After a “lost” summer of rainy days, the fall semester began with beautiful weather for our freshman move-in. Our custom of sophomores meeting each incoming family and handling all the heavy lifting was once again warmly appreciated by our new parents. They watched with incredulous smiles as a potentially onerous job was accomplished for them in a matter of minutes. This is not just help with a tough physical task. It is a Duquesne tradition, a way of showing our hospitality and care for new students and their families from the very moment they arrive on campus. It demonstrates who we are, so that our freshmen can also become who we are.

These new freshmen constitute our second consecutive record setting class. The all-time high number of freshmen reached last year was exceeded this year. It required some patience and some squeezing in our residence halls, but everyone was accommodated. The record SAT average of last fall was also exceeded by an impressive twenty-seven points. So once again we begin a new year with our largest and brightest freshman class ever. These successes are evidence of the value of a Duquesne education and the strong demand for it.

This fall is also a return to our special anniversary year, a celebration of 125 years for the University and the College. It is an inspiring juxtaposition to recall the momentous events and personalities of five generations past and at the same time welcome the bright young people who are the University’s future. It is also a powerful reminder of our responsibility to pass on our values to another generation, just as they were passed on to us. Wordsworth comes to mind: “What we have loved, others will love — and we will teach them how.” What we have loved began in Pittsburgh in 1878. It has been loved by generations of Duquesne Spiritans, faculty, staff, students, and alumni in an unbroken tradition to this day.

Now comes another fall and another occasion for the Spirit to give new life to our campus. The deeper task of moving in has begun: bringing our bright new freshmen into our University — mind, heart, and spirit — so that they will love Duquesne as we do. There may be some heavy lifting, but the job will be done. Next year, these freshmen will be sophomores. Then they will happily move in our next new class, and carry on our Duquesne tradition.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
President
It’s come a long way — from fingerprints to DNA. But despite the recent hype about forensic science and its legal applications, it’s not really new. And according to John Rago, it’s nothing less than the eternal search for truth.

Rago, associate dean of the Duquesne University School of Law, directs the University’s Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law.

“The emergence of forensic science and law is really no emergence at all,” Rago asserts. “It is a union of thought that has largely been unexercised.”

Some observers mark the fall 2000 debut of the TV series “CSI” as the spark that ignited popular interest in forensics, but Rago says the issue is timeless and caught the public’s eye several years earlier with the O.J. Simpson case.

The seeds of Duquesne’s emphasis on forensic science and law were planted in 1995, when the Law School held a program for state appellate jurists. “It was right on the heels of O.J.,” Rago recalls. “We were amazed by the reaction of the court. They thought it was wonderful; they wanted more of it.” The idea of expanding the program remained a topic of conversation around the Law School for a few more years until Wecht, an adjunct professor at Duquesne since 1962, put the issue on the front burner in 1999.

“As I looked around the country, I was amazed that not a single law school was doing anything in terms of forensic science and the law,” Rago said. “While there were a few scattered programs, no institution had made a full-scale, interdisciplinary commitment to these areas of study.”

By the fall of 2000, the same season in which “CSI” hit the air, Duquesne announced the formation of the Wecht Institute.

A Recognized Brand

Duquesne’s programs are built on the strengths of its schools and on a recognized brand name — Wecht. The Allegheny County coroner holds degrees in both law and medicine and is frequently consulted by investigators, prosecutors, defense attorneys — and the reporters who cover them — in high-profile cases ranging from Simpson and JonBenet Ramsey to last year’s Laci Peterson murder. Wecht chairs a 23-member advisory board that includes former Los Angeles Coroner Thomas Noguchi, noted forensic scientists Henry Lee and James Starrs, New York State Police investigator Michael Baden, and Simpson defense “Dream Team” members Barry Scheck and Johnnie Cochran. More than just impressive names in a brochure, these renowned experts guide curriculum development and participate as faculty and presenters in the Wecht Institute’s academic programs and conferences.

In just three years, the Wecht Institute has spawned thought-provoking annual conferences, a unique five-year bachelor’s/master’s program, an interdisciplinary certificate program aimed at a wide range of professionals, and master’s and certificate programs in forensic nursing. The Law School has joined a national effort using forensic advances in criminal defense. Emphasized in the University’s 2003 – 2008 Strategic Plan, a number of other forensics programs are in development, positioning Duquesne as a national leader in a growing field.

Bachelor’s/Master’s Program

Duquesne offers the only program in America with a seamless progression from bachelor’s to master’s degrees and an equal balance of rigorous science and law components, according to Dr. Frederick Fochtman, P ’65, GP ’72, program director.

Fochtman, an associate professor of pharmacology-toxicology in the Mylan School of Pharmacy and director of the Forensic Laboratory Division for the Allegheny County Coroner’s Office, has a hit on his hands. “When we first sat down to plan the program, we looked at the possibility of 20 students a year coming in,” Fochtman remembers. The 2001 entering class numbered 30 students; 50
students followed the next year and 70 new students joined the ranks this fall. The five-year, 158-credit program, administered by the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, demands high standards from freshman applicants, including a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, SAT scores of at least 1100 and a minimum of seven courses in math and sciences.

The input of the Wecht Institute’s advisory board helped Duquesne construct a curriculum that meets changing needs in a variety of professions. While the first wave of master’s students won’t graduate until 2005, they will be prepared for a variety of job opportunities in settings including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, crime labs, morgues, academic institutions, law firms, corporations, health care providers or independent consulting.

"From my experience and contacts with people across the country who are involved with forensics, I can tell you the field is ready for an infusion of very well educated individuals coming out of a program such as this one," Fochtman said.

Certificate Program

The Wecht Institute’s 12-credit certificate program is both a stand-alone offering and the cornerstone of all current and future graduate programs in Forensic Science and Law. The program consists of 168 class hours (including laboratory sessions) held on Saturdays over a nine-month period. The broad curriculum includes an overview of the legal system, the functions of the forensic scientist, criminal law and forensic scientific procedures, civil applications of forensic science, and trial preparation and tactics. Students also prepare a research paper under faculty supervision, take part in seminars on research and writing skills and attend the Institute’s annual conference.

Law School and other University faculty members, advisory board members and guest lecturers representing a variety of professions teach courses. The diversity among instructors is reflected in the students as well.

“We thought we would start as a small idea appealing to people in law enforcement,” Rago said. “But we’ve also enrolled teachers, social workers, businesspeople, scientists, nurses and other health professionals.” These professionals are looking to bring new areas of expertise to their existing careers.

The broad participation also mirrors the program’s ultimate goal. "Law, the natural, applied and social sciences all have forensic applications. But if you study them in a vacuum, they have no contextual meaning," Rago said. “The more disciplines you bring into any discourse, the closer you get to finding the truth in a more reliable fashion.”

Forensic Nursing

The School of Nursing offers a 36-credit master of science degree with a forensics concentration and an 18-credit post-master’s certificate, both built around the Wecht Institute’s certificate program.

“Forensic nursing encompasses many clinical areas,” said Dr. L. Kathleen Sekula, assistant professor of Nursing. Forensic nurses detect and investigate signs of violent trauma in emergency rooms in cases of child, spousal or elder abuse. They also perform similar functions in day care centers, domestic violence shelters and nursing homes.
Another category of forensic nurse is the legal nurse expert. “These are usually nurses who currently practice in a specialty area, such as obstetrics, who are called upon to study records in cases and often testify for one side or another in a legal proceeding,” Sekula explained.

A third area of forensic nursing includes SANEs (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners). According to Sekula, SANEs are specially trained to assess rape victims. “They know how to collect evidence, keep the evidence possession chain clear, document the patient’s statements, while also tending to the patient’s physical needs,” Sekula said.

Other specialties include psychiatric forensic nurses, who work with both victims and perpetrators of violence, and nurses who serve as death examiners.

While there are many professional possibilities, Sekula stresses that Duquesne’s programs are ahead of the curve. “I tell our students this is an emerging field. They’re going to be the ones who write the job descriptions for these new areas of practice.” Sekula hopes that eventually all hospitals will have a forensic nurse on staff.

