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Basketball has been an important part of Duquesne University for nearly 100 years, having been established as a varsity sport in 1914. Our remarkable successes over generations and our winning tradition is a point of pride among alums. But the program struggled for the last few decades.

Basketball success has returned to our Bluff and we celebrate these recent successes—of men and women—on the court in our cover story.

This past spring, campus exploded with excitement over the outstanding seasons posted by our men’s and women’s basketball teams. Our players exceeded all expectations, recorded their best seasons in decades, and qualified for postseason play. Both squads lost close games in the first round of the NIT—the men in double overtime, the women on a last-second shot—but they foreshadow even more excitement in seasons to come. They displayed the talent, work ethic, and heart that are hallmarks of everything we strive for at Duquesne.

These attributes endure, even away from the court, and even after graduation. While basketball gets the most attention, all of our student-athletes share similar experiences. Read on for an inside look at how our scholar-athletes balance practice, competition, academics, and service to others.

Also in this issue, we explore unique research and hands-on opportunities happening in our classrooms. For example, students in the Rangos School of Health Sciences gain valuable career experience while examining and treating children at the earliest stages of their lives, and others in the McAnulty College hone their skills in sociology and journalism by probing the effects of incarceration on inner-city neighborhoods.

We also meet a nursing student who has lived through the horrors of growing up as a refugee in the Sudan. We report on faculty members in the Mylan School of Pharmacy and the promise of their groundbreaking cancer research. And we recognize the achievements of our alumni—from organizing President Obama’s inauguration parade, to performing magic with a message, to rebuilding institutions and infrastructure in Iraq.

We are proud to report on the successes of our athletes, students, and alumni. Every issue of this magazine contains ample evidence of our growing national leadership—our accelerating progress in the pursuit of preeminence within American Catholic higher education. This one is no exception.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
Do all babies walk and talk by 12 months? Is there a gender difference among toddlers during play? What cognitive skills signal school readiness in five-year-olds?

These are just a few areas of child development and behavior that students in the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences explore through lectures, labs and externship placements in schools, hospitals and private practice settings.

Many students, however, have their first opportunity to observe infants and children during interactive clinics held right on campus.

Duquesne’s Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic provides speech and language evaluations and therapy, and some hearing services to patients of all ages throughout the greater Pittsburgh area.

The pediatric patients range in age from two to 19 years.

“Our students have three semesters of fully supervised experience at our campus clinic, giving them valuable experience with a diverse population,” says Dr. Gary J. Rentschler, clinic director and assistant professor.

Students in the physical therapy (PT), physician assistant (PA) and occupational therapy (OT) programs also get hands-on experience with tots during special on-site visits arranged by their professors.

Jeryl Benson, an occupational therapy instructor, has coordinated a “baby & kid clinic” for the past 10 years, inviting select friends and family members to bring their infants and children up to age five to her class.

The event is typically held in the spring semester, following a semester of didactic study of pediatric fundamentals. Graduate OT students observe infants as they interact with their parents and then plan a play activity with toddlers and children age 18 months or older.

“This is a great way for our graduate students to assess normal development in action,” explains Benson.

The physical therapy program has offered similar experiences with babies between three and 12 months so students could observe various normal reflexes and functions. This past year, the course was team taught by two pediatric physical therapists who provided students with a broader exposure to the scope of care required in different practice settings.

“The course focused on the development of the child from...
birth through young adulthood as well as the common diagnoses and pathologies encountered across the spectrum of pediatric practice—early intervention, acute care, outpatient, hospice,” reports Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Diane Borello-France.

The physician assistant program also regularly conducts a toddler/preschooler lab arranged by instructor Allison Morgan, GHS’00.

“Our fourth-year students first interview the parents to gather essential medical history information related to normal development. Then, the students observe or engage the children in creative play to assess their motor, communication and social skills,” says Morgan.

“Developmental milestones are difficult to memorize from a textbook, so actually seeing the age when infants still require head support or can sit by themselves helps make sense of the information,” says PA student Martha Gipprich.

“It helps to compare the development of children of the same age as well as different ages. It takes experience to learn what is normal for a six-month-old versus a two-year-old for example,” adds PA student Katie DePasquale.

Integrating course work and hands-on experience with real kids provides a unique understanding of child development. It’s also just plain fun.

“What I enjoyed most about the lab was getting to hang out and play along with kids there,” says Stephen Ionadi, a PA student now on psychiatric rotation.

For students who have limited exposure to young children, the baby and children labs offered by the Rangos School can provide valuable insights into normal developmental milestones. This early opportunity to observe and work with this patient population may even spur students’ interests towards a pediatrics practice setting.
Protecting the President
SLPA Grad Helps Secure Obama Inauguration

– BY COLLEEN C. DERDA, A’83 –

Imagine controlling the movement of a presidential motorcade on Inauguration Day. Talk about pressure.

As a noncommissioned officer in charge of car detail during President Barack Obama’s inauguration in January, Paul Ewin, GLPA ‘06, directed the presidential procession leaving the U.S. Capitol and moving down Constitution Avenue to the parade route.

“Yes, I was a bit of a traffic cop, queuing vehicles to go and folding them into the event,” says Ewin, who earned his graduate degree from Duquesne’s School of Leadership and Professional Advancement.

But traffic cop is an understatement.

Ewin’s team was responsible for sequencing and directing a total of 1,100 vehicles and ceremonial troops on the west side of the Capitol on January 20.

The naval reservist spent two months in Washington, D.C., helping to plan the largest inauguration in history. Ewin became part of the core military planning team after the Navy and the Army Forces Inaugural Committee selected him based on naval evaluations, commander recommendations and experience with military and civilian events. He applied in June of 2008 to be considered for one of the 7,000 elite military positions.

Ewin is a petty officer first class in the United States Navy Reserves, currently assigned to the Naval Security Forces in Annapolis, Md. His unit provides security services related to crowd control, crime prevention and personnel training.

He was part of the 2005 inauguration of President George W. Bush. For that event he trained military ushers and helped to escort thousands of guests seated on the Capitol’s West Lawn.

During President Obama’s inauguration, Ewin trained select members of the car detail and oversaw the presidential motorcade and all vehicles and personnel moving from the Capitol. Specifically, Ewin’s team was responsible for facilitating the movement of 300 vehicles and 800 troops, including the “pass and review” of troops before the president as well as movement of the U.S. Capitol Police, D.C. Metro Police, U.S.
As presidential escorts left the Capitol staging area and moved down Constitution Avenue along the parade route to the reviewing stand across from the White House, every detail was timed so that all personnel could look to the order of the participants and know what would occur next in the sequence. But what happens if everything does not go according to plan? In that case executive decisions are needed, says Ewin.

When Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy fell ill during the 2009 inaugural luncheon, planners at the site needed to ensure that an ambulance had access to transport the senator to the hospital. Ewin and others then needed to adjust the timing of vehicles leaving the event. Senator Kennedy recovered later in the day. At another point the unexpected occurred when a motorcycle in the presidential escort stalled. "I had to stop the entire parade and quickly get the vehicle out of the formation," says Ewin.

Yet overall the day went well, he says. "It was an excellent event on the whole," says Ewin, noting that the framework of the inauguration stays relatively constant every four years but is adapted to reflect whether the president is newly elected or an incumbent, in which case the event will be smaller.

"I enjoyed the entire experience," says Ewin, looking back. "This was one of our country’s most important events. The whole world was watching."

He says President Obama’s inauguration was very impressive from a law enforcement perspective, too.

Ewin’s full-time job is serving as a police officer for Allegheny County (Pa.). He is assigned to the Pittsburgh International Airport, responsible for anti-terrorism security measures and criminal investigations. He joined the force a year after completing his graduate degree at Duquesne.

The Phoenix native came to Pittsburgh with his wife, a Pittsburgh native. Looking for a graduate program, he was impressed with Duquesne’s programs and size: "I graduated from a large school (Arizona State University), so I wanted something more intimate for graduate school. As soon as I visited the campus I could see that students received more personal attention than at a larger school. It just felt right.”

Ewin completed his graduate degree in leadership and business ethics and immediately put it to work in his professional and military roles.

With the Naval Security Forces he has helped to train personnel for a Mideast peace conference, a Chinese American economic conference and other events at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He is preparing to help secure an air event at the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Md. In his free time he will continue serving as events chairman for Duquesne University’s Young Alumni Council, a group for undergrads and graduate students who have completed studies within the last 10 years.

If you are in Pittsburgh, look for Paul Ewin at Young Alumni Council events. Read more about the group and view the event calendar at www.myduquesne.duq.edu.
Duquesne’s Community Service Ranked Among Nation’s Best

Duquesne University has been recognized by the top levels of the federal government for its commitment to community involvement for the third consecutive year—since the inception of the program.

The Corporation for National and Community Service announced that Duquesne again was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Duquesne’s selection, based upon an application completed by the Duquesne University Volunteers (DUV) office, included information about the more than 218,250 hours that University students donated to community causes in efforts sponsored by a variety of campus organizations. DUV reported that 3,800 students provided at least 20 hours of community service per semester.

The community efforts included food and toy drives, community cleanups and cross-cultural immersion experiences. This year's honor roll activities especially focused on school completion and mentoring of disadvantaged youth.

"In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever," says Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the board of directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges. We salute Duquesne for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others."

Laval Chair Appointment Announced

The School of Nursing has announced the appointment of Sister Rosemary Donley, S.C., to the newly created Jacques Laval Endowed Chair in Justice for Vulnerable Populations, the ninth endowed chair to be established by Duquesne in the past five years. Her new post will be effective in August.

Currently, Sister Donley is a professor of nursing at The Catholic University of America, where she also held positions as executive vice president and chief operating officer and dean of nursing.

The Laval Chair is endowed through a bequest from the estate of the late Thomas F. Bogovich, a 1953 Duquesne business graduate and a retired funeral director. It is named for a 19th-century Spiritan priest and physician who dedicated himself to caring for freed slaves on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius.

As holder of the Laval Chair, Sister Donley will spearhead the nursing school’s community service efforts to provide health care services to vulnerable populations, a category of people that can include the very young or very old, but also those whose access to health care is limited or, for any reason, does not meet their needs.

In addition, Sister Donley will be responsible for teaching and conducting research related to health care access and quality for underserved persons and communities. Developing stronger community partnerships, as well as organizing academic colloquia and establishing an annual lecture series on social justice issues in health care will also be the chair holder’s responsibilities.

New Program Certifies Business, Professional Coaches

Duquesne University is now offering Pennsylvania’s only ICF-affiliated professional certification program for business and personal coaches.

Offered by the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement through a combination of four weekends, teleconferencing and online course work, the program targets those seeking to become professional business and personal coaches within their organizations or as a private practice. In addition, it is designed for current coaches who seek certification or re-certification, as well as human resource and organizational development professionals seeking an enhanced skill set in coaching.

Affiliated with the International Coach Federation (ICF), the new professional coach certification program provides students with the opportunity to earn associate certified coach (ACC) or professional certified coach (PCC) certification as defined by the ICF, the largest worldwide resource for business and personal coaches.

For additional details, visit www.leadership.duq.edu/coach.
A 60-Year Connection

Reflections on Campus Life, Two Generations Apart

By Emily Goosens

When John McMackin, A’49, attends Duquesne’s commencement ceremonies this spring, he will be watching his granddaughter Kate McMackin accept her diploma while experiencing a flood of memories from his own Duquesne experiences 60 years earlier.

John McMackin’s strong Catholic faith brought him to Duquesne in 1946, after spending several years in the Navy during World War II.

“My Catholic faith has sustained everything that I’ve done and it has remained an important part of my life,” says John McMackin.

He graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and today he continues to pass his fond memories of DU to his six children and 15 grandchildren.

“My grandfather was really excited when he found out I would be attending Duquesne,” says Kate McMackin, who is set to graduate with a pharmacy degree. “He has always told stories about how great the basketball team was in his day and how his whole year—books and everything—cost him less than $500!”

When John McMackin attended Duquesne in the late 1940s, many of the professors were Spiritan priests, whom he remembers well. He credits the Reverend John J. Sullivan, C.S.Sp., who taught Latin and classics; the Reverend John E. Baney, C.S.Sp., who taught literature; and the Reverend Gordon Francis Knight, C.S.Sp., who taught philosophy, for giving him an exceptional experience at Duquesne.

That influence is still apparent today, as John McMackin can recall many of the details about his time at Duquesne. He says the campus wasn’t as sprawling and modern at the time. In fact, he remembers when some classes were held in buildings in downtown Pittsburgh and—due to lack of an adequate gym—DU basketball games were played in facilities outside of campus.

“There wasn’t much of a campus when I was there. Old Main had many of the classrooms. There were old houses across the street that were turned into biology and chemistry labs,” recalls John McMackin.

Life at Duquesne is much different today for Kate McMackin. Watching the basketball team play requires a short walk from any part of campus to the A.J. Palumbo Center, and the biology and chemistry departments are housed in their own campus buildings located in Mellon Hall and the Bayer Learning Center.

Although Duquesne’s campus has grown significantly since 1949, Kate McMackin credits the small campus feel as one of the reasons she chose Duquesne. Incidentally, another McMackin relative—Kate McMackin’s great-great grandfather on her father’s side, William Hillgrove—attended Duquesne in 1892.

Kate McMackin is proud to be continuing the Duquesne legacy. Affectionately referring to her grandfather as “Pappy,” she says he “is the sweetest, most selfless person I know. He is always there for anyone who needs him, and everyone who knows him can’t help but love him.”

Although there have been many changes over the years, John McMackin will feel welcome on-campus when he arrives for Kate’s graduation: “I wouldn’t miss it,” he says.
DU Pride on the Court

Men's and Women's Basketball Teams Finish Stellar Seasons
It was a memorable season of basketball on our Bluff with both the men’s and women’s teams enjoying unprecedented success. For the first time in school history, both programs reached 20 wins and both went on to postseason play with the men earning a spot in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) and the women hosting a Women’s National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) game at the Palumbo Center.

The men, who finished 21-13 in their third season under head coach Ron Everhart, came within six points of earning an automatic NCAA Tournament bid with a dramatic run at the Atlantic 10 Championship in Atlantic City, N.J. The seventh-seeded Dukes defeated No. 10 Massachusetts, No. 2 Rhode Island and No. 3 Dayton on successive days prior to dropping a 69-64 decision to fourth-seeded Temple in the tournament’s final game. The Dukes, who finished the season with wins over NCAA tournament teams (Xavier, Dayton, Radford and Robert Morris), were rewarded for their A-10 Championship performance with a bid to the NIT, marking the school’s first postseason appearance since 1994.

