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Colleges and universities are complex environments, teeming with diverse individuals and ideas. Managing and leading such institutions is an intricate and difficult task—one for which there is no specific “rule book” or prescribed course of preparatory study.

Last year, I spoke to a group of institutional advancement professionals about how my training as a philosopher informs my daily efforts as a university president. I explained, for example, how the study of philosophy taught me that ideas—and how they are expressed—are critically important. I learned to respect imagination, to understand people’s motivations, and to connect the lessons of history with a vision for the future. Philosophy honed my analytic and synthetic thinking skills, promoted my pursuit of self-knowledge, underscored the centrality of ethics, and, indeed, deepened my faith in God.

Some may find the last point surprising, given that many people associate philosophy with skepticism, disbelief, and even hostility to religion. Taken at face value, some philosophers’ ideas can certainly be corrosive of faith, but I believe that more mature and sustained reflection enhances faith. In my case, it surely has.

I do not fully understand how this counterintuitive movement occurs; after years of reflection, it remains one of life’s deepest mysteries. Perhaps it can be explained in part by a lifetime spent in Catholic education. From elementary and high schools on Long Island through St. Bonaventure and Notre Dame, a quarter-century at Creighton and more than five years at Duquesne, I have been immersed in many Catholic educational traditions, learning vital lessons that transcend any particular job description or field of endeavor.

In this issue, you’ll meet five college and university presidents from different professional backgrounds—education, science, business, law, and theology. Their institutions range from small liberal arts colleges to renowned universities to one of the nation’s largest community college systems. Yet they share a common bond—the unique, life-changing Duquesne experience that enlightens and guides their lives and careers.

Each day, they share pieces of their Duquesne experience with their colleagues and students, touching countless lives. Consciously or unconsciously, you and your fellow graduates do the same. Some of these stories are featured in this issue—an alumnus who has reshaped juvenile justice and an alumna who transforms children’s play into therapy.

You’ll also read about Duquesne faculty who are engaging students in innovative research and educational experiences, preparing young men and women to have a similar positive impact on the world around us for generations to come.

Indeed, Duquesne is a multifaceted community of teachers and learners, of men and women with different backgrounds, experiences, outlooks, and goals. Yet we are united by one big idea—serving God by serving students, and by extension, serving the world.

Whatever you do, wherever you are, you are part of this proud tradition. Thank you for sharing Duquesne’s mission and values with your family, friends, neighbors, and all who benefit from your charity and good works. Together, we share the Spirit that gives life.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
President
Alumna Makes

PLAY

Her Life’s Work
The Center for Creative Play is a popular volunteer site for occupational therapy students, pictured here with Kanics and Duquesne University Occupational Therapy Chairperson Dr. Pat Crist.

The call to service has been a driving force for Ingrid Kanics, GHS’01, throughout her life.

A former novice and current associate with the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Canadian native worked as a church caretaker, youth group advisor, physical therapy aide and nursing assistant before joining the U.S. Army in 1992 to train as a medic. While in basic training, Kanics suffered a devastating injury that led her to a cutting edge field in child development.

“I fell face first onto a concrete floor and ruptured a disc in my neck. The injury resulted in spinal cord compression that required comprehensive surgery and 18 months of rehabilitation,” she recalls.

While surgery to repair the ruptured disc was a technical success, the accident left Kanics with Brown-Sequard Syndrome, a type of incomplete spinal cord injury that results in both motor and sensory deficits.

“I have muscle weakness in my right arm and leg, and numbness and other sensory losses on my left side,” she explains.

A lifelong caregiver, she suddenly found herself on the receiving end of care. That experience changed her life in more ways than one.

“I was used to being independent and very physically active, and found myself suddenly very limited in what I could do. While my surgeons did an excellent job and my physical therapist helped restore my muscle strength and function, it was my occupational therapist who asked, ‘So how are you dealing with all of this? What other ways can you look at to harness your energy, to process stress and be creative?’” Kanics says.

That holistic concern for the well-being of her mind and spirit, as well as her body, was a very important part of Kanics’ recovery and led her to pursue occupational therapy (OT) as a career. After working as a technical aide for a private OT practice in North Carolina, she enrolled at age 34 as a full-time student in Duquesne University’s weekend OT program in 1997.
Twice a year, Kanics leads a Sensory Adventure Camp where children, ages 3-7, self-select different play opportunities involving sensory stimulation. At left, she invites a camper to explore movement on her on the activity platform swing. Below, she encourages a child learning how shapes fit together to build a block tower.

“The mission of Duquesne’s education for the mind, heart and spirit resonated well with me. I felt it connected with me personally and also with the OT field, which supports the whole person,” she says.

Kanics, who earned her undergraduate degree in math and computer science more than a decade earlier at McMaster University in Canada, had no trouble adapting to the rigorous curriculum. During her tenure at Duquesne, she was a straight-A student, worked as a graduate assistant doing neuroscience research, and earned numerous recognitions, including the John A. Short Award in Anatomy from the Rangos School of Health Sciences, a Schweitzer Fellowship, and the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association Student of the Year Award.

She also parlayed a class project into a full-time job, as well as an emerging practice area, by integrating OT services into the realm of children’s play.

“In our OT Administrative Practice course, we had to choose an organization that did not offer occupational therapy services, identify a need, create a program and then write a grant to secure funding,” she explains. “Our group approached the Center for Creative Play with a plan to show how OT can support a child’s development during play.”

Located in Pittsburgh’s Regent Square neighborhood, the Center for Creative Play (CFCP) is an accessible indoor play space for children of all abilities. It was established in 1995 by a group of mothers who each have a child with a disability, as well as children who showed typical development. The women became frustrated because there was no place in Pittsburgh for their families to play together. So, they created the CFCP.

CFCP is now a 15,000-square-foot play environment that hosts more than 45,000 visitors a year. Most play is self-directed, but specialized programs—such as a respite program for caregivers and a six-week sensory development program—are available.

What now seems like an ideal fit for occupational therapy services was an uphill battle at the time, recalls Dr. Pat Crist, chair of OT at Duquesne.

“At first, the founders of the CFPC wanted little to do with occupational therapy after their experiences with their children in rehabilitation. But Ingrid and her classmates quietly opened the door for OT with creative approaches for parents to use with their children with special needs,” Crist says.

By thinking beyond established practices, Kanics found herself as the first occupational therapist hired by CFPC, and is now its senior play environment specialist and consultant for its national advisory practice. She travels the country to provide training to children’s museums, wellness centers and other organizations interested in replicating this incredible inclusive play environment.

To date, three universally accessible environments have been designed and opened in Michigan, and three more are being developed—two in Pennsylvania and one in Ohio. Kanics and the CFPC staff are currently working with 30 children’s museums around the country, helping to evaluate accessibility to all visitors. Their work includes consulting on the design for the National Children’s Museum, set to open in Washington, D.C., in 2009.

According to Kanics, this key philosophy of inclusiveness comes from not creating distinctions between those “with or without disabilities.”

“It’s so important that children see this and get a broad perspective of what the world is like—the diversity of races, cultures, abilities. The broader the view, the easier it is to accept and value differences,” she says, adding that Duquesne champions this perspective as well.

“The University instilled in us the notion that there is a ‘giftedness’ that everyone brings to the table,” Kanics says. “I believe my gifts were nurtured there and, as an occupational therapist, I try to support and nurture individuals on all levels so that they have the ability to grow as a whole person.”

By Kimberly Saunders
Duquesne University has been selected as one of four Pennsylvania National Board Support Centers, designed to help state teachers pursuing certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

The NBPTS is considered the profession’s gold standard for excellence. This new $1.2 million state initiative will increase the number of Pennsylvania’s board-certified teachers by as much as 200 percent. Studies have shown that students of board-certified teachers achieve at higher levels.

“Great teachers are the first and most important component in any successful educational setting,” says Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Gerald L. Zahorchak. “That’s why I am proud to announce this new National Board Support Center. Thanks to Gov. Edward Rendell’s leadership, we will help as many as 500 more teachers earn national board certification and boost student achievement through this nationally recognized, high-quality, professional development program for master teachers.”

“I am very proud that the School of Education has been selected for this honor because it so clearly validates the fundamental approach we take to preparing educators—in our undergraduate curriculum, the Leading Teacher Program, as well as in graduate programs—here at Duquesne,” says Dr. Olga Welch, dean of the School of Education.

Priority will be given to National Board Support Center candidates who are employed in struggling schools and to those seeking certification in early childhood education, secondary math and/or science.

Duquesne’s Faculty Resource

Duquesne has had the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) since 1989.

Focused on faculty, Duquesne’s CTE was founded to promote excellence in teaching at all levels, from beginning graduate assistants to senior faculty scholars. Through various workshops, consulting, and online, print and video resources, CTE staff provide information on sound instructional strategies and foster lively discussions about teaching within the Duquesne community. The CTE works collaboratively with faculty, Computing and Technology Services and the academic administration to create a campus culture that values and rewards teaching for the primary purpose of enhancing student learning.
“It’s the idea that through education you can be part of the greater good of society.”

From one of the largest community college systems in the country to strong liberal arts colleges with deep roots, Duquesne alumni are using their leadership skills and a moral foundation laid at Duquesne to lead new generations of educators and students.

Five Duquesne alumni are now serving as president or chancellor of a college or university: Dr. Constance M. Carroll, A’66, is chancellor of San Diego Community College District in California; Sister Margaret Carney, E’66, GA’84, is president of St. Bonaventure University in New York; Dr. James Bundschuh, GS’68, is president of Marymount University in Virginia; Michael T. Victor, L’86, is president of Lake Erie College in Ohio; and Sister Mary Ann Dillon, GA’94, is president of Mount Aloysius College in Pennsylvania.

Though each president had a unique experience at Duquesne—several attended as traditional students, the others attended as adults for an advanced degree—each agrees that the University’s excellent faculty, as well as its goal of providing a moral and spiritual framework, have influenced their higher education careers.

“It’s the idea that through education you can be part of the greater good of society,” says Victor, who studied law at Duquesne. “Duquesne allowed you to have the spiritual component to have an addition to the learning. It allowed you to say, ‘Yes, we will be lawyers, but we will be moral.’ The lesson is that you can be successful while being moral.”

Victor took the Duquesne educational philosophy with him in his early career as a lawyer and when he became a successful businessman, leading Erie, Pa.-based Pyramid Industries from 1988 to 2000. Even while working in other fields, he hungered to educate students. He started his higher education career as an adjunct professor of business at Gannon University and eventually became dean of the Walker School of Business at Mercyhurst College before being named the president of Lake Erie College last year.
It was at Duquesne’s School of Law that Victor saw his leadership abilities emerge.

“To endure the gauntlet of law school and to excel you become a natural leader; you gain confidence in yourself and your own abilities,” says Victor. “They create leaders because they push you as hard as they possibly can, but they support you. That dual learning and support is one of the gifts of Duquesne.”

Carroll agrees that Duquesne gave her leadership skills that endure today, as she oversees the sixth largest community college system in the country, which has 100,000 students and an operating budget of $620 million. Before becoming chancellor of San Diego Community College District, Carroll was president of San Diego Mesa College, president of Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif., president of Indian Valley College in Novato, Calif., and associate dean and assistant professor of classics at the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham.

“I got a sense of the notion of service leadership—that in order to lead you also had to serve,” she says. “Leadership was instilled in my years at Duquesne.”

Carroll, who is a Baltimore, Md., native, chose to attend Duquesne because of its inclusive atmosphere in the wake of educational desegregation throughout the country in the early 1960s.

“Duquesne offered a welcoming environment to a young black woman of talent and interest, and it offered a Catholic environment to someone whose background was Catholic,” says Carroll. “The two were very desirable characteristics.”

All five presidents were attracted to Duquesne because of its Catholic identity. For Sister Carney, the University’s relationship with religious communities was key.

“Duquesne really understood the needs of the religious congregations of women to get degrees,” says Sister Carney, who is a member of Duquesne’s Century Club of Distinguished Alumni. Before rising to her current position, she was director of St. Bonaventure University’s world-renowned Franciscan Institute, the university’s dean of Franciscan studies, and a teacher at the Franciscan Institute of Asia in the Philippines and at the Antonianum in Rome. “Duquesne was very generous to religious women.”

Duquesne’s mission prepared Sister Carney for her role as leader of a Catholic university, giving her the ability to understand how to operationalize the mission of Catholic education.
“You never leave your commitment that you want to perpetuate, preserve and hang on to the Catholic mission of the institution.”

“You feel comfortable when I address the secular questions of our time because I was given the tools to do that,” she says. “Once you’re steeped in that you can face controversial questions because you’re mentally equipped to enter into it. I’m not frightened by the difficult questions.”

When Bundschuh arrived on campus in 1963, he wanted to study chemistry. His career goal was to go into education and have an office and a lab. He ended up learning about more than science.

“The most important lesson I learned at Duquesne was rooted in chemistry,” says Bundschuh, a member of Duquesne’s Century Club of Distinguished Alumni. His extensive experience in higher education includes serving as professor of chemistry and vice president for academic affairs at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and as dean of the college of arts and sciences at Saint Louis University. “The other important lesson had to do with the relationships that developed with other people, studying other disciplines and the bantering that went on.”

He remembers going to poetry readings sponsored by Sam Hazo, McAnulty Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English. The experience left such an impression on Bundschuh that for the last three years, he has arranged for Hazo to read poetry at Marymount University.

For many of the presidents, what they did in their spare time while at Duquesne holds great memories.

Bundschuh remembers playing basketball, Victor recalls working out in the gym and eating in the Union, Sister Carney can still picture hearing the Beatles’ Hey Jude for the first time in the Union, and Carroll often thinks back to her work as a writer, illustrator and editor of the student literary magazine.

“It involved me with confronting and handling crisis because that’s what students like to write about,” says Carroll, about her work on the student magazine. “The process of working creatively with other people on serious matters—all of that I felt was wonderful preparation for my higher education career.”

The influence of world events also helped shape the Duquesne experience, especially for Bundschuh, who was on campus when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. He remembers walking up Vickroy Street and walking into
Sister Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., E’66, GA’84
President, St. Bonaventure University

Sister Carney is the 20th president of St. Bonaventure University and the first woman to hold the job in a permanent capacity.

Before her latest appointment, she was senior vice president for the Franciscan charism, director of the university’s world-renowned Franciscan Institute and dean of Franciscan studies. Prior to becoming a member of the Franciscan Institute faculty in 1997, she served eight years as general superior for her community, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God, in Pittsburgh.

