



Tribute held at Flight 93 memorial

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The sun shined bright as audience members gathered in front of the Wall of Names at the Flight 93 Memorial.

A reading of the names of the seven crew members and 33 passengers was led by Matthew LeBlanc, a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines and volunteer ambassador. He was joined by family members who traveled to the site to recite the names of their loved ones.

The Sept. 11, Moment of Remembrance took place on Wednesday morning in Shanksville.

Participation in this event allows the country to keep the promise of never forgetting the 2,977 lives lost in the largest international terrorist attack on American soil, said Stephen Clark, superintendent of the national parks of Western Pennsylvania.

"We come here to remember them and to commemorate the actions of 40 of those people whose collective efforts that morning saved countless lives," Clark said at the memorial service. "At this time, 23 years ago, the 40 passengers and crew members of Flight 93 made a decision that would change our world forever."

The bells of remembrance, a pair of bells small and large, rang out after each name was read.

The ceremony was concluded with an interfaith mediation of closure, healing and peace given by Dan Lawrence.

After first viewing the crash site he has sought to do what is right and do good for others, said Lawrence.

"As I stand here with all of you today at this Flight 93 Memorial, overlooking the crash site, I'm reminded of those things," Lawrence said to the crowd. "I put before you today as a meditation and a challenge to do the same. Today is the day. Tomorrow may never come."

President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump all made an appearance at the memorial to show their respects later in the day.

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Remembering Sept. 11th



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Duquesne decorates the lawn outside of College Hall in honor of the victims and first responders affected by the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Professors reflect on when the planes hit

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Not even a week after Sept. 11, 2001, Theodore Corcovilos, an associate professor of physics, took a trip to New York City to visit a friend.

The two took a walk through the city and arrived three blocks from Ground Zero. Firefighters returning from their shift were covered in ash, looking exhausted and defeated. Fences were covered with the faces of missing people. Memorials were everywhere throughout the streets of downtown Manhattan.

"You could smell and taste the dust in the air," Corcovilos said, who was in graduate school at California Institute of Technology.

In honor of the 23rd anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 *The Duke* asked professors to re-

count where they were on that day.

Professors were scattered throughout the country during the time of the attacks. For some it was prior to their time at Duquesne. **Everyone remembers where they were.**

Corcovilos was in Pasadena on the day of the attack. He awoke to a phone call to his friend who was living in New York City. His friend sounded upset and told him to turn the television on.

"Two or three minutes after I turned on the TV, the second airplane hit the second tower," Corcovilos said. "It kind of blows your mind because you're like 'No way this is coincidence. There's something bad going on here.'"

Corcovilos and his roommates watched the events unfold on television. His university had canceled classes that day, although

they were on the opposite end of the country.

The day of the attacks, professor of nursing Alison Colbert had started her first day of an internship with the Texas Department of Health. She was working directly with the state epidemiologist.

"We were in a big meeting," Colbert said, "and everybody's beepers started going off."

The energy changed in the room. This was an activation of the emergency response system after the country realized there was more than a single plane that crashed into the World Trade Center.

Colbert said she was more in the way than she was helpful.

"There was a lot of trying to figure out what was going on, [and] what the response would be," Colbert said.

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Parking policy sparks student outcry

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On the second day of classes, junior Emily Coppeta ran into the Student Union in a flurry looking for her friends to show them a picture of where her car had been parked.

Her red Chevrolet Cruze was cozied up to A-Walk and parked up the hill on the left side of the road right across from Old Main.

It wasn't in a parking lot.

It wasn't even in a parking space.

Coppeta is one of many students who was di-

rected away from the parking garage over the last three weeks.

Duquesne recently announced new surface-level parking areas, but permit holding students continue to express animosity over the makeshift "valet" created to help field the number of cars spilling out of the garage.

First-week confusion

When purchasing a parking pass, students are not specifically told they will be given a spot in the garage, but Coppeta expected to be able to park their and was disappointed that one of her first experiences driving on campus was filled

with stress and confusion.

Coppeta, who commutes from the South Side, had waited two years to have her car, at Duquesne. Despite living off campus her first two years of college and suffering without a car this year was the first that Coppeta decided to finally splurge on a parking pass for school.

"My freshman year, my sophomore year I dealt with it, even living five hours away I dealt with it," Coppeta said.

Now, instead of arriving at school with ease, using the luxurious freedom of a car, she had to

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Dukes look to make the most out of March Madness success

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POLICE briefs

Friday, Aug. 30-

DUPO was dispatched for an intoxicated male at Duquesne Towers.

Saturday, Aug. 31-

DUPO was dispatched for a marijuana call in St. Martins Hall.

Saturday, Aug. 31-

DUPO was dispatched for an intoxicated male at Duquesne Towers who possibly needed medical treatment/transport.

Tuesday, Sept. 3-

A male not affiliated with the university was arrested for theft from vehicles, aggravated assault and resisting arrest on Boyd Street.

Friday, Sept. 6-

A student's lost wallet was found and when inventoried, it contained an ID for another DU student which may have been a fake ID. Both students said the ID was a joke from last Halloween. The wallet was returned to its owner. The fake ID was not. The case was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Friday, Sept. 6-

DUPO was dispatched for a walk-in report of damage to an unattended vehicle in the Forbes Garage.

Sunday, Sept. 8-

DUPO was dispatched for two intoxicated students at the intersection of Stevenson Street and Seitz Street.

Monday, Sept. 9-

A Duquesne student received a threatening email.

Monday, Sept. 9-

Resident Director on duty an Vickroy Hall requested in officer for the smell of marijuana.

Monday, Sept. 9-

A report was made for Apple AirPods stolen from the lobby of St. Ann Hall.

EmailTips

The Duke's news section would love to hear from you about stories that you want to see in print. Know a talented professor or accomplished student? See something on campus that just doesn't make sense? You can send your tips and story ideas to Editor-in-Chief Spencer Thomas at thomass15@duq.edu

On and around campus, the Duquesne community celebrated their men's basketball team's miraculous run to the second round of March Madness. They won an NCAA Tournament game for the first time since 1969, taking down the BYU Cougars in Omaha, NE.

While there Senior Vice President of Athletics Dave Harper sat down with his Chief Revenue Officer, Bryan Colonna, to answer a simple yet enormously important question – now what?

In the month of March, Duquesne played games prominently on major networks like TNT and CBS. Clips of LeBron James gifting the team shoes racked up hundreds of thousands of views, as did their spot during ABC's *Good Morning America*.

According to Google Trends, during the week of March 17 to 23, searches for "Duquesne" went up by over 1000% percent, a level of relevance that for schools of Duquesne's size happens once in a blue moon. It became Harper's and Colonna's job to capitalize on it.

"You have to capture momentum," Harper said, "because if you don't, it's a big mistake."

Since then, the athletic and marketing departments at Duquesne have been trying to build upon the fame the basketball team earned in March Madness, whether that's in brand recognition, corporate partnerships or cold hard cash.

"Nobody had a roadmap of what the next steps were. It's something that hasn't happened in my

lifetime," Colonna said. "We're sitting in Omaha trying to figure out, okay, what are the next steps? How do we continue this high?"

Despite massive changes to the team's roster and coaching staff, the program wanted an offseason characterized by celebration. "Not only internally, but also externally as well, with our alumni, fans and friends," Colonna said, "to continue that excitement throughout the summer, throughout the fall, leading into that first game in November."

This began with a trophy tour of the Pittsburgh area. Throughout the summer and continuing into the fall, Duquesne lugged the three-foot-tall Atlantic-10 Trophy, which Colonna estimates to weigh over 60 pounds, to display during restaurants celebrating a happy hour in honor of the Dukes.

"We decided, 'Hey, let's treat this like the Stanley Cup,' Let's take it everywhere." Colonna said. "That trophy needs to be part of the community."

From Shadyside to Sewickley to PNC Park and all over campus, Duquesne fans and alumni gathered to celebrate. Large donors were even afforded the opportunity to display the trophy at private home gatherings.

"You have to say thank you," Harper said. "The trophy is a symbol of what everybody did for us... It's a symbolic piece of how your support mattered to us."

At the start of August, the entire team showed up for a meet and greet at Dick's Sporting Goods in Ross Park, something that may not have drawn such an interest before they became the city's Cinderella. It's how Harper says they want to build up a



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Fans celebrate Duquesne victory over BYU in March Madness.

brand in the city, one fan at a time.

