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Duquesne Law school receives historic gift from alum

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Duquesne announced that the Duquesne Law School received a \$50 million gift from Thomas R. Kline, a Duquesne law alumnus, making it the largest gift in university history.

The gift mirrors one given to Drexel in 2014, where a school is named for him as well, The Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University.

President Ken Gormley also announced that The Duquesne School of Law will be renamed The Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, honoring Kline's gift to the university.

The gift will allow the law school to provide scholarships to more students, provide faculty and staff with grants for excellence in teaching and scholarship, the school's bar preparation program and more, according to the law school's Dean April Barton.

Kline has been practicing law for more than four decades in personal injury law. He is a founding partner of Kline & Specter, described by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as "one of the nation's leading personal injury firms". Kline has been listed as one of the top lawyers by Lawdragon and many other publications.

In 2020, he received the "Best of the Bar" achievement award presented by the Philadelphia Business Journal. Kline has achieved hundreds of seven- and eight-figure jury verdicts and settlements over his career with some of his notable cases being an \$80 million jury verdict against Johnson & Johnson for a woman who was injured by a surgically implanted vaginal mesh device and an \$8 billion punitive dam-

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Labor Day Parade brings Biden, Shapiro and Fetterman to Pittsburgh



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Many different labor unions — including Local Operating Engineers — gathered in Downtown Pittsburgh for the city's Labor Day Parade, the first parade of its kind held since 2019. Notable politicians like Joe Biden, Josh Shapiro and John Fetterman were in attendance for the day's festivities.

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Thousands of people gathered in Downtown Pittsburgh to celebrate Labor Day and unions after a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19.

Pittsburgh has been hosting its annual Labor Day parade for almost 40 years and is one of the largest celebrations in the country, drawing over 50,000 people annually in past years.

The parade kicked off outside PPG Paints Arena, just blocks away from Duquesne University, and made its way down Grant Street, all the way to the United Steelworkers (USW) Building on Boulevard of the Allies.

The rain did not stop the almost 200 unions that walked during the parade, and an estimated 150,000 people attended the parade according to Darrin Kelly, president of Allegheny/Fayette Central Labor Council.

Floats and live music lined the streets as union workers marched through Downtown, with some floats endorsing political candidates and others representing the hard work the union represents.

Not only Pittsburgh residents joined in on the parade. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) member Kayla McDade traveled from Harmony, Pa., to march.

"I work at the Grove at Harmony, a nursing home," McDade said. "I came here for my residents. They deserve the best from us, and having better labor practices would help us."

"We're called heroes, yet we get paid nothing. Unions are so important to workers like us."

SEIU workers also held signs that read "SEIU for Shapiro" as they marched throughout the city.

Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate and Attorney General Josh Shapiro, as well as his running mate for lieutenant governor, Austin Davis, were in attendance. They marched with union workers such as Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), who had signs reading "Laborers for Shapiro."

Davis wanted to show his support for unions and the working class.

"We thought it was stronger for us to send a message that we're always going to stand on the side of working people and working class folk," Davis said.

Shapiro wanted to make sure that union workers will always have a place in Pennsylvania.

"These people matter," Shapiro said. "They helped build Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania, and their rights are under attack, and I'll always defend them."

Davis believes that unions got him to where he is today.

"I'm here because of the union way of life," Davis said. "It created a foundation for me and my family. We need to make sure we protect that foundation for people all across Pennsylvania."

Shapiro was happy to be walking among union members, and to be meeting them as well.

"It's inspiring [to walk with union members]. These members work hard. I'm so grateful for their support," Shapiro said. "I'm going to be a governor who looks out for the women and men of organized labor."

Some of the union members chanted, "Get up, get down, Pittsburgh is a union town" as they marched.

U.S. senate candidate John Fetterman was also in attendance and marched with United Steelworkers of District 10, many of whom held signs reading "Steelworkers for Fetterman."

While Shapiro, Davis and Fetterman were in attendance at the parade, President Joe Biden spoke at the United Steelworkers Building in West Mifflin to a small crowd about Labor Day and discussed his history with unions and why unions are important.

"The reason why I talk about unions is not just because it's where I come from. It's more than that,"

Biden said. "You are the best trained, the most skilled workers in the world. You're the best in the world."

"Wall Street didn't build the middle class. Wall Street didn't build America. Middle class built America and unions built the middle class. That's just the fact."

Fetterman also spoke in West Mifflin and took a stance against his republican opponent for the U.S. Senate, Mehmet Oz.

"I cannot think of anything more un-American than trying to take away the union way of life," Fetterman said.

The parade honored Pittsburgh union leader Jack Shea, the former president of Allegheny-Fayette Central Labor Council, who died on Aug. 29. There was a photo of Shea at the end of the parade. There was also a bell rung and a moment of silence for Shea during the parade.

Biden also talked about Shea during his speech in West Mifflin.

"I want to say a word about a few good friends we lost, Jack Shea, [who] some of you knew and Pat Gillespie," Biden said. "Both good friends, people I worked with my whole career."

"They had an attitude that could be summed up in one word, in my view ... Everybody, everyone, no matter what your background, is entitled to be treated with unity, with respect."

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POLICE BRIEFS

Tuesday, Aug. 30- A student reported that her catalytic converter was stolen from her vehicle on university property. An investigation will follow.

Tuesday, Aug. 30- A student made a threatening comment over Snapchat, which was received by another student. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Thursday, Sept. 1- A bicycle thief was caught in the act. An arrest was made.

Friday, Sept. 2- While on routine patrol, a reporting officer found a hole in the wall of the first floor inside the Mary Papert School of Music. It appears to have been either punched or kicked. There was no one in the area when the hole was found.

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ages verdict against J&J and subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals for side effects of a drug called Risperdal.

Gormley was happy to announce the gift and praised Kline.

"This gift is so special. It allows the school to soar," Gormley said. "Kline's story is quintessentially Duquesne."

"Tom's dream was to give something special back to the law students. Tom is fulfilling that dream."

John McGinley, the university's chair of board of directors, was proud of Kline and the university.

"I'm proud that you are our alum," McGinley said. "Your gift helps us fulfill our mission of serving God by serving students."

Kline was emotional throughout the event.

"I never thought it would be like this," Kline said. "I was here last year for a lunch and I recognized that this was home."



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Students of the law school in front of the new sign, wearing new law school shirts.



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Thomas R. Kline (left) and President Ken Gormley (right) pose next to a banner.

DU students concerned about safety

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opinions editor

Long after classes have ended for the day, the night falls upon the Bluff, as if to transform the university into a small village for Duquesne students. Just hours before the streets were filled with the rustling of students, faculty and administration to only be taken over by undergrads by nightfall. Young people can be seen and heard all across the campus enjoying their freedom from the clutches of their classes.

There is a calm atmosphere on campus after hours, as if the university was separate not only from the city of Pittsburgh, but the rest of the world. Yet, the reality is that while there is a sense of tranquility, there are real-world dangers that can put students at risk.

The university's Department of Public Safety, led by the newly hired Chief of Police Eric Holmes, has prioritized providing a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors through crime prevention and safety awareness. An elaborate set of protocols utilizing technology and an experienced police force have been put into place to help mitigate and prevent crime and unsafe behavior.

The department requires its officers to partake in internal training standards and prepares officers for events such as active shooter training, incident command training, first aid and CPR. They have a partnership with the City of Pittsburgh.

"Our department consists of 120 Pennsylvania state-certified police officers, security guards, communications specialists and civilian employees who work each day to prevent crime, and solve problems here on the Duquesne University campus," Holmes said in an email. "The Duquesne Uni-

versity Police Department is exceptional due to the amazing staff we have working for this great university. The DUPD maintains and will strive to continue to maintain the highest professional standards.

Duquesne, accredited since 2009, has employed the use of an alert system, which is an automated message notification system used to contact students and employees about emergencies or major disruption to campus service. Along with the DU emergency messages, the university has an outside warning system that will sound a tone and voice message announcing the nature of an emergency and the placement of over 3000 emergency duress alarms around campus. When activated, the alarms connect directly to Public Safety. They resemble fire alarms.

The safety escort service can be utilized by students and staff. The service is designed to enhance safety and peace of mind for those who may have to walk alone. Escorts will be provided by either a campus security officer or a campus police officer. The security and police personnel carry radios, identification and will be in a designated uniform. In order to reach an escort, students can call the campus police number at 412-396-6002.

According to a recent report conducted by the Allegheny Department of Human Resources in July, homicides have increased by 27% in the county and by 43% in the city from 2019 to 2021. In their 2021 Annual Security Report, Duquesne University has shown a decrease in crime from 2019 to 2020. The annual security report does note that there are "different mandates under the Clery Act and the Uniform Crime Reporting Act for the classification and statistical counting of crimes, which may result in differences in the way statistics are counted." Duquesne University moved to remote learn-

ing on March 16, 2020, and encouraged students to move off campus on March 22 in the same year.

One of the crucial points in Holmes' plan of action to ensure safety is communication.

"Everyone has a part to play when it comes to safety. If you see something say something," Holmes said in an email.

Another crucial part of ensuring safety is knowing what to do in case of an emergency after hours.

The campus emergency number is 412-396-2677. There are also eight blue emergency phones on campus that go straight to the DUPD emergency communication center. Immediately after establishing the connection with the Campus Police, the phone will send a signal indicating to them the location of the activated station. Once the system is activated, it allows students to have hands-free communication directly with the campus police.