She was the first woman to earn a doctoral degree from Franciscan University in Rome, and is an internationally known speaker on Franciscan life. She has authored numerous articles and publications. Her most recent article, “The DNA of Franciscan Institutions,” is now in print in the Journal of the AFCU.

Founded in 1858, St. Bonaventure University is located on 500 acres in southwestern New York state. Students receive a strong liberal arts education at St. Bonaventure, where 31 undergraduate majors are offered.

The university is the home of the Franciscan Institute, which is the center for research in the history, philosophy and accomplishments of a remarkable group of men and women, who for 800 years have dedicated themselves to peace, justice, social equality and alleviation of suffering of everyone in the human family.

St. Bonaventure University is the flagship Franciscan university.

“Dr. Hanigan was just extraordinary about keeping up with the graduates,” Carney says. “He was really a role model for me when I became a dean.”
Michael T. Victor, L’86
President, Lake Erie College

Victor became president of Lake Erie College last year, just as the college was celebrating its 150th anniversary.

His higher education experience includes serving as the dean of the Walker School of Business at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., and professor positions at Gannon University, also in Erie, Pa.

Victor was the president, chairman and CEO of several successful businesses from 1988 through 2000. He is involved with many civic organizations, including the Erie Playhouse, the International Assembly of Collegiate Business Educators, Erie Day School and the Hamot Medical Center. He also serves in leadership positions at Saint Vincent College, where he is a trustee and committee chairman for the school of humanities, and the Pennsylvania State University’s Behrend College, where he is a member of the council of fellows.

Victor’s oldest son is carrying on the Duquesne legacy. He is a first-year law student in the Law School.

Founded in 1856, Lake Erie College offers 26 undergraduate majors and master’s degrees in business administration and education. This co-educational institution, which started as a female seminary, is grounded in the liberal arts and is nationally recognized for its equine studies program.

Lake Erie College is located in Painesville, Ohio, 30 miles east of Cleveland. It is one of the few educational institutions in the country to offer a free study abroad opportunity to every undergraduate student.

The college’s George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center is comprised of 84 acres, barns that accommodate up to 100 horses and a 1,000 seat arena. Lake Erie College also offers a weekend college for working adults.

“I believe in serving God’s better mankind one student at a time.”
Forbes Construction Continues

Construction of the first phase of the Forbes Avenue expansion project is continuing on schedule.

Late last year, the final steel beam on the multipurpose recreation center was put into place, and the pedestrian bridge that stretches 115 feet over Forbes Avenue—waiting to connect the new multipurpose recreation center to the heart of the Duquesne campus—was completed.

The 125,000-square-foot multipurpose recreation center is the first stage of a mixed-use development, which will include retail shops and a full-service restaurant.

Follow construction progress on a special webcam that can be viewed at www.duq.edu/forbesproject.

New Spiritan Research Center Headquartered at Duquesne

A room in the Gumberg Library is now home to the Spiritan Collection, made up of approximately 300 books, periodicals and other materials located among the library’s holdings that are either written by Spiritans or about the Spiritan order and its mission.

The room has been dedicated to the Reverend Edmund Supple, C.S.Sp., who, in his 48 years of service to the University, stressed the centrality of Duquesne’s Spiritan identity to the University’s mission.

According to the Reverend John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., the director of Duquesne’s Center for Spiritan Studies, the plan is to build the collection through the acquisition of print and digital works. Fogarty adds that Spiritan Collection holdings soon are to be extended by the addition of a special collection currently owned by the USA Eastern Province of the Spiritans that will be on permanent loan to the Gumberg Library.

As a central location for these resources, the Fr. Edmund Supple, C.S.Sp., Room will not only provide a physical home for the Spiritan Collection, it will also serve as a quiet and comfortable environment for faculty, students and visiting scholars conducting research into Spiritan-related topics.

The Fr. Edmund Supple, C.S.Sp., Room is Room 302, Gumberg Library, the former location of the Cardinal Wright Collection, which has moved to the University Archives. Spiritan Collection materials circulate according to the library’s policies for the general collection.

Third Annual Holy Spirit Lecture Set

Bishop Kallistos (Timothy) Ware of Diokleia, an auxiliary bishop of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Great Britain and Spalding Lecturer of Eastern Orthodox Studies at Oxford University (1966-2001), will deliver the third Holy Spirit Annual Lecture and Colloquium on Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pappert Hall of the Bayer Learning Center at Duquesne.

Bishop Kallistos, author of celebrated books on Orthodoxy and a translator of the Philokalia, among numerous other scholarly endeavors, will explore
the theme of *The Holy Spirit in the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*. The lecture is open to the public; reservations are requested. To make reservations, please contact holyspirit@duq.edu.

While at Duquesne, the bishop will join invited scholars from around the nation to participate in a private colloquium on the same subject as his public presentation.

Created as an ecumenical event, the inaugural colloquium featured Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright, the Robert Earl Cushman Professor of Christian Theology at Duke University’s Divinity School, and the second colloquium—held in October—welcomed Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity in Rome.

**DU Symphony Orchestra Season in Full Swing**

The schedule of the Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra (DUSO), under the direction of Maestro Sidney Harth, will continue through April.

The final concerts of the season will be:

**Sunday, March 25**
Concerto for Four Violins by A. Vivaldi
Concerto for Two Harps by D. Cutler
Concerto for Four Violins by L. Maurer
Sketches of America by L. Purse
Choral Fantasy by L. van Beethoven 8 p.m.

Carnegie Music Hall (located in Pittsburgh’s Oakland neighborhood)* This concert will be broadcast live on Pittsburgh’s WQED-FM (89.3)

**Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21**
The Marriage of Figaro by W. A. Mozart 8 p.m.
Carnegie Public Library Music Hall (located in the Pittsburgh suburb of Carnegie)

For more information about the DUSO season and other concerts and recitals at the Mary Pappert School of Music, visit www.music.duq.edu or call 412.396.6083.

**Bricker Appointed Mylan School of Pharmacy Dean**

Dr. J. Douglas Bricker has been appointed dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy.

“It’s an honor and privilege to serve as the seventh dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy,” says Bricker. “I look forward to working with the faculty to advance our pharmacy program to the next level. I appreciate all of the support that I have received from faculty, students and alumni.”

Bricker, who first joined Duquesne in 1985, most recently served as interim dean of the school of pharmacy. He served as associate dean from 1993 to 2005, and was chair of and associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology-Toxicology.

Recognized by his students and peers with 10 awards for teaching excellence, Bricker has been instrumental in developing and implementing courses in pathophysiology, pharmacology and toxicology at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His research interests include the effects of drugs, chemicals and disease states on the regulation of calcium uptake mechanisms, and the role of calcium in mechanisms of toxicity.

Prior to working at Duquesne, Bricker taught at Ohio Northern University. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, is a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and is past president of the Rho Chi Society, the academic honor organization in pharmacy. He holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville and a Ph.D. in pharmacology/toxicology from Duquesne University.

**Duquesne Receives $150,000 Cyber Crime Grant**

Duquesne University has received a $150,000 grant for a project to help small- and medium-sized businesses avoid becoming the victims of computer-related crimes.

The federal grant money was presented by Congressman Mike Doyle. The federal government has been actively involved in cybersecurity issues for years, but to date, most of the efforts have focused on government assets and large private enterprises.

Duquesne’s Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business will study and assess the best cybersecurity practices across Pennsylvania, develop cost-effective solutions for computer threats, and provide the results to small- to medium-sized businesses through a comprehensive outreach effort including online training. The project will help local small- and medium-sized businesses grow and compete successfully in the high-tech economy of the 21st century.
Professor David Allen Wehr has been named the Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Chair in Duquesne’s Mary Pappert School of Music.

The new endowed chair was established through a gift from Geltz, B’49, GA’84, an avid classical music fan.

Wehr first joined the music school faculty in 2001. During his career, he has performed with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, and with the London, Chautauqua, Houston and New Zealand symphonies. His more than 1,000 concerts include 13 seasons of touring the United States and Canada for community concerts, both as a recitalist and as pianist with the Sartory Trio. Wehr most recently held the Hillman Distinguished Piano Chair in the music school.

His current performance project is Brahms on the Bluff, a three-year concert series in which he and fellow musicians are performing the complete instrumental chamber music of Johannes Brahms (see below for more information on the Brahms on the Bluff series). Wehr is the artistic director and principal performer for the series.

The creation of the Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Chair was celebrated in September with A Little Night Music, a free concert by Wehr in the music school’s PNC Recital Hall.

**Brahms on the Bluff Second Season Concludes**

The second season of the Mary Pappert School of Music’s historic three-year concert series of the complete chamber music of Johannes Brahms will conclude on Feb. 25.

The concert, Four Factor, will showcase Brahms’ eagerly awaited first two string quartets, which he completed at age 40, as well as two piano works, the epic Four Ballades op. 10, and the richly expressive Fantasies op. 116.

Four Factor, which will feature David Allen Wehr, holder of the Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Chair at the Mary Pappert School of Music, and guest performers, will take place at 3 p.m. in PNC Recital Hall on Duquesne’s campus. The concert will be preceded by a 2:15 p.m. informative talk and followed by a complimentary public reception. Call 412.396.6083 or visit www.music.duq.edu for information.

**Congregation of Holy Spirit Presents Special Award to Duquesne President**

In September, Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty received a special award from the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, founders and sponsors of the University.

Dougherty was presented with the Spiritan Cor Unum Award by the Very Reverend Jeffrey T. Duaimé, C.S.Sp., chairman of Duquesne University Corp. and provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit USA-East. In his remarks, Duaimé applauded Dougherty for the expertise and passion for health care ethics that have earned him a national reputation.

Duaimé noted that Dougherty, who has served on the National Coalition on Catholic Health Care and The Catholic Health Association Board of Directors, “continues to provide guidance to numerous advisory boards of hospitals and nationally recognized health care research institutions on the profound dignity of human life.”

Dougherty, who was first elected Duquesne’s president in 2001, also was recognized for his leadership in academics and renovations, and for championing the Spiritan mission and Catholic identity of the University.

The Cor Unum Award, established in 1996, was last given in 2003.

**DU Magazine Wins Award**

Duquesne University Magazine has been recognized for its writing and design with the 2006 Golden Triangle Award of Excellence. The Golden Triangle Awards, sponsored by the Pittsburgh chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, recognize outstanding work by professional communicators in western Pennsylvania. The award was presented at a special dinner held in October.
Duquesne University has received national recognition for its distinguished community service from the Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll established by President George W. Bush, making it one of only 100 universities and colleges to be honored across the country.

Schools receiving distinguished service recognition provided exceptional community service over the past year, contributing time, resources, energy, skills and intellect to serve America.

“Duquesne has set a strong example for college-level civic engagement,” says Stephen Goldsmith, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that works to foster volunteering and service in America.

“Many people and communities have been improved because Duquesne and its students identified some of society’s most pressing needs and got involved.”

“Historically, our campus community has embraced service to the church, the neighboring community, the nation and the world,” says the Reverend Timothy Hickey, C.S.Sp., executive director of Duquesne’s Office of Mission and Identity. “Service, a founding principle of the University, is very much a living part of Duquesne’s mission. In addition to academic excellence, the University is committed to challenging students to explore their place and purpose in the world, and to develop a sense of responsibility to the larger community.”

The University’s 2005-2006 Community Impact Report shows:

- More than 7,200 students and nearly 550 faculty, staff and family members participated in volunteer activities through Duquesne University Volunteers.
- They contributed nearly 197,800 hours of volunteer service.
- Their work was valued at more than $3.56 million and benefited 920 agencies off campus and another 78 affiliated with the University.
One example given of volunteerism was the University’s yearlong campaign to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. The drive yielded more than $50,000 for the Holy Ghost Church in Uptown, New Orleans, a fellow Spiritan organization helping those of all faiths. Money raised through concerts, theatrical performances, food sales, a golf outing and solicitations is being used to assist with basic necessities for those who had been displaced and only now are returning to the area. (please see the following story)

The University also created a new initiative in 2005 to develop a connection between students, who often choose to live on Pittsburgh’s South Side, and the South Pittsburgh community. By partnering with The Brashear Association, students have been volunteering at places such as the South Side Library, the South Side Community Development Corp., Emmaus Community, Goodwill, Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc. and senior residences. A boys’ mentoring program, two tutoring initiatives, an “urban plunge” crosscultural experience and an adopt-a-block litter cleanup program were established.

The University’s service-learning courses, which use a teaching method that combines meaningful service work with academic reflection, provided an opportunity for students to address community needs. For example, students in three different occupational therapy courses worked together to use scholarly materials in practical ways to benefit the Wesleyan Institute, a support facility for families of children with autism; Safehaven, a residence for homeless women with mental health issues; and Wellsprings, a drop-in center for the homeless.

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is co-sponsored by CNCS, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The recognition is presented in cooperation with Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,000 college and university presidents, and supported by all the major national higher education associations.

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

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**Hurricane Victims Receive Duquesne Donation**

The devastation brought about by Hurricane Katrina continues to affect those who lost loved ones or were displaced by the storm.

For a year—beginning in the fall of 2005 and wrapping up last year—the Duquesne University community held a drive to aid Katrina victims. In November, the Reverend Naos McCool, C.S.Sp., Duquesne’s assistant dean for Student Formation, presented a check in New Orleans for the total amount raised by the Duquesne community: $50,444.

McCool gave the check to the Reverend Michel Boutot, C.S.Sp., who belongs to the same religious order as the founders of Duquesne and serves as pastor to the hard-hit Holy Ghost Church in the Uptown section of New Orleans.

The ecstatic parishioners formed a procession to bring the “big” check to the altar along with the offertory gifts, McCool remembers.

“Fr. Michel thanked Duquesne for the donation, and the people certainly were grateful,” says McCool, who estimates about 170 attended the Sunday Mass.

McCool, who has visited nearby St. Jude’s parish every summer since 1973, was pleased to report signs of resurgence and revitalization. In some areas, water lines are still visible on houses. Homes still are wrecked. But in some neighborhoods, he says, the trash waiting for pickup along the streets shows telltale signs of rebuilding.

“On my previous visits, it was hurricane trash along the streets. Now, instead of broken stuff, it’s packaging for TVs and boxes for refrigerators,” McCool says. “Blue tarpaulins on the roofs are basically a thing of the past.”