The women’s team, under the direction of second-year head coach Suzie McConnell-Serio, went 20-12 in posting the first 20-win season in program history. The Dukes, who were picked to finish eighth in the Atlantic 10 in a preseason poll of league coaches, finished in a four-way tie for fourth in a conference that sent eight teams on to postseason play. The women capped the season by hosting Butler in the WNIT.

EIGHT DAYS IN MARCH

Over an eight-day span in mid-March, Duquesne University received unprecedented media coverage through the postseason efforts of the 2008-09 men’s basketball team. DU’s run to the final game of the Atlantic 10 Championship—the school’s first appearance in the title game since 1981—was chronicled by CBS College Sports regional television (which aired the quarterfinal and semifinal games) and the title game loss to Temple was aired nationally by ESPN2. A Damian Saunders dunk and Aaron Jackson drive from the championship final against the Owls were both featured on the Gym Gems portion of ESPN’s College GameDay that evening.

In addition, a photo of a smiling Melquan Bolding cradling a loose ball during DU’s A-10 semifinal win over Dayton graced the front page of ESPN’s Web site the morning of March 14.

The media coverage continued as the Dukes made their first National Invitation Tournament appearance since 1994, in a first round NIT game at Virginia Tech on March 18. The double-overtime 116-108 loss to the
DU pride on the court

Hokies—during which DU’s Aaron Jackson scored 46 points—was also televised live nationally by ESPNU. Highlights from that game were the lead story on ESPN’s SportsCenter that evening.

In all, it was a whirlwind stretch of five games in eight days that saw the men’s basketball program elevated to another level as Duquesne earned part of the national spotlight for its version of March Madness.

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

Here is a comparison of the win-loss records of the women’s and men’s basketball programs under head coaches Suzie McConnell-Serio and Ron Everhart:

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*under current head coach Suzie McConnell-Serio

Duquesne’s 35 wins over the past two seasons are the most in any two-year period in DU women’s basketball history.

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*under current head coach Ron Everhart

Duquesne’s 38 wins over the past two seasons are the most since 1980 (18-10) and 1981 (20-10).

LOOKING AHEAD

The men’s team will return four starters—and 11 of 12 total players—from the 2008-09 final roster with the lone loss being first team All-Atlantic 10 guard Aaron Jackson. Next year’s squad will be bolstered by the addition of 7-0, 270-pound sophomore center Morakinyo Williams, who sat out this season following his transfer from the University of Kentucky. In addition, 6-8, 230-pound freshman Rodrigo Peggau, who underwent season-ending knee surgery in December, is expected to be fully recovered in time for the 2009-10 season.

The women’s team will return nine of 10 players with first team All-Atlantic 10 guard Kristi Little as the lone graduate. The women will also be bolstered by the arrival of a promising transfer in 5-5 sophomore guard Vanessa Abel, who led the WPIAL in scoring as a junior and senior at Southmoreland High School.

Men’s teams expected to visit the Palumbo Center next season include 2009 NCAA tournament participants Pitt, Robert Morris and Radford, as well as Atlantic 10 opponents Dayton, Massachusetts and Saint Joseph’s. The women will host NCAA tournament teams Xavier and Charlotte, as well was WNIT participants Dayton, George Washington, St. Bonaventure and West Virginia.

The Department of Athletics is currently accepting names for the 2009-10 season ticket waiting list. Contact the Dukes ticket office at 412.232.DUKE (3853) to be part of the resurgence of both the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

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DUQUESNE ATHLETIC FUND

Duquesne Athletic Fund events are planned throughout the summer and fall. For more information concerning the Duquesne Athletic Fund or 2009 events, please contact Bryan Colonna at 412.396.5927 or log onto www.GoDuquesne.com/DAF.
Duquesne’s Top Basketball Fan

He doesn’t run to center court with a megaphone to lead the Palumbo Center crowd in a rousing, “Shoo shoo, rah rah!” But there can be little doubt that Duquesne’s chief executive is also the University’s top basketball fan.

Dougherty’s passion for college hoops is not at all surprising, given his background. Raised in Brooklyn, he grew up in the 1950s, when the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) at nearby Madison Square Garden was the sport’s premier postseason showcase. As a youngster attending Catholic elementary schools, he recalls first learning of—and rooting for—some of the Catholic colleges and universities that made their way to the Big Apple’s bright spotlight. “Basketball has always been a sport in which the smaller schools—including many Catholic institutions—have been able to effectively compete with the big, public universities,” he says.

Duquesne was among the top programs of that golden age. Coached by Dudey Moore and featuring Sihugo Green and Dick Ricketts (the only two “back-to-back” NBA top draft picks from the same school), the Dukes went 148-46—earning six NIT bids and one trip to the NCAA tournament—between 1950 and 1956. Duquesne defeated a fellow Catholic institution, Dayton, for the 1955 NIT crown, and ranked in the AP final national top 10 in five of seven seasons.

After graduating from high school, Dougherty went upstate to St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y.—another small, Catholic basketball hothouse. Bonnies’ basketball was wildly successful during Dougherty’s years there. Capacity crowds packed the then-new University Center—now the Reilly Center—making it a particularly hostile environment for opposing teams, including Duquesne. Coach Red Manning’s Dukes were riding another crest during those years, averaging 19 wins per season and appearing in two NIT and two NCAA tournaments. In fact, a 1969 game between the Dukes and the Bonnies still holds the record for the Reilly Center’s largest basketball attendance. If the fans weren’t intimidating enough, future Hall of Famer Bob Lanier led the Bonnies, terrorizing opponents with his deadly shooting and aggressive rebounding.

In 1970, St. Bonaventure made it to the NCAA Final Four. “Those were incredible years to be a basketball fan at St. Bona’s,” Dougherty recalls. “It was impossible not to get caught up in the excitement.”

From there, Dougherty moved to the mecca of Catholic college sports—the University of Notre Dame—where he arrived at roughly the same time as legendary basketball coach Digger Phelps. Dougherty spent four years under the Golden Dome earning his master’s and doctoral degrees. Meanwhile, after a 6-20 rebuilding season in 1971-72, Phelps’ Fighting Irish went 63-10 over the next three years, making one NIT and two NCAA tournament appearances.

In 1975, Dougherty began his academic career at Creighton University—yet another Catholic institution with a storied basketball tradition. During his years in Omaha, the Bluejays made seven NCAA appearances and received four NIT bids. Since then, the school has continued on its torrid run, going 186-74 and earning postseason invitations over eight straight seasons. “Creighton always was—and still is—an outstanding educational institution,” Dougherty says. “But to most people outside of Nebraska, it’s probably best known for basketball.”

The same can be said of other Catholic institutions such as Xavier, Gonzaga, Marquette, Dayton, Seton Hall and Villanova—relatively unknown outside their home markets but regularly found alongside the “brand names” Notre Dame and Georgetown atop the national hoops rankings.

“For a school of our size and profile, basketball can be a path to national recognition, and much more,” explains Duquesne Athletics Director Greg Amodio. Before his appointment at Duquesne in 2005, Amodio was involved in Xavier’s ascent to national prominence through basketball. “Athletic events offer opportunities to attract prospective students, engage alumni and cultivate development prospects,” Amodio says. “We’re working to get folks in the community and across the country to recognize Duquesne first through athletics—especially basketball. Once that door is opened, we can build understanding, appreciation and support of the University as a whole.”

Might Duquesne soon rejoin the top ranks? Like many fans, Dougherty has high expectations. Dougherty brought his passion for
college basketball to our Bluff, and from the perspective of both president and fan, he sees the Dukes’ men’s and women’s programs moving in the right direction as a result of significant recent changes in the Department of Athletics.

In addition to hiring Amodio, Dougherty approved more than $2 million in upgrades to training facilities in the Palumbo Center, and recruited proven coaches for men’s and women’s hoops.

“You can’t help but be impressed with the job Ron Everhart’s done,” Dougherty observes. “Every year, he’s faced challenges, and he’s responded with leadership, heart, drive and creativity.”

In his first season, Everhart devised an up-tempo system featuring full-squad substitutions that raised eyebrows nationally while allowing his undermanned squad to upset Boston College, Xavier, Dayton and Temple, improving its record by seven wins over the previous year. The 2007-08 Dukes (17-13) notched the school’s first winning record since 1993-94, and this season the team built even more excitement while fielding one of the youngest rosters in the country.

In a preseason poll, Atlantic 10 coaches predicted Duquesne would finish 12th in the league. The Dukes tied for fifth headed into the conference tournament, where they defied conventional wisdom by advancing to the title game and earning an NIT bid—the men’s first postseason invitation since 1994. Duquesne pushed Virginia Tech of the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference to double overtime before falling 116-108, impressing a national television audience.

The 2008-09 Dukes finished 21-13, posting the University’s best men’s record since 1971. Along the way, they recorded wins against four NCAA tournament qualifiers (Radford, Robert Morris, Xavier and Dayton) and two NIT participants (Rhode Island and Bowling Green).

Rewarded last summer with a contract extension through 2013-14, Everhart acknowledged that the impetus for Duquesne’s resurgence comes straight from the top. “I am fortunate to be part of a program that has such a strong commitment to basketball excellence,” he says. “I think back to the atmosphere St. Bonaventure created. The Palumbo Center is a similar arena—relatively small and noisy, with the seats up close to the floor. We’re well on our way to building a reputation as a tough place for opponents to play.”

Tough for opponents, perhaps, but perfect for enthusiasts like Dougherty. Given this season’s success, it’s likely that the Palumbo Center crowds will be even larger and louder next winter. Order your tickets early to see exciting basketball action—and perhaps even share a high five with Duquesne’s number one fan.
Scholar-Athletes: How They Play the Game

— BY KIMBERLY SAUNDERS —

For much of her senior year, nursing student Stacey Null began her day in a racing scull on the Allegheny River. As a member of Duquesne’s rowing team, she put in a grueling two-hour practice each day before class. Her academic schedule was just as rigorous—seminars, exams, clinical rotations—and several days each week, she also worked the 3-11 p.m. shift as a nursing intern.

Classes, practice, weekend competitions and a part-time job—it’s a crazy, sometimes impossible balancing act, Null admits.

“I love being part of a team and this is the sport where I can compete at a collegiate level. And just being a student-athlete has made me a more successful person,” says Null, a dean’s list student and a member of the nursing honor society.

(above) Charlene Garth, track and field sprinter and finance major
Scholar-athletes

This drive for success and love of competition—in the classroom as well as in their sport of choice—is not uncommon among Duquesne’s athletes, says Athletics Director Greg Amodio.

Nearly two-thirds of the University’s 500 varsity athletes regularly rank on Duquesne’s Director of Athletics Honor Roll, which requires an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. In addition, Duquesne has placed more students on the Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll, which requires a grade point average of 3.5 or better, than any other school in the conference. The University also has a tradition of turning out national scholar-athletes. Since 1995, 33 Duquesne athletes have been honored a total of 45 times as Academic All-Americans.

“We impress upon our student-athletes that they are students first and athletes second,” says Amodio.

MAKING—AND KEEPING—THE GRADE

The NCAA requires all collegiate athletes to maintain a minimum full-time course load of 12 credits, and minimum grade point averages for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Those who fail to meet this standard become ineligible to participate. But many student-athletes at Duquesne go way beyond the minimum.

Samantha Pollino balances a rigorous six-year physical therapy curriculum with her role as forward on the women’s basketball team by taking classes at Duquesne every summer. Soccer midfielder Stefan Lundberg works in advance and seeks help when he needs it. Melanie McKain, a third-year pharmacy major and member of the volleyball team, insists the key to success is time management.

Regardless of their sport or major, all student-athletes must adapt to the rigors of their academic and athletic schedules. To assist them, the Athletics Department provides three dedicated academic advisors to keep them on track.

“ar job is to ensure that all University student-athletes maintain their athletic eligibility, as well as make satisfactory progress toward their degree,” says Sherene Lemonias, one of the three advisors and a former Duquesne volleyball player.

“I tell them that I’ve ‘been there and done that’—or wish I had done something differently—and share with them the tools we have to help them be successful,” says Lemonias, who is also an assistant athletic director.

Student-athletes provide helping hands

When they are not in the classroom or on the playing field or court, many of Duquesne’s student-athletes can be found out in the community, volunteering their time and talent to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Some, like Jason Duty, pitch in with University-wide efforts like the annual Spring Clean-Up. Others, like Amanda Humphrey and Charlene Garth, serve meals at the local Jubilee Kitchen or mentor youngsters at the Boys & Girls Club.

In addition to these individual efforts, Duquesne’s Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) regularly organizes service activities and fundraisers that focus on serving the needs of the Pittsburgh community. SAAC is a national initiative, established by the NCAA to give student-athletes a voice in shaping intercollegiate athletics policy, encourage student-athlete involvement in the campus and community, and enhance the overall student-athlete experience. Duquesne’s SAAC is comprised of one athlete from every sport.

“We try to stay local with our volunteer efforts because the schedules of our athletes vary widely and can be very demanding. Over the years we have made good connections with many community organizations and love to go back year after year,” explains SAAC board member Kat McNish, a senior lacrosse player and the 2008 Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete of the Year.

Student-athletes regularly partner with local groups that serve children and families, and plan holiday parties, organize toy drives or tutor children.

Duquesne’s athletes also participate in national and international service projects. A favorite philanthropy is One World Running, an international organization that donates used running shoes to needy individuals in the United States and across the globe. Shoes that are too worn for wear are recycled into rubber for running tracks. Last year, Duquesne shipped eight boxes of shoes to Tanzania.

“The most valuable lesson I have learned through SAAC is that no matter how busy I may be, I can always find time to help others. Whether it is supporting other athletes on campus or volunteering around the city, we can make a difference in what we do,” says McNish.
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
ATHLETIC ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

• Duquesne has had at least one student-athlete named Academic All-America in 13 of the past 14 years.

• Fourteen of Duquesne’s 20 athletics teams compiled cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or better in 2007-08.

• Sixty percent of Duquesne’s student-athletes achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better in the 2008 fall semester and were named to the Director of Athletics Honor Roll.

• Duquesne placed the most student-athletes with a GPA of 3.5 or better on both the fall 2007 and spring 2008 Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Rolls.

• Duquesne perennially ranks among District 2 leaders in the CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-District Awards, including at least one academic honoree on six different teams in 2007-08.

• With 11 recipients, Duquesne student-athletes have been awarded more Atlantic 10 post-graduate scholarships than any other conference school.