A unique aspect of the nursing programs is that both are offered online to students across the country. “About 75 percent of our students are from outside of the Pittsburgh area,” Sekula reports. Students hail from areas as far away as Florida, South Dakota, Texas and Oklahoma. “Some are in very rural areas, taking what they learn to places where forensic nurses are extremely rare,” she said.

There are only a handful of graduate forensic nursing programs in the nation, and again, Duquesne’s stands alone with its strong foundation in law. The Health Resources and Services Administration of the federal Department of Health and Human Services recently awarded
Duquesne’s nursing forensics program one of only two Advanced Education Nursing Program Grants. Sekula says the $825,000 three-year grant will be used to strengthen and expand forensic nursing offerings.

The Innocence Project
Since 1993, more than 130 prisoners nationwide have had their convictions overturned and been released from life imprisonment or death sentences based on DNA evidence or other new findings. Recently, Illinois Governor George Ryan commuted the sentences of 160 condemned inmates, calling the death penalty system, “incurably flawed.”

One of the leading advocates for re-examining questionable convictions is Wecht Institute advisory board member Barry Scheck. Known for his work in the Simpson case, Scheck is also the founder of the Innocence Project at New York’s Cardozo School of Law. About two dozen other law schools have joined his network, and this fall Duquesne becomes the first Pennsylvania law school to establish an Innocence Project.

The Innocence Project will be an in-house, DNA-driven clinic in which students will gain hands-on experience investigating cases and representing clients. Since Pennsylvania has the nation’s fourth-largest prison population, Rago expects hundreds of cases to be referred. Procedures are in place to review the cases and determine which clients to represent.

The Annual Conference
Another aspect of Duquesne’s involvement in forensic and legal issues is the annual Wecht Institute Conference. The inaugural symposium, held in 2001, focused on “DNA and the Law,” with national experts examining both the myths and facts surrounding the use of DNA evidence. Last year’s program (co-sponsored by the University’s Family Institute) looked at preventing, detecting and responding to various types of family violence, from child to elder abuse, and included a multi-denominational forum on clergy sexual abuse.

The 2003 conference, scheduled for Nov. 20-23, will examine “The Great American Murder Mystery” — the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the fateful day in Dallas, the program will shine the light of modern forensic science on this still-controversial case.

Neurosurgeon Robert Grossman, who examined Kennedy at Parkland Hospital, is among the scheduled presenters. Other participants include both Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who, as counsel to the Warren Commission, authored the controversial “single-bullet” theory, and Wecht, an outspoken critic of the theory. Zachary Sklar, journalist and co-author of the screenplay for Oliver Stone’s film “JFK,” is also scheduled to appear.
Just the Beginning

Rago is confident of further growth. “With the Strategic Plan’s mandate and support from top University officials, discussions are under way toward the development of more graduate programs that we hope to announce in 2004,” Rago said.

Among the schools involved are Natural and Environmental Sciences, Business and Liberal Arts, with programs envisioned in such areas as accounting, computer sciences, toxicology, biology, chemistry and the social sciences.

The Wecht Institute has also been tapped by CRC Publishing to produce what Rago calls “the definitive textbook on forensic science and law.” Wecht and Rago will co-edit the volume and have solicited submissions from dozens of renowned authors.

The combination of various disciplines with substantial legal content and input from Wecht and his network of experts uniquely positions Duquesne for distinction in the field. “We’re well on our way to building a cadre of programs that in five years’ time can be a national and international leader in forensic science and law education,” Rago said.

For more information on forensic science and law programs at Duquesne University, visit www.forensics.duq.edu. For details on this year’s Wecht Institute Conference, visit www.jfk.duq.edu.

Duquesne Leads the Way with a Master of Accountancy Degree with a Forensic Focus

Responding to the increasing demand for professionals with the skills of accountant and forensic specialist, the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business at Duquesne University will soon become the nation’s only graduate business school offering a Master of Accountancy (MAcc) degree program with a focus on forensic accounting.

Along with the two other specializations in the MAcc program (Taxation and Securities and Exchange Reporting), the Forensic Accounting track deepens the school’s commitment to offering a graduate curriculum with a focus on applied research and knowledge.

The program is slated to begin admitting students for classes in May 2004. For more information, contact Dr. Sharon Green, 412-396-5474, or green@duq.edu.
Mary was not sure where she was going when she walked off the ship. She had come to marry a man she had never met. There were no friends there to meet her when she arrived. Her primary means of communication was in the form of a small card hanging from her neck listing her identity and proposed destination.

Stephen Sandelich, a member of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans from 1947 to 1950, recounted the story of his mother’s arrival in America from Croatia.

“These people, who never went away from their own little village, went to the other side of the world,” he marveled. “The courage is fantastic. All of the world was coming to the United States.”

Although it seemed that these people had left everything behind, in reality they brought a rich cultural heritage with them. Their traditions told the story of generations that had lived before. For the Sandelich family, the story has continued through three generations of Duquesne Tamburitzans: the elder Stephen; his son Michael, who graduated from the business school in 1980; and Stephen M. Sandelich, who joins the group as a freshman biology major this fall.

The elder Stephen, who claims that he got in “by accident,” was already a WWII veteran when he saw the Duquesne Tamburitzans perform in his hometown of Milwaukee. Matt L. Gouze, the director at that time, met with him after the show and encouraged him to try out for the group.

“He wanted me because I was a good dancer — and a good mechanic!” Stephan reported. “I fixed the bus on a few occasions.”

Touring with the Duquesne Tamburitzans was a different experience in his time. Rather than stay in hotels, students would
board with families in towns across the nation.

“You could say we were not very economically advantaged,” Sandelich said.

“After every concert we always had a reception, and the local people would treat us. It was a great way to meet the people — and meet the girls!”

It was love and marriage that eventually changed his plans, leading Stephen to settle in Kansas City with his wife Elizabeth before graduating. However, he appreciates his time with the Duquesne Tamburitzans as an education beyond the classroom.

“This was a chance to learn how other people lived and survived,” he said.

It is the same lesson he wishes for his grandson.

“He will learn how to exist with other people and adapt to change. This is the biggest thing we all learn. Life is change.”

In the changing times of the ‘60s and ‘70s, however, Old World traditions remained a constant in the Sandelich home.

“We were always around the music and the language,” recalled Michael Sandelich. “It wasn’t a separate part of my life. It was just there.”

His family helped to establish a junior Tamburitzans group in Kansas City, and Michael and his three sisters took part.

“Every year when the Duquesne Tamburitzans came to town, we always went to see the show. It was a big deal,” said Michael Sandelich.

He began to set his sights on becoming a member of the ensemble. “When I was growing up, Duquesne represented the pinnacle of ethnic culture, and I wanted to see if I could do it,” he explained. “When they accepted me, it was a real rush.”

Michael began his career as an accountant in Pittsburgh after graduating, yet he also founded his own successful folk band, LOLE, with five other Tamburitzan alumni. He remained active in the group until work carried his family to Detroit in 1992, where they remain.

The move to Duquesne will be a homecoming of sorts for young Stephen, who spent part of his childhood in Pittsburgh. His first memories of the Duquesne Tamburitzans revolve around the traditional season kickoff at the Hartwood Acres outdoor amphitheater in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

“I remember going out with the whole family, taking blankets and having picnics. I remember being awed by how old-fashioned they looked,” Stephen said.

He heard many stories about the ensemble from both his father and grandfather.

“It sounded like a lot of hard work but a lot of fun, too. The Tamburitzans were definitely a big part of my decision to come to Duquesne,” he said.

Reflecting on the personal significance of his family tradition, Stephen added, “I think it’s important to remember where you came from and preserve the heritage. This is definitely a good way to do that. It seems like if you don’t know where you came from, it would be kind of hard to know where you are going.”

Like his father and grandfather before him, Stephen Sandelich will sing and play in the traditions of Eastern European cultures when he performs with the Duquesne Tamburitzans. As they bring together the music, songs and dances of an Old World, they raise new awareness of the heritage and destiny all people share — that of the human race.