The Holy Ghost Church itself was damaged by the hurricane, but the parish since has replaced the carpeted flooring with tile, and cleaned and repainted the entire building. The church’s elementary school, which serves the predominately African-American community, has reopened its doors to about 300 students.

Poverty has slowed the return of many parishioners of the Holy Ghost Church, says the Reverend Tim Hickey, C.S.Sp., executive director of Duquesne’s Office of Mission and Identity.

“The people have been slow to return as they were dispersed to many other areas out of state,” he says. “This was a poor neighborhood, and they would have had very little in available funds to live off of and had to take jobs in the towns where they were sent during the relocation process. Many of them are still deciding if they can afford to return, given that many of the jobs they formerly held are no longer available.”

For those who have returned, the contribution from the Duquesne family will be used to help with basic necessities, Hickey says.

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
Duquesne faculty and students are conducting exciting research in a wide range of fields. Future magazine issues will include stories on research in disciplines represented by the University’s 10 schools.

Research studies now underway at Duquesne University are making significant progress in developing solutions for some of society’s most persistent and devastating problems.

Innovations can be years in the making, but Duquesne’s research will impact global health care, medicine and crucial environmental issues. Faculty scholars are also undertaking projects that could change how society approaches education, literature and law enforcement.
“Innovative research is the job of a university. Educational institutions help society by exploring new ideas, methods and results,” says Dr. Heinz W. Machatzke, Duquesne’s associate academic vice president for Research.

Research at Duquesne covers scholarship in science, history, arts, mathematics, business, law, humanities, education, medicine and health, including community outreach projects that advance the University’s mission.

Duquesne’s range of research projects is so broad because “scholarship is a requirement for being a professor at Duquesne,” says Dr. Alan W. Seadler, who holds the Edward V. Fritzky Chair in Biotechnology Leadership. He is the director of the Center for Biotechnology, which hosts some of Duquesne’s top researchers.

“Research is a university’s contribution to society that goes beyond education. It gives us a level of expertise to share with the community and raises Duquesne to a higher level,” he says.

Focus on National Priorities Draws Funding

Because of Duquesne’s emphasis on fields that federal agencies consider important, such as health care and national security, the University received $6 million from U.S. agencies like the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. In total, during the 2005-06 fiscal year, Duquesne received $10.7 million in 122 awarded grants for research, scholarship and service, including many multi-year grants.

“In the last few years, researchers from other universities have sought Duquesne faculty to be the leaders on collaborative grant proposals,” says Dr. James Phillips, director of Sponsored Research. Duquesne’s Center for Computational Sciences has initiated projects for renewable energy, global warming, chronic diseases and drug delivery systems in collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University, Ohio State and the University of North Carolina, along with government and industrial partners.

At Duquesne, research results are considered for commercial uses, known as technology transfer. These collaborations developed treatments for cancer and infectious diseases, vaccines, cyber security, forensic science and environmental technologies. In 2005-06, Duquesne faculty submitted eight invention disclosures and filed eight patent applications, bringing the total to 41 active patents.

“We focus on areas where research is relevant to today’s world. It’s the best way to help economic growth in the region,” says Machatzke.

Technology transfer also builds a local base of companies that provides jobs for graduates and internships for students.

“Without the research it is hard to build appropriate relationships that let organizations and businesses in our region take advantage of the expertise that is here,” says Seadler.
Supporting a Commitment to Researchers

In 1989, Duquesne committed to support its faculty by investing heavily in a modern research infrastructure: labs, equipment, libraries, databases, technology resources and personnel. The Office of Research was created in 1999 to handle the administrative aspects of research: grant administration, compliance with regulations, intellectual property and technology transfers.

“Our job is to ensure that our principal investigators have more time at the bench, while we take care of the paperwork in our office,” says Machatzke. “We’re a one-stop shop for all research support that leads to higher efficiency and greater research productivity.”

The six-person Office of Research ensures that the principal investigators comply with a multitude of government requirements for federal grants, the use of human subjects, and the safety of chemical, biological and radioactive materials used in research projects. It also coordinates all grant applications and the budgets of granted awards.

According to Machatzke, Duquesne’s commitment creates an environment that makes a research program strong. Duquesne has highly qualified, energetic faculty researchers who, in turn, attract more excellent scholars. The University provides funding and the means to attract funding, and partners with industry sponsors, which now are relying more heavily on universities for basic research.

Students Learn from Researchers

Duquesne graduate and undergraduate students expect to be involved in professional scholarship, research and outreach as a part of their education, particularly in the sciences. Some will select a university by the sophistication of its research programs.

“This is an attraction for students,” says Phillips. “When they see all that we do here, in so many fields, it is a real eye-opener.”

The University reaps many benefits from an active research program, not the least of which is better teaching.

“Students are not just lectured to, they are participants, working with the foremost experts in the field,” Machatzke says.

By Alison Conte
Navigating the waters of international trade can be a complicated process. Dr. David Hanson, associate professor of international business, is working with the Egyptian government to overcome this issue.

Hanson spent four weeks in Cairo last year to gather information in order to make recommendations for Egyptian trade policy reform.

“The experience gave me an inside seat on decision making in an important ministry of the Egyptian government,” says Hanson. “I also learned a lot about the practical impact of a common trade issue.”

Hanson’s work with the Egyptian government is the result of a book he published in 2005. CE Marking, Product Standards and World Trade discusses how the national product requirement differences between the United States and the European Union tend to clog trade between the two. The last chapter outlines several ideas for alleviating the impact of these differences by promoting the mutual recognition of national product safety certifications.

The senior manager of the U.S. AID Trade Reform Project read Hanson’s book and approached him to work on a project for the Egyptian government: how to balance commitment to free trade with the Egyptian domestic policy of inspecting and testing all examples of the most common categories of manufactured products.

“My charge as a consultant in international trade policy was to help Sayed Skumsan, the first secretary of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, develop the reforms that would reduce the impact of the inspection program on international trade,” says Hanson, who serves as technical director for the Center for International Regulatory Assistance (CITRA), a part of Duquesne’s Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center.

Hanson spent two weeks in June on a fact-finding mission in Cairo, and returned for another two weeks in August to continue his work at the ministry. The result was a memo that set forth a series of general recommendations for trade policy reform. The experience, according to Hanson, has been fascinating.

“I learned a lot about how governments are run in developing countries,” Hanson says. “I’ve also learned a fair amount about the Egyptian attitudes towards the U.S., Islam and the world view in general. The Egyptians are a lot more accustomed to working with Americans than we are working with them.”

Since Hanson delivered his trade policy reform recommendations, Secretary Skumsan has accepted them in principle. This may mean Hanson will travel back to Egypt to help the government implement his recommendations.

“My time in Egypt made me feel good about the direction that the University is going,” Hanson says. “We’ve developed resources so that other countries call us up and say, ‘Come help us.’ These ventures that we are taking really have national and international importance. I’m working in areas I never really expected to go.”

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By Jeff Filicko
Sam Costanzo, A’72, works with kids who have been caught on the wrong side of the law. As president of The Academy System, Costanzo leads a network of four nonprofit schools for young offenders in the juvenile justice system.

For kids enrolled in Costanzo’s programs, getting “caught” takes on a whole new meaning—he wants to “catch kids doing something right.”

“Many of our students have been in trouble all of their lives,” Costanzo says. “I want to catch them doing something right and expand that experience so they can have a better life.”

That guiding principle has been the foundation for the growth of The Academy System. Under the organization’s umbrella, nearly 700 court-referred youths receive instruction to change criminal behavior and become positively active in society.

“I try to parallel my student experience at Duquesne with the student experience we provide for our kids in The Academy System: one that nurtures their growth, refreshes their minds and fulfills their potential,” he says.

Costanzo became interested in helping delinquent and at-risk youth nearly 30 years ago after taking a graduate class in social work at the University of Pittsburgh. His professor, who had taken a position at The Glen Mills Schools in West Chester, Pa., invited Costanzo to join him. At Glen Mills, Costanzo and other colleagues created the first unlocked juvenile system (meaning no handcuffs, shackles or locked doors) in Pennsylvania.

In this environment, kids were treated in a school-like setting instead of a detention facility. Judges within Pennsylvania’s Allegheny County Juvenile Court were so impressed with this promising approach to rehabilitating young offenders that they challenged Costanzo to start a similar program in Allegheny County.

In 1982, this charge planted the seed for what is now The Academy System, an organization of four facilities providing programming for delinquent youth in school- or community-like settings.

At The Academy, located just outside the city of Pittsburgh, nearly 200 students attend day/evening programs that offer tutoring, counseling or trade training. As in Costanzo’s other schools, The Academy places a heavy emphasis on education and sports as part of the rehabilitation process. He views athletics as a time-tested tool to helping students build self respect and the ability to work within teams and communities.
Name: Samuel A. Costanzo

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Duquesne Graduation: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1972; graduate coursework in social work at the University of Pittsburgh and counselor education at West Chester University.

Employment: President and founder, The Academy System, Inc.


Duquesne Mentor: The Reverend Henry McAnulty, C.S.Sp., Duquesne’s longtime president: “I was always so impressed with his personal touch. Fr. Mac made an effort to know everybody.”

Greatest Achievement: “Every time one of our kids gets a degree or does well in life.”

Favorite Duquesne Memory: Serving as co-chairman and founder of the Duquesne University club football program from 1969 through 1972. In this position, he played a key role in re-instituting football at Duquesne after it was disbanded due to World War II.

Honors and Awards: Duquesne University Hall of Fame Inductee, 2004; Visionary Award from WGBH PBS station in Boston, Mass., 2002; Dr. Martin Luther King Award for Outstanding Citizenship, given by Hand-In-Hand, Inc., 1986

In 1991, Costanzo opened the Southern Allegheny Academy in Portage, Pa., to serve adjudicated youth from Cambria County and neighboring communities. Like The Academy in Pittsburgh, this satellite campus offers a middle ground for adolescents who can receive close supervision through its day/evening program while still attending school in their own communities. Additionally, Costanzo oversees the Sleepy Hollow Academy, a residential school solely for female juvenile offenders, in South Park, Pa.

The Summit Academy, located in Herman, Pa., is the fourth school in The Academy System. As the first licensed private secondary school for delinquent youth in Pennsylvania, Summit serves nearly 300 young men from Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Costanzo says he cares a great deal about creating a warm and supportive environment at each location—much like the Duquesne community.

“After my parents, the most significant influence in my life was Duquesne University and its warm atmosphere. You’re not just a student there, you’re a person, and people care about you and are happy to have you on campus,” Costanzo says. “I’ve tried to emulate that environment and tie the mind, body and spirit into everything I do.”

In fact, The Academy System boasts red and blue school colors, and the font of the “A” in its logo intentionally resembles Duquesne’s signature “D.”

Chris Graczyk knows firsthand the impact of a supportive, friendly environment. A former Academy student, Graczyk is now executive chef and food service director at Summit, overseeing nearly 1,600 meals a day. Graczyk (fondly known around campus as “Chef Chris”) first landed a job at The Academy as a dishwasher and advanced to his current role during his 20-year tenure in The Academy System.

“I owe Mr. C. my life,” Graczyk says, referring to Costanzo. “When I was at The Academy, there were lots of negatives in my life. Mr. C. gave me something positive to grab onto; he looked at the good I was doing and took an interest in my future.”

After decades of work in the juvenile system, Costanzo has seen his share of change.

“Life is tougher today with the proliferation of drugs and guns,” he says. “Kids are still kids, but their experiences are different.”

To meet the demands of a changing world, Costanzo has adapted his programming over the years to help kids become successful in society without relying on guns, violence or drugs. He also hopes to improve the schools with new technology and amenities.

Through these efforts—combined with a firm commitment to “catching kids doing something right”—Costanzo continues to build an environment where students can achieve success academically, vocationally and socially.

By Ali Nipar Detar, A’98, GA’01
For the 2007 Darwin Day celebration, which honors the achievements of pioneering evolutionary theorist Charles Darwin, Duquesne University is bringing “evo devo” to campus.

Although it sounds more like a 1980s New Wave band than an area of biological study, evo devo describes the “evolution of development,” or the connection between a creature’s development from an embryo to its final adult form and the process of evolution.

On Friday, Feb. 9, Dr. Sean B. Carroll, an evo devo expert who is a professor of molecular biology genetics and medical genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be the featured speaker at the annual Darwin Day event. He’ll discuss his latest book, *The Making of the Fittest: DNA and the Ultimate Forensic Record of Evolution*. The book addresses how animals continue to evolve by making accidental genetic mutations a permanent part of a species’ DNA if a trait helps ensure survival.

“Dr. Carroll questions why there is so much controversy when DNA is used as forensic evidence in the study of evolution,” says Dr. Mary Alleman, an associate professor of biology at Duquesne who helped plan Darwin Day. “In criminal trials, DNA is viewed as strong evidence that can exonerate or convict someone. But, people question DNA evidence when it is used to prove a lineage in the study of evolution.”

In the past, biologists have primarily relied on the fossil record to study evolution. But, Carroll instead has analyzed DNA to determine how new animal species develop and evolve. In fact, he has found evidence that most of the world’s animals evolved from a common ancestor—a primitive, worm-like animal—whose DNA had the potential to grow appendages, such as legs, arms, claws and fins.

Carroll’s last book was *Endless Forms Most Beautiful: The New Science of Evo Devo and the Making of the Animal Kingdom*. He also is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at the University of Wisconsin.

Throughout his career, Carroll has received the National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award, the Shaw Scientist Award of the Milwaukee Foundation and numerous honorary lectureships. He has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and in 1994, he was named one of America’s most promising leaders under 40 by *TIME Magazine*.

Carroll earned his bachelor’s degree in biology at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., his Ph.D. in immunology at Tufts Medical School, and he carried out his postdoctoral research at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Carroll’s presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the Pappert Lecture Hall in the Bayer Learning Center. An open discussion and reception will follow.

Admission to the Darwin Day event is free and open to the public. Additionally, six hours of Act 48 credit is available for primary and secondary school teachers who attend. For more information, contact the Biology Department at 412.396.6332 or visit www.duq.edu/darwinday.
An acclaimed arts teacher and administrator, a pioneer in juvenile justice, one of the nation’s leading financial advisors and a highly respected attorney are the newest members of the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne University Alumni.

