Message from the Provost

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Communication between and among departments, programs and schools is a challenging responsibility for an academic affairs office at any college or university. It is made even more complex in an institution such as Duquesne and its nine schools and college that offer very diverse programs. Layered on top of that diversity are the multiple points of professional service in support of our students and faculty. I have been searching for too long for an effective means to bridge at least at a macro level the communication challenges that exist at Duquesne. To that end, I am pleased to share with you the first edition of what I plan to make a semi-annual publication from the provost’s office. Dr. Donnelly is the editor of the Academic Affairs in Review. He and I welcome contributions that you feel will be of interest to our many colleagues in the schools/college and professional support services. The first edition announces the deadline for submission of contributions to the spring edition.

Since this edition is our initial voyage into unchartered territory, I welcome your comments/suggestions for enhancing it as an instrument for communication among all of us in academic affairs. I am motivated to undertake this initiative by my strong belief that we are a uni-verse that finds its strength in the diversity that is expressed through the unity that comes from our commitment to serve students in teaching and research.

The deadline for submission to the spring issue of Academic Affairs in Review is February 2, 2009. All items should be submitted via email to Renee Stockey at stockeyr@duq.edu.
Duquesne has been expanding “north of Forbes.” 20 Chatham Square, across from the Power Center, is being renovated for the Office of Service Learning and the Honors College. 18 Chatham is being temporarily occupied by School of Education graduate assistants while Canevin Hall is being renovated. The Post-Bac/Pre-Med program will eventually move there from the basement of Bayer Learning Center.

718 Fifth Avenue, purchased from Robert Morris University, temporarily houses the School of Education faculty and staff while they wait for Canevin to reopen. Plans are being developed to accommodate WDUQ and the University Press there.

1000 Fifth Avenue has been gutted and will eventually become the home of the Wellness Center now located in Bayer Learning Center. The new facility will be named Muldoon Hall after the first dean of the School of Pharmacy.

1308 Fifth Avenue, named Van Kaam Hall, now houses three Academic Affairs units. The Regenerative Medicine program is a team of animators, under the direction of Dr. John Pollock, who are making science more accessible to the general public. Its educational resources are available at www.sepa.duq.edu/education. The ROTC program now occupies the 3rd floor of Van Kaam where it can conduct tabletop maneuvers and teach cadets in a more appropriate setting. Enrollment Systems and Research, a team of four experts on Banner and other research technologies, now provides enrollment analytical support from its first floor offices.

A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration and the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business

The Donahue Graduate School of Business ranked eighth in the world (and first among schools of its size) on the Aspen Institute’s 2007-08 list of “innovative full-time MBA programs that are integrating issues of social and environmental stewardship into curricula and research.” This accomplishment was cited in The Chronicle of Higher Education (September 5, 2007), BusinessWeek (October 10, 2007), and Newsweek (October 8, 2007) for integrating sustainability into the curriculum. Treasury & Risk Magazine named Dean Alan Miciak one of the “100 most influential people in finance” for creating the program. The School welcomed some of the world’s leading experts on sustainable management and investing to a symposium focusing on the connection between sustainability and ethical leadership in the business world. Featured speakers included Georg Kell, executive director of the UN Global Compact and Walter Isaacson, president and CEO, Aspen Institute.

Duquesne University’s Sports Marketing Department hosted the national Sport Marketing Association (SMA) conference in conjunction with Slippery Rock University, Robert Morris University and West Virginia University. The Center for Corporate and Executive Education launched a six-month program for business women from the Pittsburgh region. The program was developed to address national reports showing that organizations with women in key leadership positions have strengthened their corporate reputation, attracted and retained tremendous talent, successfully targeted and succeeded in new markets, and differentiated themselves from the competition.

Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences

The Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences researchers received a number of significant new grants including:

- a three-year $574,000 grant from NSF for use in cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary research that bridges the chemistry-biology interface.
- a five-year $800,000 grant from the Bayer Foundation to establish an undergraduate minority scholars recruitment program.
$200,000 from the B.K. Simon Family Charitable Foundation for scholarships to students majoring in physics and binary engineering programs.

$185,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to support a collaborative effort assessing environmental impacts along the Allegheny River.

The fifth annual Darwin Day lecture featured Judge John Jones III, the presiding judge at the Dover Kitzmiller Intelligent Design trial, and Pulitzer Prize winning author Dr. Ed Larson. Dr. John Pollock’s planetarium show called Our Cells, Our Selves opened at the Buhl Digital Dome at the Carnegie Science Center. The show is part of the interdisciplinary Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education project, and is made possible by a Science Education Partnership Award. The American Chemical Society selected Duquesne University as one of only four sites to host high school chemistry teachers for an intensive summer research experience.