• Duquesne has been recognized for above average graduation success rates for its student-athletes compared to other Division I schools. In its most recent report* the NCAA indicates a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 82 percent for Duquesne, compared to an overall Division I average of 78 percent.

*The most recent NCAA GSR data is for the 2001-02 cohort of student-athletes who received athletics aid for any period during their entering year.
These resources include individual or group tutoring; supervised, mandatory study hall; early course registration; and laptop loans for use during travel or at competitions. The athletic advisors monitor the classroom progress of every student-athlete by requesting mid-semester reports from their professors on attendance, test results, attitude and behavior. The advisors also teach the students how to organize themselves.

“Consistent study habits, effective time management and prioritizing are skills that have to be developed and practiced, just like their sport,” says Lemonias.

SUCCESS MEANS SACRIFICE

It’s a common misperception that all student-athletes get a full ride financially. At Duquesne, not many of the student-athletes participating in its 20 varsity sports are provided with full athletic scholarships.

Although the majority of Duquesne student-athletes receive some athletic scholarship money, they—like many other students on campus—rely on other forms of financial aid, work at part-time jobs and depend on family finances to get them through college.

“Going pro” is a long shot for most college athletes, but that isn’t why they join the team. According to Lemonias, they do it for the love of the sport and because they are motivated to succeed.

Accounting major Jason Duty is a case in point. He successfully made the jump from Class A high school basketball to NCAA Division I as a freshman walk-on at Duquesne in 2007. A member of the A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and ODK Honor Society, Duty also gave up a gig playing guitar and singing vocals for a band called Mark This Day to play college basketball.

“Giving up the band was a huge sacrifice for me. But I weighed the options and realized how big a chance it was to play basketball at this level and that it could lead to a lot of networking after I graduate,” he says.

Today, the starting shooting guard...
relies on academic scholarships and family support to finance his education. Although he remains a musician at heart, Duty plans a career in business after he graduates.

Graduating senior Amanda Humphrey, a middle hitter on the volleyball squad, also had a painful choice to make—quite literally. Unrelenting knee pain during her sophomore year that did not respond to rehab meant she faced surgery or an end to volleyball. She chose surgery and missed her junior season. Her recovery was further hampered by a broken elbow in her junior year.

Although rehabbing two injuries was overwhelming at times, Humphrey pushed through with the encouragement of family, teammates and trainers to rejoin the team in her senior year. She also credits a strong faith in God and herself.

“Deciding that I will be successful despite all the obstacles is probably the biggest decision I have made. If I don’t believe in myself, I will fail,” she notes.

Track and field sprinter Charlene Garth, who left family and friends behind in Jamaica to pursue a college education, agrees. Sideline by an injury for most of her first year, she rebounded at the season’s end to win a silver medal for her personal best in the 400-meter and also medaled in 2007. The finance major is also on the dean’s list.

“It was very difficult to adjust to a completely different culture and environment. But I believe it’s important to finish what you start to the best of your ability, because, at the end of the day, that’s what separates you from the rest,” she says.

For most student-athletes, their balancing act is well worth it.

“There are many sacrifices that come with playing a college sport but the rewards are great. The growth you experience mentally and the strength you develop as an individual will remain with you the rest of your life,” says Annie Reid, a junior soccer player majoring in communications.

“Deciding that I will be successful despite all the obstacles is probably the biggest decision I have made. If I don’t believe in myself, I will fail,” she notes.
Capt. Andrew Romer, A’06, is a mobilized army reservist, and reached 20 years of military service last year. He is scheduled to return this spring from his deployment as an intelligence officer in Iraq. In his civilian job, he works for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), which primarily deals with satellite imagery. He is NGA’s imagery representative to the Department of the Army Chief of Intelligence at the Pentagon.

Romer lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, Christine (Lopusznick), E’97, and two sons, Nicholas, 17 months, and Andrew, who was born while Romer was in Iraq.

As Romer prepared to return home from Iraq, he shared some insights into his work there:

Q: Please describe your work in Iraq.

A: I work in a civil affairs (CA) brigade (304th CA Brigade out of Philadelphia, which is subordinate to my home unit, the 333rd CA Command out of Staten Island, N.Y.). CA units perform many combat missions communicating and interacting with the Iraqi population; it is our goal to help the Iraqi people reacquire basic life services, like electricity and running water. We help in rebuilding the country. Our interactions bring us into frequent contact with numerous children and teenagers with whom we like to bring positive experiences to as the future of the Iraqi people. I have two jobs within the brigade: I am the chief intelligence officer, I run a shop of eight soldiers and civilians providing intelligence products to the commander and subordinate units to help them with their missions; I am also the officer in charge of the brigade personal security detail. I am responsible for transportation and security of brigade elements outside the wire or the safety of our base camp.

Q: What is the average day like for you in Iraq?

A: It depends on the daily mission. Some days we are traveling out and around Baghdad performing CA missions, some days it is in the office creating intelligence products. Every day is a new experience.

Q: What has been the biggest impact of your work in Iraq?

A: The brigade is focused on job creation; we try and assist the Iraqi government and its people in creating an economy other than oil. Personally, my biggest impact is ensuring that all my soldiers come home in one piece, and I like to think that the intelligence we gather and the leadership provided helped the brigade achieve zero casualties during this rotation.

Q: Was there anything that surprised you about Iraq and/or the Iraqi people?

A: Once you get past that initial feeling of suspicion that everyone wants to kill you, you kind of relax and get to interact with the Iraqi people and you can see they are just like you and me. All they want is a safe environment for their children to grow and live. I was able to see the destruction in Sarajevo caused by years of constant warfare, but the complete utter disregard for the infrastructure in Iraq is amazing. The country was completely neglected by the Hussein regime and it shows. There really isn’t anything in the U.S. that you can compare it to. Then there is the heat! You know when you’re cooking the Thanksgiving turkey and after about three hours, you open the oven to check out the bird and you get the blast of heat from the oven? From mid-May through September it is like that all the time. And when you’re wearing 60 pounds of body armor and equipment, it can be a little overbearing.

Making Inroads in Iraq
In March, Stephen Polycarpe Ouma, GB’06, visited his family in Kisumu, Kenya, and carried the DU Magazine with him. He is shown in Maseno, Kenya, on the equator line. He is currently the regional audit manager (North, Central and South America) for Tyco Electronics Corporation headquartered in Berwyn, Pa.

In January, Kathy Daugherty, A’69, and her husband, William Penn, traveled extensively in Egypt and Jordan. Here, she is shown with her Duquesne University Magazine in front of the great pyramids at Giza, Egypt.

John V. Wirtz, B’74, and his daughter, Christine Wirtz Coyne, B’88, celebrated Thanksgiving in Marco Island, Fla. John is retired and living in Ocala, Fla., and Christine lives in Pittsburgh. They plan an annual trip to Marco Island, where they give thanks for their family and enjoy what they hope will become a tradition for years to come.


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Young Alumni Council
Engages Graduates of Past Decade

Alumni Association involvement isn’t reserved for older, more established graduates. Duquesne University has a long tradition of encouraging activity participation and leadership development among its students. The new Young Alumni Council (YAC) offers graduates of the last 10 years expanded opportunities to stay connected with the University while practicing the talents and skills they gained in extracurricular professional and social organizations while on campus.

“Students who have recently graduated often retain very strong feelings for their alma mater,” says Christian McKelvey, A’89, assistant director of Alumni Relations and YAC coordinator. “But they may find traditional alumni association committees and events are dominated by older colleagues who don’t understand their unique needs and interests. Eventually, they find other avenues for involvement and it becomes harder to draw them back into the alumni community.”

While alumni of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate in all Duquesne University Alumni Association (DUAA) activities, the YAC is specifically designed to advocate for recent graduates and organize exclusive programming and communications vehicles for this audience.

YAC consists of five officers, plus two members-at-large from each of the 10 most recent graduating classes, and is subdivided into four operational committees:

**Events Committee:** Develops opportunities to engage peers and create networks through community service, professional development and social networking events.

**Membership Committee:** Promotes recruitment and retention of active alumni within DUAA through student outreach, assessment of young alumni needs and implementation of programs.

**Programs Committee:** Identifies and develops strategies to improve the experience of young Duquesne alumni through philanthropy, advocacy and other special alumni benefits.

**Communication Committee:** Identifies new and up-to-date ways of “talking” with young alumni by creating and maintaining social networking groups through online sites and e-mail.

In its first year of operation, YAC has already successfully hosted several exclusive social and networking events and established social networking groups on popular sites such as Facebook.

Participation is open to anyone who completed a degree at Duquesne within the past 10 years.

“We use the term *young* alumni, but we certainly welcome older, nontraditional students who have finished their studies in the same time frame,” says McKelvey. “Often, these people are also early career professionals who have a lot in common with their younger peers, but bring different life experiences to the table. They are a perfect complement to members in their 20s or 30s.”

Volunteer candidates for 2009-2010 YAC appointments are now being accepted. To learn more or apply for a position, visit www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu and click on “Young Alumni Council” in the left-hand column, or contact McKelvey at 412.396.6121 or mckelveyc@duq.edu.
DU Alumni Association: Membership Has Its Privileges

Duquesne University graduates automatically become members of their alumni association immediately upon receiving their degrees. There are no dues to pay or forms to fill out, but there are plenty of advantages, according to Julie Shepard, Duquesne’s director of Alumni Relations.

“Alumni association membership connects every graduate to a network of more than 70,000 others living and working across the country and around the world,” explains Shepard. Led by an 11-member Board of Governors, the Duquesne University Alumni Association (DUAA) has been pursuing an aggressive strategy of upgrading programs and benefits for its members over the past two years. “Our approach has become much more focused on what alumni need and want,” says Shepard. “Events are part of the equation, but services are expanding even more. There’s truly something available to benefit every alumni member.”

Indeed, the number and scope of events has grown. With a majority of Duquesne graduates still living in western Pennsylvania, the calendar has become more crowded and creative. “New offerings such as wine tastings and mystery dinner theater have proven immensely popular, often selling out well in advance,” reports Shepard. Homecoming will be expanded this fall and reunited with Carnival, while a new winter basketball celebration is in the works for 2010.

The resurgence of Duquesne basketball has also fueled interest among far-flung alumni, with numerous events held in cities that the men’s and women’s teams visited over the past season. DUAA chapters have been established in Charlotte, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. In addition to organizing social events locally, each chapter is developing its own community service efforts while assisting with student recruitment and fundraising in their areas.

All of these initiatives require effective communication, which has been enhanced by last summer’s launch of MyDuquesne, an all-new online community. MyDuquesne offers familiar features such as online alumni directories and event registration, but it also facilitates chapter and affinity group development and supports unprecedented levels of service to alumni.

Career networking is one example. “We had targeted this as an area with growth potential, but the economic downturn has really brought it to the fore recently,” Shepard points out. Through a partnership with the University’s Career Services Office and online community provider iModules, Duquesne is one of a select few schools nationwide testing an enhanced online career center called Experience. MyDuquesne initially offered alumni the opportunity to post resumes and business cards, and volunteer to mentor current students. With Experience, graduates also have access to a job matching service, helpful articles and career search advice. “These powerful tools are available to alumni of all ages, not just recent grads,” says Shepard.

Alumni who want to save money can also look to DUAA. Members can take advantage of discount programs offered by Costco Wholesale, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Liberty Mutual Insurance, and PODS Moving and Storage. Financial services include a college savings plan and U.S. Bank Visa card. A new travel program offers excursions to eight destinations in Europe through 2010. “Every graduate is a member, so why not enjoy everything that’s included?” says Shepard.

To learn more about the benefits of DUAA membership, visit www.alumni.duq.edu and www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.
Prospective students are introduced to the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne Alumni at a very early stage—if they’re paying close attention. The Administration Building’s first-floor hallway—immediately outside the undergraduate Admissions Office—is adorned with large bronze plaques bearing the names of those who have received the University’s most prestigious alumni recognition. However, it’s unlikely that many of these future graduates take much notice as they fill out paperwork and wait for appointments or campus tours. The same is true of the hundreds of faculty and staff members who busily pass through the corridor daily. Until now, it’s been equally improbable that many of these students or employees would actually encounter a Century Club member during their years on our Bluff.

The odds of such meetings will improve dramatically beginning this fall, as part of several changes being made to the venerable 31-year-old organization.

The Century Club was established during the University’s 100th anniversary in 1978 to recognize Duquesne’s most distinguished graduates. Fewer than 300 men and women have been inducted into this hall of fame. Selection is based upon not only a person’s exceptional professional achievements, but also their service to humankind and their alma mater.

“The members of the Century Club are outstanding role models for our students and staff, yet they remain relatively unknown to most of the Duquesne community,” explains Julie Shepard, director of Alumni Relations. “We need to shine a brighter spotlight on these individuals.”

The rigorous consideration and selection criteria will remain the same, though Century Club members and representatives of nominees’ schools have been added to the recommendation committee. The most notable changes will take place in the nature and timing of events.

Before this year, Century Club inductions were conducted at a private banquet on the first night of Homecoming weekend, typically a Thursday in October. Now, the dinner will be held in early September, coinciding with the Convocation marking the beginning of a new academic year.

“We’re building a whole day of events that will allow the new Century Club members to interact with students, faculty and staff,” says Shepard. “Honorees will be encouraged to speak to classes in their respective schools and fields, and to have breakfast or lunch with faculty members.”

Century Club inductees also will be honored during the late afternoon Convocation and will be invited to the annual President’s Reception following the program, where they will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with employees.

The formal dinner will remain exclusively for new and previous inductees, their guests and student recipients of the Century Club Scholarship, along with representatives of new members’ schools. Event format changes will include replacing the reading of citations with multimedia introductions, giving attendees a more personal sense of the honorees’ lives and works.

The changes will reveal Century Club members to be much more than names engraved on a wall plaque. Instead, they will become living exemplars of the University’s mission and values.

“We’re providing an opportunity to give our most outstanding graduates the public recognition they deserve and to share their remarkable experiences with the entire Duquesne community.”

— By Bob Woodside —
Dear Alumni and Friends:

College and university fundraising drives are often accompanied by ambitious plans for the future. In this sense, ours is no different. As a community, we strive for nothing less than inclusion among America’s best Catholic institutions.

Duquesne’s current campaign is distinctive, however, in being firmly rooted in our history. We seek not so much to reinvent ourselves as we do to perfect the tradition that began with a small band of Holy Ghost Fathers, the Spiritans, more than 130 years ago. We are not pursuing a new and different purpose; we are intent upon finding better ways to live our enduring mission—to serve God by serving students. Indeed, we are Advancing Our Legacy.