The Century Club was established during the University’s 100th anniversary in 1978 to recognize graduates with exemplary records of professional achievement and service to Duquesne and to the community. Since then, fewer than 250 men and women have been admitted to its elite ranks.

Sharon K. Brooks-Bruzzese, M’64, Samuel A. Costanzo, A’72, Robert I. Fragasso, E’67, and John R. McGinley, L’68, were inducted into membership on Oct. 19.

At the same event, 1988 Century Club inductee Patricia Doherty Yoder, A’61, received the University’s highest non-academic honor, the McAnulty Service Award.

Sharon K. Brooks-Bruzzese

Brooks-Bruzzese has awakened the joy of creative expression in thousands of young people as a performer, educator and administrator for more than four decades.

She came to Duquesne in 1960 on a Tamburitzans scholarship, excelling in the classroom and on the stage as an instructor, choreographer and lead dancer. During her final two years of school, she began her teaching career at a local elementary school.

After several years as a music, dance and theater teacher in Missouri, Brooks-Bruzzese moved to Broward County, Florida, in 1971, as an elementary school music teacher. There, she created a new classroom movement curriculum, established a program providing children with regular exposure to professional artists, and founded “Show Kids,” a performance program designed to build community support for the fine arts.

In 1989, she became community resource specialist and cultural liaison for all 200 Broward County schools, building strong local and national affiliations and coordinating efforts to help other teachers use cultural activities as core curriculum learning tools.

Working with the Kennedy Center and the Very Special Arts organization, she promoted education and performance opportunities for children with disabilities. In 2003, she retired from the school system, but she continues to pursue her passion—and make a difference—as education director of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Brooks-Bruzzese initiated award-winning programs such as Student Enrichment in Arts and Sciences, and Reading Readiness Through the Theater, and founded Florida’s largest arts scholarship program. Her innovative leadership has been recognized by the Florida Alliance for Arts Education, Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education, National School Boards Association, American School Board Journal and the Broward Cultural Affairs Council. Earlier this year, she received the Broward County Role Model for Arts in Education Award.

Samuel A. Costanzo

When Costanzo arrived in 1969, Duquesne had no intercollegiate football team. He changed that by organizing an independent club squad under the Duquesne banner.

Costanzo coordinated every detail—hiring coaches, scheduling games and arranging everything from travel to equipment to insurance. His efforts so impressed his club football peers that he was elected president and commissioner of the league.

Ultimately, Costanzo’s efforts paved the way for the return of NCAA Division III play in 1979 and Duquesne’s entry into non-scholarship Division I-AA in 1993.

After graduating with a degree in political science, he applied the same imagination and determination to the juvenile justice system. Youthful offenders were usually sentenced by courts to detention facilities, where opportunities for education and rehabilitation were limited. Costanzo suggested an alternative—a daytime and evening program providing academic and trade instruction, athletics and intensive counseling.

Costanzo opened The Academy System in Pittsburgh in 1982, successfully fostering the personal growth and self-understanding that leads young men and women away from crime and toward productive lives. He subsequently established another day/evening program in the Johnstown, Pa., area and residential facilities in Butler, Pa., and South Park, Pa.

More than 20,000 young men and women have been touched by The Academy System, and Costanzo’s philosophy has become a model for juvenile rehabilitation across the nation. The Academy System has earned multiple honors from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission and has been featured on The Visionaries public television program and on the CNBC cable network.
Costanzo has also served on the boards of the Mel Blount Youth Homes and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and received the Martin Luther King Outstanding Citizen Award from Hand-In-Hand of Pittsburgh.

Duquesne still benefits from his energy and creativity as a member of the McAnulty College advisory committee and the capital campaign steering committee.

Read more about Costanzo's life on page 21.

Robert I. Fragasso

The son of Italian immigrants, Fragasso came to Duquesne after serving in the United States Marines. A commuter student balancing work and family commitments, he invested time in campus activities, especially the Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

After graduating from the School of Education with a degree in secondary education, Fragasso did postgraduate work at Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh, and explored the growing field of investments at the New York Institute of Finance. Soon after, he established The Fragasso Group, Investment Advisors.

Over 30 years, Fragasso and his firm have built sterling reputations for outstanding customer service and reliable financial guidance. In a field where trust is paramount, the moral and ethical values learned from his family and reinforced at Duquesne contribute to a distinctive approach. His associates work in a cooperative atmosphere, focusing on providing advice rather than selling products, and on guiding clients toward meeting goals, rather than setting objectives and making choices for them.

The Fragasso Group has grown to serve more than 1,500 clients with a 99 percent retention rate and more than $500 million in assets under management. Fragasso has been ranked among the nation's top 100 financial advisors by Barron's and the 10 most outstanding investment professionals by Registered Representative. Last year, he published a book of advice for professionals seeking to start their own practices.

Fragasso has also served as a board member and leadership volunteer for Animal Friends, Amen Corner, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape and the Pittsburgh Rotary Club. He has served on Duquesne's alumni board of governors, helped to re-establish Alpha Epsilon's successor—Alpha Tau Omega—and rallied fellow alumni to endow a scholarship fund in memory of his fraternity's beloved advisor, the Reverend Joseph Duchene, C.S.Sp.

John R. McGinley

McGinley has demonstrated a distinctive combination of competence and character throughout his professional career and personal life.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, he continued his education at Duquesne's School of Law, where he served as managing editor of the Law Review and won the Shalom Trial Moot Court Award.

He began his career as a county assistant district attorney before shifting to private practice in 1970, spending more than three decades with the firm of Grogan Graffam McGinley, then moving to Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott in 2002.

With an exceptional work ethic and impressive skills in real estate, professional liability, and corporate and business law, McGinley quietly built a reputation for excellence, earning recognition as a Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” and one of the “Best Trial Lawyers in America.” He has long been a mainstay of the professional legal community, active in local and statewide bar association leadership activities.

McGinley has also held positions as chairman of Ballymoney and Company, and the Rockwood Casualty Insurance Company, and as a director of Wilson-McGinley and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

McGinley supports the local and state bar foundations, serves on the boards of the Mercy Hospital Foundation and Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, and has provided strong leadership to his undergraduate alma mater—directing an exhaustive review of St. Bonaventure’s basketball program, chairing the search committee for the institution’s current president, and now serving as chairman of St. Bonaventure’s board.

His family’s generosity has extended to Duquesne through funding scholarships for law students, law school building improvements and a University lectureship in Catholic social teaching. McGinley has served as president of the Duquesne Law Alumni Association and received its Meritorious Service Award.

Patricia Doherty Yoder

Yoder is only the 23rd recipient of the McAnulty Service Award, and the first such honoree since 1997. Named for its first recipient—the beloved “Father Mac”—this award recognizes Century Club members who have made truly extraordinary efforts in the realm of service to the University, both before and after their induction.

Yoder's leadership in University service was evident even before she received her bachelor’s degree in English in 1961. She was an active member of the student government association during her undergraduate days on our Bluff. Throughout her remarkable career as a corporate communications executive with firms such as PNC, General Electric, GTE and Avis, she remained in close contact with Duquesne and was consistently involved in alumni and development activities.

Yoder was elected to the University's board of directors last year, and currently serves as vice chair of its academic affairs committee and a member of the executive committee. Her energy and commitment is evident in her work providing governance and leadership as Duquesne pursues its ambitious plans for the future.

As members of the capital campaign steering committee, Yoder and her husband—fellow Century Club member J. Ronald Wolfe, B’54, H’97—have spearheaded development efforts in Florida and New York. Yoder and Wolfe give freely of their time, hosting numerous receptions and events, advising the Development staff and personally cultivating valuable relationships with both current and prospective benefactors.

Yoder and Wolfe have been extraordinarily generous in their support of scholarships, athletics, and most recently, an endowed discretionary fund for the McAnulty College.
“It’s not enough to do well, but always—in all ways—to do more.”

For 30 years, members of the Duquesne Society have been doing more to serve God by serving students through their annual gifts of $1,000 or more. These generous individuals are truly an integral part of the life and spirit of Duquesne—providing the critical funding the University needs to prepare the current generation of students to undertake exceptional careers and lives of selfless service.

Last fiscal year, the number of Duquesne Society members increased again, laying a strong foundation for a record-breaking Annual Fund drive. Our students, faculty and staff extend sincere gratitude to the following donors for their leadership support from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

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In 2004, Duquesne University unveiled a master plan for campus development, envisioning as many as 20 new buildings and major improvements to existing facilities over a 25-year period. Those plans are making their way from the drawing board to reality, thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends.

Among recent agreements are an irrevocable estate commitment from Frank and Florence Sklar to fund the new pedestrian bridge over Forbes Avenue, and a $250,000 gift from Olive Lee Gilliand for renovations to the Palumbo Center Gate B lobby in memory of her husband, Merle, B’48, H’79.

Although not Duquesne alumni, the Sklars are longtime leaders in the Pittsburgh business and philanthropic communities—active in the Amen Corner, Syria Temple Shriners and Variety Children’s Charity, among others, and benefactors of Duquesne and several other local universities.

Frank Sklar started out taking children’s portraits in the 1940s, and later founded Camera Exchange, Inc. and the Foto Hut film processing chain. Having built his career in the visual medium of photography while battling a serious eye disorder, he has a keen appreciation for issues related to sight, and funded a low-vision reading machine for the Gumberg Library nearly 15 years ago. More recently, he and Florence have built a close relationship with Duquesne President Charles Dougherty. Prior to the most recent commitment, they had also arranged a planned gift to endow scholarships for students with special needs—especially visual impairments.

The Frank and Florence Sklar Skywalk is an eight-story-high steel and glass architectural masterpiece that will connect the upper campus and parking garage with the new Multipurpose Recreation Center. Sure to become a regional landmark and a symbol of Duquesne’s increasing profile in the community, the Sklar Skywalk is expected to be dedicated in late spring or early summer.

Merle Gilliand was one of thousands of veterans who came to the Bluff following World War II. After graduating from Duquesne, he went on to become a legendary figure in the region’s banking industry.

Gilliand was an equally passionate supporter of Duquesne athletics, extraordinarily gifted at selling the University and the city to prospective student athletes. He was a significant contributor to the development of the Palumbo Center and Rooney Field, and supported many scholarship funds, including one housed at PNC that bears his name.

Gilliand received an honorary doctorate in 1979, was a member of the alumni board of governors, and is enshrined in the Century Club and the Sports Hall of Fame.

Thanks to the generosity of his widow, Olive Lee, Gilliand will be perpetually remembered by students and fans entering the Palumbo Center through the Merle Gilliand Atrium.

The bright new lobby features dramatic murals of Duquesne athletes in action, new paint and flooring, and a bronze bust of Gilliand.

The Gilliand Atrium is one of the most visible aspects of more than $2 million in improvements recently made to varsity athletic facilities throughout the Palumbo Center.

By Bob Woodside, A’83
A Park-like Addition

The parking structure across from Brottier Hall was demolished during summer renovations. The lot was cleared and new sod laid as part of a plan to add green space to our Bluff. As well as beautifying campus, Brottier Commons creates an attractive first impression for those entering campus via McAnulty Drive.

In the past several years, disasters—both natural and manmade—have been at the forefront of global media coverage and in the minds of the world’s citizens.

The events of Sept. 11 showed the ugly potential of mankind to cause devastation, while the 2004 tsunami and Hurricane Katrina reminded us of our vulnerability to Mother Nature.

The role of forensic science and law in mass disaster response will be explored when the Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law and the Duquesne University School of Law hold a national conference from March 29 through March 31. “The Roles of Forensic Science and Law in Mass Disaster Response” will be presented in collaboration with the American Academy of Disaster Medicine, the Allegheny County Medical Examiner’s Office, the Allegheny County Health Department and the Pittsburgh Institute of Legal Medicine. The conference, which will be held at Duquesne, is designed to provide frontline workers, forensic investigators, attorneys and policymakers a greater understanding of the analysis and adjudication of large-scale catastrophic events.

The conference will explore such questions as: Can some disasters be prevented? Can the victims be identified? How can we better protect people in the future? What restitution is owed, and by whom?

Presenters include Dr. David McCann, president of the American Board of Disaster Medicine and chief medical officer of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team at FEMA; Dr. Frank Minyard, coroner of Orleans Parish; Dr. Robert Shaler, former DNA chief for the New York City Medical Examiner’s Office; Dr. Matthew Mihelic, director of the Center for Homeland Security Studies at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine; forensic toxicologist and National Services Chairman Dr. Michael Reiders; National Library of Medicine Associate Dr. Jack Snyder; and forensic pathology consultant and former Allegheny County Coroner Dr. Cyril Wecht.

For more information on the conference, as well as details on continuing education credit opportunities for certain professionals, please visit www.duq.edu/massdisasters.
For four decades, James Houlik, chair of Woodwinds and co-chair of Performance at the Mary Pappert School of Music, has shared his love of the saxophone with aspiring performers, future educators and dedicated amateurs. But, Houlik does not just teach saxophone—he might rightly be called an apostle of the instrument.

And like any committed evangelist, Houlik is often on the road. In the same four decades—more than 10 at Duquesne and nearly 30 in the University of North Carolina system—that he devoted to teaching music majors, Houlik has been crisscrossing the globe in the summer months to give master classes and clinics.

With one frozen exception, Houlik has also performed on every continent. His concert career has taken him to Turkey, Poland, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Taiwan, China, Japan, Brazil, South Africa, the Netherlands, Great Britain and numerous other nations, along with dates at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and the East Room of the White House.

“Travel,” Houlik says with authority, “is the sequel to education.”

Recently, China has been a frequent destination for him. He helped organize an international saxophone festival in Beijing, scheduled for this spring, and is advising the Longkou Jinsheng Musical Instrument Company, an instrument maker in Shandong province that is struggling to improve the quality of its saxophones in order to capture a larger share of the international market.

Over the years, invitations to perform, teach and act as a consultant often have come from other musicians who have heard him play, either live or through recordings.

Among musicians, one recording in particular, a CD titled American Saxophone on the Koch International Classics label, has been a key part of a growing awareness of Houlik’s playing. It includes a performance of a concerto for saxophone and orchestra by composer Russell Peck titled The Upward Stream, which Houlik recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Houlik’s playing and personality make a strong impression on the musicians with whom he performs.

