. One enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Legendary National Football League quarterback Brett Favre, who generated controversy for retiring and unretiring multiple times in the late 2000s, finds himself under a different type of scrutiny.

Five-million dollars. That was the amount put toward a brandnew volleyball facility at the University of Southern Mississippi, Favre's alma mater and the former home of his daughter, Breleigh, who transferred to LSU in August to compete in beach volleyball.

According to the *Hattiesburg American*, the Southern Miss Volleyball Wellness Center received at least \$5 million from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. That money, as well as a total of \$77 million according to forensic auditors, was designated as part of Mississippi's welfare fund.

Money designed to better the wellness of those truly in need was taken to be put toward a "wellness center" for NCAA Division I athletes.

Ironic and despicable, isn't it?

Texts obtained by Mississippi Today last month revealed that Favre worked with former state governor Phil Bryant and Mississippi Community Education Center founder Nancy New, as well as former welfare agency director John Davis, took at least \$5 million from the welfare funds for the construction of the volleyball facility.

One text showed that Bryant provided Favre with guidance on how to write a funding proposal so that the state's department of human services would accept it. The Associated Press reported that Favre said there were plans to hold workshops and youth clinics in the facility. This came after Bryant had fired Davis from his position for suspected fraud.

Ironic and despicable, isn't it? New, friends with Bryant's wife,

New, friends with Bryant's wife, ran the nonprofit that was tasked with spending the federal welfare dollars to better the state. Instead, she helped to build a better life for a select few. New and other non-profit leaders were responsible for the \$77 million in misspent money.

Davis was sentenced to 32 years in prison last month, per the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*, while Mississippi Today reports that New pleaded guilty to 13 felony counts connected to the plan.

The crimes charged against Favre and Bryant? Nothing, yet.



<u>Luke Henne</u> editor-in-chief

According to the AP, Farve texted Bryant in July 2019 to see if welfare money could be put toward building another athletic facility on Southern Miss' campus, this time for the football team. Bryant told Favre, "we have to follow the law."

A text from Favre to New on Aug. 3, 2017, reads, "If you were to pay me is there anyway the media can find out where it came from and how much?" New responded to that text telling him no and that they never have had that information publicized.

A text the next day from New reads, "Wow, just got off the phone with Phil Bryant! He is on board with us! We will get this done!"

At what point is there some inkling of wrongdoing that enters the mind?

This isn't Favre's first controversy. In 2010, he was investigated by the league for allegedly sending inappropriate messages and photos to Jenn Sterger, the New York Jets' gameday host, when he was a member of the team in 2008, according to CBS Sports. Though he was found to not be in violation of the league's personal conduct policy, the league fined him \$50,000 for failure to cooperate with the investigation.

Athletes are supposed to serve as role models for future generations who want to be just like their favorite player. They're supposed to emulate the work habits and competitive spirits of star athletes.

How will fans of Favre's football career tell their children about his legacy without remembering the controversy that will follow him?

According to Insider Inc., Favre is the 22nd-highest-paid NFL player of all time, having earned \$137.8 million in a career that spanned from 1991 to 2010. Sportskeeda estimates that endorsement deals with companies such as Wrangler, Hyundai and Nike have netted Favre an additional \$7 million.

If he was so worried about getting volleyball and football facilities constructed, why couldn't he put some of his own career earnings toward the project developments? Better yet, take it a step further and be a charitable man.

Well, Favre does run Favre 4 Hope, a charity providing support "for disadvantaged and disabled children and breast cancer patients."

While it's unclear the use of the money, ESPN obtained tax records on Sept. 28 showing that the charity donated more than \$130,000 to the USM Athletic Foundation between 2018 and 2020. Charity Watch's Laurie Styron said that groups like Favre's are ethically obligated to spend funds in ways that were intended by donors.

Look at a man like basketball icon LeBron James, who opened the I Promise School in his hometown of Akron, Ohio, to help serve underprivileged youth in the city.

Parents should make sure their kids pick the right role models, people unlike Favre.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Mental health changes with the seasons

As we head toward the colder fall weather and leave our summer memories and sunshine behind, many aspects of our lives change with the temperature drop. The biggest and most relevant of those changes is our own mental health.

We often associate warm weather and summer with tropical vacations and time away from our studies. But when the summer fades and fall comes, many people miss the sun and typically have more studying to do since they're slowly reaching the halfway point of their school

And although we may wish it was different, this halfway point is never changing. It's always falling between the warm and cold changes of the weather, as some may call this the worst time of the year. The dreadful midterm season begins as the temperature drops significantly, leaving students with more anxiety and stress than ever.

Unless we're thinking about the abundance of fun holidays that occur during the seasonal changes, the only thing on our minds is upcoming summer plans, job application deadlines and exam grades.