The success of the campaign to date is evident by the more than $89 million raised so far. Advancing Our Legacy has created new endowed faculty chairs, provided unprecedented levels of academic support, and driven improvements to campus facilities.

Our results, however, are not measured in dollars alone. The engagement of alumni and friends is at an all-time high. Nearly 51,900 donors have supported the campaign to date, many making their largest gifts ever. Nearly 21,800 of these are first-time donors.

Much remains to be done. We will continue to focus on academic programs and support services that will make a Duquesne education even better, improving the services, activities and facilities that enhance every aspect of students’ experience on our Bluff. Even these lofty aspirations, though, are insufficient to advance our legacy.

The finest academics and amenities mean nothing if students cannot afford to come to Duquesne. Our Spiritan founders believed that no deserving student should be denied the opportunity for an education because of the inability to pay. We honor their steadfastness by keeping their dream alive forever. Thus, increasing the funds available for need-based scholarships and financial aid will be the primary goal of this campaign moving forward.

This campaign will do more than raise funds for a defined period of time. It will lay the foundation and set the stage for even greater constituent engagement and development success in the years that follow. Properly nurtured and stewarded, a legacy never dies; it becomes ever more valuable to its heirs. We thank those of you who have participated thus far, and invite everyone who cares about Duquesne and what we stand for to add their kind support. Please join us in Advancing Our Legacy.

Sincerely,

John Plante
Vice President of University Advancement

Campaign Highlights
(As of March 31, 2009)

Overall Goal: $150 million by 2012
Progress to Date: $89 million
Total Donors: 51,820 (21,759 are first-time donors)
Gifts from Individuals of $500,000+: 25 (only eight in University history prior to this campaign)
Gifts from Individuals of $1 million+: 16 (only six in University history prior to this campaign)
Scholarships and Financial Aid

Our Spiritan founders insisted that the transformative benefits of a Duquesne education be available to all worthy students, regardless of ability to pay. Funding for need-based financial aid is critical to keeping this promise alive—now and for generations to come.

In Duquesne’s earliest days, the Spiritans frequently reduced tuition—or waived it entirely—for deserving students who were unable to pay. This reflected our founders’ inclusive, missionary philosophy, and addressed the reality that many students were the children of first-generation, working-class immigrants who struggled just to feed, clothe and house their families. For them, a Duquesne education was a ticket out of poverty.

Today’s conditions are much different for the University and its students, but higher education remains the key to better lives and careers. Affordability is still a challenge—in some ways, more now than ever before. Students and their families must sacrifice and often incur substantial debt in their quest for a college education. For many, the bottom line cost is a key factor in deciding whether to enroll—or stay—at a particular school.

If Duquesne is to carry on its Spiritan mission, funding for need-based aid must be substantially increased—especially endowed funds which ensure perpetual support. Increased financial aid does not imply relaxed admission standards. To the contrary, it is pivotal to sustaining our remarkable recent success in attracting the most talented and motivated students, and to building a more diverse and vibrant learning community. Competition for the finest students is fierce. By making finances less of a concern, students and families can make decisions based on Duquesne’s many other advantages.

Generations of Spiritans, alumni and friends have made financial aid available to needy Duquesne students. Advancing Our Legacy offers you the opportunity to add your support for current and future students.

Academic Quality

Teaching and learning have always been at the heart of our identity. We seek to make outstanding academic programs even greater, and to foster innovative new initiatives addressing societal needs and leveraging our distinctive interdisciplinary assets.

• Program Development: Individually, Duquesne’s schools have achieved national and international reputations for academic excellence in such areas as ethics, forensics, sustainability, biotechnology and community outreach. The strengths of Duquesne’s schools and departments; our close ties with business, education and government agencies; and our location in Pittsburgh present myriad opportunities to develop interdisciplinary programs targeting the world’s pressing needs.

• Faculty Chairs, Professorships and Teaching Support: Duquesne faculty members are dedicated teachers and researchers who are at the center of our challenging, rewarding academic environment. Providing competitive faculty compensation and support allows us to attract and retain exemplary scholars. Endowed chairs and professorships are particularly important as we seek to recruit world-class teachers and researchers who will enhance existing programs and spearhead new initiatives.

• Instructional Technology: Cutting-edge instructional technology improves learning outcomes and better prepares students for their careers. Duquesne seeks funds to continually acquire and update the latest hardware and software and to educate and encourage faculty as they implement new techniques and tools.

• Library Resources: While less dependent on traditional printed materials, Duquesne’s libraries remain the hub of quality research and teaching. The explosion of new digital materials offers new opportunities, but also presents challenges in maintaining access and security. Gifts are needed to support library acquisitions, renovations and preservation.

• Discretionary Funds: Unanticipated opportunities and obstacles present themselves every day. Discretionary funds within schools and departments give deans and department heads the flexibility to meet pressing needs and provide extra amenities.

Distinguished faculty, exceptional students and generous donors all contribute to a vibrant learning environment. No matter your interests, there are corresponding opportunities to support academic excellence through Advancing Our Legacy.
Student Experience

The Duquesne experience is more than a few years of classrooms, labs and libraries—it is a transformational education for the mind, heart and spirit that lasts a lifetime. We take our mission seriously, and strive to enhance every aspect of our students’ lives. The costs of these amenities cannot be covered by tuition and fees alone. Donor support makes a full range of student services and activities possible.

• Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities: Every student’s journey begins with personal attention throughout the admissions process and an award-winning freshman orientation. Special services span the entire first year, resulting in high satisfaction and retention. Academic, social, spiritual and health-related programs are available to all students throughout their years on our Bluff. More than 100 activities and organizations allow students to hone professional skills, pursue personal passions, and build lifelong friendships. Athletic teams and the Tamburitzans represent Duquesne with distinction.

• Facilities: Over the past 50 years, Duquesne’s campus has been transformed from a collection of row houses and garages into a beautiful, secluded community for academic life. Duquesne’s ambitious master plan for campus development includes new academic, administrative, recreational and residential facilities, including innovative mixed-use development along the Forbes Avenue corridor serving students and revitalizing our surrounding neighborhood. Constant improvements to existing buildings and grounds ensure a more functional, more comfortable and safer atmosphere for all.

• Community Outreach: As Duquesne serves God by serving students, its students, in turn, reach out to those around them. Through service-learning programs and volunteer activities, Duquesne carries on the Spiritan charism of outreach to the poor and less fortunate—enriching students’ lives while uplifting others. Campaign support will ensure that all students have increased opportunities for these transformative experiences.

Duquesne has always been a place for more than intellectual pursuits. We are a community that embraces and encourages personal and spiritual growth. Your support will help us advance our legacy.

Campaign Support In Action

The Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Chair enables Duquesne’s Mary Pappert School of Music to present high quality concerts and educate high quality musicians.

The full-time, tenure-track faculty position was created by a gift from Jack W. Geltz, B’49, GA’84. The Geltz endowment makes it possible to retain an exceptional performer and teacher like pianist David Allen Wehr, who was appointed to the chair when it was created in 2006. Wehr, who previously was Duquesne’s first Hillman Distinguished Professor, brings 30 years of performing experience to the classroom.

“Someone has to pass on their knowledge,” Wehr says. “One of the biggest contributions I can make here is to draw upon my years of experience, my years of traveling and performing, and bring it to bear in very specific ways to the students I work with, one-on-one.”

James V. Donatelli was not a Duquesne alumnus, but he was a devout Catholic who believed in the University’s mission and its emphasis on service and volunteerism. His bequest created the James V. Donatelli Endowed Scholarship, which made its first award in 2007. The initial recipient, Dora Walmsley, A’07, was a sociology major and active member of the Duquesne University Volunteers (DUV). As a result of the scholarship award, Walmsley was able to spend the summer of 2007 studying conflict resolution in Ireland.

“The opportunities given to me by this scholarship are apparent,” she wrote just before leaving for the Emerald Isle. “Having the chance to travel abroad is something that I never thought would happen, and it’s only because generous people see the importance of education and how hard it is to afford a good one. There is no doubt in my mind that this experience will have a lasting impact in my life, and I look forward to the many doors that will be thrown open because of this.”

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WAYS TO GIVE

Alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff and organizations give generously to preserve and enhance Duquesne. Some donors give small amounts every year; others contribute large sums from time to time. Every donor and every dollar makes a difference in students’ lives by improving the quality and value of a Duquesne education.

**Annual Giving** is the lifeblood of the University. Your contributions:
- provide academic resources, such as scholarships, faculty support, and equipment for classrooms, libraries and labs.
- enhance students’ experience through services and activities.
- enable the growth and development of a beautiful, functional campus.

You may designate gifts for any of these purposes, or make unrestricted gifts that help Duquesne meet its greatest needs. Annual gifts may be made online, by mail or through the TeleFund. If your employer offers Corporate Matching Gifts, you may be eligible to double—or even triple—the value of your gift.

**Honor or Memorial Gifts** offer an opportunity to recognize someone special or remember a deceased loved one. Gifts can be designated for any area of the University.

**Major Gifts** of $10,000 or more may be made in cash, or through appreciated securities, real estate or personal property.

**Planned Giving** allows you to contribute valuable support to the University while receiving tax benefits and a potential income source. Planned gifts include bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts and gifts of life insurance.

**Organizations:** The Office of Organizational Relations coordinates University-approved approaches for funding from corporations, foundations and other organizations.

To learn more, visit [www.giving.duq.edu](http://www.giving.duq.edu). Every investment—at every amount—pays dividends that last a lifetime. Join in Advancing Our Legacy by making your gift today.

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Campaign Support In Action (cont.)

Walmsley now works as a community case manager with the Brashear Association on Pittsburgh’s South Side. There, she coordinates two food pantries, energy assistance programs, holiday toy drives, and a mentorship program for girls. She also provides information and referral services through the association’s Self-Sufficiency Program.

Dr. Robert Gussin, P‘59, GP‘61, understands the difficulties many students face in the transition from high school to higher education. A native of the Pittsburgh suburb of Scott Township, he faced obstacles when he first came to our Bluff. His personal experience moved him and his wife, Dr. Patricia Gussin, to establish a $1.5 million endowment for Duquesne’s Spiritan Division of Academic Programs.

“As with many young folks coming out of high school, I think I was not really well prepared for college,” Gussin said. In the mid-1950s, though, there was no Spiritan Division. “I struggled through the first two years without any extra help,” Robert Gussin remembered. He persevered through undergraduate and graduate pharmacy school, going on to a successful career and retiring as corporate vice president of Johnson & Johnson.

The Spiritan Division helps students with special financial, educational or physical needs with individualized advising, counseling, tutoring, and other educational programs and services throughout their freshman year. Once students successfully complete the Spiritan Division curriculum, they transfer their credits into one of Duquesne’s schools.
Have you ever wondered about what members of the Spiritan Congregation encountered during their pilgrimages around the world? Do you know what the important topics of the day were in Pittsburgh’s Catholic community in the 1800s?

Thanks to the digital revolution and the help of Duquesne’s Gumberg Library, numerous Spiritan collections and the inaugural issues of the Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper are now accessible and searchable online.

Duquesne’s Center for Spiritan Studies, which promotes research into Spiritan history, tradition and spirituality, partnered with Gumberg Library to make selected works from its collections available to its members, students and others across the globe.

“Many of our Spiritan students are in Africa now, and the resources there are extremely limited and many of our materials are out of print,” says the Reverend John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., director of the Center for Spiritan Studies. “One of the goals of the center is to try to provide resources to these people around the world. Online is the best way to go.”

The first project made available online is the complete collection of the Venerable Fr. Francis Libermann, C.S.Sp., co-founder of the Spiritan Congregation. Written in French, the 16 volumes amount to 8,500 pages of copy. In addition, all 21 volumes of the Spiritan Papers and every issue of the General Bulletin of the Congregation from 1857 to 1975 (equal to 45,000 pages) are available online.

“A very important collection, the General Bulletin is unique because it gives the state of the missions and what was happening in every single country we were working in at that time,” says Fogarty. “This in particular is a resource sought by researchers outside of the Congregation. Overall, these digitized collections really help to enhance the Spiritan identity of Duquesne University.”

Rob Behary, systems librarian at Duquesne who has a direct hand in the digitization projects, agrees.

“The Spiritan Collections and the Pittsburgh Catholic are at the very heart of Duquesne’s identity,” adds Behary. “By having access to core Spiritan writings, anyone can now discover the undergirding philosophy and spirituality permeating every aspect of Duquesne.”

Fogarty, who sent copies of the digitized works on DVD to fellow Spiritans around the world, has already received positive feedback.

“The Superior General from Rome wrote to me asking if it was true that I had copies of the digitized collection, and if so, could he have a DVD because it would be such a wonderful resource,” says Fogarty.

For online access to an overall perspective on Pittsburgh’s early Catholic community, Gumberg Library partnered with OCLC Preservation Services, an organization that promotes the evolution of library use and increasing availability of library resources. OCLC has been taking copies of the Pittsburgh Catholic on microfilm and converting them to PDF format, which Gumberg Library then makes available online. At this point, the first decade of Pittsburgh Catholic issues are available.

“The Catholic press has a long history in the Pittsburgh area, and our mission is to be able to look at current events through a Catholic lens and to help people understand the church,” explains William Cone, editor of the weekly Pittsburgh Catholic, which began publishing in 1844. “This project really allows for research on the early church here in Pittsburgh.”

The Pittsburgh Catholic is anticipating the time when all issues of the paper will be available online.

“We are so grateful and really appreciate the Gumberg Library’s efforts to digitize our paper,” says Cone. “We look forward to the day when people can review every issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic online.”

To review the online Spiritan writings and early issues of the Pittsburgh Catholic, visit digital.library.duq.edu.
Urban Investigation Class Connects to Community

— BY SHAWN KLOCEK —

When Duquesne University professors Doug Harper and Maggie Patterson decided to collaborate to teach an interdisciplinary course on urban investigation, they were faced with two major hurdles: integrating the fields of sociology and journalism into the course work, and getting students out of the classroom and into the community.

But after spending hours last summer discussing the course, Harper, who teaches sociology, and Patterson, who teaches journalism, ironed out a plan. The class would investigate the impact incarceration has on communities. Looking at the issue through a sociologically informed lens, students would then conduct interviews with people involved in the issue and apply journalistic skills to produce in-depth stories that capture its nuanced nature.

“Most of us grew up in a middle-class environment and we just don’t have any exposure to this issue,” says Harper. “I think life is great when it’s genuinely full of surprises. It’s good sometimes to really shake yourself up, and that’s what we’re doing.”