Twelve years ago, when he first heard Houlik play, Lonnie Klein was a clarinetist with the Evansville (Indiana) Symphony Orchestra. Now music director and conductor of the Las Cruces (New Mexico) Symphony Orchestra, Klein recalls being immediately struck by Houlik’s power as a soloist, and his respect for Houlik’s musicianship has increased since then.

“He does things on the saxophone—in terms of technique, in terms of harmonics, in terms of musicality—that are unparalleled in the business,” Klein says. Klein, who is also professor of music at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, has equally high praise for Houlik as a teacher.

“He gets the best out of his students because he’s charming, he’s witty and he’s passionate, as engaged teaching as he is playing,” Klein says. “And he’s not stingy—he shares his tricks with students and other musicians.”

Throughout his career, Houlik has been as well known for proselytizing on the saxophone’s behalf as for performing on it. The Washington Post, in fact, once called him the “Andres Segovia of the tenor saxophone,” alluding to his efforts to broaden the appeal of classical saxophone, much as Segovia did for the guitar when audiences and critics in the early decades of the 20th century stigmatized that instrument.

Houlik says that the saxophone’s lingering ill repute is the result of a variety of causes, not the least of which is its short pedigree. In 1846, just yesterday when reckoning musical bloodlines, Belgian instrument maker Adolphe Sax patented his design for a reed instrument that combined a clarinet’s warm tones with a trumpet’s brassy clarity. In the 160 years since it emerged from Sax’s
workshop, the instrument that bears his name has struggled to get symphony dates and shake off its early association with marching bands, dance halls and circus orchestras.

Houlik is undaunted by such misunderstanding, and affirms that what is most important to him is the expressive potential his instrument has in the hands of competent musicians.

Donald Sinta, the Earl V. Moore professor of music at the University of Michigan, met Houlik more than 40 years ago and since then the two have shared the concert stage on numerous occasions.

Sinta, who calls Houlik “the greatest tenor saxophonist in the world—bar none—as a classical player,” agrees about the importance of reaching the audience and says the wellspring of Houlik’s musical prowess flows from a powerful desire to communicate through the medium of an instrument.

“He communicates through the tenor saxophone, but he would be doing the same with the musical saw if he played the musical saw,” Sinta says.

Convinced that musicians are not truly performing a composition unless they actively communicate ideas and emotions to an audience, Houlik sometimes compels students to dance and sing, an effort to spark insight into the piece they are attempting to play.

Drew Hays, M’02, GM’04, who took private lessons as well as undergraduate and graduate courses from Houlik, refers to Houlik’s emphasis on getting students to communicate with their instruments the “hallmark of his teaching.”

Hays, who is finishing doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina and will soon join the faculty of Pennsylvania’s Bucks County Community College, adds that Houlik constantly presents new, yet achievable, goals to his students in a non-threatening way—an approach that gets the best from every student. As for getting students to communicate with their playing, “He can drag that out of almost any student.” Hays says.

For Houlik, communicating is the gold standard of musical performance.

“What would make a person pay to hear me play for an hour and a half?” he asks. “People want to be touched in some way, and I have that power.”

Taking an analytical approach to perfecting performance skills, Houlik has embarked on a quest to better align the instrument’s keyboard with the anatomical structure of the hand and forearm, the culmination of years of observation that began with a desire to develop finger exercises for student saxophonists. Realizing that the exercises he recommended might actually abet rather than prevent injury, he undertook a self-directed investigation into the anatomy of the hand and forearm that took him to the dissection lab at Wake Forest University Medical School and finally to shadowing experiences in an operating room with a hand surgeon.

Synthesizing anatomical knowledge with his own years of experience, plus insights gleaned from conversations with other saxophonists, Houlik created a prototype instrument with an ergonomic keyboard that has 13 features that fit the player, regardless of hand size, and permit the fingers to move in ways that are more effective and less prone to injury.

Final negotiations are under way with the Reliance Musical Instrument Company of Taipei, Taiwan, which plans to produce a family of saxophones—baritone to soprano—that will incorporate Houlik’s patented keyboard design.

In addition to redesigning the instrument, Houlik works to shape coursework to serve the needs of students, who he claims, should learn about a professional musician’s survival skills. For a course called Career Perspectives for Performers, he puts together a useful lineup of guest speakers that includes lawyers and accountants, performing artists at different stages of their careers, graphic artists and Web designers—anyone with insights that could help young musicians avoid pitfalls and boost performance income.

Houlik’s own experiences find their way into the classroom at Duquesne, too.

“When I’m out on the road I learn things that I bring back to my students, and when I’m here I learn things that inform what I do on the road,” Houlik says. “It’s a great cycle.”

And the force that keeps that cycle in motion is Houlik’s quest to reach listeners on an emotional level—a goal that inspires him as a teacher as well as a performer.

He likes to tell students that when performer and audience merge through the medium of music, the result is not simply entertainment, but a powerful phenomenon that Houlik likens to a mystical experience. Paraphrasing Joseph Campbell, a scholar of religions, he explains that while most people simply learn things and then apply what they learned, a fortunate few have an “experience” that changes them deeply and forever.

“I have had that experience,” he says, “and I’m exactly where I’m supposed to be.”

By Richard Tourtellott
More than 300 well-wishers honored the Reverend Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., on his 65th birthday with an Irish celebration benefit dinner on Sept. 9.

Attendees included Duquesne administrators and staff, current students, loyal alumni, and friends from far and wide. They enjoyed a celebration dinner, complete with birthday cake, and a friendly “roast” of the guest of honor. The Irish theme was carried throughout the décor and entertainment, and included a special Hogan leprechaun centerpiece.

Proceeds from the event were used to support the Reverend Sean M. Hogan Endowed Scholarship, which was established five years ago by alumni Don and Terri Hastings for Hogan’s 60th birthday. To date, nearly $200,000 has been donated to assist students who have no other financial resources to continue and/or complete their education at Duquesne.

“Father Hogan has touched so many lives. He has shared weddings, baptisms and many happy occasions. He has been there to comfort the sick and console those who have lost loved ones—always so very generously giving of his time,” says Mary McIntyre, assistant to President Charles Dougherty and a key member of the benefit dinner committee.

A familiar face at Duquesne for the past 30 years, Hogan arrived from Kenya in 1975 to complete his graduate studies. In 1980, he was appointed associate director of Development and worked on the first capital campaign for the School of Law. Two years later, he became the inaugural director of the Office of International Education, and eventually joined the Office of Student Life.

Today, as executive vice president for Student Life, Hogan oversees a dozen offices dedicated to helping students grow morally, spiritually and academically, enriching their lives during college and beyond.

“It was all very humbling to see the tremendous outpouring of friendship and caring by so many,” Hogan says. “It means the world to me.”

By Kimberly Saunders
Duquesne Collaborates with FBI Division on Cyber Crime Studies
Duquesne University is working with the FBI’s Pittsburgh Division to take a “byte” out of cyber crime. The collaboration between Duquesne and the FBI focuses on three surveys to determine how law enforcement, businesses and educational institutions in the Pittsburgh region are poised to deal with cyber crime.

“Cyber crime is a growing threat, and law enforcement agencies around the country are grappling with how they can change their investigative techniques and priorities to best address it,” says William Shore, supervisory special agent in the FBI’s Pittsburgh office.

The first survey, distributed to nearly 700 law enforcement agencies in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, showed that a majority of the agencies report a lack of resources for investigating cyber crimes. The survey was the first in the region to gauge how local law enforcement tracks and responds to cyber crimes, says Shore.

“To fill any gaps found in knowledge and skills for those who need to deal with cyber crimes, Duquesne could be in a position to develop training modules that could be used locally and elsewhere,” says Dr. Kenneth Saban, associate professor in the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, who helped draft the initial survey, analyze its results and develop the report. He will continue to work with the FBI on the two other studies.

“Because of the temporary and technical nature of Internet postings and the fact that the Internet can cross many enforcement jurisdictions, it’s becoming more important for law agencies to collaborate and to turn to specialists to help effectively fight these crimes,” Saban says.

The regional findings aligned with national trends reported in the 2005 FBI cyber crime survey, which showed that businesses were most threatened in the cyber world by viruses, spyware, port scans and sabotage of data or networks, as well as by intellectual property infringement.

Cyber attacks on individuals, both regionally and nationally, included fraud, threats and crimes against children.

Significant findings from this landmark regional survey include:

- Nearly nine out of 10 agencies report inadequate resources for investigating cyber crimes.
- The top three resources that agencies need to enhance investigation abilities are training, additional money and software.
- About 75 percent of the respondents report that investigators and forensic examiners have no special training to handle cyber crimes.
- More than half of investigators do not collect digital evidence when investigating crimes.

The survey findings could lead to the formation of a regional computer forensics laboratory, a special crime lab that would collect, process and analyze digital evidence, and encourage sharing information and techniques through existing organizations to fight these crimes. Until money would become available for such an initiative, other steps could be taken, according to Saban.

Four key steps would be:

- Develop a basic cyber crime investigation training program that would address legal and “best practices” information when seizing evidence.
- Use online instruction to fill the training gap in a cost-effective, timely way.
- Encourage outreach efforts from professional groups. Partner with subject matter experts and existing anti-cyber crime organizations to develop training materials.
- Increase collaboration through existing cyber crime task forces.

“This is only the first step in Duquesne’s cyber crime research collaboration with the FBI,” Saban says. “In the near future, we plan to determine how local businesses and educational institutions are prepared to protect themselves against these types of crimes and the kinds of resources they need to reduce their vulnerability.”

The two follow-up studies will perform similar gap analyses in the business and educational communities and could include collaborations with various schools within the University, Saban says.

“What we’re trying to do is determine a gap analysis, then as a result of that, develop a series of modular training that we can customize for each audience,” says Saban.

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
Unique Program Introduces Students to Chinese Legal System
Duquesne’s groundbreaking legal ties with China go back almost two decades.

In 1991, the School of Law began an ongoing faculty exchange program with China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL)—China’s largest and most prestigious law school. In 1995, the two schools partnered once again to offer the Summer Study of Law program. The program, considered to be one of the best of its kind offered in the United States and the first summer program of its kind in China, is open to any law student, lawyer or judge who speaks English.

The program has become hugely successful and a model for U.S. law school programs held in China.

“Our China program is a world class program that’s recognized everywhere,” says Donald Guter, L’77, dean of the law school. “It’s one of the premier programs that law schools offer.”

At the heart of the program is the opportunity for law students, lawyers and judges to learn about the legal system of a nation that is emerging as an economic, political and military giant, and having a significant impact on the rest of the world.

Every June, program participants travel to CUPL in Beijing for three weeks of legal courses taught by Duquesne law professors Alfred S. Pelaez and Frank Liu, adjunct professors from four leading Chinese law schools, the Chinese Ministry of Justice and members of the Chinese Bar. Many of the Chinese professors worked with the National People’s Congress in drafting the laws they discuss in class.

Students learn about the origins of the Chinese legal system, its development and current status, and the changes being made to facilitate China’s evolution from a state-controlled planned economy to a market economy. Specific topics include Chinese constitutional law, civil law and procedures, contract law, criminal law and procedures, intellectual property law, corporate law, legal procedures for doing business in China, mediation and arbitration, marriage law and inheritance law.

“The faculty at CUPL are the best in China,” says Liu, who is associate director of the China summer program.

The summer law program evolved from the success of the faculty exchange program. It started with a visit in 1994 by Liu and Pelaez to CUPL to conduct a continuing legal educational (CLE) program for American lawyers on the American legal system. Liu and Pelaez brought back the proposal for the joint summer program, which was soon approved by the Duquesne law faculty and American Bar Association.

Since the faculty exchange and summer law program were instituted, more than 60 CUPL faculty members and administrators have visited Duquesne, nine Duquesne faculty members have visited CUPL and almost 500 students from 156 law schools around the world have traveled to CUPL through Duquesne’s summer program.

Though many American law schools now have programs in China, Duquesne’s is the most prestigious and among the largest. In fact, several law schools have asked to partner with Duquesne rather than start their own program.

“They want to partner with Duquesne because of the preeminence of our program,” says Guter. “That’s a statement in and of itself.”

In addition to learning about the Chinese legal system, program participants have the opportunity to travel around the city of Beijing, and take field trips to the National People’s Congress, Beijing’s High Court, and local law firms. Students can also take advantage of internship programs with leading Chinese law firms.

While in China, students are accompanied by Liu and Pelaez. Pelaez attends every class with them.

“You’re opening their eyes and letting them make their own judgment on a completely different legal system,” says Pelaez. “You’re giving them a different perspective than they had previously.”

Completing the law school’s China program gives students an edge in an increasingly global economy.

“A lot of major law firms in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Atlanta have opportunities for people to practice commercial law dealings with China or even to send people over to branch offices in China,” says Guter.

In addition, students form bonds with Chinese professors and students who are the future of China.

“They’re making friends whom they’ll stay in contact with who will be the leaders in China if and when China becomes the most dominant economic power in the world,” says Pelaez.

Duquesne is constantly working to build its program with CUPL. Liu, in fact, was recently appointed as one of six American commissioners on the distinguished U.S.-China Joint Commission on Legal Education, and traveled to China in December for the organization’s first meeting. He will help promote and coordinate education programs between China and the United States, and help plan an American/Chinese legal education conference that will be held every three years.

As the program grows, the thrust behind it remains the same.

“We want to expose our students to the world at large,” says Guter. “It certainly fits into our mission statement.”

By Megan Tressler
A Spiritan brother is credited for creating a fruit that is loved around the globe.

According to Spiritan history, Brother Marie-Clement—also known as Vital Rodier—used donated land to develop a species of mandarin that became known as the Clementine fruit.

Marie-Clement was born in 1839 in Malveille, France. He first wanted to become a Carthusian monk at Valbonne, but found the lifestyle too austere. Instead, he joined the Brothers of the Annunciation at Misserghin in Algeria, where his uncle was a brother.

The Brothers of the Annunciation ran an orphanage in Misserghin, a village near Oran, on donated land. The Brothers turned the land into an agricultural estate, with famous nurseries. Orphans from France and Algeria trained on the land and it was here that Marie-Clement worked among the vines and citrus trees.

According to Rene Charrier’s *Memoire Spiritaine. Etudes et Documents 1*, “You could say that nothing was really planted without him throughout the 20 hectares (a hectare is roughly 107,600 square feet) of the nursery and the 35 hectares of the vineyard. It was he who introduced several hundreds of varieties of trees into the country, including fruit trees and ornamental ones, not to speak of the marvelous collection of rose bushes with almost 600 of the rarest varieties...he even developed many types of plants and fruits, notably a species of mandarin, which won the admiration of connoisseurs and which the orphans baptized the Clementine.”