Things like this allowed Duquesne to build on their fanbase, which will in turn lead to more support. One alum told Colonna the story of how she watched the championship game with her 90-year-old father, who broke down in tears when the final buzzer sounded.

Connecting with the fans is all well and good, but in the era of NIL and paying players, it's about how that engagement balances the books.

Now that Duquesne has captured the national spotlight, they're a much more enticing entity to buy into. Colonna said the uptick in financial contributions involves a healthy split between previous partners doubling down, as well as new partners throwing their hat in the ring.

"A lot of people like investing in success," Colonna said. "It's been a lot easier getting people to return your phone call, to put it that way, than it has been in the past."

It's also allowed for a domino effect when building teams to

contend in the future.

"I think it's allowed us to look a little bit different at recruiting," Harper said. "Maybe going after some guys in the past we thought we may not get. You've got to reach higher and higher."

There's been a tremendous uptick in season ticket inquiries – Harper says they've sold more than ever in his nine years at Duquesne – as well as premium seats.

Harper said that events will ramp up again before the season starts, including a meet-and-greet for season ticket holders, and a private ring ceremony.

The fame also allows Duquesne to prop up other programs as well. On opening night of the 2024-25 season, Duquesne will host a doubleheader, where the women's team will host Princeton, and the men face Lipscomb in the first game back since their tourney run.

"We'll be able to share again," Harper said. "Show the trophy, show the banners."

Faculty reflects on the days following 9/11

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A muted atmosphere

As the day went on, people were in a state of confusion. The feeling of the country had shifted.

"What was surreal to me is I remember walking outside later that morning, and everything was dead quiet," Corcovilos said.

Usually in Pasadena there was a constant roar of commercial jets overhead.

Within a couple hours all of the noise had stopped and was replaced by the sounds of military jets.

"That was just eerie looking up and seeing fighter jets circling the city," Corcovilos said. "All this was for stuff that was happening thousands of miles away."

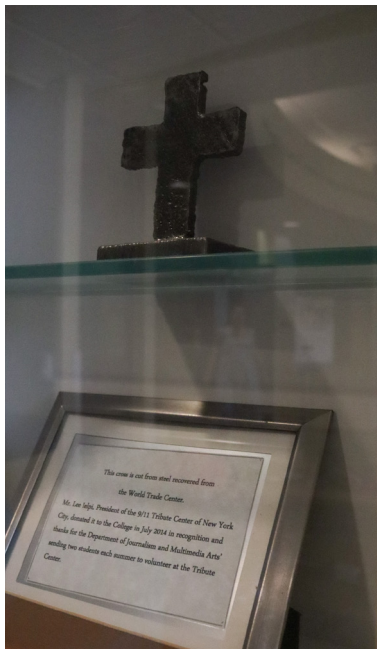
Associate Professor of History Jotham Parsons was living in the North Side of Chicago in 2001.

"Like most people, I have a pretty strong recollection of that day," Parsons said.

Parsons had watched the events play out on the news while he was at the gym. Eventually, he cut his workout short after the second tower was struck.

He had a friend who was evacuated from his office building in the Chicago Loop. The two spent the day wandering around the North Side calling people they knew who lived in New York City.

"We didn't know what to do," Parsons said. "The other thing



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In College Hall a cross made from metal of the second tower is on display.

that everybody remembers about it, is that it was this very beautiful, sunny, early fall day. It was good to be outside."

The constant flights from Chicago O'Hare International Airport had suddenly stopped.

"People were quiet," Parsons said. "They didn't necessarily stay inside, but it was a hushed atmosphere."

Bravery of first responders

The actions of the first responders on the day of the attacks and the sacrifices they made were meaningful to Colbert.

"It's truly unbelievable, people who are first responders, whose lives are dedicated to that," Colbert said. "They were ready and absolutely did exactly what they trained for and what they were committed to doing."

Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Science Carl Anderson was living in Kansas City, MO, at the time of the attacks. They occurred one year before he came to Duquesne.

Anderson said that the respect for first responders that came after the events was appropriate.

Though the attacks were an exceptional event for firefighters, their actions were not exceptional. They were doing the job they always do.

"The one good thing is to see a recognition for how truly special that job is," Anderson said.

Fear of hate crime

After the events on Sept. 11, 2001, were deemed terrorist attacks, Corcovilos' friends who were international students felt unsafe.

"They were seen with some suspicion, even if it was folks from places that weren't directly involved in terrorist attacks," Corcovilos said.

Professor Norman Conti was teaching at West Virginia University at the time.

Conti tried to better educate his class on what Islam was and explain that it's not what people who are terrorists make it out to be.

"I was really worried about hate crimes against Middle Eastern folk," Conti said.

America was changed

When Corcovilos took the trip to New York City, he said the airport was filled with military and their dogs.

"Everybody was being hyper vigilant," Corcovilos said.

The amount of security in the airport was a shock to many Americans at the time because prior to the attacks, anyone could walk up to the gate of the flight.

Airports were not the only entity that experienced modifications. The events of 9/11 changed everything in the world, Conti said.

Conti remembers going into work on Sept. 12, 2001, and there were American flags taped onto the window of every building. Everyone cared not only about the country, but each other.

As the controversy of war began to arise the country began to fracture.

"America came together right afterward. We had this tremendous sense of grief and this tremendous unity. It was very powerful," Conti said. "But then, of course, we fell apart because some agreed with the political military response, and some people didn't."

New parking on campus sends students searching

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aimlessly look for a spot and get redirected to a makeshift parking area.

Four seniors, also living in the South Side, said they had experienced the same situation and were forced to park their cars in random areas around campus.

Madison DeMatteo, Bailey Nocera, Maddie Simeone and Alyssa Stoneroad had to walk from Old Main — where they were directed to park by Duquesne parking attendants on Tuesday.

DeMatteo arrived at 11:20 a.m. for her 12:15 p.m. class to combat the confusion of parking.

However, not every student arrived almost an hour prior to classes, and DeMatteo said she saw a student show up 30 minutes late to their class, frantic because he could not find a parking spot.

While many students expressed annoyance with finding a spot, South Side resident and junior Ryan Bragg, who lived previously on campus with his car, said his advice is to ignore what the parking department and the attendants were saying.

“You just have to know what you’re doing,” Bragg said. “Don’t follow the crowd; go against the big line [of cars].”

Ryan Young, a commuter assistant and resident of South Side, said he is experiencing these parking problems for the first time.

During his commuter assistant training this summer, Young said that the parking department informed him the parking garage is typically only over populated during the first week. This is because students studying nursing and similar programs stop going to campus because of clinical.

However, as Duquesne reaches the end of the third week of classes the parking issues have not subsided.

Freshman passes and increased admission

According to Duquesne’s

of Osteopathic Medicine this semester, the number of admitted students has been increasing.

Last year Duquesne reported record-breaking admissions, which totaled 8,700 graduate and undergraduate students.

Last September, *The Duke* reported similar complaints from students about difficulty finding open parking spots. In reporting that story Duquesne University Official Communication sent an email announcing their new parking policy, in May 2023, which allowed freshmen to begin pur-



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Student cars were parked in makeshift parking areas on campus.

chasing parking passes in the fall.

However, University spokesperson Rosemary Ravasio and Scott Richards, Assistant VP for Auxiliary Services retracted this information stating the May 3, email was a “misstatement” and that the policy was over 10 years old.

This semester, Duquesne freshman continue to be allowed to purchase parking permits.

With an influx of students purchasing spots Duquesne parking staff have been struggling to accommodate everyone.

Valet parking problems

In an email to *The Duke*, sent from university spokesperson Rosemary Ravasio on behalf of Richards, stated that students

two parking attendants staff each valet booth on level 6 and level 9 until 2:30 p.m. Parking attendants move vehicles to spaces as they become available, which may sometimes result in brief wait times as the attendants return back to the booths,” the email said.

Despite university promises to move and maintain the valeted cars as students need, Stoneroad stated that the valet solution was actually causing her more problems.

“They valeted a car in front of

me and wouldn’t let me leave, and I have a two-and-a-half-hour break between classes,” Stoneroad said.

Ravasio’s email said that vehicles may temporarily become blocked while parking attendants wait for spaces to become available.

Valet results in vehicle damages

On Monday, Aug. 26, a Duquesne parking employee accidentally hit another vehicle while moving a vehicle for valet, according to a Department of Public Safety Student Right To Know Case Log Daily Report.