Harper and Patterson began teaching the class in the 2009 spring semester. Harper says the semester was both challenging and rewarding because of the progressive nature of the class.

By the end of the semester, students had studied the sociological implications of incarceration and applied their knowledge to interviews they conducted with people living through the debilitating effects incarceration had on their communities.

Patterson says she saw students develop an understanding of how complex public policy issues affect individuals. Visiting the Allegheny County Jail to interview inmates at the end of the semester, the class gained invaluable knowledge of inmates’ personal experiences.

“It made the connection between policy and peoples’ real lives come to life,” says Patterson. “It’s not just a discussion anymore; it’s reality.”

Provost and Vice President of Academics Ralph Pearson says courses of this type are becoming increasingly popular in academics because they replicate the collaboration that is often necessary when students graduate and enter into careers.
Students Reflect On Class Experiences

Many students in the urban investigation class say the course opened them up to a new way of viewing incarceration, or simply brought the issue to their attention for the first time.

“Honestly, I hadn’t really thought about it too much, and I think that’s the case with most people,” says Josh Brugman, a junior English and sociology major. “I wasn’t really sure how things work inside prison.”

Of the aspects of incarceration the class covered, visitation rights for prisoners was the topic that had the biggest impact on Brugman.

“I feel definitely that the [prison] system needs to improve visitation rights,” he says, noting the benefits that incarcerated people and their families gain from visiting. “That goes a long way in helping reduce recidivism.”

The hands-on approach of the class also made it different from other courses he had taken, says Brugman.

“It’s good that we’re not just reading a book and talking about it,” he says. “We’re applying that to actual situations.”

For senior broadcast journalism major Mike Krohmaly, the course was interesting because it allowed him to explore the effects of incarceration and witness what it does to communities firsthand.

Krohmaly and fellow student Ross Marshall spent a night out with MAD DADS, a group of fathers in Wilkinsburg, Pa., who patrol their neighborhood to deter crime and violence. The 27 members of MAD DADS, which is an acronym for Men Against Destruction - Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder, also try to steer children away from drug activity and help repair debilitated houses in the community.

Krohmaly says the commitment that these men have to strengthening their community is remarkable. Though he did not encounter any serious violence during his rounds, he was told by the men that they had recently confronted someone with a gun.

“It was just amazing to see that people actually care,” says Krohmaly. “They’re out there. These fathers are putting their lives in danger to help others out.”

The experience of investigating an urban social problem by interviewing the people who are directly impacted made the course a memorable one for Krohmaly.

“Even though I’m graduating and I’ve taken a lot of journalism classes, this one puts the icing on the cake,” he says.
Popular Herb May Not Be Safe for Women with Breast Cancer

While it’s widely believed that black cohosh can relieve menopausal symptoms, especially hot flashes, findings from a study by a Duquesne pharmacy professor indicate that the herbal extract may cause cancerous cells to spread in women who have breast cancer.

“The study suggests that there would not be any increased risk of developing breast cancer if the woman was taking black cohosh before the tumor started to form. But, if there is a tumor, it may make it more likely to spread outside the breast to other organs,” explains Dr. Vicki Davis, assistant professor of pharmacology, whose research findings were published in the October 2008 issue of Cancer Research.

Funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Davis’s research focused on the HER2+ type of breast cancer. The testing found that mice that were fed an adjusted dose of black cohosh to mimic a woman’s daily dose of 40 mg were 25 percent more likely to develop lung tumors compared to mice that did not take the herb.

“We have to consider the limits of the study, which is only studying one type of breast cancer, so the results may suggest black cohosh may only influence this type of cancer,” Davis points out. “We haven’t tested other tumor types to know if black cohosh would act similarly.”

According to Davis, the mice were also tested for long periods to ensure that they were exposed to black cohosh when tumors would begin to form. In contrast, Davis says that women only need to use the herb for a limited time while they are experiencing menopausal symptoms.

“Black cohosh may not exert the same effect if only used for a few months,” says Davis. “However, it is important to note that the dose tested was adjusted for the mice to correlate to the recommended dose for women. Therefore, the mice were not exposed to abnormally high levels to cause the increase in metastatic cancer.”

Davis also clarifies that black cohosh, which is not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, is a complex product with numerous components that may have different effects on the breast and on cancer. “Therefore, to provide simple or direct recommendations are more difficult. The biggest concerns may be the use of black cohosh with breast cancer until more data are available to indicate its safety with different tumor types, treatment lengths, and in combination with other therapies,” she says. “Also, as some women increase the dose if their symptoms continue, higher doses could further enhance the effects observed in our study.”

Davis says there are no simple answers about other nonprescription alternatives that women may use to treat menopausal symptoms. “Unfortunately, there are limited options of over-the-counter and prescription drugs that have been fully investigated for their safety profile in regards to breast cancer or other cancer risks,” says Davis. “Studies on the effectiveness of different therapies for alleviating hot flashes and other symptoms that accompany the transition to menopause do not tell us if the therapy will modify the woman’s cancer risk. For women with minimal symptoms, no treatments may be necessary. But, quality of life must be considered for women with hot flashes that are moderate to severe in balance with the potential risks.”

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Eliminating Cancer: Duquesne Team Tests Compounds with Potential

Dr. Aleem Gangjee, distinguished professor of medicinal chemistry at Duquesne’s Mylan School of Pharmacy, and his team of collaborators are continuing to test a compound that appears not only to prevent cancer tumors from developing but to eliminate already-existing tumors.

In 2008, tests of a compound developed by Gangjee showed that a new compound stifled the growth of cancer tumors in mice. The tumors were composed of KB cells, which occur in many types of cancers. An unexpected result, however, also showed that the compound effectively shrunk and eventually eliminated cancer tumors in another group of mice—and the mice remained tumor-free for 60 days.

“What we’re seeing here is a compound that can treat early- and late-stage cancer,” says Gangjee. “There are many ramifications to that.”

A finding that particularly excites the noted cancer researcher about these results is that neither test group suffered toxic effects. This shows that the compound is very discriminating and fights cancer cells without harming other organs and body tissue, says Gangjee.

“The compounds are so selective, even with mice in a compromised situation, already weakened by tumors,” he says.

Current treatments of late-stage cancer commonly involve drugs that are toxic not only to the involved organ, but to surrounding tissues. As many cancers grow, they become more difficult to thwart because their cells become more diversified.

“Cancer cells are not the same; cells vary in a particular cancer and in a specific person,” says Gangjee. “As cancer progresses, it becomes more and more heterogeneous, and that’s why it becomes so difficult to treat.”

Heterogeneity of a tumor is so high that single agents—or even multiple agents—are not effective.”

This new compound, however, shows an ability to target even these diverse cancer cells.

Further studies of the compound, which will examine ovarian cancer in mice, are planned. Collaborators in the research, which is funded through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), include the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

This research is one of three concurrent NIH projects led by Gangjee, who holds 20 patents and has a number of patents pending.

An internationally recognized scholar in medicinal chemistry, Gangjee was appointed to the faculty of the Mylan School of Pharmacy in 1979 and continues teaching graduate and undergraduate students.
Exodus, Deliverance and Promise

After Surviving One of the World’s Worst Conflicts, Nursing Student Moses Deng Bol Wants to Help Others

— BY RICHARD TOURTELOTT —
He seldom mentions the massacre—that day in 1991 when thousands were shot or drowned. “I decided not to talk about it,” says Moses Deng Bol, a sophomore in the School of Nursing, “but now it’s time to let it go.”

A soft-spoken 30-year-old, Bol is one of the so-called Lost Boys of Sudan, orphans who, two decades ago, fled war and trekked months through the bush only to languish in refugee camps for years. His easy laugh and open manner belie the thousands of deaths through violence, disease and starvation he witnessed.

His early life couldn’t be more different from his experiences living in the United States and attending Duquesne, where he decided to pursue nursing after working with veterans at Pittsburgh’s Veteran’s Administration (VA) Hospital.

“Moses has been an inspiration to many of us in the School of Nursing. He has been faced with past and current challenges that, for most of us, would be overwhelming,” says Leah Vota Cunningham, assistant dean of student services for the School of Nursing. “I admire his desire to enter the nursing profession to help other people overcome challenges and to promote health. We hope to be able to provide the support and resources that he will need to reach his goal.”

Until he was nine, Bol lived with his parents and siblings in Pawel, a city of 100,000 in Sudan’s southern region. That nation’s north, mostly Arab and Muslim, and its southern region, home to black Africans who practice Christianity and native religions, have fought two horrific civil wars in the last half century.

The first dragged on from 1955 until 1972, the second from 1983 to 2005. The latter conflict began when the central government in Khartoum dictated that every child must learn the Koran, and that non-Muslims could be denied a public education.

Four years into the conflict, in November 1987, government ground troops and helicopter gunships swarmed on Pawel and began shooting.

That attack came when nine-year-old Bol was outdoors playing. He ran ahead of the firing with a group of adults who knew his parents. On foot, with nothing, Bol and roughly 500 others headed for Ethiopia and safety. Dependent on each other for survival, the group avoided settlements, traveled by night and lived off the land.

Many died along the way from hunger and disease, chiefly cholera. After several weeks, they arrived at a refugee camp at Fanyadu in southeast Ethiopia, where they received food and treatment for dehydration. In 1991, after approximately three-and-a-half years in Fanyadu, unrest in Ethiopia, sparked by the breakup of the Soviet Union and the toppling of its Moscow-friendly government, forced the refugees back to Sudan.

Bol recalls walking in a column of nearly 30,000 people along a muddy road through tall trees near the town of Gilo, which is on a bluff above a river of the same name, when Ethiopian soldiers opened fire. It was the rainy season, and the river was deep, swift and turbulent.

Bol made it to the riverbank. Hundreds were already in the water. He found a cast-off canister used for drinking water or cooking oil. With this makeshift life preserver he floated downstream, turning it loose when the current carried him back toward Ethiopia. He swam to relative safety on the Sudan side and clambered up the steep, slippery bank as bullets struck the mud nearby.

“A lot of people were crying one week later,” he recalls. Many lost relatives and friends. Bol believes that nearly half of the refugees were killed at Gilo, including 10 persons he knew well, one of them an older man named Mayom, who had looked after him in the bush and in the camp.

Surviving the massacre only meant they were back in the midst of the conflict in Sudan. They were homeless, starving and at the mercy of the Sudan Peoples’ Liberation Army, a rebel group fighting for the ouster of the Khartoum government and offering no help, only war for those willing to take up arms.

Hiding in the bush and living hand to mouth, Bol and the others made it to a refugee camp at Nairus in Sudan after several months. From there they walked to the United Nations camp in Kakuma, Kenya, where Bol spent the next nine years.

At Kakuma he gained official refugee status and U.N. protection, but conditions were far from ideal. Exposed to the elements, the refugees went for days without food, and many suffered from depression. But the U.N. provided schooling, and the future nursing student saw education as his best hope. Despite poor conditions for learning, Bol proved an apt pupil, and he often volunteered to help others too sick to take care of themselves.

In 2000, the State Department began resettling some of the Lost Boys in the United States. After interviews and orientation, on June 6, 2001, Bol and 94 other Lost Boys, 10 of whom were going to Pittsburgh with him, boarded an airplane bound for the United States.

According to Bol, the first several months in America were stress-filled...
and less than pleasant, but volunteers from local churches and the staff of Catholic Charities, their sponsor in Pittsburgh, helped them adjust and learn. Bol and his roommates also learned to rely on each other for support.

Bol got a job on the housekeeping staff of Pittsburgh’s Hilton hotel, a position he held for six-and-a-half years, during which time he acquired his GED and began the painstaking process of using long distance telephone calls to discover the fate of his family.

After countless calls, he received a tip that his mother, two brothers and a sister were in a refugee camp in Uganda. He had not spoken to his mother in 15 years, and when he called, to avoid fraud or having false hopes dashed, he asked the person at the other end of the line if she knew his family nickname. She said the name—Dendmaketh, a name that means “yellow bull.”

Bol finagled safe passage to the camp at Kakuma and official refugee status for his mother and siblings. He eventually settled them in an apartment in Nairobi, Kenya, and plans to bring them to the United States. From his mother he learned that his father had been killed in fighting in 1991.

Energized and focused on helping his family, Bol began to think about a career. In 2006, he obtained an Associate Degree in Science. While working full-time at the Hilton, he also took a part-time position at the Veteran’s Administration (VA) Hospital in Pittsburgh, an experience that inspired him to get a patient care technician certificate. He worked part time at the VA for approximately a year, and it was during that time that he chose to study nursing at Duquesne.

Bol was drawn to Duquesne for its emphasis on values. VA hospital nurses assured him that the University would also offer small classes and special attention. In addition to studying full-time for his Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, he works full-time as a patient care technician in the Intensive Care Unit at UPMC Shadyside and remains an oncall employee with the VA.

Bol has very little time to relax. He recently married his sweetheart—a girl he met in Kakuma who is from his tribe and hometown. He also tutors one of his fellow Lost Boys in mathematics, helping him prepare for the GED exam. After graduation he plans on pursuing a master’s degree in public health, so he can return to Africa to help others like him.

“America is a busy country, and I’m a busy man,” Bol says of his schedule. “I have done a lot of difficult things. This not the hardest.”

Moses Deng Bol in the School of Nursing
Snapshots

1. Jade Leung, left, and Shannon Connery, both members of Duquesne’s Young Alumni Council, participated with DU students and community members in the Pittsburgh Plunge, a cross-cultural immersion experience that provides the opportunity to volunteer in and around Pittsburgh.

2. The International Student Organization (ISO) at Duquesne University marked its 25th anniversary with 25 Years of Cultural Reflections, a celebration featuring food, an international fashion show and ethnic performances by ISO members.

3. Brian Anselmino, B’90, Mark Dudick, B’88, Jim Balog, A’88, and Brian Shanahan, B’89, attended the Duquesne Athletic Fund Golf Invitational on Sept. 29 at the Tresdale Golf and Country Club. All are former DU basketball players.

4. Carfang Commons, a new suite of rooms, was recently dedicated in Rockwell Hall for business students’ organizational meetings and group projects. University President Charles J. Dougherty cuts the ribbon with the project’s donors, including Carol Carfang, N’73, and University Board of Directors member Anthony Carfang, B’73.

5. On March 25, the Most Rev. David A. Zubik, D.D., A’71, GE’82, bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese, was the keynote speaker at the annual Duquesne University Downtown Luncheon. Zubik shared his insights on current issues and remembrances from his formative years on our Bluff. Shown with Zubik are Vice President of University Advancement John P. Plante and Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty.
“Standing on the lawn, with the president 50 feet away, was an amazing experience.”