The timing of this “invention,” according to lore, is some time between 1892 and 1900. According to Marie-Clement’s tombstone, it took place in 1894.

According to Charrier, Spiritan tradition speaks to the manner of Marie-Clement’s discovery in two ways:

“On the property, on the bank of the Misserghin wadi, an uncultivated tree had grown among the thorn bushes. It was neither a mandarin tree nor an orange tree. Its fruit was redder than a mandarin and had a delicious taste and, moreover, it had no pith. This is what a young Arab told Brother Clement after having tasted it. As he was interested in these fruits, our arboriculturist took it upon himself to make grafts with slips from this miraculous tree. The operation was successful: the grafts were increased and the new tree was called a Clementine tree.”

and

“Another version was given to us by the son of a worker who lived at the nursery at the time of Brother Clement. The latter was following a bee that was collecting pollen for honey making. The bee went from a Seville orange tree onto a mandarin tree. What could come from such cross fertilization? The Brother attached a red ribbon to the flower of mandarin tree and kept an eye on the fruit it produced. He made a seedling from the fruit when it matured and obtained a Clementine.”

So, how does Brother Clement figure into Spiritan history when he was a member of the Brothers of the Annunciation? The Brothers found themselves in serious economic trouble and, on the advice of the Holy See, approached the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. In 1901, Rome authorized the Brothers to join the Spiritans, and one year later, Brother Clement became a Spiritan. He died in 1904.
A Journey of Faith

Twenty-five years after a miracle was first reported in Medjugorje, a Duquesne professor and student had the opportunity to travel to the small village where six young people say the Blessed Virgin Mary appears.

Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of journalism and multimedia arts at Duquesne University, and then student in the journalism and multimedia arts program, Erica Trautman, spent nine days in Medjugorje, capturing the experience of Pittsburghers on a pilgrimage to the village.

The pair’s work has been turned into a 26-minute documentary called A Journey of Faith. The program is narrated by Mike Clark, anchor at Pittsburgh news channel WTAE-TV and adjunct professor at Duquesne.

“I used this trip as a learning experience,” explains Woytek, a former combat photographer in Vietnam. “For me, those nine days taught me an amazing amount about documentaries that you just can not get from a book.”

The project started when WTAE-TV approached Woytek last March. He was given two weeks to work out the details for the trip, which took place in late March. The purpose of the trip was not to investigate the reports of the young people, who claim that Mary started appearing to them in 1981 with messages for the world, but to document what pilgrims see and do when they visit Medjugorje.

After a long and tiring traveling experience to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Woytek and Trautman arrived to find that due to a great sense of self-preservation by its inhabitants, Medjugorje was not touched by the bombing and violence that affected most other parts of the country.

Woytek and Trautman found that the three main attractions in a trip to Medjugorje are St. James Church, Apparition Hill and Cross Hill, all of which have played various roles in the visions that each individual has received. Carrying all of their own video and audio equipment, Woytek and Trautman made the difficult three-and-a-half-hour climb up Apparition Hill alongside hundreds of pilgrims. During the pilgrimage, Woytek conducted many interviews, including an interview with one of the visionaries who says the Blessed Virgin Mary still appears in Medjugorje.

The entire experience netted more than 13 hours of raw video.

“Medjugorje made me develop a softer attitude towards people and life in general,” says Woytek. “I went over there with an ‘I don’t know attitude’ to see what I could learn and gain from the experience. You don’t always have to have an outward change after an experience like this.”

Trautman has since graduated. She is an evening news anchor in Pittsburg, Kan., a job she landed in part from her Medjugorje experience.

A short segment from A Journey of Faith appeared on WTAE-TV last year and is currently being considered for airings on other outlets. Woytek makes it a point to take the documentary to church groups and to show it to anyone interested in experiencing what he had the chance to learn while in Medjugorje. He is thankful that he has the opportunity to take these lessons into the classroom and share his experience in filming a documentary with his students.

“I’m very lucky that I was able to take this trip and it was Duquesne that allowed me the time for this experience,” says Woytek. “Outside of Duquesne, I do not know that I would have had the time or resources for an experience like this.”

By Jeff Filicko
In Pittsburgh, the gridiron sport is a popular topic of conversation at any time of the year. Mark your calendars now for Duquesne University’s annual Downtown Alumni Luncheon on Thursday, March 29, at Pittsburgh’s David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

ESPN professional football analyst John Clayton, A’76, will be the keynote speaker. Clayton’s twin passions for sports and journalism were evident before and during his years as a student on our Bluff. He played football for the Iron Dukes and had already begun covering the Steelers’ weekly news conferences as a high school student.

After graduating from Duquesne, Clayton spent 10 years as National Football League (NFL) and Steelers beat reporter for the *Pittsburgh Press* before moving on to similar writing positions with *The Sporting News* and the *Tacoma News Tribune*.

In 1990, he added a radio talk show on Seattle’s KJR Radio to his busy schedule, and in 1995, he joined ESPN, where his expert NFL analysis and commentary is seen, heard and read throughout the network’s cable television, radio, online and print outlets.

With such a busy schedule, Clayton rarely takes a day off, and Duquesne is fortunate to have arranged his local appearance during the brief window between the end of the football season in February and the much-anticipated NFL draft in April.

Don’t miss this rare opportunity to hear Clayton’s unique insights and expertise in person. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch served at 11:55. Brochures with individual and corporate table registration details will be mailed soon. Check out www.alumni.duq.edu for more information, or call Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209.

By Bob Woodside, A’83

Janet Frontera, N’95, Michelle (Frontera) Kirkpatrick, E’95, and Judy (Palmieri) McKenzie, A’84, had a *Duquesne University Magazine* with them as they said goodbye at the airport in Wichita, Kan., where Judy was dropping off Janet and Michelle after a visit. The baby pictured is Michelle’s son, Alexander.

Gino F. Peluso, JD’80, had fun in the sun with his copy of the *Duquesne University Magazine* while on vacation in Ocean City, N.J.

Do you take your *Duquesne University Magazine* on the road?

Next time you’re traveling with your magazine, snap a picture and send it to us to show your fellow alums that the spirit of Duquesne circles the globe. Send your high resolution (300 dpi) image to us at dumagazine@duq.edu, along with information about your trip.
1. In November, the final steel beam was set atop the Duquesne University multipurpose recreation and retail center being built on Forbes Avenue. A beam-signing ceremony with President Charles J. Dougherty, students and staff marked the completion of this stage of construction in the multi-phase project.

2. To showcase Duquesne’s international ties, the University invited alumni and friends to the Italian embassy on Oct. 25, drawing a record attendance—more than 200—for a Duquesne event in the Washington, D.C., area.

3. Four composers, all alumni of the Mary Pappert School of Music, returned to the University for performances of their works in September. The alumni composers, members of the faculty at various schools of music, are: Don Freund, DMA, M’69, of Indiana University; Brett Dietz, M’95, of Louisiana State University; Robert Singley, M’02, of Bennington College; and Joseph Sheehan, M’02, of Indiana University.

4. Almost 250 alumni and friends attended Sister’s Christmas Catechism at Pittsburgh’s City Theatre in December.

5 & 6. Our Bluff sparkled for Duquesne’s 10th annual Light-Up Night, held in late November.

7-10. Homecoming and Freshman Parent Weekend drew students and alumni and their families to campus in October. Events included a trolley tour of Pittsburgh, concerts, a pig roast, a Dukes football game and traditional Sunday Mass celebrated by Spiritan fathers.
SAM ASHAOLU

Sam Ashaolu, the most critically injured of five Duquesne basketball players wounded in a Sept. 17 shooting, continues on the road to recovery. Sam, who has made great strides in the weeks following the shooting, made his first public appearance at a press conference on the afternoon of DU’s first basketball game on Nov. 13. Sam and his brother John, as well as Duquesne University President Charles Dougherty, Director of Athletics Greg Amodio, head basketball coach Ron Everhart and members of the Mercy Hospital medical staff, fielded questions regarding Sam’s continued progress.

Sam, who achieved outpatient status on Nov. 3, has been a regular attendee at team practices as he continues both cognitive and physical therapy.

BOB DERDA NAMED ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Director of Athletics Greg Amodio named Duquesne alumnus Bob Derda, A’81, associate athletic director for external relations. Amodio made the announcement in November.

Press All-America, American Football Coaches Association All-America and The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major All-America teams. He is the first DU player since Bodden to earn a spot on both the AFCA and AP All-America teams as a junior. Hocker, a native of Upper Marlboro, Md., caught 61 passes for 1,070 yards and a school record-tying 16 touchdowns in 2006. He led the nation in receiving yards per game (107.0), touchdown catches (tied for first with 16) and points per game by a receiver (9.6). His touchdown total tied the DU school record set by Reggie Harris in 2000.

THE RON EVERHART RADIO SHOW

Catch up with the latest news regarding the Duquesne men’s basketball program by listening to the Ron Everhart Radio Show on Fox Sports Radio 970. The show, which airs from 7 to 8 p.m., also may be accessed through www.970theburgh.com. Remaining show dates are listed below:

Friday, Feb. 16
Friday, Feb. 23
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Nonprofit Leadership Institute, Boards-by-Design Reach Milestone

The School of Leadership and Professional Advancement’s Nonprofit Leadership Institute (NLI) recently celebrated a decade of working with the local foundation community to create peak-performing nonprofit boards that cultivate more effective nonprofits, serve constituents better and make an impact in the community.

Over the last decade, more than 3,000 clients from over 750 nonprofit organizations have attended NLI academies, customized training sessions and other programs.

The Leadership Academy, which covers such topics as legal obligations, roles and responsibilities of nonprofit boards, strategic planning and ethical decision-making, was and remains a core program of the NLI. But since its founding in 1996, the NLI has expanded its programming to include social entrepreneurship courses, grown its customized training and consulting services and, most notably, began matching individuals with nonprofit boards through its Boards-by-Design program.

Boards-by-Design, which celebrated its fifth anniversary last year, is an innovative, comprehensive program that connects nonprofit organizations with qualified board candidates. It focuses on developing a best-in-class nonprofit sector that is more representative of the community and better able to address future challenges.

To date, more than 1,000 individuals and 360 nonprofit organizations have applied to participate. More than 400 matches already have been made, with many more on the way. Of those placed on boards via Boards-by-Design, 20 percent are racial minorities, 60 percent are women and 71 percent are under the age of 40.

Future plans for the NLI include new programs, such as a peer-to-peer learning network with support from The Forbes Funds and Standards for Excellence, a program offered in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofits. In November, NLI announced a $20,000 grant from the FISA (Federation of Independent School Alumnae) Foundation that will enable Boards-by-Design to enlarge its scope, working with those who have disabilities to become members of nonprofit boards.

Annual O Come All Ye Faithful Concert Draws DU Community

More than a thousand alumni, students, staff and friends of Duquesne attended the annual O Come All Ye Faithful Concert in December.

More than 100 student musicians from the Mary Pappert School of Music, members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and international students wearing the traditional clothing of their home nations took part in the concert, which featured the African hymn Vanga Yohana and the renowned Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Christmas oratorio, Messiah.
Accomplishments Recognized at Duquesne University Convocation

Achievements stretching across classrooms, the physical campus, the community and the athletic field were highlights President Charles J. Dougherty applauded during the University’s annual convocation ceremony in September.

“This has been a year of significant achievement for our University, our schools and all our divisions,” Dougherty told the audience in the Bayer Learning Center auditoriums. “The commitment of each of us to bring excellence to all we do is the basis on which extraordinary achievements are realized.”

Dougherty’s reflections touched virtually every area of the University. One of the most visible and dramatic changes has occurred on Forbes Avenue, with construction underway on the multipurpose recreational center.

He also discussed beautification efforts that resulted from removing a deteriorating parking garage and replacing it with Brottier Commons, a green space that “will create an attractive first impression for those entering campus on McAnulty Drive.”

Dougherty detailed an application for the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone. Duquesne and the Hill House Economic Development Corp. are leading the proposal, with 14 other partners, in this economic development program. Initially, areas near Duquesne would be targeted to nurture new biotech companies. Partners would provide research and expertise for these new businesses.

Dougherty highlighted a newly approved, updated core curriculum that will strengthen Duquesne’s dedication to offering coursework grounded in a moral and spiritual framework. The change becomes effective in the fall.

He recapped the visiting exhibit, A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People, which drew nearly 7,000 visitors, many for the first time, to Duquesne’s campus last year. The exhibit, he said, “was both a painful reminder of the past and a moment of hope for the future. It also created several opportunities to celebrate the many important contributions that Jews have made and are making to the success of this Catholic university.”

Symposium Examines Theological Basis of Humane Immigration Policies

The second annual Faith and Politics symposium showed how creating policies that protect immigrants and refugees has a basis in religious faith. The event also explored issues that staked out common ground in the theology and politics of immigration.

Immigration and the Plight of Immigrants: Politics, Policy, Morality, sponsored by the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, took place in September and drew an estimated 250 people. Top scholars, policymakers and clerics participating in the symposium tackled topics such as how Catholic social teaching can guide Church and government responses to immigration; whether the current flow of immigrants poses a threat to American values and identity; and if it is appropriate for the Church to challenge immigration policy.

Speakers and panelists included Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the apostolic nuncio and permanent observer to the United Nations for the Holy See; Dr. Alejandro Portes, director for the Princeton University Center for Migration and Development; The Most Reverend James A. Tamayo, bishop of the diocese of Laredo, Texas; and Michele R. Pistone, professor of law and director of the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services at Villanova University School of Law.

At the conclusion of each panel discussion, speakers answered questions, which ranged from areas where faith and policy intersect to some questions of a purely theological nature, mirroring the complexity of the immigration debate and its importance in political as well as religious life.

Chavez Opponent, Other International Speakers Address Judicial Topics

One of the most outspoken opponents of Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez visited Duquesne during an international seminar on judicial review.

Allan R. Brewer-Carias, a professor of law at Columbia University Law School in New York City, was among 15 renowned speakers addressing the topic of Judicial Review in the Americas... and Beyond.