With the safety of this campus being a combined effort from both the staff and the student body, it is paramount that students are aware of the procedures that are set in place.

Emily Hrivnak, a sophomore who resides in Des Places Hall, is aware of the pending threats that can happen on campus after hours.

"There's always that thought, just walking around in the dark at night that anyone can always just come up and grab me, because I can't really do much, I'm so small," Hrivnak said. "But it's not terrible. There's an anxiousness just because of who I am."

However, she does feel safe on campus.

"I'm normally always with people unless I'm probably coming back from work or something like that," Hrivnak said.

Brianna Finn, a fourth-year student feels that Duquesne is safe, but would like to see more blue lamp postings.

and premade sandwiches that students could grab to eat.

The gift is the largest single commitment in all of Duquesne's history.

"President Ken Gormley and Dean April Barton have immediate plans to empower students and faculty to lead," Kline said. "Their work will have a magnificent impact on students, the region and the profession itself. I share their goals and ambitions for the law school."

"I would say I would like to see [blue lights] on the outskirts of buildings, toward Liebermann [Hall] or the ones on Fifth Avenue," Finn said. "I know they are a little bit, so maybe more blue lights or maybe an officer in that area would be safer, but I don't feel like they're necessarily unsafe."

While the semester continues on, and students and faculty start to relax in their routine, the urgency to stay vigilant and aware of surroundings can melt away.

Duquesne students, faculty and the safety department must all do their part to keep safe.



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Blue emergency lights are prevalent across Duquesne's campus.

Stephenson assumes role in diversity center 3

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news editor

Quincy Stephenson may be new to the Center for Excellence in Diversity and Student Inclusion, but he's ready to take it head on and ready to serve students in any way he can.

Stephenson grew up in Memphis, Tenn., but sees Pittsburgh as his home. He's currently working on his doctoral degree in counseling education and supervision. Mental health is something Stephenson is an advocate for, but he's an even bigger advocate for diversity.

"I've always been an advocate for diversity, inclusion and accessibility," Stephenson said. "Being a Black man in spaces where we are not represented, I've always used my role as an opportunity to be a voice for those whose [voice] may not be amplified."

Stephenson believes that compassion is the most-important thing.

"My parents instilled what it means to be compassionate in me. It's something I practice every day," Stephenson said.

Stephenson began his life at Duquesne in 2017 as a student, when he first started his doctoral degree. He later started working at the campus wellbeing center as the outreach coordinator, then he became the group coordinator, focusing on group work with students.

Stephenson has worked with the Center for Excellence in Diversity and Student Inclusion since the days it was still called the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and when it was located in the basement of the



COURTESY OF QUINCY STEPHENSON

Quincy Stephenson said that he tries to practice compassion every day.

Duquesne Union. His role as group coordinator brought him even closer to the center, especially in 2020.

"I started to collaborate with the center in the year of racial awakening," Stephenson said. "We started support groups for Black students, LGBT+ students, AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) students and more. We wanted them to have a safe space."

Stephenson also sees the center as a safe space for students, and wants to keep it that way.

"The Center represents our efforts that diversity is embedded at

Duquesne," Stephenson said. "All student differences are respected, and I think that the center is a symbol of a safe space."

Sara Kyles-Royster, a co-worker of Stephenson's, was sad to see him leave the wellbeing center, but was also happy for him.

"It was bittersweet. I wanted to keep him here, but he has a lot to offer," Kyles-Royster said. "He's always had the need to serve underserved communities, and he's going to do well."

Stephenson was honored to be chosen as director of the Center

for Excellence in Diversity and Student Inclusion.

"It was humbling to be chosen. I consider this role a great responsibility," Stephenson said. "When I found out I was chosen, there was a part of me that was honored and part of me was humbled because I don't take this role lightly."

Valerie Harper, director of inclusive excellence in the Duquesne Law School, thinks the university chose the right person.

"They hired the right individual to replace Anthony [Kane]," Harper said. "I was very delighted when he got this position. Duquesne University has selected a gem."

Stephenson came with goals. He wants to continue to grow the center beyond what it is now.

"I want to keep the ball rolling. I want to continue the growth that's already happening," Stephenson said. "I also want to do everything we can to shift the culture on campus regarding diversity."

"I also want to have a good time while doing it. When you love what you do, it's like you aren't working."

Harper thinks Stephenson is open to learning from Duquesne students.

"Quincy has great ideas, [he is] consistent and follows through with suggestions, questions and researches if he is unable to respond, as well as arriving at solutions with an open-mind and equity."

Stephenson's main goal is to continue serving students, something he's been doing at the wellbeing center.

"We have the mission of serving God by serving students. I'm getting to meet students for the first time, and I'm able to serve students in a different capacity," Stephenson said. "It's exciting to see and get to know more students."

"This office, to some students, is like therapy. They like to rant and talk about what's going on around campus. This place is also somewhere students can get more information about clubs or other events that are sponsored by the center. This center is so important to students."

Harper believes that Stephenson is perfect for students.

"He listens to an individual in front of him and has the unique ability to interject humor in a conversation when necessary," Harper said. "He's very down to earth, so students can trust him."

Stephenson wants students to know that he is there for them.

"I want to keep an open door, personally. I'm putting myself out there," Stephenson said. "Students just knowing that we're here is important."

Kyles-Royster knows that Stephenson is authentic.

"He really cares about what he believes in. He's a friendly face and really knows his stuff," she said. "He's great at having those difficult conversations, but he's also laid back and quiet. He wants to listen most of all."

Stephenson wants students to feel comfortable and to love the campus as much as he does.

"I love this campus and our students. I'm here to serve them."

Panelists, students gather at election roundtable

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opinions editor

Two months until a midterm election cycle usually seems like an eternity, but if there was one thing that Duquesne's Pre-Election Roundtable could agree upon, it's that this is not a normal election cycle.

On Wednesday, the university hosted the Pre-Election Roundtable, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) in Fisher Hall. Duquesne was one of five schools selected throughout the state of Pennsylvania to take part in the public affairs initiative that aims to give an informative conversation about the upcoming midterm election through a diverse and balanced discussion.

The discussion panel, moderated by PCN's Phil Beckman, consisted of the following: Lewis Irwin (a political scientist and professor at Duquesne), Robert Gleason (former chair of the Pennsylvania Republican Party from 2006 to 2017), Nancy Patton Mills (former chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party from 2018 to 2022) and journalist

Ryan Deto of the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

In front of an audience consisting mainly of undergraduate students, the panel discussed the upcoming election, mainly focusing on the gubernatorial and U.S. Senate race. The panel discussed a wide variety of topics ranging from the fall-out of the overturning of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the strategy of the various campaigns, the impact of Donald Trump and the extent of which social media could impact this campaign.

Panel members gave their insight, along with their analysis, of the major candidates' strategies and how they compared to past years, again focusing on the unusual circumstances of each candidate and their party.

Irwin gave empirical information that guided the discussion, as well as into how unprecedented this election is for the state of Pennsylvania. He also speculated to what may play out in November.

"There were nine special elections for the U.S. House of Representatives before the whole Dobbs

issue came out," Irwin said. "If you average all the results of those elections compared against the partisan link, so where it would have normally gone if it was a neutral election, the Republicans outperformed the Democrats in those nine elections by an average of two points."

"Since Dobbs, there have been four elections ... Democrats have outperformed their partisan line by nine points in those four special elections that have occurred since then."

As former chairs of their respective parties, Gleason and Mills had a few lukewarm exchanges, where the crux of their disagreement was of voter motivation.

Gleason suggested that voters are more concerned about the economy, saying that "at the end of the day, pocketbook issues will trump everything else."

Mills retorted, saying, "You mentioned that the economy hits everyone, but so do women's rights because every household has a woman in the house."

The hour-long discussion gave students a chance to see well-in-

formed opinions spoken in a civil manner. While the panel's political leanings were apparent, the discussions were formal and polite. Each member was given ample opportunity to speak and voice their range of political leanings and background.

"I definitely did see a little bit of back and forth there, and I feel like they did a good job," said undergraduate student Michael Kopski. "So to speak in the middle, and coming in with a little bit of empirical data and getting journalists from the outside to just explain what they're seeing from the news angle, I thought it was interesting."

The discussion found itself coming back to the two most-polarizing figures in the upcoming Pennsylvania elections: John Fetterman and Doug Mastriano. It focused on their unusual campaigns and relationships with the media.

"I did a little research before coming," said junior Danny Radigan. "Like Fetterman, he's a very intriguing candidate. He does appeal to the working class, and usually the roles are flipped. Usually

it's the opposite way, but you see Oz now as the elite and Fetterman as that working class man. It's really interesting because Fetterman is really pounding down the fact that [Oz] is everywhere but here."

While the panelists showed off their variety of opinions stemming from their diverse occupations and background, they could agree on one thing.

"Nine weeks in politics is a lifetime," Irwin said.

The panel will air on PCN this coming Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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Panelists speak at Wednesday's event.



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VB goes 1-2 in invitational, loses road contest

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After going 1-1 in the first two games of the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational, the Dukes fell to the Colonials in five sets in the event's final match on Saturday afternoon at UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse.

On Friday morning, Duquesne collected a four-set victory over Canisius. That same night, the Dukes fell in three sets to William & Mary. An especially frustrating sequence came in the match's first set, when the Dukes held a 23-19 edge before surrendering six-straight points to the Tribe en route to losing the first set.