At the time, the garage was full, and parking employees were moving valet parked cars around to make room.

There were no injuries that resulted from the accident and there was very minor damage to both vehicles.

New surface parking

In a university-wide email, Richards announced additional surface level parking will become available on Friday.

The new areas include the lower Forbes lot (located on the ground floor of the Forbes Garage), the upper Fisher Hall parking lot (enter on Forbes Avenue across from the Armstrong Tunnel) and the lower Fisher Hall parking lot (entrance from Boyd Street to Watson Avenue).

Richards told *The Duke* that these lots are owned by the university.

“After looking into it, university leadership determined that these lots weren’t being utilized to capacity, so they decided to transition these lots to maximize surface parking for permit holders,” he said in the email.

could find parking at Forbes Garage, Locust Garage, Chatham Garage, the surface lot located next to Forbes Garage and the surface lot next to the College of Osteopathic Medicine on Forbes Avenue.

“If the garages become full,



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Upon arriving to campus, students are redirected away from the parking garage and toward other areas of campus.

2021-2031 Institutional Master Plan stated that the university expected enrollment projections for undergraduate and graduate programs to have a “modest decline” from 2021-2024.

Despite this prediction, and since the addition of the College

SGA Senators 3 sworn into office

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At Wednesday night’s meeting six new senators were sworn into office. Here is a list of this year’s Student Government Association acting executives and the new senators.

President: Faith Cook

Hailing from Texas, Faith Cook has been involved with SGA since she transferred to Duquesne for the second semester of her freshman year. She was first exposed to SGA during her time as a student aid for The Center for Student Involvement, becoming a senator toward the end of the year.

“I really admired the people in SGA,” she said. “I really admired their sense of purpose and passion for what they were doing ... I also wanted to feel that sense of purpose and passion that they did as a part of the larger Duquesne community.”

Cook spent her sophomore year studying abroad at Duquesne’s Rome campus. Following her return to the states she was elected Vice President of Academic Affairs.

During her time as VP of Academic Affairs, Cook helped SGA run a student giveaway scholarship, in which students could write essays explaining the ways they would improve campus. The winner wrote an essay arguing for Stop the Bleed Kits, which include gauze, tourniquets and bandages on campus, so Cook took the proposal to Campus Safety. No bleed kits can be found around campus.

Cook’s goal this year is to increase participation in SGA.

“I think to do our job well as student government, we need a really wide base of student perspectives and voices,” she said.

Cook expressed gratitude for her fellow executives, returning senators and new members of the SGA. Without them, she said, the SGA wouldn’t work.

VP of Student Life: Braily Frankhouser

From Fort City, Pennsylvania, Braily Frankhouser is a fourth year pharmacy student and the incumbent Vice President of Student Life. This will be her second year in her executive role. She previously served as the chair of the Student Life Committee during her second year. Frankhouser is also active as a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma, the professional pharmacy fraternity at Duquesne. She is also the president elect of the National Community Pharmacist Association on campus and is also in the American Pharmacist Association where she is a committee chair as well as being a member of the Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association. Frankhouser is currently an intern at Rite Aid.

VP of Finance: Sean Marshall

From the suburbs of Philadelphia, senior finance major Sean Marshall

is the newly elected VP of Finance for SGA. Marshall got involved with SGA last year as a senator as a way of getting more involved in campus life. One of his main goals this year is to work with local businesses to get student discounts for Duquesne students as a way of supporting local businesses. Over the summer, Marshall was an intern for Roffman Miller Associates, a wealth management firm in Philadelphia. Marshall is also the VP of Finance for Duquesne’s men’s ice hockey team as well as one of its players. He is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, the fraternity for business majors on campus.

VP of Academic Affairs: Braden Niles

From New Castle, Senior Brandon Niles is the newly elected Vice President of Academic Affairs. Niles is a triple major in political science, sociology and Catholic studies. His primary mission this year is to spread awareness and usage of Duquesne’s new degree planner system, which allows students to track their academic progress and schedule classes without having to first schedule an appointment with their academic advisor. Niles is also VP of Communications for the Residence Hall Association and served as media chair for orientation. He plans on going to law school after getting his undergrad.

VP of Communications: Mary Paternoster

Florida native Mary Paternoster is the new Vice President of Communications for SGA. A sophomore secondary education and English major, Paternoster has been an active member of the SGA her entire academic year to this point. As well as being involved in student government, Paternoster is also an event operation chair for Duqathon, a dance marathon to raise funds for Children’s Miracle Network Hospital, which provides medical treatments and healthcare for children and their families.



The new senators:

- Julianna Faber
- Ally Evans
- Jayla Flenroy
- Catie Smith
- Lei’asha Battle



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The Student Government Association executive board (Left to right) Sean Marshall, Mary Paternoster, Braily Frankhouser, Braden Niles and Faith Cook.

Men still unbeaten after win and late draw

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The Duquesne men's soccer team defeated the Niagara Purple Eagles, 1-0, on Thursday evening at Rooney Field, before drawing the Notre Dame Fighting Irish at one goal apiece Tuesday night, bringing Duquesne's unbeaten record to 4-0-1 to start the season.

The contest with Niagara was decided early, with midfielder Ashton Jell scoring the lone goal just 2 minutes and 49 seconds into the match. He was assisted by Jaxon Erwin as they took advantage of Purple Eagles keeper Jamie Barry being off his line, which even after the goal he would consistently do during the match.

Erwin's assist of Jell's goal puts him as the team leader of points and assists, with seven and three, respectively, as he continues to emerge as the primary scoring option for the Dukes this season. With Jell, he also is tied for the team lead in goals with two.

"Oh, [Erwin's] been vital," Duquesne Head Coach Chase Brooks said. "Just the energy he brings, the passion he brings. We've seen this from him over the last few seasons, but, you know, he's just had some unfortunate injuries over the past couple of years. So you're really seeing him, you're really seeing what we've seen for the last couple of years, and now just finally clicking for him, which we're really excited about."

The game became a stalemate for the rest of the contest. Duquesne would lead going into the end of the first half despite being outshot eight to two as the Purple Eagles kept the pressure on the Dukes, despite having a record of 0-4 going into the match. Niagara's best chance at tying the game was when they were awarded three corner kicks in quick succession late in the first half, but they couldn't find an equalizer.

After the tense first half, the game would even out. Duquesne's offense picked up the pace and would take six shots in the second half compared to Niagara's seven.

"You know, as a group, it's really important to stay connected, stay together throughout the whole thing. We battled through everything, fought for every ball," said Jell.

Niagara had been shutout in their last three games heading into the contest, but turned up the pressure against the Dukes, putting up a total of 15 shots with seven going on goal. Duquesne keeper Zoltan Nagy made all seven saves, including four in the second half, to keep Niagara off the board.

"Well, again, we just remind our guys of what our principles are and what's gotten us to this point. And just to keep going. And, you know, they've got a lot of energy because they're trying to get their first win of the season." Brooks said.

For Nagy, it was his second shutout of the year in just four games, and his second-straight after blanking Xavier last week, two performances which earned him two straight Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Week awards.

"We can't stop everybody from shooting, you know, shots to get through. He's going to be there for them. So he's done a great job specifically these last two games. When you've got a guy like Zoltan in goal, I think it gives confidence to everybody behind him. The shots that get through he's going to be there for," Brooks said of Nagy.

After two 3-1 wins to open the season against Seton Hill and Canisius, Duquesne's two straight 1-0 victories highlighted a strong defense that might not have been as prevalent in the first two games.

"That's a good thing to have as a team," Nagy said of his team's different paths to victory in the early going. "We know that



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Zoltan Nagy won his second consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

we can move the ball around and score goals, and we know that we can also get dirty goals that we did at Xavier and even today. And then just the fact we tried our butts off for 90 minutes, no matter what."

The men then went on the road against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish on Tuesday night at Alumni Soccer Stadium in South Bend, and walked away with a draw, 1-1.

Notre Dame had been ranked No. 23 in the United Soccer Coaches poll. The draw was Duquesne's first result against a ranked team since a 3-1 victory over Rhode Island on Oct. 20, 2018. Rhode Island was also ranked No. 23 at the time.

The Dukes would get outshot in the first half, 8-2, but Nagy would only need one save to get through the half.

In the second half, the pressure got turned up as Fighting Irish midfielder Nolan Spicer scored in the 65th minute with an assist coming from Bryce Boneau.