The Bayer School co-sponsored the inaugural Rachel Carson Legacy Conference: Maintaining the Web of Life in Modern Society with Pulitzer Prize winner E.O. Wilson as the keynote speaker.

Mary Pappert School of Music

The School of Music students and faculty gave inspiring performances at prestigious regional, national and international venues including:

- The Duquesne Wind Symphony performed at the 2008 Eastern Division Conference of the College Band Directors National Association.
- The Voices of Spirit performed in Prague, Budapest, and Vienna in preparation for its O Come All Ye Faithful concert at St. Paul Cathedral.
- Organ and sacred music students showcased their musicianship at celebrated churches in Austria and Germany.
- The Duquesne Opera Workshop, sharing the stage with Chinese opera students in Beijing, Xian, and Qingdao China, presented a superb Don Giovanni.
- Maestro Sidney Harth brought the Duquesne Symphony Orchestra to new heights in a series of acclaimed, live broadcasts on WQED-FM.
- The final season of Brahms on the Bluff attracted standing room only audiences in PNC Recital Hall.
- An expanded partnership with MCG Jazz brought an impressive roster of jazz luminaries to Duquesne for performances and master classes.

The Mary Pappert School of Music and Gumberg Library won a competitive grant to present Looking At: Jazz, America’s Art Form film and discussion series sponsored by the American Library Association, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The music therapy program collaborated with Villa St. Joseph in Baden, Pennsylvania, to secure a $75,000 grant from The Staunton Farm Foundation for music therapy research.

McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts sponsored a number of lectures and symposia including:

- The Faith and Politics series presented Freedom of– or from–Religion
- A two-day conference on The Politics and Ethics of Welfare Reform: Continuing Debate, co-sponsored with the Center for Catholic and Social Thought.
- A conference called In the Footsteps of Darwin, co-sponsored with the Western Pennsylvania Symposium on World Literatures.

Room 114 College Hall has undergone renovations to become a state-of-the-art TV/DVD studio operating digitally. This past year, the College produced a promotional DVD called Students Speak and a documentary, Pilgrimage with the Pope, which covers the papal visit to the US from April 15-21, 2008. Funding was acquired from the Maronda Foundation to subsidize one faculty member and two students to travel to World Youth Day in Australia in July 2008 to produce a documentary.

The College sponsored 10 students who performed undergraduate research on topics such as, the concept of situational policing (three students in sociology), the legacy of Plato in the postmodern era (four students in philosophy), the use of theatrical space in medieval drama (one student in English), and psychological profiling (two students in psychology). The College increased the number of courses that secondary school students from Central Catholic, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Coraopolis), Chartiers Valley and Bishop Canevin may take for transfer credit to Duquesne.
**Mylan School of Pharmacy**

The School of Pharmacy’s one-of-a-kind Weekend Program, designed for college graduates wishing to obtain their Pharm. D. degree in a concentrated, three-year program, continues to grow with 300 applications annually. The program’s first class graduated in August, and it currently enrolls 66 students.

The School of Pharmacy initiated a new community outreach/service learning opportunity for pharmacy students called Duquesne Medication Management Services. These activities involve participating in the health care reviews of underserved patients in the Hill District and through Catholic Charities. Academic Research Center for Pharmacy Care faculty and students have screened more than 7,000 individuals, Wellness Mondays and Wednesdays screened over 3,500 patients and the Weight Loss/Walking Challenge “Lighten-Up Duquesne-II” enrolled over 180 Duquesne employees, resulting in a combined weight loss of over 1,100 lbs. More than 1,700 people from the Pittsburgh region, Somerset, Johnstown, Erie and Hermitage, as well as the Duquesne community, have been screened through a collaborative contract with Highmark.

*Living My Life*, a diabetes self-management program, is part of the Diabetes Ten City Challenge, a national program to support people with diabetes. Pittsburgh is the second city to be selected to partner in this unusual opportunity to invest in the well-being and health of employees and their dependents. The Spirit of Health van, a partnership with two other faith-based organizations, the Sisters of St. Francis and the Mercy Hospital Parish Nurse Program, has enabled the Wellness programs of the Center for Pharmacy Care to reach underserved patients in the Pittsburgh area. The van has provided more than 1,100 underserved patients with health care.