"After William and Mary, we just talked about staying tough and the importance of finishing a set," said Duquesne Head Coach Steve Opperman. "When you have a lead at the end of a set, you need to dig hard and close the set."

For the entirety of the opening set, Duquesne held a slim lead. The score was tied six separate times and remained close until the Dukes went on a decisive 7-0 run to close out the first set by a 25-19 count.

The second set was all about the Colonials. It started out with the score tied at seven, but Robert Morris proceeded to go on a 12-2 run that buried the Dukes. Duquesne tried to fight back, but failed to establish enough momentum. Robert Morris won the set 25-16.

Duquesne fell behind 14-10 in the third set, but the Dukes began to gain ground, eventually taking a 22-21 lead. After a Colonials point tied the game up, the Dukes closed the set on a 3-0 run to win 25-22, taking a 2-1 lead in the match.

In the fourth set, the Dukes were

down 10-6. After a large rally, the Dukes tied the score at 17. However, Robert Morris finished the set on an 8-3 run to win the fourth set 25-20, forcing a tiebreaking fifth set.

The fifth set was back and forth until Robert Morris went on a 3-0 run to bring the score to 7-3. The Colonials never looked back, ending the set on a 9-2 run and winning 15-7, thus securing a match victory.

"I don't feel good about the outcome of the whole weekend altogether, but I think there were obviously high points and low points," said Duquesne freshman Carsyn Henschen. "I think it's

"We have a lot of girls who are hurt. It's obviously every freshman's dream to play a lot, and I give a lot of credit to my teammates and the coaches," Henschen said. "You're a freshman, it's your first game and you're nervous, but my teammates do such a good job making you not feel like a freshman."

"They make you feel like you have been there forever and that you have a purpose out there."

Returning players like Morgan Kelly, Hailey Poling and Anna Shoemake also had their names written all over this weekend's stat sheets, and will likely be counted on this season. Kelly

experienced teammates.

"All three of them want to win. I think it's great having teammates who want to be out there and have a purpose when they get out on the floor," Henschen said. "Hailey is one of our leaders, and she showed that this weekend, stepping up when she had to ... Anna and Morgan are just [the type of] people that you can turn to when you're down."

"They'll pick you right back up, and they are always two faces that you want to see."

Kelly returned the favor, complementing her younger teammates despite the very limited experience that they've had to this point.

"The freshmen really stepped up this weekend, and they did an amazing job," Kelly said. "Unfortunately, I think they do get in their [own] heads sometimes. They are still so young and are trying to learn, so we are trying our best to lead them so we can be successful in the future."

"A lot of what we have been working on in practice has been just meshing. So, working on team culture and communication is important."

With a 1-5 record, the Dukes will look to find a way to gain momentum.

"We just need to get healthy and build from there. When you are playing a different lineup three weekends in a row, the consistency isn't there immediately," Opperman said after the weekend invitational. "We go back to the drawing board a little and just focus on some of the things that were lacking from this weekend and look to build going into the match on Tuesday."

The Dukes fell in five sets in Tuesday's road contest at Saint Francis (Pa.).

The team will travel to Tennessee for the Chattanooga Classic, which begins on Friday.



PETER BOETTGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Duquesne Head Coach Steve Opperman speaks to his players during the team's loss against Robert Morris at UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse on Saturday.

very important to focus on these high points and build off of them."

Henschen tallied 41 kills across the weekend, getting significant playing time in all three matches despite being a first-year player.

collected 42 kills, while Shoemake tallied 19 kills and seven blocks across all three games. Poling put up 96 assists and 23 digs during the invitational.

Henschen spoke highly of the leadership provided by her more-

WSOC drops one-goal game to Buffalo

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The Duquesne women's soccer team fell short in a 1-0 loss to Buffalo on Sunday afternoon at Rooney Field.

The action came quickly after a foul from Duquesne led to a penalty-kick goal by Buffalo midfielder Katie Krohn in the game's seventh minute.

After the goal, the Bulls' offense got good looks and pressured the Dukes' defense, recording seven first-half shots, four of which were on goal.

Duquesne did not allow any goals the rest of the game. A big key to the strong defensive game was getting back senior defender Kayla Winicki who played all 90 minutes for the first time since Aug. 22, 2021.

Winicki appeared in the first two games of the 2021 season before an ACL injury cut her season short.

"It was great having her back in the lineup," said Duquesne Head Coach Al Alvine after the loss.

A silent Duquesne offense saw the Dukes record just one shot that wasn't on goal in the first half. Entering the

second half, they had to adjust.

A shot on goal from Duquesne forward Emma Bundy in the 53rd minute came off a great find from forward Margey Brown, but was saved by Buffalo goalkeeper Emily Kelly.

Although Duquesne's adjustments did not lead to any goals it was a promising sign for the Dukes to come out faster in the second half after a slow-paced first half.

"If we played the first 45 minutes the way that we played the second 45 minutes, we give ourselves a chance," Alvine said. "Unfortunately, that wasn't the case."

Duquesne's offense started to turn things up in the second half, but Buffalo's offense didn't lose any momentum from its first-half surge.

While Duquesne recorded three second-half shots, Buffalo recorded 11 and held an 8-1 corner-kick advantage over the Duke's in the game's final 45 minutes.

In a hectic stretch between the 66th and 70th minutes, the Bulls put up three shots (two on goal) and were awarded four of their eight

second-half corner kicks. Somehow, Duquesne managed to clear the ball and avoid any damage.

Alvine praised defender Ashley Rodriguez, who played all 90 minutes and was a lead aggressor for Duquesne's defense, which got take-aways and applied pressure all day.

"What a competitor she is," Alvine said of Rodriguez's defense.

Duquesne also leaned on defender Devin Lillis, who played 72 minutes.

"[She] played right back for us for most of the game, and I think she was good, too," Alvine said.

While the defense gave Duquesne a shot, so did goalkeeper Maddy Neundorfer. She had six saves and faced 18 Buffalo shots.

"Obviously, Maddy in the goal is a difference maker," Alvine said. "She's a kid that we're really counting on this year."

In the 80th minute, Duquesne midfielder Sarah Wilkinson found an opening and had a shot, but narrowly missed to the right.

"That opportunity Sarah had was a direct result of getting the ball be-

hind their outside backs." Alvine said, "Unlucky not to score that goal, but that was something we should have been doing the entire game."

Losing a game against a non-conference opponent allows Alvine's team to make adjustments.

"This is a time for us to learn," Alvine said, "We've learned a lot over the non-conference schedule about our team and what we have."

Duquesne is back in action on Thursday afternoon for a road contest against Saint Francis (Pa.).



SPENCER THOMAS | SPORTS EDITOR

Duquesne defender Kayla Winicki played all 90 minutes in Sunday's 1-0 loss to Buffalo at Rooney Field.

MBB unveils non-conference schedule

With the sixth season under Head Coach Keith Dambrot set to get underway in just over two months, the Duquesne men's basketball program officially unveiled its 2022-23 non-conference schedule on Sept. 1.

Of the 12 games currently on the schedule, 10 will be played within the confines of UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse. The Dukes will add one more home game to the schedule.

Duquesne will open its season on Nov. 8, when it welcomes Montana to town.

The Dukes' only true road game will come on Nov. 11, when they travel to Kentucky to take on the Wildcats in a multi-team event hosted by Kentucky. John Calipari, the Wildcats' head coach, was born in Moon Township, Pa., and spent time as an assistant coach at Pittsburgh.

While not confirmed, The D1 Docket reports that Duquesne will host S.C. State (Nov. 14) and North Florida (Nov. 21) as part of the same event. North Florida Head Coach Matthew Driscoll graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1992 and spent time as the head coach at La Roche University.

In between the home contests, the Dukes will travel to Akron, Ohio, to play Colgate on Nov. 18 at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's LeBron James Arena. Duquesne's return to play a game in Akron — Dambrot's hometown — will be the fourth time in six seasons since he took over the program.

After the North Florida contest, the Dukes will host Alabama State (Nov. 23) and UC Santa Barbara (Nov. 29) to round out November.

Duquesne will welcome Ball State (Dec. 3), Marshall (Dec. 8) and DePaul (Dec. 14) to open December. Marshall's trip to Pittsburgh will also take the team to Robert Morris two days later.

On Dec. 17, the Dukes will battle Indiana State at the fieldhouse. Duquesne's Tre Williams was a member of the Sycamores before transferring to Duquesne prior to 2021-22.

The Dukes are set to round out the non-conference portion of the schedule by hosting Winthrop — a team that's gone a combined 46-11 over the past two seasons — on Dec. 21. Winthrop Head Coach Mark Prosser is a native of nearby Wheeling, W.Va.

-Luke Henne, Editor-in-Chief

Football falls to Youngstown State, goes to 0-2

RUSSELL MACIAS
staff writer

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — In week zero against Florida State, Duquesne was simply overmatched. This week, in what appeared to be a more-winnable game, the Dukes fell 31-14 to Youngstown State at Stambaugh Stadium.

“Our kids played physically well enough to win the football game,” said Duquesne Head Coach Jerry Schmitt following the loss. “We just made mental mistakes, that’s on me. I told them that. We gotta get them prepared better, we’ve gotta make them make better decisions.”

On the game’s opening drive, Duquesne drove 75 yards down the field on just five plays.



COURTESY OF KELLY HARRIS
Duquesne’s Abdul Janneh secures a catch in Saturday’s road loss to Youngstown State.