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Stephen M. Sandelich
n a world where students have an increasingly diverse array of academic options, including everything from digital animation to business ethics, English as a major remains a popular choice.

“Students still see English as a good foundation for their careers and graduate degrees,” says Dr. Linda Kinnahan, who believes that people are often drawn to the discipline for different reasons.

“For one person, it may be the power of a social idea expressed through writing, for another the draw may be the crafting of a perfect metric line. Literature has the potential to affect each individual across a rich range of aesthetic, political, personal and other ways.”

The English department of the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts currently has its highest number of undergraduates in more than 10 years. As the new chair of the department, Kinnahan welcomes the challenge.

“This is an exciting time in the department and in the discipline. Our course offerings are more diverse than ever, including more American literature, more literature authored by women and minorities and an approach that exposes students to contemporary works while also valuing literary traditions.”

Kinnahan’s exposure to literature began when she was 10 years old through what she admits was not your usual grade school activity.

“When I was in fourth grade, a group of girls formed a club. We met every week to critique and discuss each other’s short stories,” she laughs.

Today, Kinnahan is at the forefront of what some in the field define as the new face of literary studies.

“In the past, literary works were approached primarily as artifacts apart from social contexts. Today, in addition to this traditional approach, we analyze pieces in relationship to social and cultural forces,” she says.

“This is an important shift that offers an opportunity to show students the work’s relevance in today’s world as well as in a historical perspective. Understanding the political and social time in which a work was written, for instance, helps us gain more insight about the author and her culture and can bring a greater appreciation for the work.”

Kinnahan joined Duquesne University 13 years ago as a 20th-century American literature professor. During her tenure, she has played a vital role in enhancing the department and the discipline.

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expression, both visual and verbal. I’m also interested in the study of previously ignored writers and their relation to a broad range of cultural forms, including painting and advertising, for instance, and social discourses like economics.” She specializes in British and American poetry, feminist theory and criticism and is the author of numerous scholarly publications.

Like many of the women she has written about and studied, she has also been a force for social and cultural change. Her influence led to the development and implementation of the university’s Women’s and Gender Studies program, which is now available as an undergraduate minor.

“This is an area of legitimate academic enterprise. Society is becoming much more invested in the role gender plays in both public and private spheres,” says Kinnahan.

“We are also finding that society is much more willing to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of women throughout history.”

In the classroom, Kinnahan subscribes to an interactive teaching style.

“I believe teaching is a collaboration. I learn as much from my students as they do from me. We have an incredible opportunity to open doors of possibility for each student if we can be open to new approaches and teach in a style that involves learners actively.”

She also supports an interdisciplinary approach to exploring the theories of language and writing.

“Written works do not exist in a vacuum. Everything is interconnected.”

Even books in today’s popular culture have an important role to play according to Kinnahan.

“Forms of popular culture, such as films, ‘Harry Potter,’ music and others offer important sites for examining how expressive forms speak to and from social conditions,” says Kinnahan.

“Students enjoy and share an interest in the everyday culture around them and are usually eagerly willing to think more deeply and go below the surface of the popular.”

In her own writing, Kinnahan has most recently focused on 20th-century and contemporary poets. Her second book, “Lyric Interventions,” is coming out this fall.

“I have been looking at the relationship between a form of poetry, the lyric, which is usually considered a sort of private expression of emotion, traditionally understood as a private moment that is allowed to be overheard. I’m instead looking at the way in which experimental projects by women poets very deliberately bring the lyric into a kind of public arena and make it interactive,” she explains.

Kinnahan even added a family connection to her writing when she and her artist mother collaborated on a book of poetry and paintings in which Kinnahan’s poems responded to her mother’s watercolors.

“I am very interested in exploring the way visual art complements the written work,” she says. “It was rewarding to do the project together.”

When asked to name her favorite author, Kinnahan pauses. “So many have touched me for various reasons. It’s hard to name just one.”

However, one thing is certain — none of the authors will escape her passion for critical analysis.

“I like to consider myself a literary investigator. I enjoy the journey of exploring the mystery of the written word.”

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Alumnus Richard Hodos notes that he learned a thing or two — or three — during his time at Duquesne. For example, he learned that a strong background in finance and accounting are critical to business success. And that taking calculated risks could lead to greater rewards. And that the old adage “location, location, location” really is true.

Hodos’ unique path to the fast track world of the nation’s retail brokers utilized this knowledge and much more.

“At age 23, I read an article in Forbes magazine about a young investment banker who arranged lines of credit for Dutch flower growers. The concept intrigued me. At about the same time, I had an epiphany of sorts and realized that while I had a great marketing job at a good financial firm, I couldn’t do the same thing day in and day out for the rest of my life.”

So he bought a $39 plane ticket to Newark, NJ to meet the man featured in the Forbes article. He then flew to Holland and negotiated a deal with a flower broker that led to the opening of high-end flower shops in Pittsburgh with locations at PPG Place, One Oxford Centre and Valley View Center in Dallas.

“Something interesting happened during that time,” he says. “Because my stores looked so appealing, developers would approach me wanting to build my stores in key locations. This was my first direct exposure to retail real estate brokers.”

In the course of expanding the business, Hodos became friendly with Richard Zappala, a well-known Pittsburgh developer. Zappala saw Richard’s potential and hired him to develop the Galleria in Mount Lebanon.

“We were successful in bringing stores to Pittsburgh that previously weren’t in the market,” says Hodos. “It was an incredible learning experience.”

From there, the Johnstown, Pennsylvania native catapulted into retail development as one of the top urban retail
Name: Richard B. Hodos
Hometown: Johnstown, PA
Year of Graduation: 1982
Degree: bachelor of science, Business Administration, cum laude
Current Position: The founding principal and president of Madison HGCD, LLC.
Organization Description: A leading retail real estate brokerage firm that performs national and regional site selection and lease negotiations for high-end clients including Coach, Tiffany & Co., J. Crew, The Body Shop, Cole Haan and others.
Career Highlight: “Negotiating the deal for Calvin Klein’s flagship store is something I am still very proud of. It was a complex situation that took very involved, intense legal maneuvering, solid business expertise and an extreme amount of patience.”
Advice to students still searching for a career path: “Take courses that you may not find particularly appealing. If you like music, take a math course. If you like history, take a business class. You will emerge as a more well-rounded person, and you may find you really enjoy one of those other areas once you have been exposed to them.”
Duquesne Role Model: “So many people influenced me at Duquesne it’s impossible to name just one — Dr. Kurt Rethwish, Dr. Richard Bond, Toni Pelligrini, Charmagne Kanoza and many others made a difference in my life.”
brokers in the country. In 1990, he began working in New York City where he directed the leasing on several shopping centers, including negotiations for anchor and specialty deals for Saks Fifth Avenue and Polo/Ralph Lauren in the Waterside Shops at Pelican Bay in Naples, FL.

As president of Madison HGCD, LLC, a firm that performs site selection and lease negotiations for premier clients like Tiffany & Co., J. Crew and Borders Books and Records, Hodos’ influence can be felt in trendy neighborhoods from New York to San Francisco.

“As a firm, we are very interested in downtown revitalization and in bringing in clients that complement and invigorate a neighborhood,” he says. “We analyze the demographics and psychographics of an area and strive to find the right fit for tenants, landlords and consumers. A good location is more than an address.”

That approach is working. This spring, Madison HGCD was named the exclusive retail broker for the World Financial Center in New York City. Later this year, Madison HGCD will acquire a company in San Francisco to merge with its small office there.

For Hodos, another measure of success is his track record with some of the big names in the retail fashion industry. “I’m most proud of negotiating space for Calvin Klein’s flagship store on Madison Avenue,” said Hodos. “We were walking down the street one day and Calvin stopped and said ‘I want that building, I don’t care what it costs.’ At the time, it was a bank. It took many months of intense, complex negotiating, but we got it done.”

He also closed the deal on Gianni Versace’s flagship store on the Big Apple’s Fifth Avenue. “The store opened with Elton John and Jon Bon Jovi singing on a makeshift stage on the second floor of the store,” Hodos proudly noted.