The Dukes would be smothered through

the rest of the game, as they ended up getting outshot 21-3 with only one shot in the second half.

That one shot turned out to be the equalizer, as in the 86th minute Notre Dame's KK Baffour was called for a foul in the box. Dakota Jonke, who transferred from Cornell in the offseason, scored from the spot for his first goal as a Duke.

The Fighting Irish desperately tried to get the lead back, as less than a minute later Baffour made his own attempt on goal, which Nagy turned aside. Duquesne would survive the final three minutes to achieve the draw.

The unbeaten start has turned some heads around the college soccer world. *Top Drawer Soccer* ranked Duquesne No. 21 in their latest poll.

The Dukes will look toward getting back in the win column as they take on local rival Robert Morris on Tuesday in Moon Township.

Volleyball dominates at Chick-fil-A Robinson Classic

Duquesne volleyball is off to a scorching 5-1 start in 2024, including a 3-0 sweep at the Chick-fil-A Robinson Classic, which was held at the Cooper Fieldhouse. They won both games of the Friday doubleheader over Niagara and Coppin State before returning the next day and defeating Robert Morris. The 3-1 set victory over Niagara featured standout freshman Emersen Schrom, who had 17 kills and seven aces. Chloe Wilmot recorded a double-double in assists and digs with 26 and 11, respectively. As a team, the Dukes had 17 aces total.

In the 3-0 sweep of Coppin State, the netfront story was the presence as Duquesne finished with 12 total blocks. On Saturday, Duquesne would once again win 3-1, this time over Robert Morris, who avoided a sweep by winning an elongated third set, 32-30. Madison Floyd and Carsyn Henschen had 15 kills each, while Schrom finished with 10. Wilmot had another double-double, matching her previous day's with 26 assists and 11 digs. Schrom was awarded Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Week for her impressive weekend, as the Dukes look forward to the Comfort Inn-Vitational in Morehead, Kentucky, on Friday and Saturday.

Golf makes mark in Division I debut

Duquesne golf played their first tournament as a NCAA Division I program this past weekend at the Bucknell Fall Invitational in Lewisburg. As a team, Duquesne would finish eighth out of 13 teams, finishing with a score of 104 above par, while Penn blew away the competition outright, out-shooting second-place Lehigh by 32 strokes. Duquesne finished seven strokes behind LIU, while finishing eight strokes in front of Wagner. Atlantic 10 Conference rival Saint Joseph's also made their Division I debut, coming in last in the field by shooting well over 1,000, the only team to do so.

Freshman Sasha Petrochko would star for the Dukes, finishing ninth in the individual standings with a total score of +13. The team would get better as the weekend went on, with freshmen Abby Slankster and Paige Meyers both finishing with their best scores in round three.

Duquesne will continue their inaugural Division I campaign when they take part in the Roseann Schwartz Invitational Sunday and Monday in Boardman, Ohio. The tournament will be hosted by Youngstown State.

Football ships up to Boston, shut out 56-0

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Duquesne football was greeted with a rude welcome to the 2024 season in its first two games. After losing its opener to Toledo two Thursdays ago, 49-10, they were blown out by Boston College on Saturday afternoon, 56-0, at Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill.

The game marks the last time Duquesne will play an FBS school this season, and it is its sixth-straight loss to an FBS school since its upset of Ohio in 2021.

Duquesne quarterback Darius Perrantes finished 8-for-18 with two interceptions for just 62 total yards, his least in a regular season game since 2022. A troubling trend for Duquesne in the early going of the season has been its efficiency on third down, as they have only converted on third down 16% of the time.

“We didn’t have a lot of time,” Duquesne Head Coach Jerry Schmitt said on the third down struggles for the Dukes. “I think [Perrantes] was pressured a little bit. It wasn’t as sharp as he had been through camp.”

Boston College started the game off by going three-and-out in its first drive.

Duquesne forced two tackles for loss, with Antonio Epps and Nico Pate getting credited for one apiece. Duquesne responded by doing the same, however, and that is where the rout began.

On the ensuing drive, Eagles QB Tommy Castellanos hit Jerand Bradley for 30 yards, putting BC in Duquesne territory across midfield. Three plays later, they rode the momentum from Lewis Bond’s 27-yard reception to a three-yard Treshaun Ward rushing TD. Duquesne picked up two first downs (one by way of roughing the punter), but once again the drive stalled out around midfield, and they punted and pinned the Eagles inside the 5-yard line. Despite the poor field position, BC struck again with a 72-yard touchdown catch by Reed Harris to take a 14-0 lead.

The nightmare first quarter didn’t end there. Perrantes tried to hook up with wideout Joey Isabella but was picked off by Khari Johnson, who took it 45 yards the other way for the score. Boston College continued their dominance from there, scoring on their next three drives. Those three consecutive scores came courtesy of touchdown passes from Castellanos. By the end of the first half, the

Eagles had an insurmountable 42-0 lead.

Duquesne’s defense came out to play to start the second half, although Boston College had taken out their starters. With 12:32 to play in the third quarter, Jacobe Robinson, who came in for Castellanos, was unable to get off a pass attempt as Jack Dunkley stripped the ball away from him and Kevin Kurzinger recovered the fumble.

Schmitt expressed his pleasure with how Dunkley has ‘picked up where he left off last year.’

“He’s a tough, physically put together kid,” said Schmitt. “He just works really

hard. I’m glad he gets rewarded from it, and we’re looking for big things from him moving forward.

Duquesne would pick up two first downs on the resulting drive, but it concluded with a missed 31-yard field goal by Brian Bruzdewicz. Boston College added two more touchdowns before the clock mercifully ran out.

While the Eagles used the win to launch to No. 24 in the AP Poll, Duquesne remains winless as it heads into their third-straight road game, this one at Youngstown State. It’s an FCS playoff rematch from last year in which the Penguins won, 40-7.



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Darius Perrantes had two interceptions in the loss, passing for just 62 total yards with eight receptions. It was his worst passing game in two years.

Moore scores brace in golden Senior Day win

MASON NOLL
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On Sunday afternoon, Duquesne women’s soccer celebrated seniors Maddy Neundorfer, Mackenzie Leeder and Ally Campanella before its 4-2 win against Kent State. All three seniors would get the start in the game.

Duquesne Head Coach Al Alvine has taken a temporary absence for an undisclosed reason, so Acting Head Coach Dave Gray took the reins for the Dukes.

When asked if there were any challenges having to step in as the head coach, Gray responded, “Not really, Al and I have a really good relationship, and we did a lot of things together, so it really wasn’t all that difficult it was just maintaining what we’ve been doing.”

To start the game, Kent State’s Alisa Arthur took the first shot that missed to the right of the goal in the first minute. After that, both teams struggled to string together passes down the field and maintain possession of the ball as the defenses stood strong.

The sloppy play continued as the two teams seemed only to be able to fire shots from a distance, and the game became slightly tense. Campanella was given a yellow card in the 29th minute, and then Mackenzie Muir proceeded to get her own a minute later.

Yellow cards were a trend on the day as the referee would go on to give out seven total yellow cards, five of which were given to Duquesne. Foul calls were abundant as a total of 26 fouls were called, 18

of them coming against Duquesne.

The constant warnings would not stop the Dukes, though, as they started putting pressure on the Kent State defense late in the first half. At the 31-minute mark, Maya Matesa dribbled the ball down the right sideline, embarrassing defenders along the way, and got inside the penalty box but was blocked by Kent State goalkeeper Heidi Marshall. Brianna Moore then fired two shots, one in the 34th minute and one in the 40th minute, that were both saved by Marshall. Finally, just after the second shot, Moore would get her goal as Kayla Leseck crossed the ball in from the right side of the field and was able to find Moore, who chipped it over the keeper to give the Dukes a 1-0 lead at the half.

The second half began with Margey Brown extending the Dukes lead to 2-0, when she streaked down the left side of the field and then cut inside the defense to finish with a goal that slipped under Marshall at the 54-minute mark. With the goal, Brown has now scored in five consecutive games and leads Duquesne with 18 points thanks to seven goals and four assists this season.

Kent State wouldn’t back down from Duquesne’s two-goal lead. In the 57th minute, Arthur took a free kick and buried it in the back of the net over the outstretched arm of Neundorfer to tighten the match, 2-1.