The drive was capped off with wide receiver Abdul Janneh breaking free on a straight run down the middle of the seam, where quarterback Joe Mischler found him for a 45-yard score. Under two minutes in, the Dukes possessed a 7-0 lead.

“We put ourselves in tough situations where we could’ve taken control of the game,” Schmitt said.

The opportunities presented themselves from the very beginning. Youngstown State muffed the ensuing kickoff, which Duquesne had a chance to recover inside the Penguins’ 10-yard line. Ultimately, the ball skittered out of the Penguins’ end zone, resulting in a Youngstown State touchback.

Then, on a 3rd-and-6 from their own 29, the Penguins converted a pass for 15 yards. On the same drive, Youngstown State’s Jaleel McLaughlin — a top-five FCS rusher in 2021 — secured a first down with an 8-yard catch on 4th-and-2. Three plays later, McLaughlin found his way into the end zone.

On the following kickoff, another setback occurred. Duquesne returner Keshawn Brown caught it on the goal line. Instead of instantly taking a touchback or bursting forward, he hesitated for a second and then ran, eventually being brought down at the 21-yard line, losing out on precious yards.

The drive eventually reached 4th-and-2 from the Youngstown State 43-yard line. Not backing down, the Dukes stayed on the field and snapped the ball fast. Three Dukes attempted to cross through the middle, and Mischler’s pass was easily intercepted.

After Mischler threw another interception that put the Penguins at Duquesne’s 31-yard line with just over eight minutes before halftime, Youngstown State needed just four plays and roughly over a minute to find the endzone. The score came courtesy of a 13-yard run from McLaughlin.

On the Dukes’ next drive, while trailing 14-7, a

36-yard field goal attempt from Duquesne kicker Brian Bruzdewicz hooked the kick to the left.

With the ball on their own 20-yard line and under two minutes to work with, a 43-yard run from McLaughlin on 3rd-and-5 helped the Penguins flip the field and kick a 39-yard field goal before halftime. The Penguins took a 17-7 lead into the locker room.

In addition to the mental miscues, Duquesne’s running game did the team no favors. The Dukes’ rushers averaged a mere 1.6 yards per carry in the first half.

Schmitt stressed that the team is young and inexperienced and has new players at many positions on the offensive side of the ball. Despite Mischler’s two interceptions, he still threw for 163 yards and a touchdown in the first half.

“They’re taking away our run,” Schmitt said after the game. “That’s okay. We’re gonna take the pass.”

The start of the second half showed promise. The Dukes’ defense forced a three-and-out, and the offense methodically cut through the Penguins’ defense on eight plays. Janneh went up for a jump ball and came down with it, securing a 16-yard touchdown — his second of the game and third of the season — to bring the score to 17-14 just under six minutes into the third quarter.

Youngstown State flew right back up the field, but met a wall of resistance in the red zone. On a 35-yard field-goal attempt, a bad snap was fumbled by the Penguins’ holder, and Duquesne came up with it.

Things quickly went downhill, and Duquesne completed just five passes in the remainder of the game. Despite Janneh and Dwayne Menders Jr. each recording upward of 100 receiving yards — becoming the first Dukes’ wideouts to do since 2019 — it wasn’t enough.

On the same drive that followed the fumble recovery, a bad play design on

4th-and-1 from the Penguins’ 27-yard line saw Duquesne fail to convert. This gave Youngstown State the ball back just before the end of the third quarter, with the Penguins still leading by a field goal.

After the Dukes’ defense forced another three-and-out, Duquesne lost six yards on a wide-receiver rush attempt on first down of its next possession. Two plays later, Mischler threw his third interception of the game, solidifying Youngstown State momentum that carried throughout the rest of the game.

The Penguins took over on Duquesne’s 41-yard line, and needed just six plays and under three minutes to find the end zone again. Demeatric Crenshaw scored a rushing touchdown from two yards out, giving Youngstown State a 24-14 edge with just under ten minutes left in the contest.

With a must-convert 3rd-and-2 on the Dukes’ next possession, a wide-open Rahmon Hart Jr. dropped a pass that would’ve kept the drive alive, with a chance to cut into the double-digit deficit.

“We’ve got to catch the ball if you’re a receiver, but we’ll work on it,” Schmitt declared postgame.

Late in the game, McLaughlin ran 54 yards for his third score of the game, effectively sealing what would be a 31-14 victory for the Penguins.

Schmitt said that he was proud of how his team played, but knew the potential for a win was on the table.

“Our men came up here to win this football game against a traditionally strong opponent from the toughest FCS conference [Missouri Valley Football Conference] in the country,” Schmitt said.

Duquesne will return for its home opener against Thomas More on Saturday afternoon at Rooney Field.

MSOC continues historic start with 2-0 win

SPENCER THOMAS
sports editor

The Duquesne men’s soccer team got on the scoreboard less than seven minutes into the game, propelling itself to a 2-0 victory over James Madison in Tuesday night’s home opener at Rooney Field.

The win moved Duquesne to 4-0-0 on the season for just the second time in program history, and the first since 2013. The Dukes continued their unbeaten streak when playing on the Bluff, starting off 1-0 after compiling a 7-0-1 home record last season.

“We love playing at Rooney,” said Duquesne goalkeeper Domenic Nascimben, “And I think our record shows that for sure. But to be able to see a lot of fans turn up here was really nice.”

Duquesne’s first goal was the product of a set piece. A long outswinging ball was knocked down inside the penalty box, where Jesper Moksnes shot the ball on the cage. It took a deflection, and as it sat loose on the goal line, Christoffer Vie Angell poked it home.

The goal ignited further life into an already energetic and confident Duquesne bench, as they mobbed Vie Angell in celebration.

“The locker room was something,” Nascimben said. “I’ve never seen it like that before, the atmosphere was amazing. We’re definite-

ly feeling it.”

The Dukes continued their momentum with intense and fast-paced play. With just under 30 minutes remaining in the first half, a series of cleanly placed Duquesne passes weaved through the James Madison defense, culminating with Maxi Hopfer finding Ask Ekeland in stride. The Norwegian freshman continued with the ball at full speed, and his left-footed shot cruised past James Madison goalkeeper Drew Slack, giving Duquesne a 2-0 lead.

“I think we’ve worked really hard on that team continuity, the understanding of where each other is going to be at what times,” said Duquesne Head Coach Chase Brooks.

Ekeland’s first career goal was Duquesne’s sixth of the season, with all six being scored by different players.

“[That] is what you want,” Brooks said. “You don’t want to be a team that has to rely on one guy to get the job done.”

Nascimben added that the team is “spoiled for choice right now.”

The success coming from the fast-break was a manifestation of Duquesne’s style of play all night. The team was constantly crashing on goal, with passes sending attackers downhill for opportunities. The onslaught of fast-breaks was not something they had planned, but it was a result of capitalizing on their tenacious defense.

“We defended very, very well,” Brooks said. “When we got our chances to counter attack, we took them.”

Opportunities continued throughout the first half for Brooks’ side. Defender Torge Witteborg saw a shot deflect off the post, and Hopfer nearly missed a goal, as his shot went narrowly wide of the top left corner after taking a deflection.

As explosive as Duquesne’s offense was, the team’s defensive play continued to be strong. The shutout was their third in four games, and they have given up just a single goal so far this season.

“We work really hard on the defensive side of the ball to make sure we’re organized,” Brooks said. “We want the ball in certain areas, and we do everything we can to keep it in those areas.”

“I’m not getting as much work as I used to,” Nascimben laughed. “That’s a credit to the boys in front of me. Torge [Witteborg] is a [expletive] big leader.”

What also excited Nascimben was the defensive hustle. Despite constantly sending odd-man rushes upfield, Duquesne was resilient at getting back on defense, and before James Madison could set up possession, there were up to 10 red jerseys on the goal side of the ball.

“It’s incredible,” the fifth-year senior said. “I feel like we block a ton of shots now. And

it’s making my job a lot easier. The boys are willing to sacrifice for each other.”

Brooks considered that to be a summation of the team’s attributes.

“It’s mentality, it’s fitness, it’s understanding of our principles,” he said. “And knowing that we have to continue to work hard for one another.”

Duquesne looks to make history when it hosts Howard at Rooney Field on Saturday night. A win would mark the best start to a season in program history.



PETER BOETTGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Members of the Duquesne men’s soccer team celebrate during Tuesday’s 2-0 victory.

Pittsburgh Zoo hosts Asian Lantern Festival

EMILY FRITZ
staff writer

As the end of in-season approaches, the Pittsburgh Zoo has started hosting its second-annual Asian Lantern Festival during select nights between Aug. 12 and Oct. 30. This year's theme pays homage to the prehistoric days, as dinosaurs take center stage.

"Over 50 massive silk and steel handcrafted sculptures will once again shine along the pathways of the zoo at night, with the largest lanterns soaring 30 feet high and reaching 100 feet long," said Pittsburgh Zoo public relations and media manager Ian Hunter in a recent press release.

Hunter said that, in addition to dinosaurs being a crowd-favorite for visitors, "[the] festival is a celebration of Asian culture, and many dinosaur fossils have been discovered in Asia."

The prehistoric species on display were not exclusive to dinosaurs. Other displays included animals such as the Macrauchenia, which was "a long-necked, long-limbed, three-toed South American mammal from 20,000 years ago," according to the display.

There were also many aquatic creatures from similar eras, as well as some species that are still around today, such as spiders, sea turtles and early reptiles.

At the beginning of the event, visitors can pick up a map of the zoo with themed symbols to indicate the nine landmark lanterns.