Despite his big city success, Hodos hasn’t lost his Pittsburgh roots. If you have shopped in the city’s Shadyside area, chances are you have benefited from his expertise. His firm negotiated the leasing arrangements for Gap, Banana Republic, Coach, J. Crew and Sephora.

“I lived in Shadyside and still come back to Pittsburgh frequently to visit family and friends from my DU days,” he says. Hodos speaks fondly of his experience at Duquesne, listing at least a dozen professors by name whose teachings continue to influence him today.

“Not a day goes by that I’m not using what I learned in class. At Duquesne, I was taught that a company had a fiduciary duty to shareholders, but also a duty to its customers, employees and the community,” he says.

He advises current business students to have a solid grasp of finance and accounting. “Globalization, stock option compensation plans and just plain greed have changed businesses over the past 15 to 20 years. Since times have changed, a solid understanding of the numbers and what they mean will propel one above the pack in today’s business world.”

Hodos has certainly applied what he learned at Duquesne with overwhelming success, and the retail community and city neighborhoods across the nation are better for it.
Maybe you’ve heard this one before. If you’re a fan of Duquesne basketball, chances are you have.

“There’s no shortcut to being successful.” The difference this time is that Danny Nee is saying it, and he has a history of successfully reviving programs facing formidable obstacles.

Duquesne last qualified for the NCAA tournament in 1977; the Dukes’ last trip to the NIT tournament was in 1994. Despite his high expectations for his team this year, Nee, about to start his third season on the Bluff, knows the dangers of manufacturing false hope.

On the other hand, he values the loyalty of Duquesne fans and understands how badly they want — no, need — a winning season.

“I feel sorry for some of the old alumni,” Nee says. “I know sometimes it has been painful to come to Palumbo.” Nee isn’t asking anybody to ignore the pain, he’s just hoping they don’t let it color everything they see. What he sees is real progress and legitimate signs that better days are ahead.

Nee is not alone. When you factor in the increased level of support the basketball program is getting from Duquesne’s administration and Nee’s past accomplishments in similar situations, optimism about the Dukes does not seem the least misguided. True, Nee’s second season only produced one more victory than his first, and, yes, the top teams in the Atlantic 10 conference figure to be just as tough this season as they have been in the past. But good things are happening in the basketball program.
The Dukes’ had a 10-win, 20-loss season in 2002–03, however, that record is deceiving and positive signs are plentiful. Eight of the losses were by five or fewer points and 20 of the Dukes’ 30 games were decided by less than 10 points. So, despite the sub-.500 mark, they were certainly a lot more competitive, especially inside the conference. Most notable was an 80-78 overtime loss at Palumbo to Xavier, the A-10’s best team last season.

“We teased them,” says Nee. “Now we have to learn how to get that boat home.”

Nee’s track record indicates that he knows how to do just that. He has 23 years experience as a head coach and 14 postseason appearances on his resume. Most of his success was at Ohio University and Nebraska, two schools where the obstacles to success in basketball are certainly comparable to what he is facing at Duquesne.

The perpetually optimistic Nee has high hopes for the Duquesne program. “When I look at Duquesne, as an outsider, I see a school that’s one of the top 10 Catholic schools in the country, so why can’t it be one of the top 10 Catholic schools in basketball? Why can’t we have the success of a Creighton or a Gonzaga?”

Nee has a plan to achieve that success. “We have experienced coaches. We have good people, good students and good basketball players. We’ve got our plan and we’re sticking with our plan.”

Helping to implement the plan this season will be four returning starters who understand the demands Nee’s staff has made on them. One more positive Nee sees for 2003–04 is that as he starts his third season, he is finally surrounded by “all my players.” By this he means players who understand his system and how he wants the game to be played.

“The big difference I see with Danny Nee is he has a presence,” says Dave Mackall, who has seen four different men coach the Dukes in the decade he has covered the team for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. “He commands their attention in the huddles, he’s no nonsense.”

“You can see the difference in how they respond after a timeout. They’re totally focused. He is their leader,” says Mackall.

A focused team that follows the leader is good, but it won’t mean all that much without a significant increase in talent. The Dukes were competitive last season with Xavier, Dayton and other tough teams on their schedule, but they lacked the overall talent and depth to consistently come out on top.

This season, the four returning starters — center Ron Dokes, forward Elijah Palmer and guards Jimmy Tricco and Bryant McAllister — should benefit from the experience gained in those tough losses. Dokes, a 6-foot-9 senior, came on strong at the end of the season, shooting almost 58 percent from the field over his final seven games. Tricco, a 6-foot-8 senior swingman, hit five or more 3-point shots in a game six different times last season.

McAllister, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, led the team in assists and averaged almost 26 minutes a game as a true freshman. Palmer, a 6-foot-7 senior forward, led the team in rebounding in 2002-03.

Those four should be helped greatly by the team’s improved depth. Nee is especially excited about two newcomers. One is point guard Martin Osinami of Uruguay, who started his career at Utah and then transferred to a junior college before coming to Duquesne this fall. Nee also has high hopes for Keiron Achara, a 6-foot-9 freshman from Scotland. Others likely to make major contributions are Jack Higgins, 6-foot-5, a former star at Pittsburgh’s Schenley High School, who has transferred in from Cleveland State, and Ryan Tricco, Jimmy’s younger brother. Veteran Jon Pawlak, a 6-foot-9 junior who returns after a redshirt year, should help bolster the frontcourt.

“We’ve made the first step,” says Brian Colleary, Duquesne’s athletic director and the man who hired Nee in 2001. “The challenge is to take that second step.”

“Danny Nee has an idea how to build a program,” says Mackall. “Look at what he’s done. He’s been able to get it done in some tough places to win. Now he’s trying to show the student body and the alumni what it feels like to win again.”

For a change, Duquesne’s nonconference schedule should be cooperative. When Nee was hired, Colleary said the school would make an effort to schedule more home games. This season, Duquesne plays 16 games at Palumbo, which includes a December 3 game against cross-town rival Pitt. The added home games and the team’s overall experience makes Duquesne’s first winning season in nine years appear to be a reasonable goal. Not that those connected with the program aren’t looking for more than that.

“We want to go to a postseason tournament this year,” says Colleary. “We’ve got 16 home games, a reasonable schedule and four starters back. I think that we’d like to go to a postseason tournament.”

The increased number of home games and the hiring of an experienced coach along with a veteran staff, demonstrate a renewed commitment to the program by the University. That kind of commitment was needed in order to make Duquesne more competitive in the Atlantic 10, Colleary says, and the time has come for a return on that investment.

“We’re getting close,” says Nee. “The first part is to get competitive, the second part is learning how to handle success.”

“We’re finding players. We’re getting our diamonds in the rough. The school has given me the tools to get it done. There are no excuses here. No alibis. If we don’t get it done now, it will never get done. Now is the time.”

Story by Bill Modoono
come from a long line of Holy Ghost fathers. I’m the fourth generation,” said the Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., Duquesne University’s executive vice president for Student Life. Though four generations of Spiritans in one family is itself remarkable, Hogan’s lineage is unique for another reason. Three of those four generations were Spiritan missionaries in Africa.

These and other Spiritan missionaries forged strong and longstanding bonds that bind the University to the people of Africa. As the world’s only Spiritan university, Duquesne has for years been a magnet for African Spiritans seeking advanced degrees, for African students who learn about Duquesne from Spiritan parish priests and for Spiritans from all over the world who performed missionary service in Africa.

In Hogan’s case, the road to Duquesne led to the Spiritans and to Africa simultaneously. Hogan’s uncle, a Spiritan, was a missionary in Nigeria. His great uncle, also a Spiritan missionary, served in Sierra Leone, and even a relative who was not a Spiritan — a great aunt — served with the Spiritans in East Africa.

True to his heritage, one year after his ordination in 1967, Hogan went to Kenya and spent eight years there, working to improve the economic and spiritual life of his parishioners in the tumultuous years following Kenyan independence from Great Britain.

Kenya was a pragmatic assignment for members of the Spiritan’s Irish Province because Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda and the other former British colonies of East Africa used English as a unifying tongue. Likewise, French-
speaking Spiritans found themselves in former French and Belgian colonies, like the Congo, in Central Africa.