Duquesne immediately responded seconds later to snap any momentum the Golden Flashes had gained, as Moore stole the ball from the defender and beat Marshall one-on-one for her second goal

of the day and to give Duquesne a 3-1 advantage. Moore took six of Duquesne’s 20 shots on the day and now has four goals on the season.

“It’s more of the same performance we’ve been getting from her over the past couple of games, she’s just been electric for us, and man, she’s been really good around the goal,” Gray said of Moore’s two-goal day.

Kent State wouldn’t go away as Arthur scored on another set-piece in the 78th minute to make it 3-2. But Duquesne was resilient, once again responding within a minute, as Moore assisted Matesa who curled a shot off the left post to extend the lead to 4-2.

In the final 10 minutes, the Dukes were able to maintain possession of the ball and calm the game down, eventually get-

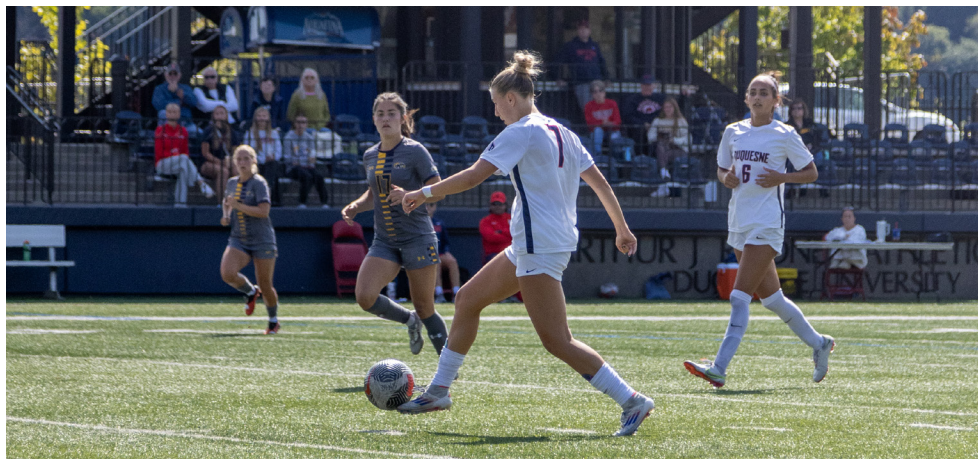
ting the victory.

With the win, the Dukes improved to 4-1 and concluded their homestand to stay perfect at Rooney Field at 4-0. They embark on a three-game road streak, the third of which will begin their Atlantic 10 Conference schedule. Gray’s message to the team moving forward is simple.

“Stay on the tracks, keep rolling, we’ve been playing well, and this was a very good opponent today we played, so we need to keep moving forward the way we have been and get better every day.”

Duquesne next plays Thursday at Saint Francis before going the other direction for a Sunday afternoon match with Youngstown State.

The A-10 grind will begin following then with a Sept. 19 game at Richmond, before a return to Rooney Field on Sept. 22 vs. Davidson.



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Margey Brown dribbles upfield. She would score her seventh goal and has a team-leading 18 points.

Upcoming book fair aims to capture nostalgia

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The Scholastic Book Fair is a trademark of the Millennial and Gen Z school experience. Many might remember skimming the book catalogs, circling which ones they wanted or waiting excitedly all day for their turn to sort through books and fun toys. This Saturday, there's a chance to relive that feeling.

On Sept. 14 Bottlerocket Social Hall in Allentown will be holding an "adult scholastic book fair," for literature lovers missing the nostalgia of the familiar childhood event or for anyone looking to fill up their Saturday afternoon.

The event will take place in Bottlerocket's warehouse behind the main building on Arlington Avenue from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"I mean, that was always the most exciting day for me, when the book fair was at school," said bar manager and event coordinator Hannah Confer. "It was like, when does my class get to go? And I think for readers specifically, there isn't, other than just going to bookstores, there's not a lot of book-themed events."

Confer said the venue staff tries to schedule events they and the community care about. This is the first time this event has happened, but if all goes well Confer hopes to make it a regular occurrence.

Three local bookstores will be in attendance alongside other ven-

dors. A few Pittsburgh authors, Rachel Ann-Bovier, Jason Kieran and Nick Roberts, will also be reading at the event.

"We're going to have some crafting areas with different tables and stuff [where] you can just hang out and do coloring pages and some beanbag chairs to sit on and just hang out for the day," Confer said. "The most exciting part is whenever I pull something off is people, really enjoyed this and they had a good time," Confer said.

Arlan Hess, owner of the oldest independent bookstore in Pittsburgh, City Books, said the Pittsburgh literary scene is tight knit. She thinks the event could bring more public awareness to independent booksellers in the city.

"I mean, the more people who know that Pittsburgh [has] an embarrassment of riches in terms of independent bookstores in this city, the better," Hess said. "You know, if people think the only place to buy a book, whether it's new or used, is Amazon, then something is wrong with the ecosystem in Pittsburgh."

In anticipation of the event, Hess is picking what books to bring and looking forward to talking with other avid readers.

Other bookstores, Stay Gold Books and Stories Like Me will also be attending the event.

"If you have three new bookstores that primarily carry new best seller books, then there's a really good



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The warehouse behind Bottlerocket Social Hall serves as an additional event space for larger gatherings. The Scholastic Book Fair will include products from three bookstores, as well as flash tattoos and themed beverages.

chance they're all going to bring the same 20 books," Confer said. "So we have new booksellers, people who do used resell books and then we have someone who [sell] children's books, just to kind of diversify the market."

The currently empty, gray warehouse will soon be filled with literary and school-themed decorations, like bulletin boards and a bowl filled with book recommendations on notecards. As of Monday, 170 people have already RSVP'd for the event on Facebook.

"We just set up a mobile bar in [the warehouse]," Confer said. "We're gonna do a batch cocktail that'll probably be book themed."

Traditionally, scholastic fairs have more than just books. There were arrays of erasures shaped like animals, pens with bobbles on the end or pencil cases with funny characters on them.

The event keeps this sentiment in mind with a selection of non-book vendors and guests, all within the literary theme.

Homestead based tattoo studio, Kindness, Solidarity, Design & The Radio Room (KSD), will be doing pre-designed flash tattoos. Artists Kyle Cass and Ronnie J. Savage will be offering tattoos on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is their third and

fourth time respectively tattooing at Bottlerocket hosted events.

"We just really, really appreciate all of the community that they build," Savage said. "They bring a really fun, interesting, nostalgic vibe, especially to somewhere like Allentown where it's on the up and up now, but we just really like everything that they do. It's just a whole crew of really supportive, creative people."

They each expect to get through 10-12 tattoos the day of the event. They will also be offering temporary tattoos for anyone not interested in getting inked. Event day prices will be honored for designs at their shop after the fair.

"We have some cute little bookish designs, some little fall inspired designs as well, just kind of something that a lot of people can get down with," Savage said. "I really like everyone who comes there, I think they're always kind of surprised to see people tattooing, like in a bar in a warehouse."

Patrons can find parking for the event in the Bottlerocket overflow lot on Industry Street, the Dollar Bank lot on Manton Way or use street parking. The bulk of the vendors will be set up in the warehouse's main room, which will invite patrons in through a huge open garage door.



EBBIE BERRY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The walls of Bottlerocket Social Hall are covered in flyers from visiting artists and retro-themed posters. Current owner Chris Copen collects materials from secondhand and thrift stores, but the majority of the cultural relics were already in the basement space, abandoned by the previous owner.

campus events

The First Amendment Free Food Festival
Sept. 12 @ 9 p.m.

Join the Society of Professional Journalists in the NiteSpot for a night of free food and discussion. Stay on topic or surrender your food!

Cool Down with SACNAS
Sept. 13 @ 12 p.m.

Mingle with SACNAS over limber and agua fresca on A-Walk as you learn about their upcoming events.

Pásale! Pásale!
Sept. 15 @ 9 p.m.

Start Hispanic Heritage Month with the Latin American Student Association. This street vendor inspired event will be held in the NiteSpot.

Yellow Fever Jeopardy Trivia
Sept. 18 @ 12 p.m.

The Honors College, Gumberg Library and the Provost's Office are coming together to challenge your knowledge in exchange for prizes and free lunch!

emily's epiphanies

Crossroads of Attitude

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both"
~ Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*

Please pardon the overused cliché,
but bear with me.

Shall we do what is expected of us?
Will we instead act out of spite to
prove something?