The two-day seminar, sponsored by the Duquesne University School of Law, in cooperation with the Inter-American Bar Association, took place in November. Judicial Review in the Americas... and Beyond featured top jurists providing insights into judicial review processes in the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, Germany, Canada, Costa Rica, Brazil and Peru.

The practice of judicial review is telling for each country, exposing much about the theory and practice of law in that nation, according to Robert S. Barker, seminar chairman and distinguished professor of law at Duquesne. Thus, examining judicial review, nation by nation, is important to both scholars and to practitioners alike.
Alumni Composers Return for Performance

Four contemporary composers, all alumni of the Mary Pappert School of Music, returned to Pittsburgh for performances in September.

David Stock, composer-in-residence at the school of music, arranged the concerts, which he called an Alumni Composers Mini-Festival.

The alumni composers are faculty members at various schools of music: Don Freund, M’69, of Indiana University; Brett Dietz, M’95, of Louisiana State University; Robert Singley, M’02, of Bennington College; and Joseph Sheehan, M’02, of Indiana University.

At the Sept. 28 concert, Stock directed the Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble. The Sept. 29 concert in Carnegie Music Hall featured the Duquesne University Wind Symphony and Symphony Band, conducted by Robert Cameron. The program included a performance of a piano concerto composed by Freund, who accompanied the wind symphony on piano.

Special Conference on Pope John Paul II Held

The phenomenology of Pope John Paul II was the focus of a two-day symposium at Duquesne in December.

“Phenomenology is the area of philosophy that analyzes closely all aspects of human experience: sense perception, action and even our enjoyment of beauty,” explains Dr. Dan Martino, director of the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center at Duquesne. “In the pope’s phenomenological writings, human experience takes on a very rich and meaningful form, as the focus for the physical and spiritual development of the human person in all walks and stages of life.”

The conference, sponsored by the Phenomenology Center, the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, and the Department of Philosophy, showcased these insights not only in the philosophical writings of Karol Wojtyla, but also in his play The Jeweler’s Shop. The three-act play explores relationships between men and women, and the joys and the pain of love and marriage.

Business Technology Conference a Success

In November, the Duquesne University Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center and the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration presented the first Pennsylvania Business Technology Conference.

The daylong conference focused on improving profitability, productivity and performance through technology. Keynote speakers were Dan Miklovic, managing vice president of Gartner Inc., an international technology research and consulting firm, who predicted hot technology issues for the next three years, and U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle, whose top priorities include revitalizing local communities.

Other topics included solutions for streamlining operations and lowering costs, eMarketing trends, network security and evaluating, and managing and using new technologies.

Murrin Retires

Distinguished Service Professor and former dean of the business school Thomas J. Murrin has retired after an illustrious career in the public and private sectors, and academia.

A reception to honor Murrin, his extraordinary career and contributions to Duquesne was held in December.

Murrin, a Fordham University graduate, received a bachelor’s degree in physics while playing football as a starting tackle under the late coach Vince Lombardi. He began his career at Westinghouse Electric Corp. as a graduate student in 1951, working as a manufacturing and materials engineer. Over the next 36 years, he served in various leadership positions with Westinghouse.

During his Westinghouse career, he traveled to more than 40 countries and still found time to serve on Fordham’s board and chair Duquesne’s board before working for the U.S. government, where he served as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce in the administration of President George H. W. Bush.

In 1991, Murrin became dean of Duquesne’s business schools. During earlier involvement with educational institutions, Murrin was distinguished service professor of technology and management at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was one of the founders of the Robotics Institute.

In retirement, Murrin plans to spend more time with his family, including his wife, Dee, their eight children and 10 grandchildren. ■
1940s

Eugene R. Krhin, E’47, GE’48, was the featured soloist at the Tamburitzans’ Chippewa Valley (Wis.) performance for his 50th straight year. He was a member of the DU Tamburitzans from 1940 through 1943.

1950s


1960s

Ed Williams, A’60, GA’61, was honored with the Alumni Achievement Award at Potomac State College of West Virginia University, where he received an Associate of Arts degree. His accomplishments include professor emeritus of political science at the University of Arizona, Rockefeller Foundation research fellow and Fulbright senior lecturer at El Colegio de Mexico. He received the Consul’s Award from the government of Mexico for his service and friendship to Mexico.

Dr. Delfin Carbonell, A’61, is living in Spain and the author of Diccionario de clichés, the first dictionary on clichés in the Spanish language, which was published by Ediciones del Serbal. Diccionario de clichés is Carbonell’s 10th dictionary and 26th book.

Dr. Ellen (Benswanger) Sucov, M’63, GA’69, is the author of Fragmented Families: Patterns of Estrangement and Reconciliation, published by Southern Hills Press in Jerusalem. The book provides “psychological, religious and practical insights on the phenomenon of alienation between family members.”

Jay A. Schaffer, B’64, is the author of the nonfiction book Stepping Out of the Parade—True and Free Spirited Stories as Told by a Truly Free Spirit. It will be available in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Judge Joseph A. Del Sole, JD’65, has joined the firm of Del Sole Cavanaugh, LLC as of counsel and will also provide arbitration and mediation services throughout Pennsylvania. He is retired from the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and served as the court’s president judge from 2001 to 2006. He is an adjunct professor at Duquesne University’s School of Law.

Dr. Patricia ‘Patsy’ Campbell-Fells, E’68, is the author of the novel The Blue Ribbon Girls. The sequel, Winning Gold, will be published soon. She lives in Sewickley, Pa., with her husband, Chuck.

James T. Delisi, A’68, is the author of “Single Minded,” which was published in The Officer in November. It is described as a “template for single Reserve/National Guard personnel to plan the handling of their personal affairs while away from their homes during mobilization.”

Nancy Boxill, A’69, District 6 commissioner of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (Ga.), is the recipient of The Lexus Leader of the Arts Award. The award recognizes figures in the community whose exemplary dedication to the arts has enriched the cultural life of metropolitan Atlanta. She is a member of the board of directors of the Atlanta Opera and National Black Arts Festival.

Pearle (Linda) Lacher, A’69, was honored with a best in show award at Broward County’s annual Hortt Exhibit for her wool on canvas multimedia art piece titled September 11th. She has relocated to South Florida.

Michele (Malley) Valentino, N’69, is secretary of the APNA board of directors and received the APNA-Ohio Chapter Leadership Award for 2006. She is employed at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and also does private practice.
1970s

Carol (Caruso) Caruthers, A’71, has been appointed recording secretary of the Waterford Twp. (N.J.) environmental commission, a volunteer and nonvoting position.


Erin (McGrath) Rainwater, N’72, a 20-year Colorado resident, has published two novels this year. True Colors is set during the Civil War and The Arrow That Flieth By Day takes place in 1860s Colorado.

Mary Ann Zieger, E’72, was elected the Pennsylvania state president of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization/Sorority for Women Educators. She has been employed with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3, teaching special education at the Avonworth Elementary School for 32 years.

Jau-Min Guo, Ph.D.’74, established a new world record for making the largest Sudoku game.

Jacqueline B. Easely, GE’76, was named principal of St. Bonaventure Parish School. She is completing her certification in school administration at Duquesne and is certified as a reading specialist.

David V. Breen, JD’77, attorney/mediator and founder of the Breen Law Firm, was named as an arbitrator, mediator and early neutral evaluator for the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He serves as a neutral arbitrator and mediator in the areas of business, employment, family and general civil disputes, and also represents individuals and businesses in the areas of employment, family, criminal and juvenile law.

Thomas B. Etzel, CPA, A’77, was elected treasurer of the board of governors of the Allegheny HYP Club.

William P. Ballot, A’79, was named director of sales for European and U.S. operations for Resolute Partners LLC of Southington, Conn. The company is a major provider of wireless and Internet services to military bases and installations throughout the world.

Anthony Colega, P’79, received the George H. Seareight Memorial Award for outstanding service to Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association and local community activities. He was recognized at the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association awards dinner during the annual meeting and educational conference.

Dr. Timothy Kelly, A’79, GA’80, associate professor at Davis School of Business and Economics, recently had his last book, VoIP for Dummies, translated and published in German. The condensed version has also been translated into seven other languages.

Henry J. Lenard, A’79, was named chief marketing and communications officer of Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon, LLP, which has 70 attorneys.
She has been called the “Michelle Wie of triathlon.”

For a decade, Hollie Kenney, A’94, has seriously been competing in triathlons. In July, she was the only woman to compete in the Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathlon, as the result of no women’s pro division offered in the event.

The Ironman event featured 2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of bicycling and a 26.2-mile run. She finished 25th out of a total of more than 2,000 competitors.

She has competed in the Ironman four other times, finishing fifth and seventh in her age group in the world championships in Hawaii. She is sponsored by PowerBar, Mizuno shoes and Under Armour apparel.

Kenney, of Baltimore, Md., became interested in triathlons while she was a student at Duquesne, where she earned 12 varsity letters. She has now completed more than 100 triathlon events.

When not competing or training to compete, she is editor and publisher of a cycling magazine and is a certified USA Triathlon coach. USA Triathlon is the national governing body for the multi-sport disciplines of triathlon, duathlon, aquathlon and winter triathlon in the United States.

She has coached cross country, track and swimming at Johns Hopkins University.

Help Phi Kappa Phi Re-organize on Campus

The Duquesne University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) honor society is re-organizing and invites all alumni who are PKP initiates and/or members to take part. Organizers seek to support the missions of PKP and Duquesne through mutually beneficial activities and to bring PKP to our leading students in support of their career development. To learn more, e-mail Dr. Patricia Crist at crist@duq.edu or Dr. Laverna Saunders at saunders@library.duq.edu.

1980s

Col. John D. Grabenstein, P’80, has retired from the U.S. Army and is now senior director, scientific affairs, policy, public health and medical affairs of Merck Vaccine Division.

Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr., JD’80, the new president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, announced an agenda that includes working on reforms in lawyer advertising and Internet child safety.

Ann (Fisher) Hohn, A’83, received the Anthony Bucci Award for Excellence in Communication Ethics.

Corinne Roth Laboon, A’83, is the author of I Will Survive: Techniques for Coping with a Health Challenge, published by Seaboard Press (special rate for the Duquesne University community at www.iwillsurvivebook.com.) The book is described as a workbook for people diagnosed with life-altering conditions, as well as the people who love them. It includes a section to help children and teenagers cope with health challenges.

Shawn Christen, A’84, received his MBA in finance from Seton Hall University.

Raymond S. Mosha, GA’84, Ph.D.’86, is currently teaching at DePaul University (Chicago) and was in Tanzania for the past five years.

Mark R. Paolletta, A’84, was elected partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Dickstein Shapiro LLP, in the government law and strategy group. He will focus on government investigations, with an emphasis on congressional investigations and hearings. He recently served as chief counsel for oversight and investigations on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and managed more than 200 hearings.

Christopher B. (Kip) Sobel, B’84, GB’89, has been named executive vice president, consumer and small business banking for National City Bank of Pennsylvania. He is responsible for the bank’s 17-county branch and small business network in Western Pennsylvania outside of the greater...
Pittsburgh area. He and his wife, Celeste, are the parents of two children.

Crystal McCormick Ware, A’85, GE’94, director of communications and diversity initiatives, University of Pittsburgh, University Library System, was elected to the board of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Dr. Ron Corey, P’86, has been appointed senior director, project management with Daiichi Asubio Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in Rochelle Park, N.J., where he will be responsible for developing a new project management department. He is also the executive director and CFO of the Pharmacy, Leadership & Education Institute.

(John) Douglas Florey, A’87, GA’87, was named director of marketing at the Laughlin Center, an educational service provider in Sewickley, Pa. He was previously with the University of Pittsburgh School of Education.

Jo Ann (Gerboc) Geiger, A’87, has been named director of classified advertising for the Democrat and Chronicle, a Gannett newspaper in Rochester.

Diane Hupp, N’87, GN’95, was named vice president and chief nursing officer at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Chris (Cassidy) Kormis, A’87, has been named assistant vice president for university relations at The George Washington University. Previously executive director, she will continue to oversee media relations, graphic design and printing services, advertising, online and print publications, photography, crisis communications, and certain community liaison initiatives. She earned a Master of Arts in English, Professional Writing and Editing from George Mason University.

Eric A. Okunewick, B’87, was named a partner of KPMG LLP. He provides advisory services to financial services clients in the Pittsburgh area, focusing on information technology, information assurance and information security.

David E. Sweitzer, JD’87, has joined the firm of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP. He is a partner in the firm’s construction law and business litigation groups and will focus his practice in commercial litigation, including cases involving construction disputes, franchise litigation, business losses for manufactured equipment, corporate disparagement and defamation, and product liability.

Theresa Talbott, P’87, received the prestigious Wyeth-Ayerst Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service during the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association’s annual meeting and educational conference. She is a pharmacy supervisor for CVS Pharmacies in northeastern Pennsylvania.

David Solomon, A’88, was the recipient of Mid-Atlantic Emmy awards for his work as a producer/writer on WQED-TV programs including On Q: The Cantor’s Classroom Visit, On Q: March of the Living.

Gary R. Zeig II, A’89, was promoted to mortgage loan representative at OMEGA Federal Credit Union in Pittsburgh.

1990s


Jennifer M. Myers, CPA, B’90, was promoted to mortgage loan representative at OMEGA Federal Credit Union in Pittsburgh.

Last summer, the Internet was buzzing—or hissing—about David Dalessandro’s, L’87, idea for a movie: hundreds of deadly snakes released while a plane is in the air.

After months of Internet interest about the film, Dalessandro’s concept made it to the big screen as Snakes on a Plane. For the August premiere, Dalessandro was flown to Hollywood and walked the red carpet behind the film’s star, Samuel L. Jackson.

Dalessandro’s original script for the movie was titled Venom, a serious dark thriller. Hollywood turned it into the campy mix of horror and humor that became known as Snakes on a Plane. His law school training came in handy when he filed—and won—a protest with the Writer’s Guild of America regarding his on-screen credits.

Dalessandro has written about 10 screenplays, and may just be getting warmed up in Hollywood, thanks to the connections he made with Snakes on a Plane.

In addition to turning ideas into screenplays, Dalessandro is the associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement at the University of Pittsburgh.
In October, David W. Brown, A’84, received the Pennsylvania Communication Association (PCA) Speaker of the Year Award. The award is given to an individual whose communication epitomizes PCA’s goals of education, professionalism, ethics, innovation and community outreach.