Illusionist Michael Grandinetti, B’99, recently opened up a baseball game for the World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies, incorporating several new “tricks” in front of 45,000 people. He made the 7-foot-tall, 300-pound Phillies Phanatic mascot appear out of thin air, he levitated 10 feet in the air in the center of the field, and he read the mind of everyone in the stadium at the same time.

Grandinetti’s days are full of magic.

Last year, Grandinetti was the featured performer for 22,000 guests at the 2008 White House Easter celebration. He made hundreds of colored eggs and a large U.S. flag materialize during the show, much to the delight of the crowd.

“Standing on the lawn, with the president 50 feet away, was an amazing experience,” says the illusionist.

The White House gig was only one of 150 performances last year for this professional magician. From his home base in Los Angeles, Grandinetti travels the country for shows in concert halls, casinos, convention centers and corporate venues for clients such as Harley-Davidson, Hewlett-Packard, Guardian Insurance, Grainger Industrial, Benjamin Moore, the
American Marketing Association and others. He is also seen regularly on television.

“I am truly fortunate. I love what I do and enjoy keeping a very busy schedule. Sometimes it feels like I’m on planes more than in my car!” says Grandinetti.

One of his early shows, a two-hour production staged for a sold-out crowd at the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh when he was 20, drew fellow students from Duquesne. Though he took up the art of magic at the tender age of five, he honed the business aspects of his trade on our Bluff.

“I always knew I wanted to pursue magic,” says Grandinetti. “But, I also knew that I would need to attend a good business school to learn how to market myself, develop my career and run my own business, so I enrolled in Duquesne’s business school.”

Grandinetti commuted to Duquesne during the week and worked on his company in the evenings and on weekends. His fondest collegiate memories include producing a show in the Student Union Ballroom as a freshman. And when a big break came in the form of a national television opportunity during his senior year, Grandinetti says he felt as if all of Duquesne was behind him.

“I had to ask permission to make up class work in order to appear on World’s Most Dangerous Magic,” says Grandinetti. “My professors were supportive in so many ways at Duquesne—and they continue to be now.”

The show ran months later, during graduation week. Appearing with a handful of the world’s top illusionists, Grandinetti was the youngest performer. The experience helped launch him into the world of television and confirmed to him the importance of carving out a marketing niche.

Today, Michael Grandinetti Magic is known for creating custom illusions that convey a business message or promote a product. Tapping into his marketing and business background, Grandinetti provides clients with cutting-edge visual effects to accentuate sales programs, motivate staff, and sell products and services. He appears at trade shows, corporate galas and other events at the request of some of the largest corporations in the country.

“Our aim is to seamlessly combine magic with a theme or message, creating a memorable experience for the audience,” says Grandinetti.

When a business wanted to illustrate that it could not be harmed by a competitor’s dangerous lies, Grandinetti magically passed a wall of steel spikes through the CEO. He recently put the finishing touches on three new large-scale illusions that he will use to highlight particular products and themes at corporate shows in 2009.

All of Grandinetti’s performances feature grand illusions, stage magic or close-up sleight of hand. He levitated a woman while surrounded by crowds at Grand Central Station, Central Park and Rockefeller Center in New York City to promote the World Magic Awards television special. His other television credits include Entertainment Tonight, The Bold and the Beautiful, Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, Fox & Friends, and the World’s Most Dangerous Magic special he performed in while a student at Duquesne.

Grandinetti has appeared in productions around the world, yet he remains close to his DU friends and professors.

Several fellow Duquesne alumni travel the country with Grandinetti handling sound and lighting, and setting up and tearing down illusions. He also keeps in touch with the Reverend Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., executive vice president of student life, and instructors from the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, including Dr. Audrey Guskey, Dr. John Lanasa and Dr. S. Jay Liebowitz.

“My Duquesne professors were a big influence on me,” says Grandinetti, whose brother Patrick Grandinetti, A’98, and sister, Becky Grandinetti, E’04, are also alumni. “Because of them, I was able to combine the marketing and business background I gained at Duquesne with the world of entertainment, both running my own company and in finding ways to offer custom magic to convey business messages.”

Looking back, he says Duquesne felt like a big school small enough to provide personal attention to its students, including a magician set on creating grand illusions.
Duquesne Recognized for Community Involvement

Duquesne is one of 119 institutions nationwide to receive the 2008 Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The foundation invited colleges and universities with an institutional focus on community engagement to apply for the classification. Institutions elected to participate by submitting documentation describing their involvement with the local community and beyond. Duquesne was among those recognized in the category of curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships.

“Being selected for the Community Engagement Classification is an incredible honor,” says Lina Dostilio, director of service-learning at Duquesne, who coordinated the application. “It affirms our long legacy of seeking to serve and to learn from our community partners, and the self-study process allowed Duquesne to tell its story as driven by our mission and Spiritan identity.”

Designed to further encourage collaboration between universities and their larger communities, the foundation's community engagement classification also includes curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships as two additional, separate categories.

Speaker Series Explores Natural Theology to Natural Selection

On March 18, Dr. Francisco Ayala, the Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California-Irvine, presented Darwin in the History of Ideas: From Natural Theology to Natural Selection as part of Duquesne’s speaker series Darwin at 200: Contributions and Challenges.

This year marks the bicentennial of Charles Darwin’s birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his work, The Origin of Species. In recognition of that, Duquesne is hosting the speaker series as part of Darwin Celebration 2009: A Pittsburgh Partnership, a series of events designed to improve public understanding of Darwin’s legacy and his ideas that form the fundamental basis for all modern biology and medicine.

Ayala, who is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, is the author of Darwin’s Gift to Science and Religion. He is a 2001 recipient of the National Medal of Science.

President of Save Darfur Coalition Addresses Genocide

On March 11, Duquesne welcomed Jerry Fowler, president of the Save Darfur Coalition, who addressed How to Stop Genocide and Bring 2.7 Million Refugees Home.

An authority on the problem of responding to genocide and related crimes against humanity, Fowler served as the founding director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Committee on Conscience. Fowler’s presentation, held in the Power Center Ballroom, was co-sponsored by Duquesne’s Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought and the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition.

DU Encourages Funding for Pharmaceutical Science

Dr. Alan W. Seadler, associate academic vice president for research at Duquesne and treasurer of the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education (NIPTE), was among the representatives meeting on Capitol Hill in February to encourage public backing to develop, manufacture and deliver pharmaceutical products more efficiently, more safely and at a lower cost to the consumer.

Current manufacturing methods are failing to keep pace with underlying progress in medical science and pose a risk to public health, says NIPTE, a nationwide consortium including Duquesne and 10 other cutting-edge pharmaceutical and technological institutions. Improvements are needed to better understand new pharmaceutical materials and to convert this knowledge into production. Seadler and other NIPTE members believe that investments in basic manufacturing research are key to increasing the quality of our nation’s drugs and the cost effectiveness of the pharmaceutical manufacturing process. All of these processes are vital to keeping medication manufacturing in the United States.

In October, the FDA awarded NIPTE a $1.19 million contract to develop science to enhance
how pharmaceutical products are developed and manufactured. Duquesne’s Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is among the first participants in this effort, called Quality by Design.

**Ethics Luncheon Addresses Microfinance in a Shrinking World**

Microfinance has evolved into a broad interdisciplinary initiative that facilitates access to capital for the underprivileged worldwide. Through microfinance, entrepreneurs have access to funds that help start businesses and create financial independence. Consumers, as well, are able to borrow to purchase items that would be otherwise unattainable.

This topic was the focus of Microfinance in a Shrinking World: Advancing Entrepreneurship and Addressing Poverty, a special luncheon event earlier this year hosted by the Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics at Duquesne.

Deborah Drake, program manager of investing in inclusive finance in the Center for Financial Inclusion at ACCION International, delivered the keynote address at the event and presented an overview of microfinance and addressed the successes and challenges facing this growing global initiative.

**Gormley Weighs In on C-SPAN’s Presidential Leadership Survey**

Ken Gormley, interim dean of the School of Law, was one of 65 experts from across the nation to participate in C-SPAN’s 2009 Historians Survey of Presidential Leadership.

Gormley and the other presidential historians ranked the 42 former occupants of the White House based on 10 attributes of leadership, including crisis leadership, public persuasion, and economic and moral authority, among others.

“It is a great honor to be included among the group of scholars and presidential historians who were selected to participate in C-SPAN’s survey,” says Gormley. “At a time in our country’s history when we must assess, with care, the successes and failures of the past in order to deal with the enormous challenges facing our nation, it is important to reflect upon the works of our American presidents—both good and bad.”

Gormley’s areas of expertise include the American presidency, the First Amendment, constitutional law and state constitutional law.

The results of C-SPAN’s 2009 Historians Survey of Presidential Leadership can be viewed at www.c-span.org/presidentsurvey.
When Ruth D. Johnson took over control of the nursing school with the resignation of Mary Tobin in 1944, the number of nurses available for the advanced courses was small, since many were already serving in the armed forces while the rest were trying to take up the slack on the home front. Due to efforts to recruit women into the nursing field for the war effort, however, the basic program had 77 enrolled. The program was compressed to accelerate training under what was termed the “Victory Plan.”

The University also participated in the Cadet Nurse Corps, where senior cadet students served army assignments at various hospitals in the region. The Public Health Nursing program was divided into a degree and certificate of public health plan and a certificate alone plan. Both were recognized as sufficient preparation for school nursing in Pennsylvania.

The war brought unforeseen difficulties in clinical training for Duquesne nurses. With the decline in the birth rate during the war, Mercy Hospital could no longer offer the student nurses obstetrical experience. Mercy also raised its laboratory fee, which the University was hard-pressed to meet. These difficulties led Duquesne to formulate plans to make its program independent of Mercy Hospital and award its own diploma, pin and uniform. Western State Psychiatric Hospital’s decision not to accept Duquesne students for clinical studies also left the school searching for another institution.

At the end of the war, the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps was terminated, and many nurses returned home from the service eager to pursue further full-time study on the G.I. Bill. But in 1945, Duquesne’s total enrollment in the nursing programs was 207, far less than the pre-war figure, and it took years to build it up again.

After a long struggle, the School of Nursing had received accreditation of its general nursing program in 1954, and of its public health nursing program in 1956, from both the National League for Nursing and the State Board of Nurse Examiners. Much of the difficulty arose from Duquesne’s inability to establish any control over the clinical aspects of nurses’ training at Mercy Hospital, which felt caught between basic and graduate programs at Duquesne and the basic program at Mt. Mercy College. Duquesne even considered dropping its basic course and concentrating on graduate nursing programs at Mercy’s request, but the difficulties were eventually resolved. In 1960, the basic nursing program, still four years in length, was shortened by one summer session so that seniors could graduate in the spring of their fourth year instead of the early August commencements at the end of their final clinical training.

Enlargement of the teaching staff with a higher percentage of new faculty on the master’s level, and arrangements with the C. Howard Marcy Tuberculosis Hospital, the University of Pittsburgh, and Mt. Mercy College, made it possible for the School of Nursing to consolidate work in the city and drop its out-of-town affiliations.

The School of Nursing had been directed since 1944 by Johnson, a fierce protector of her students’ interests who had frequently clashed with Father Vernon Gallagher, Duquesne’s eighth president, in seeking special provisions for them. The University was stunned by her sudden death in March 1962. Theta Pi Chapter of Alpha Tau Delta National Nursing fraternity established a scholarship fund in her honor.

Excerpted from *The Spirit that Gives Life*, by Dr. Joseph F. Rishel, Professor of History
Alumni Updates

1940s

Frank P. Palopoli, S’43, GA’50, was honored by La Salle University with its first endowed professorship. He led a team at the William S. Merrell Co. that developed the fertility drug Clomid in the mid-1960s that “enabled hundreds of thousands of couples to have children,” and also did groundbreaking research for cholesterol-lowering drugs and for the cancer treatment drug Tamoxifen. The Frank P. Palopoli Endowed Professorship “will provide faculty members in the science departments with professional development opportunities and foster faculty-student research.”

1950s

Robert A. Warwick, B’56, is a retired international financial manager for Eli Lilly and Co. and lives in Plano, Texas. He and his wife, Gretchen, and their family were recently featured in the Texas Catholic. Bob, Gretchen, their six children and 17 grandchildren have attended or graduated from 32 Catholic grade schools, high schools and universities in eight states, the District of Columbia and England.

1960s

William F. Kraft, A’60, GA’62, Ph.D.’65, a psychologist who helps victims of sexual abuse and is a consultant to a local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous, was honored recently with the Diocese of Pittsburgh’s Manifesting the Kingdom Award. The award is given to those who demonstrate the presence of Jesus in their lives and serve the church. The awards are presented every few years.

Carol (Mamula) Morgan, A’63, played three roles in the historical play, A Place of Healing, performed at Epiphany Church in Washington, D.C. The play was based on newspapers, speeches and diaries of the Lincoln era. She also exhibited four paintings in the D.C. Public Library in honor of Martin Luther King Day; her sculpture of a male torso was exhibited in the Art League Gallery of Alexandria, Va., in February; and her watercolor, Jason and the Golden Fleece, is now displayed in the alumni show at the Washington Studio School.

Howard Kainz, Ph.D.’68, professor emeritus, philosophy department, Marquette University, is the author of two books: Hegel’s Phenomenology: Not Missing the Trees for the Forest (Lexington Books) and The Philosophy of Human Nature (Open Court).

1970s

David J. Brightbill, JD’70, along with Thomas A. Bowen, talked about state and local tax reform issues as guest presenters at a conference sponsored by the Reading chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants in December. Senator Brightbill has 30 years of experience in the general practice of law plus 24 years as a state legislator, including six as both the senate majority leader and the chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

Eugene P. Trudell, E’70, has retired as vice president-business services for United States Steel Corporation. In his most recent post, he was responsible globally for information technology, process control and other administrative functions. His retirement press release noted that: “His efforts have contributed significantly to our ability to seamlessly conduct business at locations around the world and have helped us maintain our reputation for being an industry leader in the use of technology at all levels of our company.”

Robert J. Marino, A’73, JD’79, shareholder, Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Membership of the college is “composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada.” Fellowship in the college is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Mother Mary Clare Millea, A.S.C.J., GE’74, has been appointed to oversee a comprehensive Vatican study of institutes of women religious in the United States.

Mother Millea is superior general of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an international religious institute headquartered in Rome. The study, or Apostolic Visitation, will collect and assimilate data and observations about religious life. Though there is no deadline, she hopes to complete the task by 2011.