Whenever we corner ourselves into
what feels like two distinct, equally
frustrating options, I find that we
often forget what is most important.

It doesn't matter what you do.
At least, it doesn't necessarily matter
whether you choose to please
or rebel. Instead, it matters
most what makes you happiest.

There are countless people in this
life that will tell you that you are
wrong, or stupid or silly.
They will get over themselves.

You must live your choices.

— Emily Fritz

Aquarius ♒

What *fresh hell* is this?

Pisces ♓

I was put on this Earth to eat
berries and play in the ocean.

Aries ♈

What if I just rewrite the Bible?

Taurus ♉

Tiny gnat, abandoned by her
lover, dramatically throwing
herself into the Fanta orange sea.

Gemini ♊

Phantom dingleberry.

Cancer ♋

That was impressively bad.

Leo ♌

I think that *your* belfry is the one
with the bats.

Virgo ♍

This baby does not like Ronald
Reagan.

Libra ♎

The nature of man is such that
every so often, someone recreates
the Neolithic era.

Scorpio ♏

My nose is in flames.

Sagittarius ♐

My dream job is to be a jewelry
box ballerina.

Capricorn ♑

It's as shrimple as that.

Tim Burton's 36-year sequel confounds and delights

NATALEY DAVIS
staff writer

Warning: This article contains movie [SPOILERS].

Many key players are returning to their iconic roles this fall in the 36-year Tim Burton sequel *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*, including the *strange and unusual* Winona Ryder as Lydia Deetz, the hysterical Catherine O'Hara as Delia Deetz and of course, eclectic Michael Keaton as Beetlejuice.

The film follows Lydia who has found TV fame sharing her paranormal experiences in her childhood home in Winter River, Conn. in which the self-proclaimed bio-exorcist Beetlejuice haunted her family in the original movie.

Lydia's family now resides in California, but she must learn to confront her past when she is forced to return to Winter River, where delirium plagues her when encountering Beetlejuice again.

Charles Deetz (Jeffrey Jones), did not make a reappearance because of his 2003 placement on the sex offender registry, forcing Burton to get creative in addressing his absence.

Thus was born the storyline for the film that Lydia's father has died in a plane crash and the family must

return to their haunted house on the hill for his funeral.

To compound her stress, Lydia's rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid (Jenna Ortega), resents her fame and obsession with the afterlife.

"That was my hook into [the sequel], the three generations of moth-

er, daughter, granddaughter," Burton told *People*. "And that [would] be the nucleus of it."

Viewer satisfaction is largely de-

termined by your pre-existing connection to the original 1988 horror-comedy. Nostalgia is a trademark of any reboot, evident when Keaton reappears on screen in his iconic

striped suit, green hair and unsightly appearance. Despite the happy reunion, mixed reactions are inevitable when following up a beloved classic 36 years later. Critics were less responsive to a forgettable first half and a confusing ending.

"The film's only flaw is that it has a couple of plotlines too many, which give it a drawn-out middle and a rushed and jumbled finale," said *BBC* film critic Nicholas Barber.

However, by giving Ortega's character an important plot line, Burton attempts to draw in younger viewers. Strategies like this make the sequel feel very separate from the original.

[SPOILER] For example, when Astrid develops a relationship with a boy in Winter River, it is revealed that the boy had actually been dead and was using her ability to see the dead to trick her into trading lives with him.

Though heartwarming, the focus spent on healing the mother-daughter relationship subtracts from the quirky feel of the original movie.

It is also important to note that the modern production value of this sequel takes away from the odd charm of the original. After more than three decades, the quality of special effects and movie magic have naturally improved — which certainly makes this

sequel objectively more pleasing to the eye.

However, it could be argued that the lower quality effects and silly looking set designs on the first movie are what made it such a classic.

Burton is famous for his stop-motion style animation, which was utilized briefly in this film.

"Charles' death sequence in the script is stop-motion. We thought that would be a really fun call back to Tim's stop-motion movies and a really interesting way to see that depth," screenwriter Miles Millar told *Screen Rant*.

Despite the nod, Charles' death reveals a world building flaw. Because Lydia cannot see her father post-mortem, it creates confusion about the concept of purgatory and the afterlife. Is there something specific about the spirits that Lydia can see?

Even so, *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* is making milestones in the box office as Burton's highest grossing premiere in his career. Seeing these beloved characters come back to life recaptures the magic of the original and brings viewers back to a simpler time.

Overall, the sequel was well done visually, but unless you are craving some nostalgia, I would wait for the sequel to come out on streaming platforms or skip it altogether and re-watch the original!



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(From left to right) Catherine O'Hara, Willem Dafoe, Michael Keaton, Monica Bellucci, Tim Burton, Winona Ryder, Jenna Ortega, Justin Theroux and Arthur Conti posed for the revival of the 1988 cult classic, *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*.

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This conflict between Lydia and Astrid mimics the difficult relationship

termined by your pre-existing connection to the original 1988 horror-comedy. Nostalgia is a trademark of any reboot, evident when Keaton reappears on screen in his iconic

Friday the 13th: What to look for in tattoos, piercings

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If your body is a temple, you may as well decorate it. Whether you're adding to your canvas, or looking for first-time ink, Friday the 13th is an industry holiday for tattoo artists, piercers and other body modification professionals.

Although the occasion is thought to have started earlier, sailors in the 18th century believed that the unlucky number 13 could be tattooed on the body to ward off misfortune, according to *USA Today*.

Now, that the event has morphed into a fully developed celebration, some shops going as far as to offer flash piercings, acoustic sets, food and movie showings.

"We always want people to feel like

they're at a safe place. We want them to kind of feel like they're coming home," said Tara Woods, tattoo artist at Kindred Spirits Tattoo Co. "We just want everyone to feel so comfortable [throughout] the entire process."

Woods is approaching her third Friday the 13th event since her apprenticeship. During a flash sale like this one, clients looking for tattoos are known to line up outside of studios wait times several hours long.

"When [Friday the 13th] was kicking, we would tattoo probably 500 to 600 people a day," said co-owner of Pittsburgh Tattoo Company Diane McQuade. Now, with price adjustments for inflation, McQuade is expecting to see between 200 and 300 people later this week.

The Duke reached out to five different tattoo and piercing studios to help readers determine what to look for if they choose to pursue flash sales this Friday.

Ashley Karpa, tattoo artist at Sanctuary Tattoo Studio, said that she values self advocacy in new clients, starting with placement.

"I will re-stencil 1,000 times. That can be moved," Karpa said. "Don't ever feel that you don't have that voice to move it, because [that tattoo] is the thing that you're going home with. It is the thing that you're paying for. And you know, personally, if you don't feel seen or heard by [your] artist, honestly, like it's acceptable to walk out that door."

Once the needle touches skin, the tattooee experiences adrenaline and endorphins. For clients who have been waiting around for extended periods of time or stepped away from the studio to grab drinks with friends, this can increase the likelihood of fainting.

"That happens way more frequently with piercings than it does with tattoos," explained co-owner and piercer of Black Horizon Tattoo and Piercing, Liss Dershaw. "We always try to make sure that somebody's eaten. We obviously have, like, bottled water on hand. I have fruit snacks and glucose tabs in my station, so if anybody starts feeling lightheaded, or if they do pass out."

Each of the studios stated separately that they would not perform any kind of body modifications on inebriated persons.

Most importantly, Dershaw stressed the safety component involved, specifically in piercing. If a piercer is offering implant grade steel, externally threaded jewelry or utilizing a piercing gun, leave immediately.

"You know, just trust your gut," owner and tattoo artist of Queen of Swords Tattoo Haley Gibson. "If you think that you're not being treated nicely, that's a red flag, ... and you should go somewhere else."

Every location has its own price range, most advertising piercings at \$20 each — eyebrows, nostrils and ears being the most common — and tattoo prices as low as \$40 and oth-



COURTESY OF HALEY GIBSON | QUEEN OF SWORDS TATTOO

The majority of tattoo shops will combine their in-house talents to create flash sheets that any artist can recreate. Others will have each artist produce individual designs.

ers as high as \$200. Still, these flash prices are significantly cheaper than the typical day at the shop.

Additionally, higher foot traffic often comes with a cutoff time. As a location nears its closing time, some may close their lines or wait lists while others will remain open into the early hours of Saturday morning to appease all of their clients.