**Paving the Way to Duquesne**

Joe De Crosta, associate director of International Affairs, sees how the work of Spiritans in Africa paves the way for African students who find their way to the Bluff. “People in Africa befriend missionary priests and through the priests they hear about Duquesne. That relationship between the Spiritans and the community has created a natural connection with Duquesne, and now there is a long history of Duquesne in Africa,” De Crosta said.

That long history has made Duquesne a natural choice for many African students, and today the University has 87 African students from more than 20 different nations. Some of these students come to Duquesne to study, but others earn degrees without ever setting foot on campus.

Since 1991 the theology department has granted a masters degree from Duquesne University through the Spiritan Institute School of Theology (SIST) in Enugu, a city of roughly one million people in south central Nigeria.

Dr. James Hanigan, professor of theology, claims this unusual cooperative program fills a critical void, and he gives credit for the idea to the Spiritan order. “Among Africans, to have a degree is a matter of great distinction, and African seminaries are usually not licensed to grant degrees,” Hannigan explained. “So African priests sometimes have degrees in secular subjects, but not in theology.”

To Hanigan, who was director of graduate studies at the SIST program’s inception, it seemed like a good idea. Nevertheless, it was, and still is, extremely uncommon to grant degrees in another institution on another continent. To get the program rolling, regular visits by members of the Duquesne Theology Department were necessary to ensure that SIST met United States accreditation requirements.

Since it began, the program has conferred nearly 100 Master of Theology degrees from Duquesne University on African priests at SIST.

**A Program for Peace**

Some of these theology students then pursue doctorates at Duquesne, but they are by no means the only African students to make their way here. In the past six years, 19 African graduate students have come to Duquesne on scholarships that are administered by the Political Science Department.

These scholarships have their genesis in a meeting of African bishops held at Duquesne in 1997. At that time, the Rev. William Headley, C.S.Sp., then the director of the Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies program at Duquesne and now with Catholic Relief Services in Baltimore, organized an African Bishops Colloquium. The purpose of the gathering was to explore ways for the University and the bishops to unite their efforts to resolve conflicts and further the cause of peace throughout Africa.

That scholarship for African students to study conflict resolution at Duquesne and the many links forged between the University and Africa would not exist if it were not for the Spiritan’s missionary history. “It’s the missionary root of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, isn’t it?” said Dr. Richard Colignon, associate
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Dr. Richard Colignon

professor of sociology and director of the Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies program. “When people go into the order, they go into it to be missionaries, and that work, for a large part, has been in Africa.”

Helping Where Help is Needed

Though Spiritans built the first bridges between the University and Africa, others, like Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers, associate professor of education, have followed. Lopez Levers is a recent recipient of a Fulbright Scholar grant that will allow her to spend the next year in southern Africa studying culturally appropriate ways to halt the AIDS pandemic.

At the University of Botswana, located in a country where an estimated 36 percent of adults are infected with HIV, Lopez Levers will research the best methods of spreading the AIDS prevention message and help develop training for counselors who work with orphans, the lesser-known victims of the African AIDS epidemic. According to Lopez Levers, many of that continent’s 12 million orphans are the children of parents who died from AIDS.

Her work will bring an untried approach to battling the disease — using cultural opinion leaders to spread an AIDS prevention message. She says that in African cultures, those who have the power to influence behavior, including tribal leaders, village elders, local educators and traditional healers, are not propagating the prevention message. Instead, African communities are exposed to unfamiliar health care concepts introduced to them by well-meaning foreigners. “I respect these people because they have good intentions, but we are helping to make the problem worse,” she said.

Speaking of her numerous trips to Africa, the last three of which have taken place in the past 24 months, and a career dedicated to finding better ways to help where help is needed, Lopez Levers said, “This Fulbright is an outgrowth of everything I’ve done so far.”

And like the research Lopez Levers will conduct in Botswana, Duquesne’s many connections to the land and people of Africa also spring from work begun long ago, in schools and churches built through the selfless labor of Spiritan missionaries.
From humble beginnings in rented rooms above a bakery in Pittsburgh’s Hill District, Duquesne University has grown to exemplify excellence in Catholic higher education. Today, with burgeoning enrollment, regional academic and business partnerships and a pervasive volunteer spirit that serves the community in countless ways, Duquesne University is, more than ever, a vital part of the growth and prosperity of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania.

In honor of the University’s 125th anniversary, Duquesne’s colorful history is on display at the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh’s Strip District, Oct. 1–Dec. 14.

Students, faculty and staff can attend for free by showing their Duquesne I.D. card.

**Duquesne University 125th Anniversary**

**Led by the Spirit Exhibit**

Exhibit runs from Oct. 1– Dec. 14

October 17, 7:30 p.m., Alumni wine and cheese reception
October 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Trolley tours from campus to the history center
November 1, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Meet the Author, featuring distinguished Duquesne faculty authors
December 6, 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Meet members of the Tamburitzans

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President of Duquesne University 1959–1980
Growing up in a family of steelworkers, Jim McQuade (Business ’61) made his mind up early that he wanted to take another route. “It was a very, very hard life,” he recalls of mill work. “Few people retired. They all died too soon.”

The son of an Irish immigrant who stressed “education, education, education,” McQuade counts his blessings that he was able to utilize the G.I. Bill to pay for his Duquesne education. But he does remember the stress he endured as a 23-year-old student with a wife and two children, hustling home after his day classes to put in 40 hours a week working double shifts at the mill.

McQuade went on from Duquesne to have a successful career in sales, retiring in 1989 from the Gillette Safety Razor Company. Today, he wants to help give others the same opportunity to go to college that he had. Though he jokes that his decision to give stemmed from a solid case of guilt, he’s very serious when he speaks of his good fortune and his desire to help others. “I was extremely lucky in life. This is a way of sharing my gratitude with the world.”

McQuade endowed five scholarships, each in the memory of an individual who played an important role in his life. One honors Aaron and Pearl Cantor of Cantor’s market, where McQuade had his first job sweeping floors, cleaning the butcher block and running groceries for three or four dollars a week and the chance at a free movie pass.

Another recognizes Sam Lebowitz, a Swissvale druggist who employed a teenage McQuade as a clerk and soda jerk. The James P. McQuade Family Endowed Scholarship in Memory of James Hickey is aimed toward accounting majors and memorializes a friend and fellow Duquesne student who passed away before he could enjoy his retirement.

McQuade also established an endowed scholarship for School of Nursing in honor of his fiancee Mary Ann Jarzynka, who always knew she wanted to be a nurse.

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James P. McQuade
nurse. The fifth endowed scholarship is in memory of McQuade’s brother and is for education students.

All of these people helped McQuade further himself in life, and now he wants to play the same role for others. “If you have the talent and desire to go to school, I will help you,” he says.

His generosity is making a difference in Ronalynn Gwin’s life today. A senior business major and the recipient of McQuade’s Cantor Scholarship, Gwin emphasizes that her college education wouldn’t be possible without the support of people like McQuade. “If it weren’t for scholarships, I wouldn’t be here,” she says.

Gwin spends two full days in class and four days working split shifts as a secretary and fitness trainer at a local gym. The rest of the time, she’s most likely either studying or commuting between school and her home in New Castle, an hour’s drive each way. But what may sound like a heavy load for a college senior is, for her, “the experience of a lifetime,” she says.

Gwin fell in love with Duquesne’s campus as a high school student. She had her hopes set on a career in accounting, but she didn’t know how she’d make college work. “I live with my grandparents, and they can’t afford to pay for me to go to college,” says Gwin. “I’m so thankful for people who donate money to enable people like me to go to the college we want.”

Many Duquesne students benefit from endowment and other financial support — funding that benefits students based on academic programs, or on specific interests or activities. Endowed scholarships come from the generosity of individuals, as well as from foundations and corporations.

Take Jonah Ezell, for example. Ezell was a solid student with dreams of working in sports media. But as the child of a single parent who couldn’t afford big college bills, he had no real idea how to make college work financially. Not until his pastor gave him some information about Duquesne — information that would eventually lead him to receive the E. Thomas Pappert-Chrysler Minority Dealers Association Endowed Minority Scholarship.