Catholic women religious have been involved in apostolates such as education, health care, and a variety of pastoral and social services in the United States since before the nation was founded. According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, the number of U.S. women religious has been in decline during the past 40 years, while their median age continues to increase.

Mother Millea says that she looks forward to learning about and better understanding the “multifaceted dimensions of the sisters’ religious lives, as well as their abundant contributions to the Church and society.”

A Web site, www.apostolicvisitation.org, has been launched to provide basic information about the project, and includes access to a Facebook “Apostolic Visitation Prayer Support” group.
Frank J. Conti, A’85, was elected as Maricopa County justice of the peace for the Dreamy Draw Justice Court in northeast Phoenix, Ariz., last fall. His first four-year term of office began on Jan. 1.

Conti has been a licensed Arizona attorney in good standing since 1990, is a former deputy public defender, and served as judge pro tempore for municipal and justice courts throughout Maricopa County from 1997 through 2008.

Within a month of taking the bench, Conti instituted a victim impact panel program at his court, requiring individuals convicted of DUI, alcohol-related reckless driving, and underage consumption or possession of alcohol, to attend a two-hour session where they hear about the tragic losses suffered by victims of impaired driving.

Patrice Plesh DeMartino, E’74, received a doctorate in education (Education, Leadership, Management & Policy) from Seton Hall University.

Joan Ellenbogen, CPA, B’76, JD’81, managing partner of CrawfordEllenbogen LLC, has been named Distinguished Accounting Alumnus for 2008 by the accounting faculty of Duquesne’s A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration. She was also inducted as an honorary member of the Beta Alpha Psi accounting honors society, Duquesne University chapter.

Joseph A. Napoli, A’77, JD’82, senior general attorney – corporate, United States Steel Corporation, was elected president of the western Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) for 2009. ACC serves the professional needs of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations and other private sector organizations worldwide.

Sally Griffith Cimini, A’79, JD’86, chairperson of the employment and labor services group of the Pittsburgh law firm Babst, Calland, Clements and Zonnir, P.C., has achieved advanced practitioner member status in the national Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR). She is “one of just three workplace mediators in Pennsylvania who have completed the stringent ACR training and met the experience requirements to earn this premier status.” She mediates for litigants under the ADR programs of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, the American Arbitration Association, UPMC Intermediation Panel, and also mediates for private parties.

Carol Behers, A’80, JD’83, a principal in the law firm of Raphael, Ramsden & Behers, P.C., has been appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as chair of the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee. She is also the current chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Family Law Section.

Robert S. Bernstein, JD’81, was a speaker at the 2009 Pumper and Cleaner Environmental Expo, the world’s largest annual trade show for environmental service professionals. His presentation, Get PAID: A Guide to Getting Paid Faster (and What to Do If You Don’t), discussed “how companies can improve their bottom line and create better relationships with customers,” and he explained his strategy for businesses to manage their credit policy and collect debt. Through the use of his credit management tools, businesses “can receive faster payments using a customized credit policy manual, credit check systems, a series of standard forms and letters, a clear statement of your terms and conditions, and a procedure for dealing with delinquent accounts.” Bernstein Law Firm P.C., based in Pennsylvania, has a national reach in bankruptcy & restructuring and in creditors’ rights.

James W. Saxton, JD’82, chair of Stevens & Lee’s health care litigation group and co-chair of the health care department was a presenter at the ninth annual Minimally Invasive Surgery Symposium in Lake Tahoe. He “focused on the surgeon’s role and responsibility in patient compliance, highlighting principal reasons for non-compliance and discussing documentation tools to help foster patient accountability and minimize the legal consequences to the health care team from patient noncompliance.” He also addressed the American Academy of Medical Management’s Executive Academy for Practice Administrators in Las Vegas, and presented to the Bariatric Fellows Forum at a conference sponsored by Ethicon Edno-Surgery in Cincinnati. He has been an active defense trial lawyer for nearly 30 years, representing providers including hospitals, physicians and retirement communities, in state and federal court and administrative proceedings, and advises “hospitals, medical groups and retirement communities throughout the United States in connection with understanding and reducing their professional liability risk.”

Henry M. Sneath, JD’83, partner at Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton, P.C., in Pittsburgh, was named second vice president of DRI– the Voice of the Defense Bar. By virtue of this election, he will become president of DRI in October 2011. A veteran intellectual property and complex business litigation attorney, he has tried more than 90 cases to jury and non-jury verdict in federal and state court jurisdictions, helped clients resolve disputes through alternative dispute resolution, and his track record in federal and state courts encompasses commercial disputes, intellectual property, construction claims, insurance coverage and insurance bad faith claims. He has been listed in Best Lawyers in America and as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer since 2006, is the former editor of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Civil Litigation Section Magazine and is chair-elect of its Intellectual Property Law Section.
Marie Milie Jones, A’85, JD’87, senior partner in the firm of Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, P.L.L.C., was appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Regents of the St. Vincent Seminary. The board helps to support the total quality priestly formation program of the seminary. She is a defense trial attorney who represents companies in employment matters and other clients in commercial disputes, and achieved prominence in her representation of counties and local governments sued by those who allege police abuse, excessive force and other violations of constitutional rights. She is a vice chair of the Duquesne University Board of Directors.

Donna (Wilson) Cheswick, B’87, assistant vice president and financial consultant with BPU Investment Management, Inc., in Greensburg, Pa., attained her certification from the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts as a certified divorce financial analyst (CDFA). This allows her “to assist individuals and their attorney by assembling their financial information and creating personalized reports and graphs that illustrate the financial status, cash flow and graphic net worth of both parties undergoing a divorce.” Donna, who has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services field, is the only active CDFA in Westmoreland County (Pa.), and works with individual and corporate clients offering a wide range of financial products and planning services. Some of her other commitments include court appointed special advocate (CASA of Westmoreland) volunteer for children suffering from abuse and/or neglect; publicity director for Women’s Business Network, Inc.; and member of the Westmoreland and Norwin Chambers of Commerce.

John Douglas Florey, A’87, GA’87, was recently appointed executive director of Laughlin Center, a Sewickley, Pa., nonprofit organization offering educational support services to children from preschool through high school. He was formerly director of external affairs. Prior to joining the Laughlin Center in 2006, he held a variety of positions at the University of Pittsburgh, including director of recruitment for the School of Education. He has also done post-graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

1990s

Scott M. Staller, JD’91, has been appointed as a federal administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration in the Shreveport, La., office. His wife and three children will join him in the summer.

Matthew Komula, M’92, currently teaching music at Trinity Area School District in Washington, Pa., has earned an M.A.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Phoenix.

Matthew T. Williamson, A’93, has been promoted to vice president of employee benefits division and stockholder with Insurance Office of America (IOA). He resides with his wife and two sons in Lake Mary, Fla. He is the son of the late Richard E. Williamson, Duquesne’s human resources director for 20 years.

Donald J. Frederickson, Jr., JD’94, was elected president of the board of trustees of the Lackawanna Historical Society (Pa.). He has been a partner in the law firm of Kobal & Frederickson in Moosic, Pa., since 1998.

Jennifer J. (Galich) Abercrombie, B’95, MBA’98, and Brian J. Abercrombie, B’95, MBA’01, will be celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary in July by sailing on a Hawaiian cruise. They were married by the Reverend Michael Gray, C.S.Sp., in the Duquesne Chapel.

Rick Starcher, GS’95, of Bayer MaterialScience, is a winner of the 2009 Carnegie Science Awards. The award recognizes “accomplishments in materials science that create new materials or properties leading to significant business, economic or societal benefits for the region.” He was also awarded Bayer MaterialScience’s 2007 Science and Technology Award for his work with carbon nanotube-based coatings.

Glenn Davila, GA’96, has been promoted to president of Performance Marketing, an award-winning marketing and branding firm serving the greater Delaware Valley, including all of South Jersey. Along with the company founder, he “will help clients thrive in a tough economy, providing support for all marketing and management functions, including strategic planning, advertising, public relations, special events, market research, direct mail, Internet marketing and custom signage.” They also serve national companies. He was an adjunct professor at Duquesne.

John R. Parroccini, JD’98, is running for common pleas judge of the 37th judicial district, covering Warren and Forest counties (Pa.).

Michael J. Cremonese, JD’99, was promoted to partner in the Pittsburgh office of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC. He focuses on construction law and commercial law in the firm’s litigation group.

Phoebe A. Haddon, JD’77, was recently selected as the ninth dean of the University of Maryland’s School of Law. Haddon, who as a DU law student served as editor-in-chief of the Duquesne Law Review, will be the first African-American dean in the law school’s 185-year history. She will take her post on July 1.

Haddon, currently a distinguished faculty member at the Temple University Beasley School of Law, is a widely respected, national leader in legal education and an expert in jury participation, the courts and diversity. An accomplished national scholar on constitutional law and tort law, Haddon is the co-author of two casebooks in those fields and has written numerous scholarly articles on equal protection, jury participation, academic freedom and diversity.

Haddon is a fourth generation lawyer and fourth generation educator. She is married to Temple University Professor Emeritus of Law Frank McClellan, and she has a daughter and two sons.
John Michael Steidle, JD’99, was promoted to partner in the Pittsburgh office of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC. He is a member in the litigation group and focuses his work in the insurance defense, general liability and construction areas.

2000s

Janine E. McCarty, JD’00, of Edgar Snyder & Associates, has been named a Pennsylvania Rising Star for demonstrating “superior professional potential.”

Julie (Sidoni) Schaffer, A’00, and her husband, Scott Schaffer, are both news anchors/reporters for WNEP-TV in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre (Pa.). They are the parents of Charles John.

Ed Falvo, A’01, GA’03, historian at the Elizabeth Township Historical Society, has created an exhibit on television history featuring a 1949 RCA model TV, books, articles and other items related to television in that time period. He is offering tours of the exhibit and the historical society to Duquesne alumni and their families and friends.

Christopher J. Kail, A’01, GA’04, director of marketing and shareholder, Legend Financial Advisors, Inc., was selected as a winner of the William R. Baierl Award of marketing and shareholder, Legend Financial Advisors, Inc., was selected as a member of the Pittsburgh division of the American Cancer Society, as well as Variety’s Young Professionals. He was also named one of “Pittsburgh’s 50 Finest” by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Carrie Bowers, A’02, received her M.A. in history from George Mason University in 2006. She is the co-author of the biography, Agnes Lake Hickok: Queen of the Circus, Wife of a Legend, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Lori Edwards, JD’04, has joined Stevens & Lee Health Care Litigation and Risk Management Practice. Focusing on health law, she represents physicians, hospitals and other health care providers in professional liability claims and advises them on risk reduction issues. Prior to joining Stevens & Lee, she was a senior deputy prosecutor for the York County district attorney’s office.

Nicholas Vaskov, A’05, was ordained a deacon at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is a student at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City.

Marriages

Andrea Sullivan, E’03, married Doug Kirchner, E’03.

Jillian Thorne, Pharm.D.’06, married Eric Startare, B’03.

Jessica Vaughan, M’06, married Chris Marra, M’05.

Kristy Lyn Cherillo, Pharm.D.’08, married Pete Drizos.

Victor D. Dozzi, MS in Tax’06, a partner and chief operating officer of Pittsburgh-based public accounting firm CrawfordEllenbogen, has been named a certified fraud examiner (CFE) by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He is active in the firm’s fraud-investigation practice, advises business and nonprofit clients on accounting and finance matters, and has taught and lectured at institutions including Carlow University and the University of Pittsburgh. He serves as treasurer of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council and is a member of the executive committee of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs.

Lisa Marie Hail, GLPA’07, educational program manager and business consultant for the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center, was named one of the Top 40 Under 40 by The Times Leader (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), which honored 40 professionals “who are outstanding in the business field and the community.” She was also named one of the Top 20 Under 40 by the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal (Scranton, Pa.), which recognized the “region’s 20 best and brightest in business and community.”

She is an adjunct instructor for the division of business and technology at Keystone College and serves on the executive committees of the Leadership Lackawanna Board of Directors and the Pleasant Mount Historical Society.

Matt Walsh, GA’07, GE’08, was hired as a faculty member at Des Moines Area Community College. In addition to teaching history, he is responsible for staffing, scheduling, and mentoring part-time faculty members in the fields of history, political science, geography and philosophy.

DUQUESNEfest 2009

Sunday, June 14, 2009

DuquesneFest is an exciting and informative experience for current high school juniors and for their parent/s. Meet with representatives from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, as well as from a number of other academic, administrative and student life departments.

You might even get to meet and ‘chat’ with former classmates. Come and rediscover Duquesne University!

Register online and view the day’s itinerary at www.admissions.duq.edu.
New Arrivals

Luke James, son of Ken Selvaggi, A'83, and Anne Conaty Selvaggi.

Cameron Owen, son of Adam T. Music, A'94, and Jamie Music.

Joelle Renee, daughter of Anna (Wolgamuth) Thornton, P'95, Pharm.D.'96, and John Thornton, B'94.

Benjamin David, son of Kristen (Martell) Powell, A'96, GA'97, and David Powell.

Gavin Bryce, son of Jeff Kesler, N'97, and Michelle Mull.

Andrew James, son of Christine (Lopusznick) Romer, E'97, and Capt. Andrew Romer, A'06.

Addison Helen, daughter of Jennifer (Fox) Freeman, A'98, and Brian Freeman, B'98.

Nathan Leo, son of Megan (Ozanich) Wells, N'99, and Gary Wells.

Peyton Jude, son of Emily (Erb) Bell, A'00, and Paul J. Bell, Jr.

Carter Michell, son of Lauren (Lightner) Naismith, E'00, and Mark Naismith.

Margaret Gidley, daughter of Molly (Cotto-Thorner) Poffenbarger, E'00, and John Poffenbarger.

Charles John, son of Julie (Sidoni) Schaffer, A'00, and Scott Schaffer.

Xavier Philip, son of Jennifer (Altobelli) DeRienzo, Pharm.D.'01, and Philip DeRienzo, Pharm.D.'01.

Thanh-Hien Hannah, daughter of Susannah (Baron) Hoang, B'01, MBA'03, MS-ISM'03, and Binh Hoang, A'00.

Zoe Grace, daughter of Paul Soboslav, GE'01, and Amy Soboslav.

Jake Vincent, son of Kristy Graciano-Sosso, A'01, and Scott Sosso, B'00.

Noah Alex, son of Mindy (Wietrzykowski) Siyufy, MPA'02, and Alex Siyufy, HS'01.

Olivia Grace, daughter of Heather (Volk) Ziegler, Pharm.D.'02, and Scott Ziegler, P'97.