Some of these people missing the sunlight also experience SAD, a seasonal depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder. This disorder typically affects people when the season changes from summer to fall, since Vitamin D intake drops and darkness comes sooner in the day, leaving people with less time to be outside and less daytime in general.

However, for many college students, this seasonal depression can also be linked with the stress about the many upcoming and seemingly never-ending cycles of exams and papers. At the same time, professors are ending their weeks of instructions and class policies, leaving students with more work than they may have bargained for.

Although it may seem impossible for students to get through the freezing weather and exam season with their increased feelings of a lack of motivation and a sense of depleted energy, there are many different ways to avoid SAD, including going on walks and getting a good night's sleep.

By taking time to meditate or even nap with a warm blanket during the day, students should be able to reduce their feelings of stress with the season change, and may even be able to relax a little before any upcoming assignments and deadlines.

Take a deep breath and try to enjoy the little things in life, like your favorite Starbucks hot beverage or even a warm, comfortable nap in between classes.

OPINIONS

Ukraine/Russia war impact stretches to China

RUSSELL MACIAS staff writer

This past week, the war between Russia and Ukraine struck a high in the acceleration of tensions when Russian President Vladimir Putin announced and signed into law the illegal annexation of four regions of Ukraine.

Those four regions, Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, all located on the eastern borders of Ukraine, would Lyman, a town within the pro-Kremlin and separatists-held region of Donetsk, falling to Ukraine is a big strategic victory, and gives Russia a black eye. It has been reported by Ukrainian officials that Lyman had been serving as a logistics hub for Russian forces, assigning them places to go. Losing that territory is a significant step backward for the Russians.

On Tuesday night, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his nightly address to Ukrainian citizens that

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Russian President Vladimir Putin — seen here during last week's annexation speech — annexed four Ukrainian regions in the ongoing war. Putin is set to turn 70 years old on Friday.

see Russia gain control of over 15% of Ukraine's territory. Donetsk and Luhansk have been held illegally by Russian separatists since the war for Crimea back in 2014, but the further annexation sees cities like Kherson and the famous city of Mariupol fall into Russian hands.

What directly led to these annexations was embarrassing military defeats for the Kremlin, beginning in the Kharkiv region, which sent Russian troops running from the town of Lyman.

his army had liberated multiple places within southern Kherson, and rattled off the towns that he claimed victory in.

It is clear that right now, the war is swinging in Ukraine's favor. They've begun liberating multiple towns and cities within the illegal Russian annexation zone. The larger issue at hand is how Putin is going to handle it. He's already declared that those annexed areas are all Russian, and any invasion upon them will be seen as an attack on Moscow itself.

Putin further doubled down by insinuating that he is not above using nuclear weapons, as he continued to warn the West that any intervention or invasion of Russia would prompt a nuclear response, while additionally stating that United States is the only country to have used nuclear weapons, when they dropped the Little Boy and Fat Man bombs in the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II.

With, as previously stated, the war swinging in Ukraine's favor, Putin has begun the deception for him to take extreme action. It's been long documented how Putin's ideological goal his whole career was to put back the USSR, and particularly, Ukraine, as he feels they linked as one race of peoples, despite distinct ethnic differences.

For Putin, this invasion of Ukraine has the potential to be his crown jewel. This is his main ideological goal, one he's long been pining to achieve. So, it's to be expected now, with the war swinging out of his favor, that he's going to begin to puff his feathers like a peacock, and try to take, what in his mind, is the high ground to do heinous things.

Despite the nuclear bomb comments, it is still highly unlikely we see that. What is likely, however, is the war continuing onward with more violence. Russia is instituting a heavier conscription, sending young men to fight a war that's purportedly unpopular amongst Russian citizens, and one that will leave horrific amounts of people dead that don't need to be, but will be solely for one man's ego.

Putin, who turns 70 on Friday, is never going to surrender or admit defeat on this issue. This is his lifelong goal, and as his time on this earth begins to wind down, he's only going to become more adamant about his goals.

That is what makes him so dangerous, and what may make this a neverending conflict. He is going to fight until the ends of the earth to preserve what he feels is his, despite what the entire world may think.

It's this utter ambivalence to the world that makes one ponder what a Chinese invasion of Taiwan would look like. China, and its leader Xi Jinping, claim Taiwan as their own. The history of Taiwan dates back to before World War II, when China was in the midst of a bloody civil war between the Mao-Zedong-led Communists and the Republic of China (ROC). The Communists won, and the ROC retreated back to the island of Taiwan, where that government has led since 1949.

However, China still lays claim to the island and its government, and hates any association with the outside world. China is so petty about this that, in an event as small as the Little League World Series, and all the way up to the Olympics, Taiwanese athletes are forced to compete under a neutral flag and neutral anthem, and instead of being called the Republic of China or Taiwan, they are called Chinese Taipei.