Initiated in 1998 by the members of the Chrysler Minority Dealers Association in honor of E. Thomas Pappert, Business ’61, a retired vice president of Chrysler Corporation, the Pappert-Chrysler scholarship provides need-based financial assistance to minority students who wish to attend Duquesne. Since that time, the scholarship has turned dreams into reality for eight deserving students.

One of those deserving students was Ezell, who graduated in May with a degree in journalism and who now is on the cusp of a dream career come true. He started as a production assistant at Fox Sports in Los Angeles, just a few months after graduation.

“If it weren’t for the scholarship, I never would have made it,” says Ezell. “This was my only real, legitimate opportunity to go to college.”

Ezell’s mother, Barbara Childs, agrees. “It was a blessing to our family. When you’re worried about money, you’re not going to do well academically,” she says. “I’m so proud of my only son!”

Story by Alison D’Addieco
During our 125th Anniversary year, two terrific Duquesne traditions—Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend—are combined for one HUGE celebration. Alumni, students, parents and the campus community are ALL invited to share in the fun and fellowship the weekend offers. Stroll through Autumnfest, visit our 125th Anniversary Exhibit, cheer on our championship Dukes, take in the talent show—there’s something for everyone, including plenty of FREE activities. Won’t you join us? Alumni who are parents of current students are especially urged to attend.

Friday, October 17
Class of 1993 10th Reunion Dinner
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Senator John Heinz
Pittsburgh Regional History Center
Join the Rev. Sean Hogan, executive vice president for Student Life, as he hosts this special dinner honoring the Class of 1993. We’re also pleased to present our University president, Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, the keynote speaker. Get together with fellow alumni you haven’t seen for a decade and enjoy the fine food and fond memories you’ll uncover. Plan to stay afterwards to join the Alumni Wine & Cheese Reception and tour the Duquesne University 125th Anniversary History Exhibit at the Heinz.

Alumni Wine & Cheese Reception and Duquesne University’s 125th Anniversary History Exhibit
7:30–9:30 p.m.
Senator John Heinz
Pittsburgh Regional History Center
It’s a banner year for Duquesne University, and what better way to celebrate than to invite all our alumni to this landmark location in the Strip District to see the life of Duquesne in pictures? Don’t miss this special opportunity to celebrate Duquesne’s unique contributions to local history with your fellow alumni. The event is FREE, but advance reservations are required.

Spotlight Musical Theater Performance
8:30 p.m.
PNC Recital Hall
Mary Pappert School of Music
Duquesne’s premier musical theater performance group has a special treat planned just for our Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend guests. Catch them in the beautiful PNC Recital Hall for an evening you won’t forget.

Saturday, October 18
Nursing School Alumni Breakfast
9 a.m.
Room 613, Duquesne Union
Join your fellow nursing alumni for breakfast and a guest speaker. For more information, please contact Leah Cunningham at 412-396-6383 or e-mail: cunningh@duq.edu.

Trolley Tours and Round-Trip Shuttle to Duquesne University’s History Center Exhibit
9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Trolley Stop in Front of the Duquesne Union
Stop by the registration table for a complimentary ticket for an old-fashioned trolley ride around the beautiful and ever-changing Duquesne campus. The trolleys will also travel to the Heinz History Center and back for those who wish to see the Duquesne University 125th Anniversary History Exhibit. The trolley ride is free, and the ticket for the exhibit is just $4.

Classes of 1953 and 1963 Reunion Brunch and Induction of New Pioneers’ Club Members
10 a.m.
Senator John Heinz
Pittsburgh Regional History Center
Did you graduate 50 or more years ago? Then you are a Duquesne Pioneer! All Pioneers are invited to come share memories, enjoy a delicious brunch and welcome the Class of 1953 into the Pioneers’ Club. Golden anniversary pins will be awarded to our new Pioneers. For our Class of 1963 graduates — come back to see how good 40 years look. You are also special guests at this reunion brunch, so don’t miss catching up with your classmates and receiving your 40-year reunion pin.

Meet DU’s Coaches
10 a.m.
A.J. Palumbo Center
Come and get acquainted with Duquesne’s basketball coaches and enjoy light refreshments at our very own A.J. Palumbo Center.

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Alumni Post-Game Reception
4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Duquesne Room, Duquesne Union
Head straight from the game to join your fellow graduates for this informal reception. Make this your pit stop before the BBQ dinner to kick back with old friends and enjoy some great refreshments and entertainment.

Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend Barbeque
4:30–6:30 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
The evening is just getting started for alumni, students and parents at this Homecoming BBQ feast. Enjoy delicious food and the opportunity to mingle with current students and their parents, as well as old friends.
AE & ATO Fraternities –
Homecoming Dinner and
Father Duchene Scholarship Fundraiser
6 p.m
Room 613, Duquesne Union
The brothers of the Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega fraternities have planned a wonderful evening for all AEs, ATOs and their guests. In addition to being a great time of fellowship, the proceeds from this dinner will benefit the Father Duchene Scholarship fund.
Tickets are $50 per person.

Journalism Class of 1953 50th Reunion Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Seifert Suite, Duquesne Union
Join your hostess and fellow alumna, Jean (Papieski) Leister, for this special dinner just for our Golden Anniversary Journalism grads and their families. Don’t miss this special time of reminiscing. The cost is just $25 per person.

Nursing Class of 1963 40th Reunion Dinner
(Four year program graduates)
6:30 p.m.
Room 608, Duquesne Union
Has it already been 40 years? You are cordially invited to attend this event planned especially for our Ruby Anniversary Nursing graduates and their families. A fellow 1963 alumna, Kathy (Donahue) Haver, will serve as hostess for the dinner. The cost is just $25 per person.

Student Talent Show
7 p.m.
Duquesne Union Ballroom
Catch a glimpse of some of DU’s most talented freshmen at this traditional talent show sponsored by the Residence Life Office. These students will compete for prizes, so come and cheer them on as they sing and dance their way into the judges’ hearts and yours.

Chamber Singers Concert
8:30 p.m.
Duquesne University Chapel
Top off your Homecoming Saturday with a magnificent performance by Duquesne’s acclaimed Chamber Singers and Concert Choir. You won’t want to miss this spectacular show by these gifted students in the beautiful University Chapel.

Sunday, October 19
Alumni Homecoming Mass
11 a.m.
Duquesne University Chapel
Everyone is welcome to Duquesne’s magnificent Chapel for the traditional Homecoming closing Mass.

Alumni Champagne Brunch
Noon
Duquesne Room, Duquesne Union
Treat yourself and your family to a scrumptious brunch, including omelets, waffles, pastries and other treats too numerous to mention. Relish that last cup of coffee as you enjoy a special performance by some of our most talented Music School students. A wonderful way to top off your Homecoming 2003 experience.
1940s

Val Jansante, E’48 was inducted into the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Jansante, a Pittsburgh Steelers star of the late 1940s and early 1950s, was elected to the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

1950s

Catherine Baker Knoll, E’52, GE’72, Pennsylvania’s lieutenant governor, was the 2003 commencement speaker for Carlow College...Carl Pacacha, E’52 reached the tennis finals in doubles in Newport News, Va. He and his wife Joan Pacacha, S’52 reside in Troy, Mich.