Among the nine lantern landmarks were the Welcome Arch, Dragon, Lystrosaurus, Stegosaurus, the massive T-Rex Tunnel,

Gorilla, Sea Turtles, a Lotus Corridor and the Butterflies display. On their way, they can find the four food and beverage stands, four merchandise locations, the stage for live entertainment and a VR theater experience that focuses on gorillas.

Some lanterns were interactive, allowing visitors to step on pressure plates that cause motion in the display, play drums to interact with the lighting and, of course, take "Instagram-worthy" photos.

Included among the extinct animals on display were lanterns modeled after current endangered species and species native to Asia. These highlighted the conservational themes and educational initiatives that the Pittsburgh Zoo helps to provide year-round.

Some of the additional animals and plant species represented included red pandas, golden snub-nosed monkeys, gray crowned cranes and a ginormous fairy tree lantern.

Alongside the lanterns, the Zoo also incorporated event-exclusive Asian dishes and entertainment. The Pittsburgh Zoo press release said that "the Zoo works locally with the Organization of Chinese-Americans to organize regional performance groups."

According to the press release, "the lanterns [are] built and installed through the month of July in partnership with Tianyu Arts & Culture, Inc."

The goal of these partnerships is to bring authenticity to the festival and cultural awareness to the Asian and Pacific Islander

(AAPI) communities.

This past Sunday, the featured entertainment group was from the Philippine American Performing Arts of Greater Pittsburgh (PAPAGP).

Kristina Pacifico, the Website chair for the PAPAGP Board of Directors, said, "We've been performing alongside the Pittsburgh chapter for many years even before the Asian Lantern Festivals started and partnerships similar to this [are] what allow performing groups such as ourselves to stay active within our ever-growing Pittsburgh community."

PAPAGP is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year as a non-profit Filipino dance and performing arts group. The group has been invited to perform this year as a returning group.

"We hope that our presence and performance at the Asian Lantern Festival and related shows in the Pittsburgh area are opportunities to promote Filipino folk dancing and the culture of the Philippines to the Pittsburgh community and beyond," Pacifico said.

Other performance groups participating in the festival this year include Ruby Jain Dance Academy, Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh, Win-Win Kung Fu and Pittsburgh Taiko and Ghungroo.

Close to the entertainment stage were interactive family-friendly activities such as a walk-through kaleidoscope, a functional cannon lantern that released a ball of smoke when fired and light-up swings.

Some shopping locations were open around the Zoo for general merchandise, with one Asian

pop-up store available under the polar bear exhibit that sold local, handmade-wire artwork.

Specially themed cuisine was available for purchase at four different locations: Village Food, Safari Pop Up, Savannah Stop and Jambo Grill.

Festival specific food options include Chinese donuts with honey, roasted edamame, wasabi popcorn, passionfruit cotton candy, miso butter street corn and Bahn Mi burgers.

Themed alcoholic beverages are also available for of-age visitors with a valid state-issued photo ID.

Ticket prices for non-members sell for \$22.95 on Fridays and Saturdays, and \$19.95 on Thursdays and Sundays. There is a two-dollar discount included in member pricing. Food is an additional cost, as well as the VR theater experience that is offered during the event.

According to their website, the Pittsburgh Zoo does forewarn that "animals will not be visible in their public habitat during evening hours." For the festival, they encourage guests who wish to see the animals to purchase a regular daytime ticket.

Profits from the Asian Lantern Festival go directly toward "the mission of global conservation and animal care," according to Hunter.

The Pittsburgh Zoo houses over 8,000 animals, and is one of six zoo-aquarium combinations in the United States.

To learn more about the Pittsburgh Zoo, visit www.pittsburghzoo.org. To plan a visit to the Asian Lantern Festival, visit www.pittsburghzoo.org/event-asian-lantern-festival/.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Tango Lesson
Sept. 8 @ 9 p.m.

Duquesne University Ballroom Association welcomes students with an intermediate lesson to tango! Located in the Power Center Fitness Studio.

Food Truck Fridays!
Sept. 9 @ 11 a.m.

Go to A-Walk for a variety of food from local companies!

Duquesne Night at the Pirates Game!
Sept. 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Head over to the Center for Student Involvement (Union 305) for \$15 Pirates tickets! Complimentary Duquesne x Pirates water bottle included with purchase. Transportation not provided.

Mattress Factory Field Trip
Sept. 10 @ 11:30 a.m.

Get \$5 tickets to the Mattress Factory art museum! Time slots are 11:30-12:30 p.m. Pick up your tickets at the Office for Freshmen Development (Union 309).

CAPRI'S KIND WORDS

Do something for you

The Eagles said it once and they'll say it again: Take it Easy!

I think an important part about being productive and making the most of your week is making sure you have enough energy to do so. Honoring your body is the perfect start.

I like to drink a glass of water with every cup of coffee I have. I like to make sure I have a full meal before classes, and bring a small snack in between. I like going to bed at midnight no matter what, following a routine. These little things ensure I am cared for, all on my own.

I think journaling with the same energy as a 1700s Victorian housewife is a mental health-must. Re-watching the same sitcom for the 100th time can be the most comforting background noise on your homework break. Letting the warm autumn sun say its hello and goodbye on a lap around the block, walking off the worries of the day.

I think that in order to do your best, you have to do it for you.

— Capri Scarcelli



EMILY FRITZ | STAFF WRITER

The Welcome Tunnel greeted visitors as they arrived to the festival, and served as a figurative "farewell" as visitors finished their final walk-through.



EMILY FRITZ | STAFF WRITER

The T-rex Tunnel was among the most popular and anticipated displays at the Asian Lantern Festival. Visitors posed for photos at the tunnel's entrance.

Aquarius

Wait you watch the Cuphead Show?

Pisces

What do you mean Nonna won't give my mom a silver tray!

Aries

Oragami fortune teller says you should Venmo me \$5 and tell me I'm pretty.

Taurus

Eating ribs I am never eating ribs again.

Gemini

Why call it "poetry" when you can call it: skinny writing.

Cancer

Paying rent to College Hall (help)

Leo

meep meep meep meep meep

Virgo

Look at the bags under my eyes! Even my bags have bags!

Libra

What's the point of getting a horizontal ID if I still have my 16-year-old photo?

Scorpio

Mean streak

Sagittarius

I'm scared of the Turtles at Kennywood.

Capricorn

Orange you glad that we are friends :)

Acrisure Stadium kicks off season with Rib Fest

RIO SCARCELLI
staff writer

It was a rib-tickling time for Pittsburgh residents from Sept. 1-5 with Acrisure Stadium's Kickoff and Rib

compared by the sounds of music and excitement.

"I was really overtaken because I've been around Pittsburgh, but I haven't been to events, Duquesne sophomore Ryan Graves

onade and old-fashioned soda.

"There wasn't a ton to see immediately, but as soon as you got to the main strip, all you could see were rows of people in front of booths," sophomore Ellie Troiani said. "I don't even like ribs, but from seeing the excitement, I wanted to eat them."

Where guests could move at their own pace, it was a different story for the cooks and food-runners participating in Rib Fest. Twelve companies from across the country signed up to serve at the event and compete to win the best of two categories: Best Ribs and Best Sauce.

Barbecuer Petey Marshall of Off the Bone has been a vendor at Rib Fest for the past 15 years and counting. Of those times, the company placed top three — nine times in both competitive categories.

"We swept 2021, but that's not even all of the awards," Marshall said. "It's about relationships, we like to put smiles on people's faces."

Having eaten at Off the Bone, Graves said the barbecue had "really fantastic" ribs.

"It was the perfect mix of easy to bite off the bone and chewy," he said. "They lived up to the company's name."

Ribs would not be part of a barbecue without their original rubs and sauces. Off the Bone varied its selection with 16 different rubs and what Marshall and the team called "comeback sauce."

The cooks felt so confident in the sauce that they left two five-liter jugs on their counter for people to pour as



RIO SCARCELLI | STAFF WRITER

A handful of vendors brought their ribs to Acrisure Stadium over Labor Day weekend.

much as they would like.

"This sauce is so good, obviously, you're gonna come back for it," Marshall said.

While some vendors have been coming to Rib Fest for years, new barbecue companies like Jim's Smokin' Que shared their thoughts on coming to the event for the first time.

Chris Fisher, a cook for the Pittsburgh-based company, talked about his experience from other rib competitions in comparison to this one.

"This is crazy busy, but we're just thankful to be here this year," Fisher said. "We prepare hundreds of pounds of ribs on our two wood-fired smokers, and it takes eight hours to set up before the guests even get to enter the door."

Jim's Smokin' Que said they pride

themselves on a simple barbecue rub, and repeat the same steps for glazing the ribs afterward.

Going for a "less is more" mentality, the cooks like to keep their recipes as minimal as possible for the sake of consistency, appealing to a wide variety of tastes.

"Each judge is different. They decide based on their taste," Fisher said. "We don't know what they like. We try to prepare it as well as they can, but it's subjective."

Sweeping the competition, Carolina Rib Kings won the category for Best Ribs and Best Sauce.

For all of the barbecue companies participating in this year's event, the common goal seemed to be trying to bring a fun and delicious experience to the table for the guests and cooks alike.



RIO SCARCELLI | STAFF WRITER

Various awards from previous competitions are displayed outside Acrisure Stadium. Competitors are judged on two categories: Best Ribs and Best Sauce.