**Rangos School of Health Sciences**

The Rangos School of Health Sciences continues to enjoy a 100 percent pass rate on national licensure and certification examinations in athletic training, physical therapy, physician assistant, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology. The athletic training education program continues to be ranked fourth nationally out of 364 accredited programs. The occupational therapy program is ranked 24th out of 143 accredited programs and the physician assistant program is ranked 41st out of 141 accredited programs. Over the past academic year, the Rangos School enjoyed successful re-accreditations of the physician assistant, physical therapy, speech-language pathology and athletic training programs.

The Self-Study submitted by the Department of Physical Therapy was so exceptional that it is now used nationally as the model for re-accreditation documents. The Department of Physician Assistant established a simulation lab for its students after receiving a $60,000 gift from the Fine Foundation. The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions recognized Katie Micco as one of the six outstanding students and Colleen McDonough as one of 12 national student leaders in the health professions. Two fifth-year Physician Assistant students completed an international primary care rotation in a rural suburb of Cape Town, South Africa. Faculty in the departments of Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy were invited to present in China, Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland. Finally, this past summer, the Rangos School sponsored its third study-abroad experience for health professions students, visiting hospitals clinics, pharmacies, and vocational training centers in Tanzania, Zanzibar and South Africa over a three-week experience.

**School of Education**

The School of Education inaugurated its Dialogue Series symposium entitled *STEM, Education, and Evaluation: Opportunities and Priorities for Collaboration, Research, and Development* designed to highlight how scholarship in the profession of education shapes public policy. The Dialogue Series will continue on October 9, 2008. The Pittsburgh Public School District selected Duquesne to train all of its aspiring principals through the Pittsburgh Emerging Leaders Academy (PELA). The School of Education is one of only 21 institutions engaged in the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) committed to working together to redesign and transform doctoral education for the advanced preparation of school practitioners and clinical faculty, academic leaders and professional. The School of Education established a partnership program between Duquesne University and Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) in China for the joint preparation of Chinese language teachers using a 4+2 model leading to teacher certification by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded Duquesne $300,000 to continue as one of four Centers for Teaching Excellence designed to prepare teachers to become nationally certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
School of Law

The School of Law continues to set new standards with a bar pass rate of 91.39 percent, ranking second in the state behind only the University of Pennsylvania. For the first time in the Law School’s history, the school was listed in a Specialty Rankings Category in U.S. News and World Report. The legal research and writing program was ranked 30th overall, ahead of 160 other law schools. The Moot Court teams continued its tradition of success with recognitions and acknowledgments in the National Trial Competition Regional Championship, the American Association for Justice Regional Competition, the Buffalo/Niagara Mock Trial Competition, the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Competition and the American Intellectual Property Law Association Competition.

The School of Law welcomes Amelia M. Joiner and Susan C. Hascall as full-time, tenure-track professors and Julia M. Glencer, Erin R. Karsman and Tara L. Willke as full-time, non-tenure track writing professors.

School of Leadership and Professional Advancement

The School of Leadership and Professional Advancement (SLPA), in collaboration with the Project Management Board, established by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Rome, has developed a new graduate program for women religious. The Master of Science in Community Leadership-Concentration in Leadership in Mission will draw students from many African countries, Thailand and India. SLPA online programs continue to grow with hundreds of students from several states and countries such as, Germany, Japan and Canada now enrolled. SLPA’s military programs continue to expand with the opening of a new on-base program for the 171st Air Refueling Wing.

School of Nursing

The School of Nursing received final state approval for a Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, which enrolled 16 students into its first cohort class. The past academic year included the official opening of the Nursing Research Center and the expansion and naming of the Irene Fritzky Nursing Laboratory. The laboratory allows for an increase in volume and quality of simulation instruction in nursing. The School of Nursing sponsored a Mandatory Substance Abuse Program for all undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors. This all-day workshop addressed the signs, symptoms and aftermath of health professionals drinking to excess or using illegal and addictive drugs.

The School of Nursing has been recognized by the National League for Nursing as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for achievement in the area of student learning and professional development. This prestigious three-year designation recognizes the School’s excellence in academic practice and commitment to continuous quality improvement.

The School of Nursing welcomes new faculty members Nancy Brom, MSN, RN, Alicia Culleiton, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE, Bonnie Dean, PhD, MS, BSN, Michalene King, PhD, RN, Charles Larew, PhD, RN, Joyce Ott, MSN, RN, Cindy Walters, MSN, RN, and Yvonne Weideman, MBA, BSN, RN.