Those things are direct impacts of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) pressuring foreign governments and international events to protect their interests, and this treatment goes back decades.

Recently, China has conducted multiple military drills and have gathered forces near the borders of China that they would ship out to Taiwan. The U.S. has taken a stronger stance against this, vowing for direct conflict toward China if they were to invade, something that could truly be catastrophic in every meaning of the word.

For China, they will continue to watch very closely to see how the world handles the Ukraine situation, as it could be a precursor to how the world reacts to what China does in Taiwan.

Now that Russia has annexed the territory despite significant gains by the Ukrainian counteroffensive, it's shaping up to be an even scarier situation, and one with potential global catastrophe on the line.

Alito's dissapointed with dissentors

ZACH PETROFF opinoins editor

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court began its new nine-month term that will include a slew of issues that will include race, religious liberty, environmental matters, election oversight and government regulation.

If the last term was any indication, it is reasonable to believe that there will be some monumental decisions that could have drastic effects on American policies. In a country already divided at almost every turn, it would only be natural for some to disapprove of the decision or the process in which the highest court in the land operates.

Yet, one justice has made it clear that those that question the legitimacy of the Supreme Court are "crossing a line."

Right – because nothing sounds more democratic than when a non-elected, lifetime appointee through a partisan process with little oversight warns about "crossing a line" when it comes to matters of voicing dissent.

In a comment to the *Wall Street Journal*, Associate Justice Samuel Alito Jr. said, "It goes without saying that everyone is free to express disagreement with our decisions and to criticize disagreement with our decisions and to criticize our reasoning as they see fit. But saying or implying that the court is becoming an illegitimate institution or questioning our integrity crosses an important line."

As highly regarded as the U.S. legal system is, there should be significant concerns with the Supreme Court. There have been some major decisions that seem to truly be out-of-touch with a majority of Americans—such as upholding the patriot act and ruling in favor of Citizens United and Exxon Oil.

The disagreement on decisions, whether valid or not, are not the only cause for concern.

The Supreme Court has a legitimacy problem that if ignored, could cause the scales of justice to crush many Americans.

Precedent is not applicable when referring to nominating a Supreme Court justice. One of the more recent examples of

this is when President Barack Obama was denied consideration for a nominee by a Republican-led Senate. Senate-Majority Leader Mitch McConnell justified the refusal due to it being an election year.

Four years later, President Donald Trump would be in a similar situation. This time, with a Republican-led Senate, McConnell allowed Trump's nomination to go through.

When there are no legal guidelines, we have to turn to precedent. When the precedent is warped by party politics, it very much damages the legitimacy of the institution.

There is a hypocrisy to the fundamentals of a republic when you consider that a president that did not win the popular vote has put three justices on the bench. That same president is also being investigated for his role in the attempt to violently overthrow our democracy.

The wife of one of the current justices, Virginia Thomas, is a conservative activist and participant in the "Stop the Steal" rally on January 6. Her husband, Justice Clarence Thomas, was the Supreme Court's lone dissent when it rejected Trump's attempt to withhold documents from the Jan. 6th committee.

It is not hard to not question the legitimacy in a group that has established an immoral pattern of putting their politics ahead of their duty.



COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS Associate Justice Samuel Alito Jr. expressed concern about scrutiny of the Supreme Court.

FEATURES

PDC makes bags for trafficking survivors

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Although it's not shared in the news as much as it could be, human trafficking is a big issue that can affect anyone anywhere at any time.

That's why members of Phi Delta Chi (a pharmacy fraternity) and members of other fraternities and sororities on Duquesne's campus, gathered in the Union Ballroom on Sunday night to make care packages for Living in Liberty, a non-profit organization.

The Pittsburgh-based organization, known for its efforts to combat human trafficking in Southwestern Pennsylvania, offers services of prayer and counseling to women on the street and provides a safe home to those who may need an extra hand getting back to their life journey.

Kacy Smith, a helper at the event and member of the pharmacy sorority Lambda Kappa Sigma, said she thinks it's important to help those in need. She said human trafficking is scary, and making these bags is a great, safe way to help those who need it most.

"To me, I think that it's something that you don't usually see. It's something that happens behind the scenes," Smith said. "But it's really serious and really scary for a lot of people."

Other people at the event, including Phi Delta Chi President Igor Naumovski, agreed with Smith. He said that these bags also help to take some stress off of survivors' shoulders.

"A lot of women that come out of human trafficking don't have the resources or the money to pay for things," Naumovski said. "So this organization helps them alleviate some of the stress, and also gives them a place to stay."

Since the fraternity wanted to make as many bags as possible, members started the night by going around to each table with a plastic bag and grabbing one or two items from every section.

Some of these necessary items included things like body wash, lotion, chapstick, a hand towel, razors and hair ties.