Brown is principal and president of BrownPartners, a full-service marketing firm reaching multicultural markets, and one of the fastest growing agencies in the Northeast. Brown guides the company in using a range of marketing disciplines to reach and influence consumers of color.

Brown has been in the advertising and communications industry for more than 20 years. He has served in various leadership positions for several organizations within the communications field and is the creator of a program called The Big Pitch, an advertising competition for Philadelphia public high school students that was honored by the American Advertising Federation (AAF) as one of the best programs in the country for exposing students of color to the advertising industry.

Brown has a master’s degree in theology from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now known as the Palmer Theological Seminary), and is a reverend in the United Methodist Church. He also currently serves as an assistant professor at the University of the Arts. Brown is the founder of the Urban League Young Professionals, which now has chapters throughout the country, and he is the first African-American to receive Duquesne’s Anthony L. Bucci Award for Excellence in Communications Ethics.

He lives with his wife, Sharon (Hawkes), A’85, and his two teenage daughters, Lauren and Candace, in Turnersville, N.J.

Sean E. Regan, JD’91, shareholder at Giordano, Halleran & Ciesler, P.C., was designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a certified civil trial attorney. This distinction is limited to approximately 2 percent of the lawyers in New Jersey. He concentrates his practice in commercial and general litigation with an emphasis in construction, public contracting, real estate and general corporate disputes.

Frank Caloiero, A’92, received a Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for his work as a photographer/editor on the WQED program, On Q: One Year in Brownsville. Arla D. Cahill, GS’93, has been recognized as a rising star in New Jersey Monthly Magazine. This refers to young lawyers chosen by New Jersey Super Lawyers and through the independent research of Law & Politics. Only 2.5 percent of New Jersey attorneys receive this recognition.

Maureen (Morrissey) Johnson, A’93, earned a Ph.D. in health education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She is a health education faculty member in the department of kinesiology and health education at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

Catharine Murray Ryan, GA’93, was elected chair of the board of trustees of the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. She is a retired chaplain from Magee-Womens Hospital and Forbes Regional Hospital.

Kevin M. Hoffman, A’94, GA’96, was named director of Web and electronic communications at Maryland Institute College of Art.

Darren Frank, M.D., S’95, finished his orthopedic surgery residency at Allegheny General Hospital and will be completing a sports fellowship at N.Y.U. this year.

Kristen M. Humphrey, JD’95, was awarded an LL.M. degree specializing in labor and employment law from the George Washington University School of Law. Her thesis, Re-employment Rights for the Guard and Reserve: Will Civilian Employers Pay the Price for National Defense? will be published in an upcoming edition of the Air Force Law Review. She is currently a trial attorney in the central labor law office of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency in Arlington, and represents the Air Force in labor and employment administrative litigation throughout the United States and overseas.

Michele A. Forte, Major, USAF, JD’96, was awarded an LL.M. degree in labor and employment law from the George Washington University School of Law. Her thesis, Re-employment Rights for the Guard and Reserve: Will Civilian Employers Pay the Price for National Defense? will be published in an upcoming edition of the Air Force Law Review. She is currently a trial attorney in the central labor law office of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency in Arlington, and represents the Air Force in labor and employment administrative litigation throughout the United States and overseas.
Jane Montgomery’s, GM’87, life is all about harmony.

For the past five years, Montgomery has been the director of the Smith Mountain Lake Harmeneers, an all-male barbershop chorus in Lynchburg, Va. She is one of a small number of women to direct a men’s chorus.

In the fall, she started directing a women’s vocal ensemble—Treble Tapestry—in Lynchburg that sings sacred and secular concert works, folk songs and works composed specifically for women. Throughout her career, Montgomery has directed choirs, taught middle school and high school music classes, taught music at several local colleges and served as a music minister at local churches. She and her husband, Michael, own Soundsation Audio, a recording company that specializes in recordings of choral groups, and all-district and honors bands and choirs.

She currently serves as minister of music at Bedford Presbyterian Church. In addition to her church work, she is music director of local high school and community theater productions.

Montgomery got involved with music while in the second grade. Then, she took piano lessons. By the time she reached high school, she was playing the organ. She earned a music degree from East Carolina University.

Montgomery loves seeing the effect of music on an audience, and loves the interaction with the members of her groups.
of compassion for others less fortunate, and to give back unselfishly” are the core of the book. He is a documentary filmmaker, and president and CEO of Kelvin Allen and Associates, a marketing and public relations firm in North Carolina.

David Jakielo, A’05, is the author of College on the Rocks, a collection of humor columns originally published in the student newspaper, The Duquesne Duke. The book is published by Xlibris, a division of Random House Publishing. He was also recently promoted to director of development at Bishop Canevin High School in Pittsburgh.

When Peggy Shoup Kerns, A’63, and her husband, Pat, A’63, decided to take the Duquesne alumni trip to Ireland in August, they had no idea that the trip would reconnect them to the University, as well as with friends they hadn’t seen in more than 40 years.

The first surprise occurred when they started receiving information about the trip. Pat Kerns said, “Do you think the ‘lbarclay’ in the e-mail list is really Lance Barclay?” An exchange of e-mails cleared that one up, revealing that it was Lance Barclay, A’60, Pat Kerns’ Pershing Rifles fraternity brother.

The second surprise came when the full list of participants arrived in the mail. At the top of the list was Theresa Balog, N’63. The Kerns also knew Balog. It seemed the trip would be more than about touring Ireland—it was going to be a reunion.

The surprises weren’t over, however. On their first night in Ireland, the recently reunited group sat together for dinner in Killarney. Barclay’s wife, Bernadette, and Sheila Manning Sullivan, E’63, were at the table. In the midst of talking and reminiscing, Sullivan and Peggy Kerns discovered that they both entered Duquesne in 1959, and lived in Assumption Hall, knew each other and had some common friends, but had not recognized each other. The group was delighted with yet another coincidence.

The Kerns had signed up for the Ireland trip because the itinerary looked interesting and fun. They ended up reconnecting with three Duquesne friends and reestablishing a link to their alma mater.

Marriages

Terrence Hurley, S’57, married Roberta Drago.

Juliette A. Murcko, DMD, S’96, married Jason E. Strecula, DMD.

Patricia D. Ocampo, A’98, married A. Paul Barry, Jr.

Quinn P. Colgan, A’99, married Lisa C. Zerbel, D.V.M.

Michael A. Rynn, A’99, JD’02, married Amy Lyn Spinnenweber.


Jill Christen Covino, A’00, married Michael John Mendes.

Tara Seighman, S’00, GS’00, married Brian D. Balonick, JD’02.

Anna Kolesar, S’02, married Christopher Eaton.

Christine Arbuckle, A’03, GA’06, married Jesse Gipko, GA’00.

Brooke Maurer, E’03, married Todd Aston-Reese, A’03, B’03.

Erin Leigh Donovan, A’04, married Eric Benacquista.

Robyn Schaffert, E’04, married Michael Wozniak, B’02.

Christine Burtnett, E’05, married Brandon Reilly, S’04.

New Arrivals

Dexter Henry, son of Patty (Golembiewski) Wissinger, B’87, and Dan Wissinger.

Katie Nicole and Connor Alexander, twins of Dr. Carla Cameron, S’90.

Ella Oakes, daughter of Jennifer (Girvin) Martin, GE’94, and Bradley Martin.

Conner Patrick, son of Barbara (Ober) Frank, E’95, and Darren Frank, M.D., S’95.

Seven 1952 graduates of the School of Nursing recently held a reunion on the Caribbean Princess Cruise Lines. Pictured sitting: Ruth (Mikulski) Franz, Charlotte (Pinter) Was, Patricia (Crowe) Fisher, Roseanne (Hoey) Corrigan. Pictured standing: Genevieve (Chiarmonte) Hornak and Dolores (Kobus) Sarkis. Mary Lou (Stanton) Carellas is not pictured.
In Memoriam

John J. Yacina, E’46
Deborah Supe, M’73, GM’75
Fr. Ives Mtingiza, A’87
Randy K. Hareza, JD’88
F. Dean Badertscher, GA’97

Congratulations to former board member Ruth Egler, who recently was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Cronkite School Taps DU Alumnus as Inaugural Gaylord Professor

James N. Crutchfield, A’92, a top editor who became one of the nation’s few African-American publishers of a major metropolitan newspaper, has joined Arizona State University’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication as the first Edith Kinney Gaylord Visiting Professor in Journalism Ethics.

Crutchfield, 58, served as publisher and president of the Akron Beacon Journal from April 2001 through July 2006, when he stepped down following the sale of Knight Ridder newspapers.

“James Crutchfield has been a trailblazer in the world of journalism, so it is fitting that he will hold this inaugural professorship,” says Charles Dougherty, Duquesne University president. “We are proud of James’ achievements and wish him the best at the Cronkite School.”

Crutchfield, a four-time Pulitzer Prize juror and Duquesne board member, will spend this spring semester at ASU teaching Journalism Ethics and Diversity, a new required undergraduate course offered at the Cronkite School, as well as working with students and faculty in individual and group settings.

The visiting professorship was created in honor of the late Edith Kinney Gaylord, a pioneering newswoman who served as a Washington correspondent more than 60 years ago when the capital’s press corps was dominated by men.

The professorship was made possible through a generous grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation. Gaylord, the daughter of Daily Oklahoman publisher E.K. Gaylord, founded the Oklahoma City-based philanthropy in 1982 to improve the quality and ethical standards of journalism.

“Edith Kinney Gaylord was a pioneering journalist with a lifelong passion for covering the news,” says Robert J. Ross, president and chief executive officer of the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation. “It is fitting that Mr. Crutchfield, a pioneer in his own right, has been selected to fill the first visiting professorship that bears Edith’s name. In keeping with Edith’s passion, we partnered with ASU to develop a platform to deliver critical training to future journalists in ethics and diversity, two core components for the future of media.”

Crutchfield started his career as a reporter for the Pittsburgh Press in 1968. He went on to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and in 1976, left for the Detroit Free Press.

Following a two-year stint in Washington as press secretary to Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., Crutchfield returned to the Free Press as the state capital bureau chief. He went on to serve as assistant city editor, deputy city editor, city editor, metropolitan editor and deputy managing editor for the Detroit newspaper.

In 1989, he left Detroit to become managing editor of the Akron Beacon Journal. Four years later, he was named executive editor of the Press-Telegram in Long Beach, Calif. Following the sale of the Press-Telegram in 1997, he joined Philadelphia Newspapers, which publishes the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Philadelphia Daily News, as assistant to the publisher and then director of single-copy sales and distribution. He returned to Akron in 2000 as the Beacon Journal’s general manager and was appointed publisher the following year.

The Beacon Journal, one of the nation’s 100 largest daily newspapers, has long been recognized for its superior local and community coverage. The newspaper has won four Pulitzer Prizes, including the 1994 Pulitzer for public service for a sweeping examination of local racial attitudes. Crutchfield was the newspaper’s managing editor at the genesis of the race relations project.

Crutchfield is a founder of his local United Way’s Dorothy O. Jackson Society, a group of minority donors, and serves on the boards of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

“The ethics of journalism are key to the future of journalism,” Crutchfield says. “Journalism’s ethics are what separate us from the clutter and the clatter, and it’s important that we distill our ethics from our traditions.

“There may or may not be a place for journalism’s traditions in the 21st century, but there always must be a place for our ethics. For our customers to want us, they have to believe that we are not only in the business of making money, but also in the business of serving the greater good. I also believe — and I think I represent it — that diversity in journalism is a key to serving our increasingly diverse society.”

The Cronkite School’s dean, Christopher Callahan, says the school is honored to have Crutchfield on the faculty.

“Jim’s rich experiences throughout his journalism career — both as a top editor and a leading publisher — will benefit our students enormously,” Callahan says. “Through Jim’s teaching and mentorship, our students will gain a deeper understanding of the critical ethical issues facing journalism today in an increasingly complex and multicultural world.”

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Feb. 19-24, 2007
University Carnival 2007
The complete Carnival show schedule can be viewed at www.greeklife.duq.edu.

Feb. 23, 2007
Pharmacy Night at the Pops
Heinz Hall, Pittsburgh
Join the School of Pharmacy and enjoy the sounds of famed film composer John Williams at the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops. A reception will precede the performance. For more information or tickets, contact Joe Kristofik at 412.396.6372 or kristofikj@duq.edu.

Feb. 24, 2007
Carnival 2007: Greek Alumni Reception
11:30 a.m., Duquesne Union
Hosted by the Greek Alumni Council. All fraternity and sorority alumni are invited, but advance reservations are required by calling 412.396.6651.

March 17, 2007
The Law Alumni Association and Law School will have an entry in Pittsburgh’s 2007 St. Patrick’s Day Parade. For more information, contact Cindy Gilfoyle at gilfoyle@duq.edu or 412.396.5215.

March 29, 2007
Downtown Alumni Luncheon
11 a.m. (registration), 11:55 a.m. (luncheon), Pittsburgh Convention Center
This annual event will feature guest speaker John Clayton, A’76, ESPN NFL analyst. Call (800) I-LOVE-DU for information or register online at www.alumni.duq.edu.

April 14, 2007
Greek Awards Banquet
Duquesne Room, Union
Hosted by the Office of Greek Life. All fraternity and sorority alumni are invited to attend. Please register by calling 412.396.6651.

April 20, 2007
56th Annual Law Alumni Reunion Dinner
Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh
For more information, contact Cindy Gilfoyle at gilfoyle@duq.edu or 412.396.5215.

April 26, 2007
CLE and Law Alumni Reception
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel Scranton, Scranton, Pa.
For more information, contact Cindy Gilfoyle at gilfoyle@duq.edu or 412.396.5215.

May 4-6, 2007
23rd Annual Pharmacy Alumni Conference
Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Somerset County, Pa.
Sponsored by the Pharmacy Alumni Association. For more information, contact Joe Kristofik at kristofikj@duq.edu or 412.396.6372.

May 6, 2007
Special Celebration to Honor Professor Emeritus Carmen Rummo
Sponsored by the Mary Pappert School of Music. Additional details for this event will be available in March 2007 at www.music.duq.edu.

Duquesne is traveling to a number of cities both inside and outside of Pennsylvania this year. Check www.alumni.duq.edu for the latest schedule and plan to join us!

For information and online registration for alumni events, except where noted, go to www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/DUQ/eventscalendar.html or call Alumni Relations at (800) I-LOVE-DU.