Fest. With visits from Steely McBeam, performances from The Clarks and over 20 food vendors, the weekend opened up with Pitt's victory over West Virginia on Sept. 1.

Kickoff and Rib Fest was an event for all ages. Football lovers and foodies alike could explore between Acrisure Stadium and Stage AE, ac-

said. "Rib Fest was amazing because it's the first time I've been to a community event, and I felt the hype."

Each day offered a different form of entertainment: including bouncy houses, rock climbing walls and a 5K around the North Shore. From there, people were greeted by booths ranging from ribs, corn dogs, kombucha, lem-

Love and Living Music Festival aims to unite people

AARON DUKE
staff writer

The Love and Living Music Festival was held in the Allegheny Commons Park in the North Side on Saturday from 12-6 p.m. The festival was held in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Thomas Merton Center's establishment. A goal of \$50,000 was set to be raised by this event to go towards the mission of the Thomas Merton Center: advocating for inclusivity and peace through justice.

Founded in 1972, the Thomas Merton Center aims to fight against racism and racial injustice. As time passed, the Thomas Merton Center started to focus on poverty and advocating for equal access to education. Through partnering with other non-profit organizations, the centers have pledged to carry this message of civil equality.

Organizer and event chair, Symone Saul, explained "how much power" individuals can have when "trying to make a change in the world around them." Saul said she came to this realization after setting up and executing the idea for the music festival.

"There are so many moving parts



AARON DUKE | STAFF WRITER

Performers, audience members and vendors gather at the Love and Learning Music Festival to celebrate 50 years of supporting diverse art, music and justice.

working together to make this event happen, and it has made for a great deal of community involvement and unity," Saul said.

Live performances included Smokestack Lightning, Sunnileilari and Ananga Martin, May Day Marching Band, Guaracha, Open Up, iHood's Treble NLS and DJ QRX and KYNA James (Issue). Aside from this diverse setlist, attendees were able to perform in an open-mic session period.

Social injustice and racial issues were highlighted in many of the songs performed. People who performed offered many different genres and perspectives; the main idea was that everyone was speaking from a place of feelings. Each person offered songs that would support the theme of the African American experience.

Included in these performances was also the ability for patrons to take part in an inclusive dance

workshop with the group Open Up. Attendees followed the interactive dance session to the best of their ability, without the worry of being judged by others. A sense of unity was always present; people were interacting with one another while younger audiences made friends.

The community was fully involved in this event. Some people enjoyed the live music, while others explored many of the stands that were available. Although the day sported rain, the spirits were high, and people enjoyed their time.

Many vendors came to support this monumental moment and worked toward strengthening the community in their own way. From voting sign-ups to activist groups, the Love and Living Music Festival brought community involvement through the ability to discover new opportunities. All the stands presented an opportunity to include oneself in the community.

A representative from an artist and activist group, iHood, explained that he came to the festival because of the "ability to network with people in the community." The group's respect for the work of the Thomas Merton Center was also a major factor in the

group's presence at the event.

"There is a sense of comradery and a lot of ability to work with people. While being there iHood got the chance to address certain social justice issues while supporting the work and legacy of those before them," performer MAN-E said.

The voting stand at the event helped spread the ability to make a difference and sign up to vote. The individuals working at the stand explained how they were excited to help people sign up to vote and through the community, they can make a difference in promoting social justice.

Support for inclusivity was not only for different ethnic groups and races but also for trans-youth. Much like the other vendors, this worker brought her specialty to this community event, giving exposure to these organizations which can help people.

The consensus brought by the vendors was that the community was a large driving force to come together for music and awareness. Connecting with others made this event possible; a festival such as this not only allows for a message to be conveyed, but for people to relax and have fun.

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On Sept. 1, Acrisure Stadium was the site of the first football meeting between Pittsburgh and West Virginia since 2011. The 70,622 people in attendance — a record for any sporting event in Pittsburgh history — saw Pitt win by a 38-31 score.

Conference realignment is
killing college rivalries

Pittsburgh and West Virginia squared off against one another in the “Backyard Brawl” at Acrisure Stadium on Sept. 1, kicking off the 2022 college football season for both programs.

The rivalry is regarded as one of the best in all of college football. That is, when it's active.

The programs, which are separated by just 75 miles, exchanged trips to each other's stadium in every season from 1962 to 2011, but then they went an entire decade without playing one another prior to the Sept. 1 contest, which saw Pitt win 38-31 in dramatic fashion on its home field.

The teams are set to meet in each of the next three seasons, as well as every season from 2029 to 2032. However, the future of the series beyond 2032 is unknown.

Why is that? How could such a historic rivalry be broken apart and only pieced back together by temporary non-conference contracts?

The obvious answer: conference realignment.

The first massive wave of conference shuffling in recent memory came in the early 2010s. The old Big East Conference — rooted in its success on the basketball court — watched in late 2011 as programs like Pitt, Syracuse and Notre Dame announced intentions to join the Atlantic Coast Conference to cash in on football television contracts and exposure. Not enough people cared about the Big East for its football teams, and the conference quickly looked different.

By 2012-13, West Virginia was in the Big 12 Conference. Pitt, Syracuse and Notre Dame were all ACC members by 2013-14, with Notre Dame remaining independent in football to maintain its television contract with NBC. Former Big East members like Louisville and Rutgers joined the Ameri-

can Athletic Conference for a season before transitioning to new conferences in 2014-15 (Louisville to the ACC, Rutgers to the Big Ten Conference).

While the non-FBS football members of the Big East like Georgetown, Villanova and St. John's kept the conference intact in other sports, its football was gone. Perhaps forever.

Conference realignment has come to the forefront again in recent years. Texas and Okla-

Pac-12 Network when they could air on CBS or FOX almost every week?

Sure, some rivalries kept within a conference will remain for now. Auburn and Alabama will meet in the annual “Iron Bowl” to cap off the SEC regular season. But what about the yearly “Bedlam Series” between Oklahoma and Oklahoma State? After 2024, who knows when the next time the two in-state rivals will meet.

The easy answer is that the teams can play in non-conference action. That's not such an easy solution, however. There's a reason Pitt and West Virginia went 10 seasons without playing.

It's the same reason that Pitt and Penn State didn't meet on the football field once between 2001 and 2015. These two schools, along with West Virginia, are all Power 5 programs that play extremely tough conference schedules.

Why would Penn State want to play a losable game against Pitt when they already play tough Big Ten opponents like Ohio State and Michigan on an annual basis? Instead, why not just secure easy wins at home against lower-caliber programs like Ohio and Central Michigan?

After all, the money pouring in from the Big Ten television contracts will look just the same, regardless of who the opponent is on Penn State's schedule.

A world where Pitt and West Virginia are conference foes once again seems like a pipedream.

If the 70,622 fans — the record attendance for any sporting event in Pittsburgh history — that were at the Sept. 1 game at Acrisure Stadium had a voice in this fight, the historic rivalry between Pitt and West Virginia would've never ended in the first place.

It's a shame that television contracts and money are dictating the future of the sport's best rivalries.

Gear up for the NCAA's newest rivalry: Rutgers against UCLA.



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homa will leave the Big 12 to join the Southeastern Conference in 2025-26. Southern California and UCLA will depart from the Pacific-12 Conference and will become part of the Big Ten in 2024-25. Cincinnati, Houston, Brigham Young and Central Florida are set to join the Big 12 in 2023-24.

College conferences as we know them are dead. As a consequence of this realignment, rivalries are quickly dying as well.

It feels like it's always been about the money. But now, it feels like money has taken even higher precedent over the true meaning of college football.

Why would a program want its games to air on ESPN or the

STAFF
EDITORIALWhy is there a push
toward cashless pay?

People should have the opportunity to pay in whichever method that they prefer, whether that's with cash or card.

As a response to Covid-19, many stadiums, arenas and other large venues implemented cashless pay methods to limit the spread of the virus.

In Pittsburgh's sporting venues, cashless pay remains the only option to purchase concessions and souvenirs. However, individual vendors will still be happy to accept cash tips.

Using cashless pay made sense then, but why is there such a push toward keeping this as the predominant (and sometimes, the only) type of pay accepted in a handful of locations? Isn't there any thought that a portion of customers at any given major location carry cash and prefer to pay that way?

Technology can be great, as it has the power to improve the quality of life and to save lives. On the flip side, it has its downsides, such as providing a better opportunity for hackers to steal debit/credit card information.

Many people are the victims of hackers, whether on social media or a shopping website. While it's become the norm to only pay in cashless forms, older people often prefer paying with cash because they are not as tech-savvy, and they know that paying with cash prevents any type of fraud from occurring.

It can also be argued that technology is slowly taking over lives and limiting face-to-face interaction. The new Target store on Smithfield Street only has self-checkout machines, effectively eliminating the need for cashiers at the store.

This type of face-to-face interaction is something that can't be replicated by an automated system. Simple interactions like a face-to-face conversation between a cashier and a customer can brighten a day, but those conversations are becoming limited as technology creeps into our lives more and more.

At the Connections store, located inside the Duquesne Union, any student can go into the place and pay using self-checkout machines during non-traditional business hours. There are cameras inside the store, but the chances of successfully stealing items only increases. After all, there is nobody there in charge to spot and report someone for stealing.

Some places continue to have regular checkout lines, and that's a good sign. However, as companies attempt to enhance technology in order to keep up with the competition, people are becoming too dependent on technology to get them through their day-to-day lives.

Traditional social interaction is slowly fading, and interaction through technology screens is quickly becoming the norm in our society.