Since some of these women want a choice in what they receive, event participants were able to pick between certain items like lotion and chapstick to put into the bags.

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Doing this will allow for the women to choose between which items they want more than others when the bags get to them.

Audra Brown, a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma, said these types of items are great for helping women feel clean and comfortable, even if they are still on the streets.

"Being able to feel better about yourself and having these products readily available will improve a mood," Brown said. The event had about a dozen students

The event had about a dozen students from different pharmacy organizations, sororities and fraternities come to help. The process went smoothly, and bags were finished and ready to be donated in less than 30 minutes.

Although many of the students in attendance, like Smith, have access to the simple products that were there, they know many people in the city don't have that luxury.

Smith said these items can be taken for granted, but are necessary for those in need of assistance.

"These are like the basic necessities you're seeing out here, and it's things that you wouldn't normally think about," Smith said. "So I think it just makes our lives a lot easier."

Another thing that students don't typically think about is the idea that human trafficking could happen at any moment, right in front of them.

Brown said that events like these allow for students to give back to their community in a meaningful way.

"I think it's such a big, hot topic in the news lately that it's something that you might not always think is in your city," Brown said. "I think it's really great that we can contribute with what we can pro-



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Pictured from back right to front middle at Sunday night's event: Dylan Gannon, Cole Proctor, Yenok Admassu, Shane Clunan, Connor Gallagher, Connor Kirby, Igor Naumovski, Gavin Murren, Andrew Morgan, Audra Brown, Kacy Smith, Amanda Casterline and Alex Tardugno.

AST members raise money for Make-A-Wish

Hannah Peters staff writer

Breakfast lovers were in luck Thursday. Not only would they find waffles being sold on campus, but buying those waffles would help children in Pittsburgh's hospitals, too.

The event, called "Waffles for Wishes," was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on A-Walk, and was sponsored by Duquesne's Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) chapter, with a goal of raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Decked out in baby blue, members of AST loaded sprinkles, Nutella and syrup on top of waffles, all to raise money to help grant wishes to kids throughout the Pittsburgh area. Duquesne students and staff wanting to donate, or simply enjoy a waffle, huddled around the matching baby-blue table decorated with posters, pictures and confetti.

Loud music played, creating a fun and cheerful environment.

Selling their t-shirts and pins alongside the waffles, AST said all the proceeds from the event went directly to the foundation. The event was sponsored by the Duquesne Program Council.

Over four hours, AST raised over \$900 for their cause. Past efforts have allowed them to grant wishes like trips to Disneyland, a trip to Rome to meet the Pope, a jungle gym and a shopping spree.

For those who missed the "Waffles for Wishes" event, AST will be setting up a crowdfunding page in the coming weeks where people can donate to their cause. Look out for more information on their Instagram page, @duqast.



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Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) members talk to students on A-Walk during Thursday's "Waffles for Wishes" event.

AST's care and support for the children in Pittsburgh's hospitals goes even further than their efforts for Make-A-Wish. Recently, they made tie-blankets for Project Linus to donate to the kids in local hospitals.

Members, like Peri Dimitriou, say they joined the sorority because of its philanthropic mission. She said she wanted to be more involved within her community.

"The Make-A-Wish Foundation was a big reason for why I joined AST," Dimitriou said. "I knew they were so involved in the Pittsburgh community, and I knew they really cared about their philanthropy and making sure these children had something to look forward to."

Dimitrou also said that "Waffles for Wishes" is part of their big-picture goal, as it helps them gear up for the Miss Duquesne Pageant — their main event.

"We're just so excited to prepare for our

main event in the fall and grant some of the amazing children their wishes, which is ultimately why we are here today and is our big motive," Dimitriou said.

The Miss Duquesne Pageant will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12. The pageant includes evening wear, talent and question rounds.

Through this event, they hope to raise awareness for children diagnosed with critical illnesses, as well as raising money for Make-A-Wish.

The sorority said they are also passionate about the Women's Wellness Initiative, for which they help to provide resources and support to women at the women's shelter.

In addition to collecting money to donate and buy gift cards for the women, they have also recently made hygiene kits and gift packages.

The sorority's efforts to help others is what drew many of their members, and Ju-

liana Tangretti is one of them. She said that she enjoys supporting meaningful causes.

"I really love how much time we put into things like this to make really good events to support good causes and make differences within people's lives," Tangretti said. "A big part of why I love this sorority so much is because I get to be a part of that."

With their many efforts to help and care for those who are less fortunate, AST has created an environment in which students are drawn to engage and contribute.

"There was an amazing sisterhood that I felt," Dimitriou said. "I just felt so loved and wanted to be a part of an organization that had so much love to share."



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Juliana Tangretti (*left*) and Peri Dimitriou (*right*) laugh and smile while posing for a picture.

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