1960s

Arleen N. Kaizer, P’60 has been named an Honorary Fellow of the Federal Bar Foundation...Adele Bove Sebben, E’61, GA’66 was recently named to the national board of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD)...Carol Morgan, A’63 and her art group, International Artist’s Support Group (IASG), will show their work from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 in St. Petersburg, Russia. She has submitted two pieces of figurative work...Harry D. Reagan, B’64 was elected director of Parkvale Financial Corporation and Parkvale Savings Bank. He has more than 50 years of service in the banking industry...David Brugger, A’65 of Washington, D.C., has been named to the Federal Communications Commission Consumer Advisory Committee...Nicholas Colafella, GE’65 received the Lewis F. Adler Friend of Education Award from the Pennsylvania State Education Association...Dr. David D’Eramo, P’65, president and CEO for St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn. has been honored for his leadership by three organizations. He was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame by the Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, received the Human Relations Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice and was honored with the Robert U. Massey Award from the Capital Area Health Consortium...Cezaria Abartis, A’67 had a collection of fiction, “Nice Girls and Other Stories,” published by New Rivers Press, which won the Minnesota Voices Project Award. She teaches English at St. Cloud University...Jerry Spinneweber, B’67 has retired as vice president for national consumer lending after 35 years with Mellon Bank, N.A...Jim Cooney, GA’68 is a professor of Humanities at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa...Norman P. Darling, E’68 has been named corporate vice president for Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., headquartered in Illinois...Fred P. Gallo, A’68 has published: “Energy Psychology” (1998), “Energy Diagnostic and Treatment Methods” (2000), “Energy Tapping” (2000), “The Neurophysics of Human Behavior” (2000) and “Energy Psychology in Psychotherapy” (2002). He is also the Energy Psychology Series editor with W.W. Norton and has published three books in that series with a fourth due this year. He maintains a clinical practice in Hermitage, Pa. and teaches his psychotherapy methods throughout the United States, Canada and Europe...Murray Ufberg, JD’68 has been appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell to serve on the Independent Regulatory Review Commission...Carl Pacacha, E’52 reached the tennis finals in doubles in Newport News, Va. He and his wife Joan Pacacha, S’52 reside in Troy, Mich.

1970s

Karen (McCulloch) Hessel, E’70, co-authored with John Holloway Volume 2 in the School Leadership Series titled “Case Studies in School Leadership: Keys to a Successful Principalship” published by...
Educational Testing Service. This follows up the first volume in the series, “A Framework for School Leaders: Linking the ISLLC Standards to Practice,” co-authored by Hessel and Holloway. James B. Brown, JD’71 was appointed chairman of labor and employment for Cohen & Grisby in Pittsburgh. Michael W. Sozansky, Jr., A’71 has been named a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Bernard E. Beidel, A’72, director of the Office of Employee Assistance at the U.S. House of Representatives since 1991, was recently honored as the 2002 EAPA Member of the Year by the international Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) at its annual conference in Boston.

Richard I. Thomas, JD’72, a senior labor and employment lawyer, has been named partner in charge of the Pittsburgh office of Pepper Hamilton LLP. Jim Anderson, M’73 has been appointed visiting professor at New York University’s Tish School of the Performing Arts in the Clive Davis School of Recorded Music. Paul J. Gallagher, A’73 recently became president of Matthews International Corporation.

Mark Maller, GA’73, Ph.D.’96 is the author of “Getting Back,” published by Juniverse. He teaches philosophy at the College of DuPage and Lewis University. Ralph J. Stalter, Jr., A’73 has recently joined the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP as the technology training specialist for their New York City and Garden City, N.Y. offices. Frank D. Almade, Ph.D., A’74, GA’90, former secretary for social concerns for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is now pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Pittsburgh. He is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination this year.

James E. Fitzpatrick, A’74, GE’77 has been named Dean of Students at Bethany College in West Virginia. Mark Gilmour, E’74, JD’77 is tax director for TRW Automotive, Inc. in Michigan. Inez K. Miles, A’74, GA’79 is a commercial banking vice president and relationship manager for Citizens Bank in Pittsburgh and a member of Duquesne’s Alumni Board of Governors. She recently met Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace when she represented Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania at the Queen’s Awards, where The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Citizen’s parent group, was honored with the Queen’s Award for Enterprise 2003. Frederick J. Favorite, Jr., B’75 has been named senior vice president-performance improvement at CSX Transportation in Jacksonville, Fla. Richard J. Schubert, A’77, JD’80 was installed as president of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. Linda D. Eremita, A’78, senior vice president for NatCity Investments, Inc. was recently appointed to the company’s Higher Education Finance Group. Lt. Cmdr. Melvin Kessler, GM’78 has been appointed director, Atlantic Fleet Band in Norfolk, Va. He has just completed a tour as the assistant leader of the U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C.

Donald P. Fusilli, Jr., JD’79 has been elected to the Board of Directors for RTI International Metals, Inc. He is president and CEO of Michael Baker Corporation. Rosemary Martinelli, A’79, GA’88, principal of Martinelli & Associates, was recently named a 2003 committee member for the United Way’s Women’s Leadership Initiative (WLI). She will be working with other leaders in Allegheny County to enhance the future of children and families. Daniel A. Pepe, P’79, recently graduated summa cum laude with a Ph.D. in Health Services Management from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He and his wife, the former Barbara Brusco, P’87, reside in Chicago with their daughter Alyssa.

1980s

Carol A. Behers, A’80, JD’83 was selected for the 2003–04 edition of the “Best Lawyers in America” and was elected as Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Jerry S. McDevitt, JD’80, a Kirkpatrick & Lockhart partner, has been profiled by The National Law Journal in its annual feature describing the accomplishments of 10 of the top trial lawyers in the country. He was chosen because of his established record of obtaining favorable jury verdicts during his career. Stephen M. Schmerin, JD’80 became the 31st secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. Gary Seech, A’80 recently joined the Peters office of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Pittsburgh. Dr. Charma Dudley, GA’81 was promoted to associate executive director and clinical director for Family Resources in Pittsburgh. Marcia E. Heister, JD’81 was appointed senior vice president, secretary and general counsel of Sanchez Computer Associates Inc. in Malvern, Pa. Dennis L. Mark, GS’81, chief of Laboratory Automation at the Air Force Institute of Environmental Occupational Health Risk Assessment in Texas, has been included in the 2004 edition of Who’s Who in Executives and Professionals. Georgette Gerben, A’82, GE’95 is president of BatteryNexus, Inc. She is also a certified rehabilitation counselor and certified disability management specialist and an organizer for World Asthma Day events. Gus Martin, JD’82 was appointed chair of the Public Administration Department at California State University, Dominguez Hills, where he is also an associate professor. His book, “Understanding Terrorism: Challenges, Issues, and Perspectives” was published by Sage Publications. He also has a chapter coming out in November, titled “Sea Change: The Modern Terrorist Environment in Perspective” to be included in George Ritzer’s book “Handbook of International Social Problems.”
awarded her Ph.D. in Education at Virginia Commonwealth University in April, 2003. She is director of the Virginia Autism Resource Center at Grafton School and has coordinated state and federally funded projects supporting individuals with development disabilities, autism and challenging behavior for the past 10 years…David Finoli, A’83 and Bill Ranier, A’83 have recently had a book released, “The Pittsburgh Pirates Encyclopedia” from Sports Publishing Inc…Dr. M. Yvonne Hennigan, GE’83 has been appointed CEO and head of the Marymount International School of Rome…Annette (Dylewski) Spindle, B’83 has been selected as the business manager for the four radio stations (WZYP, WVNN, WUMP and WUSX) recently purchased by Cumulus Media, Inc. in the Huntsville, Ala. market…John P. Abriola, JD’85, founder and principal of Select Financial Group, LLC, has been appointed to the 2003 Advisory Council of Fidelity Investments…Nancy Fisher, N’85 joined the staff of the Transitional Infant Care Hospital in Pittsburgh…Naomi Veskey, B’86 and former Tamburitzan performer, has been named Group Account Director at KK&A Integrated Retail Marketing in Chicago, where she oversees all aspects of client service with a focus on strategic planning and program development…Robert Dale Stephenson, A’87 was promoted to vice president of sales for AT&T in Chicago…Scott MacDonald, M’88 is now the Commander and Conductor of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band located at Ft. Gordon, Ga.…Jerome McCoy, A’88 recently joined the Upper St. Clair office of Northwood Realty Services in Pittsburgh…Senator Jay Costa, Jr., JD’89, Gregory A. Castelli, A’90, and Jeannine L. Bertig, A’93, JD’96 were named shareholders of the firm Grogan Graffan, P.C. in Pittsburgh…Gail A. Davis, CPA, B’89 has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Hunger Services Network. She is a manager at Crawford Ellenbogen LLC and serves on the Accounting Advisory Board of Duquesne’s School of Business …Pamela S. Nelson, A’89, GB’96 has been appointed the director of human resources with the Pittsburgh Pirates…Vinnie V. Vaccarello, B’89 is vice president of Balfour Beatty Rail Maintenance, Inc. in Florida and is a member of Duquesne’s Hall of Fame.