While the number 13 is often incorporated into flash designs, artists will often take inspiration from Halloween or spooky-themed elements of pop culture.

Standard rules apply across the

majority of locations: tattoo placement is limited to arms and legs, which must be easily accessible, and the designs must be selected from the shop's flash sheet. More specific or extravagant designs are better saved for a scheduled appointment on another date.

"It's great because you can kind of go into any shop and spend a little bit of time with an artist and get the vibe of the place without having to commit to a huge piece," Woods said. "It's a good try on for both the client and the tattooer. ... We can see if we vibe and do art all day."



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISS DERSHAW | BLACK HORIZON TATTOO & PIERCING

In the best interest of clients, piercers participating in Friday the 13th will limit piercings to easier locations, like ears.

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Like in 2020, Trump used social media to insist that he was victorious in Tuesday's debate.

Old and tired: Trump's tactics fail in second debate

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Donald Trump and Kamala Harris took the stage in Philadelphia Tuesday night for the second presidential debate this year, this time with 50% fewer old men.

The last time Trump took part in a debate he faced Joe Biden, who performed so poorly that he had to drop out of the race entirely and make way for his vice president.

By comparison, Trump seemed far more capable of occupying the Oval Office. Following Tuesday's debate, that illusion is out the window.

Trump couldn't answer a question. He continuously deflected direct inquiry with the same insane lies he's been repeating for the past eight years. He repeated lies about immigrants eating pets in Ohio, Latin American countries sending criminals to the United States and Democratic politicians endorsing the execution of babies.

“In Springfield they're eating dogs,” Trump said referring to recent immigrants. “They're eating cats. They're eating — they're eating the pets of the people that live there.”

To the credit of ABC's moderators, they were quick to correct him, though it did result in an embarrassing back-and-forth between Trump and moderator David Muir.

One of the most absurd claims of the night was that Harris wanted to “do transgender operations on illegal aliens in prison,” a claim that is so context-phobic that Harris just had to hit him with that coconut tree stare.

Harris quickly asserted herself as the adult in the room, tak-

ing the initiative of approaching Trump as they walked onto the stage, shaking his hand and wishing him a good debate. She maintained a calm demeanor throughout the debate.

As time went on, the difference between his frustration and her confidence became greater and greater. Harris knew exactly what to say to get him to flake. She attacked his crowd sizes and his criminal record, two insults that cut straight to his ego.

Trump had nothing in return. He ran out of insults half way through the 90-minute debate.

He sounded like a chatbot programmed to sound like himself, synthesizing and regurgitating the same insults he has had since he got involved in politics. Harris's response — smile dismissively at every absurdly false attack Trump spat at her.

“I have talked with military leaders, some of whom worked with you. And they say you're a disgrace,” Harris said.

Trump has made it clear that he supports strongman authoritarians, citing and praising Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who has eroded his country's democratic system since he first took office 14 years ago.

Trump also made wild claims that he could stop the war in Ukraine before he becomes president which begs the question, why not do it now?

Will the debate have any effect on the outcome of this election? Probably.

A CNN snap poll from Wednesday morning showed that 63 percent of registered voters said that Harris would do a better job as president than Trump.

A *YouGov* poll conducted the morning after the debate showed

43% of respondents saying Harris won the debate while only 28% thought Trump was the victor.

Regardless of the outcome in November, the base takeaway from Tuesday is that Trump is out of mojo. He has no juice, and his bits are tired. He's old, he's tired and worse — he's too vein to accept that his time is up. Good on him for finding a party willing to eat his farts, but they too, seem to be growing tired of his schtick.

Respected members of the Republican Party have one-by-one endorsed Harris over him.

U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney, former U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney and her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney have all endorsed Harris for president.

Harris was smart to point that fact out on the debate stage.

John Kelly, Trump's former chief of staff said in a statement to CNN that the former president is: “A person that has no idea what America stands for and has no idea what America is about.” He also said Trump was: “A person that has nothing but contempt for our democratic institutions, our Constitution, and rule of law.”

Mark Esper, Trump's former secretary of defense, called Trump a “threat to democracy.” Trump's own former vice president refused to endorse his old boss calling it “no surprise.” The only people Trump still has in his corner are the gullible in his base, the yes-men attention seekers who can't live without his approval and open white supremacists who see him as an ally.

Only time will tell if Trump will be blocked from the White House for a second time. For the time being, Harris is the one on top.

staff
editorial

Our duty to care for our furry, feathered friends

“They are eating the dogs!” said Former President Donald Trump during Tuesday's presidential debate against Vice President Kamala Harris. “They are eating the cats. They are eating the pets,” he continued.

Although Trump was quickly fact checked by debate moderators, this unfounded comment can be used for good — while pets are certainly not being eaten by immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, a larger conversation needs to be had about how we treat our out four-legged friends and the other wildlife that we cohabitate with on an already overcrowded planet.

According to Pew Research Center, 97% of Americans who own pets think of them as family members, while 51% of pet owners consider them equal to human family members. However, the ASPCA estimates that 6.3 million are surrendered to shelters annually and of them, approximately 920,000 are euthanized. What a way to treat family, especially those that cannot self advocate.

The crisis that domesticated animals are facing can be solved with responsible breeding practices — including spaying and neutering — meticulously vetted adoption policies, pauses on animal adoptions during periods of impulse buying, like holidays, and standard wait times between application and pet placement.

Some of our wildlife neighbors are much less fortunate. Pigeons, once used for delivering messages, are now seen as city vermin because developed communication technology renders them useless to us.

To make matters worse, pigeons are unable to nest effectively in the very cities that they were once welcomed. So why not seek better environments? Because pigeons rely on humans to provide them with food, according to the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management.

What's more is that we fail to treat other animals — who still hold value to us — in humane ways. Many people who choose to be vegan do so in protest of harmful agricultural practices such as tail docking, dehorning, hot-iron branding, castration and de-beaking, all of which are performed legally and without anesthesia or pain relief according to the Animal Welfare Institute.

Overcrowding is another trademark of livestock agriculture, but it hardly gets better for free-roaming wildlife. As we continue to demand more and more green space for roadways and real estate, nature is left with no choice but to evict animals like deer, raccoons and opossums, who later become roadkill.

With new construction, we disturb even the most unnoticed ecosystems — the organisms that dwell in dirt. Creatures like spiders, roaches and small rodents are displaced into human-centric spaces and then killed with harsh chemicals and glue traps for existing.

So no, dogs, cats and other household pets are not being eaten, but that's hardly a feat worth celebrating in relation to other everyday animal cruelties across the U.S.

Democracy requires informed individuals

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“Democracy dies in darkness.” That is the phrase made famous by *The Washington Post* when they adopted it as their slogan in 2017. According to *The Post*, the phrase was popularized by journalist Bob Woodward, who, along with Carl Bernstein, broke the Watergate scandal which led to former President Richard Nixon’s resignation in 1974.

Woodward used the phrase in a 2007 article criticizing government secrecy; the point being that Democracy relies on government transparency and an informed citizenry.

The 21st century has seen people gain greater access to information than any other period in time. The internet has provided people with access to millions upon millions of websites, articles and books.

Despite easy access to information, Americans seem woefully ignorant on topics that directly affect them, from local zoning laws to policies that affect homeless people.

According to a 2024 study published by Pew Research Center, the number of Americans following local news is down, with only 22% saying they closely follow local news – a 15% drop from 2016.

A separate study from Pew claims that fewer Americans are following news in general, with only 38% of adults saying they follow the news all or most of the time compared to 51% in 2016.

Pew noted that this change comes amid changes in news consumption habits, declining trust in media and high levels of news fatigue.

This change follows a nearly two decade

long decline in local media. According to Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, the U.S. has lost nearly 2,900 newspapers, as of last year, with the yearly loss of local newspapers ticking up to an average of 2.5 per week.

This as more Americans say they are consuming news through social media, a platform synonymous with declining attention spans and misinformation.

We’re slowly becoming a nation of doom scrollers, less concerned with properly informing ourselves and more interested in indulging in comfortable, easy to digest media.

“I think we’ve all seen in just the last four years with lockdowns, how much those affected our lives,” said Clifford Bob, chair of the political science department at Duquesne University. “Increasingly we’re seeing some of the people who promoted these lockdowns admitting under oath that they really didn’t have a good basis for quite a number of the policies that they put out there.”

Bob said that there is a need for Americans to look beyond surface level information and seriously analyze the news.