With the possible exception of social media, cashless pay might be one of the best examples of this crumbling method of human interaction.

Cashless pay may make our lives more convenient temporarily, but it also takes out the crucial social interaction that we once desperately craved.

The government continues to fail Black cities

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Just when you think the news wouldn't be filled with talks of water crises, especially after Flint, Mich., the state of Mississippi proves you wrong.

Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, has been under another boil water advisory since Aug. 29, and it still hasn't ended. This is not the first time the city has had a number of issues over the last year, including pipes that froze and left thousands without running water. Broken water and sewer pipes are common in Jackson, according to *The Washington Post*.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) told Jackson that the water system violates the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, which resulted in an order to improve the system in March 2020.

Yet nothing was changed, in large part due to Republican Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves, and his reluctance to work with the residents and to Democratic Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

Lumumba and Reeves are rarely seen together at press conferences.

The city of Jackson received \$20 million for water infrastructure after the start of Joe Biden's presidency. The Biden administration declared a state of emergency so Jackson could get federal assistance, but how much Jackson will get remains unknown.

The situation in Jackson eerily mirrors that of the Flint water crisis, which lasted more than four years, despite national outcry on fixing the crisis.



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Jackson — the capital city in the state of Mississippi — has been under a boil water advisory since Aug. 29. The city is plagued with issues like broken water and sewer pipes that leave many residents without water.

Jackson, much like Flint, is a predominantly Black city, with more than 80% of the residents being Black.

Water crises like the one in Flint and the one going on in Jackson are examples of environmental racism, and shows just how little Republicans care about Black residents, even if they live in their district.

Reeves doesn't blame the old water system or blame the weather. He blames shoddy management for Jackson's water issues, and still criticizes their crime rate at the same time, despite the two issues having no correlation.

If management is the issue, then why doesn't Reeves work with Lumumba to resolve the issue? Reeves even vetoed legislation that would help residents with water bills in 2020, and didn't sign the same bill in 2021, although it did end up becoming law in 2021.

Although Biden declared the situation an emergency, not much else has been done to help Jackson.

Does the government declaring an emergency even mean anything? Does it even help the city or state that needs it?

No. Political administrations, regardless of party affiliation, have failed cities and states during natural disasters and water crises.

Former President Barack Obama did not declare an emergency in Flint until 2016, two years after the crisis started. Even then, Flint received \$5 million from Obama's emergency declaration and got help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but that could only last 90 days.

Former Michigan Governor Rick Snyder asked Obama for emergency funding under FEMA's Individuals and Households Program,

which provides housing assistance and replacement of personal property, which was denied.

The emergency was extended until August 2016 when the response was then handed back to the state of Michigan.

The water crisis in Flint is still being fixed. As of 2020, 25,042 water service lines had been excavated.

In January 2021, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced charges against Snyder, but they were later dropped due to a Michigan Supreme Court ruling that overturned the state's use of one-man grand juries to issue indictments in the Flint water criminal cases.

Flint's population is 57% Black. Even some of the damage from natural disasters could've been prevented.

Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in August 2005. Over 1,800

people died, a majority of whom died from extreme flooding that happened during the hurricane.

It was later determined that the flooding was caused by fatal engineering flaws in the levees that surrounded the city. Who designed and built these levees? The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Both the federal and state government failed New Orleans during hurricane Katrina.

FEMA head Michael Brown and former President George W. Bush attempted to help New Orleans, but according to Brown, former Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco refused help. Blanco and her staff dispute the claim.

Even Former New Orleans Mayor Clarence Nagin faced criticism, as he did not put out the emergency evacuation order until 19 hours before Katrina made landfall. His late decision led to hundreds of deaths, as they could not find a way out of the city, and left more stranded.

New Orleans' population is about 60% Black.

Jackson has a budget of \$400 million for 2021-2022. The estimated cost to fix the water system? \$2 billion.

Mississippi's legislature is 71% white according to *Mississippi Today*.

History repeats itself. That's what almost every historian says. Will the federal government step in even more to help Jackson? Will the state and local government in Mississippi start to work together to fix the water crisis?

Or, will they leave Black Jackson residents to boil water for years to come?

Is Jackson going to be the next Flint? One can only hope not.

What has happened to authentic comedy?

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opinions editor

I am obsessed with the absurd.

I think it is fair to call me a comedy snob. The ability to make one laugh and think has always been an admirable trait to me. I enjoy watching people causing havoc on perspectives by shedding light on the absurdity. I grew up admiring Tom Green, Andy Kaufman and Bill Hicks, all making fools of themselves only to reveal the foolish ways of us all.

I also tend to judge people based on their favorite comedian. When someone mentions Dane Cook, Joe Rogan, the Impractical Jokers, the Blue Comedy Tour or anyone on TikTok, I immediately know that person is not my type of funny.

Comedy has taught me the importance of never taking myself too seriously.

I have always admired someone who is able to get on stage, and with just a microphone, be able to make a crowd laugh. The ability to captivate, humorize and even challenge an audience is an intimate experience.

I have also really enjoyed the romanticism of comedians. There's a level of envy for those tortured souls spilling their insides to an un-

willing crowd as they revel in the fact that they are in a world they do not belong in.

The ability to show an insight to the world in a humorous manner has been an admiration of mine for such a long time.

Yet, I'm struggling to find the generational type of humor that has stimulated the national conscience that has existed since the art of storytelling.

I don't think the cynicism of the world around me has left me without my ability to laugh. I have found that the type of humor that I grew up on, the type I employed among friends or to ease tension, is still plentiful. I think one could argue that the more bleak a situation is, the more humor one can find. Some of my darkest moments in life were highlighted by the raw sense of humor at what can only be deemed an inappropriate time.

Comedy has become so political, so formulaic and so mean-spirited that it's suffering from redundancy. We don't laugh at the content; we push air out of our noses while we scroll on our phones because we found something that might align with our own rhetoric.

The long-standing tradition of humorists and comedians using their insight to challenge the status quo and, in a way, stick up for

the disenfranchised has fallen by the wayside.

I am fully aware there has always been an element of what is referred to as "punching down," a concept where a comedic take is used to essentially pick on someone. However, it has become more and more apparent that is becoming a mainstay.

In other words: It's hacky.

This is not a cancel-culture rant, and this is not sticking up for a bunch of old-hack comedians that go on podcasts and complain that they're being canceled by an industry because audiences are sick of hearing disenfranchised groups be the repetitive punchline of white men.

This is a rant that our comedic output is being dumbed down for an audience that obsesses on "owning" the other side, rather than shedding a level of light on common truths that we all know. The comedic truths are being ignored in favor of pleasing a rabid fanbase that appreciates nothing but hearing their own misguided thoughts constantly on loop throughout their entertainment consumption.

While this tendency to constantly try to "own" the other side seems to be a playbook from the alt-right, the left has also found a way to unsuccessfully mold comedy into a political narrative. Late night shows, known

for their tepid and universal joke styles, have transformed into horrible reiterations of the former "Daily Show with Jon Stewart," making most of late night television unwatchable for everyone except centrist Democrats.

Every stand-up special has now found a way to get the comedian to shoehorn their often incorrect political beliefs, as if it is a standard for speaking to a mass audience.

I believe the comedians are the storytellers, and they are the people who most accurately can put a mirror to society and make us all look at the absurdity of what we are or what we are becoming.



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Comedians like Bill Hicks were part of a generation of comedy not focused on "owning" their opponent.

DU professor recognized for contributions

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On Aug. 30, *Pittsburgh Magazine* and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP) released their annual recognition of 40 individuals under the age of 40. To receive this award, recipients must have been nominated and have made a civic, passionate and professional impact on the Pittsburgh region.

Robert Healy III, professor and co-founder of Duquesne University's sports information and media program, has done just that, making it onto the 40 Under 40 list, at age 39.

This was made possible thanks to a nomination from his colleague, Dr. Pamela Walck, who said that he is more than deserving of this honor for all the hard work he puts into the university's media department.

"It seemed like a natural fit for larger recognition beyond the university," Walck said. "He definitely deserved it."

Healy, who prides himself on his volunteer efforts and involvement at Duquesne, said he's honored to receive this award.

"It means that I'm still considered to have some potential," Healy said. "The idea is that you're highlighting young people who are making a difference, so it means that my career's not at its peak yet."

He even remembers exactly what he was doing when he found he'd be honored.

"I was in my dining room and I was feeding my youngest daughter macaroni and cheese ... She was on her tablet and I was checking my email very casually," Healy said. "I got the email from the event planner ... The email was just 'Congratulations you've been selected.' I knew Dr. Walck had nominated me, but I did not expect it."

Healy also recognized the prestigious award

as a "championing of people who are community servants."

"We're not just highlighting the top-40 entrepreneurs under 40," Healy said. "It's 40 people making Pittsburgh a better place."

Not only has he contributed immensely to Duquesne and its media program, but he's also had the opportunity to save a life while donating his liver to his ex-father-in-law. He said he'd do that again in a heartbeat, if need be.

"Living donors are rare ... I think everybody should do that," Healy said. "To me, it's a no-brainer, to give a piece of my body to somebody else to keep them alive."

A quote from Roberto Clemente comes to his mind while discussing organ donation, which Healy lives by every day.

"Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth," Clemente said.