1990s

Michael P. Mihalya, Jr., M’91, GM’93 was appointed interim vice president of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Bethany College in West Virginia…Steven W. Zofler, JD’91, shareholder at Dickie,McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., has been named to co-chair the newly restructured Commercial Law & Litigation Practice Group. He will also retain his chairmanship of the Technology Law Practice Group…Raymond R. Terza, GB’92 has been named general manager of Mon Valley Works in Pittsburgh…Lisa Burns, A’93, GA’97 has been hired as assistant professor of media studies at Quinnipiac University and is currently finishing her Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Maryland…Mark Henderson, A’93 and his wife Nicole, have been selected to run The Londonerry Inn, a bed and breakfast, in Londonderry, N.H. Recently a book, “Drum Circle: A Guide to World Percussion” translated into Japanese and Dutch and completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Kentucky. In June, he performed a solo concert at the Patagonia International Percussion Festival in General Roca, Rio Negro, Argentina and is scheduled to appear at the Polish International Percussion Festival in Wroclaw, Poland. He is currently a member of the faculty at Kutztown University…Scott Edmundson, P’94, owner of the Trafford Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, has received the Rookie of the Year Award from Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. The award is presented to a franchisee who exceeds expectations for a typical store during its first year of operation…Rita January, N’94 was named staff development educator at Alle-Kiske Medical Center…Mark G. Kuczewski, Ph.D.’94 has recently been appointed the Father Michael I. English, S.J. Professor of Medical Ethics at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and serves as the director of the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy at the Stritch School of Medicine…Todd Kreidler, A’96 is assistant to playwright August Wilson and recently directed him in his one-man show, “How I Learned What I Learned” in Seattle…Christina O’Donnell, GA’96 has been appointed executive director of the Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce…Capt. Attilo J. Balbo, A’98 is a JAG officer in the Army’s 3rd Infantry Division…Harriet Grant, MLLS’98 started a new career at age 55 as an ordained minister…Janell Logue-Belden, GE’98 received the Administrator of the Year Wanda McDaniels Leadership Award from the PA Association of School Administrators…Rose Martin, A’98 was hired by Yanni Partners, Inc. as executive/ marketing assistant…Marine Corps 1st Lt. Quinn P. Colgan, A’99 is serving with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Iwo Jima…Michael Grandinetti, B’99, illusionist, was featured in the April–May issue of PRIMO, a national Italian-American magazine. He also performed several new audience-interactive illusions during an hour-long performance on the main stage at the Culver City Relay for Life, a benefit for the American Cancer Society in Los Angeles in May, and appeared on
the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon… Heathter Multari, S’99 received her D.O. degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June.

2000s

SPC Michael E. Busovicki, A’00 is serving in the 502nd Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division… Jacqueline R. Schmidt, A’00 was recently appointed corporate marketing coordinator of WK Dickson in Charlotte… Dena Tsamitis, GE’00 is the associate director of Carnegie Mellon University’s Information Networking Institute and an adjunct professor at CMU’s H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management. She helped develop CMU’s long-distance learning venture with Athens Information Technology, a research and graduate education institute… A.J. Rick Vaccarelli, GE’00 was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of Glade Run Lutheran and the Board of Directors of Housing Opportunities of Beaver County. He is currently the director of sales and underwriting for WQED Multimedia/Pittsburgh Magazine… Monica Wiesenbach, A’00, GA’02 was recently hired by Paul C. Rizzo Associates as a business development coordinator… Colin W. Murray, JD’01 was hired by Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. as an associate. His practice will concentrate on the areas of toxic tort, commercial and civil litigation and corporate compliance… Michelle Norris, A’01 is working for Medrad Inc. as a market research analyst… Jared Sadowski, B’02 has joined Henderson Brothers, Inc. in Pittsburgh as a marketing analyst.

Marriages

Susan Lee Bartos, A’91 married Pasquale John Rocco, Jr. … Sarah Klann, GHS’02 married Phillip Miller.

New Arrivals

Leanna Nicole, daughter of Eric Heyl, A’85 and Janet Heyl… Jennifer Michele, daughter of Trish Martin Mayro, A’86 and Gene Mayro… Elise Claire, daughter of Kathryn Healy Fitzsimmons, GA’88 and Brian Fitzsimmons… Rachel Lynne, daughter of Dr. Carla Cameron, S’90 and Ray Gellenbeck… Alexandra Frances, daughter of Catherine Weisinger Corcoran, A’90 and William Corcoran… Paige Patricia and Amelia Judith, twin daughters of Lori (Berschig) Dyer, N’90 and Jay Dyer… Owen Michael, son of Jodi (Hahn) Walker, P’92, Pharm.D.’94 and David Walker, B’90… Ava Louise, daughter of Aimee (Caldarone) Sciglimpaglia, A’92 and Dan Sciglimpaglia… Joshua Scott, son of Stephanie (Bello) Seyse, P’92 and David Seyse… Luka Alessandro, son of Tanya H. (Korzut) Bevilacqua, B’94 and Joseph Bevilacqua… Siena Rose, daughter of Jennifer J. (Galich) Abercrombie, B’95, GB’98 and Brian J. Abercrombie, B’95, GB’00… Ty Andrew, son of Marcy (Hamm) Jaworowski, A’96 and Terry Jaworowski… Benjamin David, son of Elizabeth (Sonnet) Leo, B’96 and David Leo… Madeline Kate, daughter of Jeffrey Schneider, P’96 and Christina Schneider… Greta Kathryn, daughter of Lori (Oliver) Freed, M’97 and Scott Freed, P’98… Connor James, son of Janet (Ritchmond) Day, P’98 and Gary Day… Andersen Alan, son of Alan A. Petrazzi, GHS’98 and Kristin Petrazzi… Andrew Stephen and Brandon Michael, twin sons of Amie (Stanchek) Roman, P’98 and Michael Roman, P’98… Gabriella Rose, daughter of Melissa (McKay) Vautier, B’99 and Brian Vautier, B’99… Charles Mark, son of Anne Hogan Mill, Pharm.D.’01 and Mark Mill… Ava Grace, daughter of Lisa Scherfel Catanzarite, GA’02 and Jeff Catanzarite.

In Memoriam

John E. Adams, A’53
John E. Hockenberger II, B’68
John H. Wollman, JD’69
Philip Stuart Clark, B’82
Vasanthi Soundarajan, GE’88

Duquesne University also honors the following members of the board of directors who passed away during the last year. They are remembered for their many years of special guidance, loyal dedication and generosity to the University.

Edward I. Goldberg, L’31, an original member of the board; emeritus appointment in 1998.
Aaron P. Levinson, elected to the board in 1976; emeritus appointment in 2000.
Hon. Carol Los Mansmann, A’64, L’67, elected to the board in 1987.
Antonio J. Palumbo, elected to the board in 1983; emeritus appointment in 2000.

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October 19-25
Greek Week 2003
  Opening Ceremonies–October 19, 6 p.m.
  Greek Pageant–October 20, 9 p.m.
  Greek Swim–October 21, 9 p.m.
  Greek Games–October 22, 9 p.m.
  Greek Trivia–October 23, 9 p.m.
  Greek Alumni Formal–October 24, 8 p.m.
  Greek Sing–October 25, 6 p.m.
For more info on Greek Week, e-mail us at greeklife@duq.edu

November 7
Boston Alumni Networking Event

December 14
Philadelphia Area Alumni Christmas Cocktail party

January 20
Penguins Alumni Night vs. New Jersey Devils

January 21
Pharmacy Alumni Night at the Benedum

January 29
D.C. Alumni Networking Event

February 6
South Florida Alumni Networking Event

February 14
Alumni Valentines Reception and
Pittsburgh Pops at Heinz Hall

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