“I grew up in the Vietnam era. I wasn’t draft age, but I do remember people being sent off to war and dying in large numbers,” he said. “It turns out, if you read the Pentagon Papers, which were produced in the 1960s, that our leaders knew in the mid-1960s that the war was unwinnable, yet they kept going with it. That suggests you need to go beyond what the mainstream media reports, beyond what our leaders claim and try to get as close to reality and truth as you can.”

In situations like these, it is not always possible to be completely informed, especially when leaders are misleading the public.

Future President Ronald Reagan even said in 1965 that “It’s silly talking about how many years we will have to spend in the jungles of Vietnam when we could pave the whole country and put parking stripes on it and still be home for Christmas.”

Because of the narrative created by the government, the Pentagon Papers had to be leaked to the press in order for the information within them to become public. Even after these leaks, the reports were incomplete and it took until 2011, 40 years later, for the full documents to become available.

Despite this, it is still crucial to examine all the data that is available to make as informed of an opinion as possible.

The uneducated and the uninformed are much more easily taken advantage of. Learning as much as possible about these topics creates a strong foundational understanding so that people can use their own instincts and experiences to create opinions.

This way, once more information comes out, they are not completely in the dark. This need to dig deeper goes beyond national politics and into the local.

“[We’re] a country in which we have multiple levels of government. Often things that are taking place on a local or state level are every bit as important as what’s happening in Washington,” Bob said.

In May, Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey’s administration refused to cooperate with the city’s independent fiscal watchdog in her probe of questionable payments to a contractor, according to an article by the

Tribune-Review.

It was revealed that payments to the independent contractor, Mario Ashkar, totaled almost \$23,000, more than the \$18,460 that reports originally indicated. It was also revealed that Ashkar was getting paid under the table via PayPal rather than through city checks.

Local governments are responsible for the day-to-day quality of life for the residents they represent. They oversee local courts, transportation, construction, EMS, police, fire and housing. All of these elements are crucial to a community’s well-being. One of these elements faltering can mean strain on another.

A lack of housing can lead to more crime which will put a strain on police and EMS. If there is poorly planned construction this will put a strain on public transportation. These are problems that you or someone you love will certainly feel the effects of, so educating yourself and learning where you stand is important. This will allow you to participate and elect officials you feel will effectively balance all of the responsibilities of the local government.

Maintaining democracy is not easy. It is a job that requires the citizens of a country to be well informed, a task which is getting harder as local newspapers shutter and social media takes over the news distribution. The idea of democracy relies on the willingness and ability of people to advocate for themselves and their neighbors. Start small and learn about what is important to you. Use the resources you have worked so hard to be granted and take advantage of the time that you have to learn from them. Don’t let them go to waste. Don’t let democracy die in darkness.

Rebuilding Uptown and recognizing its history

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Duquesne’s campus feels relatively safe, compared to other universities.

We’ve separated ourselves from the chaos that happens in the rest of the city atop a steep hill overlooking the Monongahela. Stepping down from campus can feel like an abrupt reality check that, yes, we are still in a major city. Living in a city comes with things that aren’t so pleasing to think about, like poverty or blocks of forgotten rotting infrastructure.

Duquesne has been a giant in Uptown’s landscape since the university’s inception. Crafted with red brick and concrete atop The Bluff, the university has expanded its reach onto Forbes and Fifth avenues, amongst other local institutions like UPMC Mercy, PPG Paints Arena, beloved food like Milano’s Pizza and a litany of privately owned housing and businesses.

For many, Uptown is just a place the bus has to go through to get to ‘more important neighborhoods’. It is Downtown’s overlooked younger sibling, pinned as dangerous and unforgiving.

Until the 1960s, Uptown was a pretty bustling area, according to Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh, a non-profit whose mission is to improve community life in the area. There are still reminders of Uptown’s livelihood on each street. Murals paint the sides of row houses, sculptures stand proud and the architecture begs to tell a story: For example, the historical and now abandoned Tito Mecca-Zizza house on Fifth Avenue, which served as one of the largest bootlegging operations in Pennsylvania.

In the 21st century, the area has fallen to the wayside as city funding and private

business have focused on developing other areas. In recent years, Duquesne and other corporate residences have begun expanding in the neighborhood.

As this development continues, it’s crucial to remain actively conscious of how this affects the people, art and commerce of Uptown.



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The Tito house on Fifth Avenue was made a historical sight by the Pittsburgh Historic Review Commission in 2022.

Pittsburgh’s geography is still very much affected by redlining, the practice of withholding resources and denying financial support to areas due to their racial and ethnic populations, according to a study by Devin Rutton of Students Using Data for Social Good. One of the most affected neighborhoods in Pittsburgh is the Hill District, which is geographically and culturally adjacent to Uptown.

As development expands into Uptown, it’s important that the residents who are already there are not pushed out.

New development is not a harmful omen to the area. In fact, in many ways, it’s what Uptown has been craving for decades. However, history often repeats itself, and with the rise in living costs and

The Allegheny County Department of Economic Development is currently in the process of its fourth round of funding for blight removal. It is yet undetermined what areas this funding will go to.

Uptown needs to be restored. It’s nice to walk a block or two off campus and feel safe, like our surroundings are approachable. If city planners and developers put time and resources into rebuilding and repairing Uptown, we could have one less sketchy drive-through neighborhood. The problem lies in that neighborhood revitalization often looks like expensive food and luxury apartment complexes, things that raise the cost of living. This can make it difficult for the existing community to continue functioning there.

In the midst of new reform, making sure that the existing community isn’t pushed out and honoring the history of Uptown could help guide it into the future. This may look like reforming the number of abandoned plots into nice, accessible and affordable housing for the current population. This largely depends on the intentions of private landowners, but can be encouraged by a general change in mindset towards the area.

Last school year, my close friends lived in Uptown. I spent a lot of time there. It’s generally a quiet neighborhood, with an impressive amount of street art that subtly draws you in the longer you look for it. The understated landscape doesn’t boast itself, rather it stands its ground, unwavering in the face of nearby corporatization and it’s a truly unique part of the larger artistic scenery of Pittsburgh. We should not avert our attention from this, but question how it can fold into inevitable future development of the area.

Student watch party hosted by Steelers



The Steelers student watch party was held at Schenley Plaza. Students sat on lawn chairs and blankets awaiting kickoff with the Cathedral of Learning standing tall in the background.



Rianna Morris and Bella Colonna spun a prize wheel together. Colonna is a student at Robert Morris University. She attended the event for the fun atmosphere.



Chris Szvec, a dedicated Steelers fan, waited in line to meet Antonio Holmes, the Super Bowl XLIII MVP for the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Noah Ropchock, Owen Cauley, Daymond Kovaly and Carleigh Keene (left to right) are college students in the Pittsburgh area. They attended the event to help college students get registered and excited to vote.

Steelers Student Rush hosted a day of games, music and giveaways to get students excited for the school year and football season.

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Students competed in a "dance off" to win various prizes such as t-shirts and phone card holders. The watch party had a DJ for musical entertainment, playing songs including "All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled.



Duchesne students Norah Delaney (left), Maura Riscavage (middle) and Paisley Crawford (right) at a meet and greet with former Steelers player Antonio Holmes. (middle).



Alexia Corignani (top right) is a lifetime Steelers fan and current freshman at Duquesne. She was accompanied by her friends (clockwise starting at top left) Nadia Constantakis, Avery Taylor, Clare Pavlick, Leila Bines, Mackenzie Monfredi and Alexandra Elsner.



Tre Marcoz and Jimmy Catalano played a round of inflatable mini golf. Marcoz and Catalano are both freshmen at the University of Pittsburgh and expressed excitement about the start of a new football season.



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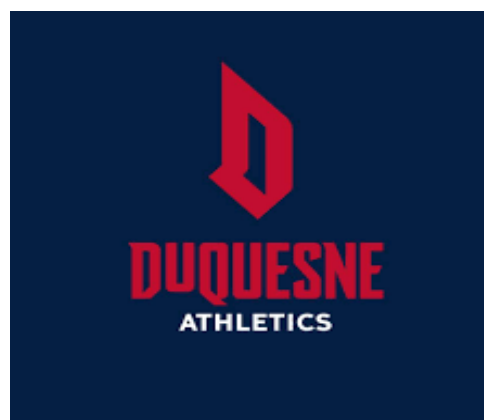
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