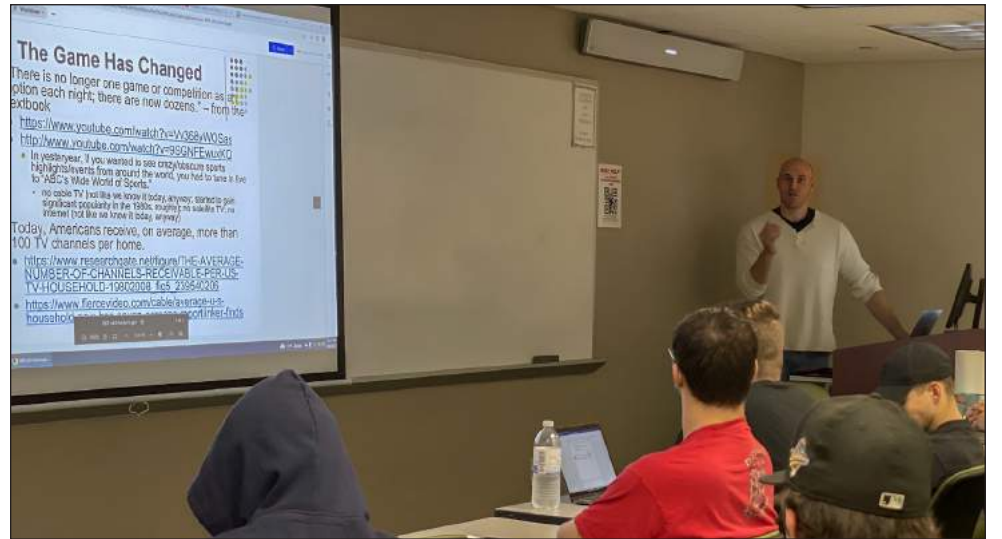
His colleagues, like Walck, know Healy lives by this motto as he seeks to make a difference at Duquesne.

"Professor Healy has really played a pivotal role in establishing the sports information major in our department," Walck said. "I think that the attitude and the skill set that he brings is a huge benefit to what we're trying to do in the media department."

By forming this unique major, Healy has seen many students gain success in sports careers over the past couple of years. He's tremendously proud of their efforts.

"I've instituted a new informal policy that if you work for a team, after you leave my program, to send me back a hat," Healy said. "So anyone who reads this, I'm waiting on the hats."

He also strives to be an advocate of living donors and wants them to know they still have opportunities, like playing sports, that they may



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Professor Robert Healy III instructs students during a Media and Sports course in Fisher Hall. This semester, Healy is teaching Media and Sports, Sportswriting and three sections of Media Literacy.

not think they have left in them after donating.

"My biggest volunteer effort is being a spokesperson for living donors and potential deceased donors as well," Healy said.

And by competing in this year's Donate Life Transplant Games, he's proven just that.

"I wanted to act as an example that you can get your health back if you're an active person," Healy said. "Some people think if I give my liver or kidneys, it's going to really hurt me for years and years. No surgery is easy, but you can come back."

Outside of teaching and advocating, Healy spends his time helping his community by being a volunteer coach for a number of organizations. He's also assisted Baldwin Borough in building

a new public library.

"We got the place built. I was there for the ribbon cutting," Healy said. "My daughters have a brick outside the building with their name on it."

Healy is disappointed he can't bring his two daughters to the ceremony for his recognition — which will be held at the Rivers Casino on Nov. 18 — but is excited that Walck will accompany him.

"I wish I could take my daughters, [but] you have to be 21 at the casino," Healy said. "They would get dressed up ... And it would be the greatest thing ever, but they can't come."

Walck spoke of Healy's importance to the university.

"We're really lucky to have him."

Miss Debbie embraces new role on campus

CAPRI SCARCELLI
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To Debbie Byerly — better known as Miss Debbie — being a Duquesne employee means being the family someone always needed, even through a simple "hello."

Byerly has worked at Duquesne for 48 years as head cook and register for Hogan Dining Center, and is second in seniority for Duquesne Dining staff.

For Byerly, nothing is more important than making connections with the students. She valued making conversation with students, asking how their day is going or where their classes might be, reminding students to stay safe and to not forget their studies.

"I'm here for the students," Byerly said. "I try to be there, look at their [ID] card and learn their names. You see the same people everyday, so I try to learn who they are."

Now, however, Byerly has been moved to the Duquesne Union's newly renovated touch-and-go market, Connections where she rarely interacts with the students she loves.

According to Byerly, changes have been made in company policy that would force her to move locations, giving her less interaction with students on campus while replacing her previous position at Hogan with part-time employees. Byerly said that in order to keep her health benefits, she had to take this position.

"We waited for those jobs. Losing them like that made us very sad," Byerly said. "We're trying, but it's not the same."

According to her coworker, Debbie Bell, Byerly is "one of a kind."

"Debbie would call each child by name. She would remember all of those students that



CAPRI SCARCELLI | A&E EDITOR

Debbie Byerly — better known as Miss Debbie — stocks shelves in her new position at Connections.

would walk through that [dining center] door and remember their names," Bell said. "It's remarkable how she would go out of her way to help a student with disabilities, a child with a broken leg to carry their tray ... She's very active in our union. If we didn't have her, we wouldn't have a decent contract."

From 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Byerly is in charge of restocking shelves and helping with the Connections register.

When her shift is over, students can do self-checkout with their Duquesne ID, debit/credit card or thumbprint — being that the market is open for 24 hours. The checkout machine, which Byerly calls "Ralph," is her "partner-in-crime," along with the help of the surveillance camera.

Byerly said she would rather the students be waited on electronically than not at all, but wishes she could have more time to interact with the students.

Byerly reminisced working alongside her mother for 50 years at Options (now Cinco Cantina) before she retired, accompanied by her cousin and sister-in-law at the breakfast grille line in Hogan.

"My mother worked here in the late 60s," Byerly said. "As for myself, and all of my cousins, we would come in from high school at age 14 and do the dishes. When we got old enough, we waitressed for the catered events, and when I graduated [high school] I just stayed."

Now though, she packs these fond memories behind her, struggling to be a part of the students' lives as she has for so long.

"I'm not as present," Byerly said. "I'm running back and forth stocking shelves. When I was at the register [at Hogan], if a student wanted to speak with me, they would just come back or step to the side while I was waiting on the rest of the customers coming through. I really miss the kids, some of us had been extremely close."

"I've been invited to many, many graduation ceremonies, given speeches for cancer relay. I just miss seeing the kids and being involved, talking to them and being there for them."

When Byerly was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017, she had to take a temporary leave from her Dining Center duties to take care of herself through surgery and chemotherapy. That September, she returned to campus and began radiation, though was met with an infection.

"The students motivated me. I got so many get-well cards from them. I got one that was almost three feet long, signed on both sides," Byerly said. "My family, all the prayers, my friends, everybody was just there for me. God was there, he had me."

"I didn't have the energy to worry about it, but I gave it to him so he could keep me here long enough so that my mother goes before me."

Now recovered, Byerly said she makes the most of her time off by planting flowers, laying in the pool, going to the movies and having date nights with her mom once a week.

When it's back-to-school time, she makes sure to give every greeting and compliment to every student she encounters, making sure they feel included on this campus.

Bell said that "Debbie [Byerly] is not used to people recognizing her for all that she does."

"She does everything out of the goodness of her heart," Bell said. "She deserves to be recognized for all her ability."

Byerly will remain as a Duquesne Dining employee for the next two years, though she is contemplating retirement.

Visit Miss Debbie with a simple "hello" and "how are you" at Connections to brighten your morning — and hers.

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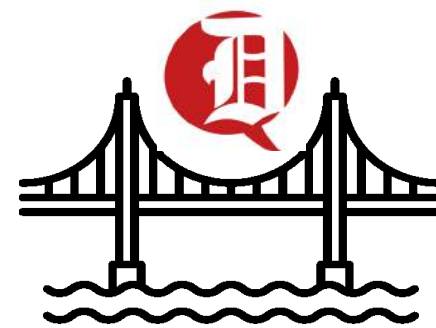
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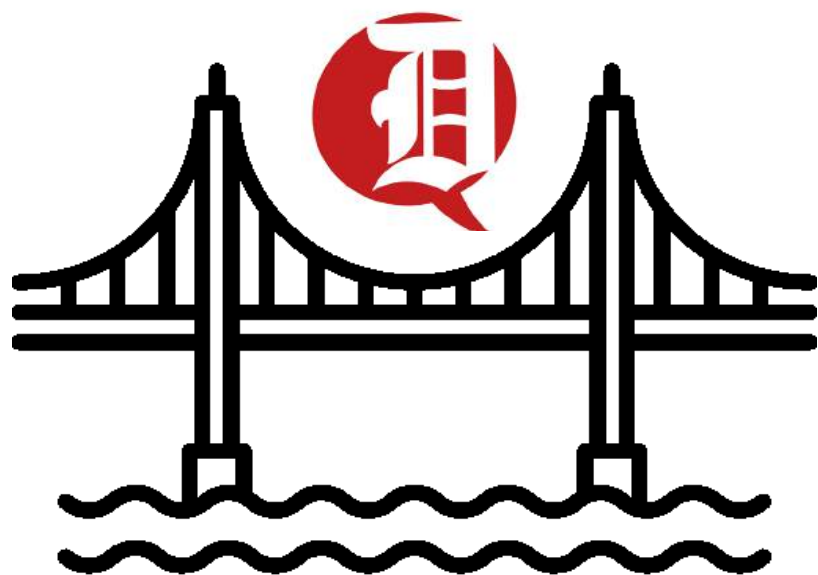
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