Ava Gabriele and Anastasia Hope, daughters of Jennifer (Korenich) Haley, GE'03, and Neil Haley, GE'03.

Violet Elizabeth, daughter of Carrie (Schlieper) Keefe, Pharm.D.'03, and Kevin Keefe.

Ava Grace, daughter of Kristen (Lewandowski) Lichius, E'03, and Steve Lichius.

Colin James, son of Kristyn (Labutta) Lowery, HS'03, MPA'04, and Nicholas Lowery, A'01.

Isaiah Richard, son of Lauren (Wooditch) Welsch, A'05, and Dan Welsch.

Liliana Rae, daughter of Jill (Thompson) Metz, Pharm.D.'06, and Randy Metz.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

President Barack Obama has nominated Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Daniel Rooney, B'55, as the ambassador to Ireland.

Obama said, “I am honored and grateful that such a dedicated and accomplished individual has agreed to serve as the representative of the United States to the Irish people. Dan Rooney is an unswerving supporter of Irish peace, culture and education, and I have every confidence that he and Secretary Clinton will ensure America’s continued close and unique partnership with Ireland in the years ahead.”

Rooney, the recent recipient of the American Ireland Fund’s Lifetime Achievement Award and honorary Commander of the British Empire for contributions to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, has played an integral role in the Irish peace process since the early 1970s. In 1976, Rooney co-founded the American Ireland Fund, an organization which to date has raised over $300 million for peace and education programs in Ireland. Rooney founded the annual prize for Irish literature in 1987 and co-founded the Ireland Institution of Pittsburgh in 1989.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Slagel Allridge, S'44

Dr. Raymond C. Odioso, B'47

Theodore (Ted) R. Colabrese, B’49

Stanley R. Gumberg, S’50, Hon.’94

George Russell Leonard, A’53

Nicholas Jordanoff, B’56, GE’61

Sister Mary Grace Flynn, V.H.M., E’57

Col. James H. McAllister, A’58

Dr. Albert C. Labriola, E’61

Sister Mary Germaine Raskovsky, GE’69

Anne V. Palma Guzik, GE’70

Judith Ann (Schmidt) Hahn, E’72

Sheila Leigh Sweeney, N’75

Rev. Robert A. Goodrich, Jr., GA’78

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Duquesne Mourns the Loss of Beloved Colleagues

— BY KAREN FERRICK-ROMAN AND ROSE RAVASIO —

Nicholas Jordanoff

Nicholas Jordanoff, an internationally known expert in folk and ethnic music at Duquesne University, died on March 3. He was 73.

Affiliated with Duquesne for more than 50 years, Jordanoff retired from his full-time position as director of music admissions in the Mary Pappert School of Music last summer. He continued to serve the University as an adjunct with recruitment and alumni.

Jordanoff’s vast musical and ethnic interests were reflected in his many activities. A drummer and trumpet player, he was a board member of the Pittsburgh Jazz Society and longtime member of the group. A founder of the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, he served as program director from 1961 to 1989 and became well versed in the ethnic makeup of the Pittsburgh region. While he was an original founder of the Pittsburgh Dance Council and involved in many civic and professional groups, his international reputation was built upon folk music. He served for 23 years as a board member of the Children’s Festival Chorus of Pittsburgh, in residence at the Mary Pappert School of Music.

A Tamburitzans Scholarship awarded in 1952 first brought Jordanoff to Duquesne. While performing with the group, he received a bachelor’s degree in business. He earned a master of education from Duquesne in 1961.

He returned to the Tamburitzans as president of the organization and also as award-winning artistic director of the group from 1971 to 1987, when he joined the music school.

Jordanoff’s life steeped in music and performance was shared with his wife, Christine Jordanoff, director of choral organizations and professor of music education at Duquesne. They had three sons.

Dr. Albert C. Labriola

Dr. Albert C. Labriola, acting dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, died on March 11 at age 69.

“Dr. Labriola was an internationally recognized Milton scholar and a beloved professor who made a positive impact on hundreds of students over the years,” says Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty. “When I travel around the country, our alumni frequently remark about Al’s ability to bring great literature to life in the classroom. He was a master of erudition and a consummate gentleman. He will be missed.”

Labriola, who was a distinguished university professor and professor of English, first began teaching in Duquesne’s Department of English in 1970. He was an international expert on British poet John Milton, and specialized in Shakespeare, the 17th-century English metaphysical poets, and the interrelation of literature and film, and of literature and theology.

“Dr. Labriola was one of the greatest teachers this University has ever had,” says journalism/art history major Dana Stuber. “He was such a visionary and he always gave us so much help in the journalism and multimedia arts department.”

A 1961 alumnus of Duquesne, Labriola was the author and editor of numerous scholarly books and articles.

“As a teacher, Al followed the only rule that matters—know what you’re talking about and have the good of your students at heart. Anything else is not worthy of the profession,” says his good friend McAnulty Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus Dr. Sam Hazo.

Labriola earned four Presidential Excellence Awards and a Creative Teaching Award at Duquesne. He received several fellowships, including nearly 10 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for School Teachers grants. He was editor of Milton Studies and was an honored scholar of the Milton Society of America, for which he had served as secretary since 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Regina; son, Michael; daughter, Jeannie; and two grandchildren.

Sandra M. Pelc

Sandra M. Pelc, who was the secretary to the president of Duquesne University through three administrations over nearly 22 years, died on March 10.

“Sandy was devoted to Duquesne,” President Charles Dougherty told the Duquesne Duke. “She was professional and yet always personable. Everyone that contacted the president’s office was always treated with courtesy. I truly enjoyed working with her.”

A longtime member of the University community, Pelc first came to Duquesne in 1987 and worked for Presidents Rolando Bonachea, John E. Murray, Jr., and Dougherty. She is survived by her husband, Frank, and children Doritta, Frank and Selene.
Duquesne Featured in New CBS Pilot

— BY ROSE RAVASIO —

Duquesne recently played host to the CBS television pilot Three Rivers, a medical drama about a transplant hospital set in Pittsburgh.

In March, the CBS/Paramount crew filmed scenes in the Sklar Skywalk, which connects the Power Center to the Forbes Avenue Parking Garage, and in the main arena of the A.J. Palumbo Center. In one of the pilot’s story lines, a Duquesne University men’s basketball player with NBA potential has a life-changing experience during practice.

CBS held auditions on campus for the roles of the men’s basketball team. Several Duquesne students were cast as University basketball players. Actor B.J. Britt is playing the role of the featured Duquesne player. Britt has appeared on Veronica Mars, CSI: Miami, Cold Case, Everybody Hates Chris and One Tree Hill. Duquesne undergraduate Brandi Engel was also cast in a small role for the pilot.

Featured actors in Three Rivers include Julia Ormond and Alex O’Loughlin. Daniel Attias, who has directed episodes of shows including Grey’s Anatomy, Heroes, The Wire, Entourage, House M.D. and The Practice, directed the pilot episode of Three Rivers.

New Online Graduate Program in Global Leadership Offered

Duquesne’s School of Leadership and Professional Advancement has developed a new master of science in leadership with a concentration in global leadership. This online graduate degree program is designed to develop globally-conscious leaders, leaders who understand the impact that their actions and decisions have upon their own regions and nations, as well as upon other nations around the world.

“Economic difficulties, environmental concerns, poverty and human rights—these are all issues that cut across national boundaries, affecting individuals and populations alike, all around the world. As countries around the globe become more and more interdependent, and as events in one nation produce a chain reaction with strong impacts—both positive and negative—in other countries, it becomes increasingly critical for those who work, or want to work, in the public, private and nonprofit/non-governmental sectors to understand their responsibility for making and implementing decisions that have the global good in mind,” says Dr. Dorothy Bassett, dean of the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement.

The curriculum will focus on several main areas: skills for cross-cultural interaction, knowledge of critical global issues and international leadership skills. Courses include human rights and social justice, leading international teams, ethical governance, global environmental issues and understanding the global economy. Courses are highly interactive. Applications are now being accepted for the program, which begins in late August. For additional details, please visit www.leadership.duq.edu/msgl or call 1.800.283.3853.

Director Daniel Attias (in black), crew and extras watch as the next scene is set up.
The Importance of Being Prepared

Ancient Egyptians stocked their pharaohs’ tombs with goods to ease the decedents’ passage into the afterlife. Despite the passage of time into the modern era, the belief that “you can take it with you” remains steadfastly imprinted into the minds of many. How else to explain that more than half of Americans—55 percent, in fact—do not have a will? Further, this statistic has remained virtually unchanged over the last few years according to a survey conducted in 2007 by Harris Interactive® for Martindale-Hubbell® lawyers.com® from LexisNexis®. There is no reason to believe that this figure will change drastically moving forward.

What causes this failure to plan? Why do so many people choose not to seek guidance in drafting an estate plan? Or they choose to get advice, only to fail to execute the documents that will secure their plan? According to the survey:

- Ten percent of American adults who do not have an estate plan say that it is because they do not want to think about dying.
- Nine percent of adults say they do not have an estate plan in place because they do not know with whom to speak about creating such documents.
- Nearly one in four adults (24 percent) say their biggest reason for not having an estate plan is a lack of sufficient assets.

Duquesne University’s Office of Gift Planning is available as a resource to assist our alumni and friends with surmounting these obstacles to the creation of an estate plan. Although it is far more appropriate for one of the Spiritans on campus to provide guidance to overcoming one’s refusal to contemplate death and dying, the Office of Gift Planning can nevertheless provide information to motivate you to take that first step towards drafting a will.

As evidenced by the survey, most individuals assume that they do not own a sufficient level of assets to warrant the time, expense and detail that is required to create an estate plan. However, it is important to remember that—at least in Pennsylvania—if you don’t write a will, the commonwealth will do it for you. That means that the Pennsylvania laws of intestacy will provide for the disposition of your assets if you die without a will or other plan in place. Whether you possess $10 or $10 million, you should take control of those assets and make certain that they are distributed after your death as you wish.

For individuals with young children, a will is especially important. Although you may just be beginning to build your assets and net worth, guardianship of your children in the event of your passing is a critical issue that should be addressed in a will. Providing for the care of your children—both physically and financially—will ensure that no one is fighting for or over your children in the event of your death.

Finally, it is important to remember that you accumulate assets faster than you realize. You may have a home, a car and a bank account, but did you also consider that you have certificates of deposit? Life insurance? Annuities? Savings bonds? Jewelry? Stocks? Bonds? Mutual funds? Retirement accounts? All of these assets begin to add up quickly and can complicate what you believe is a “simple” estate that’s not worth a lot.

The survey also cites the inability to identify an appropriate individual to draft your estate plan. You can overcome this obstacle by speaking with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to determine the lawyers with whom they have worked. There are also online directories of lawyers in your particular geographic area who practice in estate planning and administration. A simple Google search should yield a number of options to fit your needs. Finally, your local and/or state bar association may have a lawyer referral service.

Some lawyer referral services carefully screen attorneys and list only those attorneys with particular qualifications and a certain amount of past experience, while other services will list any attorney in good standing with the state bar who maintains liability insurance. Before you choose a lawyer referral service, ask what its qualifications are for including an attorney and how carefully lawyers are screened.

Regardless of how you find the name of an attorney, you will want to meet with the individual who is recommended to make certain that he or she is a good fit for you, your particular planning needs, budget and personality.

If you are interested in including Duquesne as a beneficiary in your will, the Office of Gift Planning can provide you or your attorney with sample language to ensure that the bequest comports with our policies and receipt of such gifts. Please contact Carrie Matesevac Collins at 412.396.4272 or collinscm@duq.edu for further information.

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Duquesne University Law School
Pennsylvania Bar Association Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh Hilton
5 p.m.
Please RSVP to Jeanine DeBor at 412.396.5215 or deborj@duq.edu.

Thursday, June 18, 2009
Duquesne Athletics South Hills Steak Fry
Scott Township Park at the Locust Pavilion
5 to 9 p.m.
For information or registration, contact Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu or 412.396.5927.

Monday, June 22, 2009
15th Annual Rangos School of Health Sciences Golf Invitational
Diamond Run Golf Club
Registration and lunch beginning at 11 a.m.; shotgun start at noon; reception at 5:30 p.m.; awards banquet at 6 p.m.
For more information and/or to register, contact Deb Durica at durica@duq.edu or 412.396.5551.

Monday, June 22, 2009
The A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration/John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business Golf Outing
Southpointe Golf Course
12:30 p.m.
Please contact Mary Lou Grasser for information or registration at 412.396.5701 or grasser@duq.edu.

Monday-Friday, June 22-26, 2009
School of Education Professional Development Seminar for Act 48 Credits
Topics include ESL, instructional technology and behavior management 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For more information or registration, call Rachael Kiesling at 412.396.5193 or kieslingr@duq.edu.

Saturday, June 27, 2009
Duquesne Alumni Night at the Pirates (Fireworks Night!)
PNC Park
Reception on the Southwest Flight Deck: 5:30 p.m.; Game: 7:05 p.m.
For more information or to register, go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 412.396.6209.

Wednesday, July 29, 2009
Summertime Jazz Concert (special guest TBA!)
Academic Walk, Duquesne University
7:30 p.m.
For more information or to register, go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 412.396.6209.

Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009
Duquesne Athletics North Hills Steak Fry
5 to 9 p.m.
Avonworth Park Pavilion
For information or registration, contact Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu or 412.396.5927.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009
Duquesne Alumni Night at the Washington Wild Things
CONSORT Energy Park, Washington County
Reception: 5:30 p.m.; Game: 7:05 p.m.
To register, go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 412.396.6209.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009
Musique on the Bluff: The French Seasons
PNC Recital Hall, Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music
3 p.m.
For more information, visit www.music.duq.edu/events.html or call 412.396.4632.

Monday, Sept. 21, 2009
Mylan School of Pharmacy Tenth Annual Golf Invitational
Old Stonewall Golf Course, Ellwood City, Pa.
For more information, go to http://www.pharmacy.duq.edu/golf09.html or contact Debra N. DiBiasi at dibiasi@duq.edu or 412.396.6306.

Monday, Sept. 28, 2009
Duquesne Athletic Fund 2009 Golf Outing
Treesdale Golf & Country Club
12:30 p.m. shotgun start
For information or registration, contact Bryan Colonna at colonna770@duq.edu or 412.396.5927.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009
Rangos School of Health Sciences Alumni Luncheon
Duquesne Student Union
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Come join fellow alumni and their families for lunch before the football game. The event is FREE, but advance reservations are required. For more information, please contact Deb Durica at durica@duq.edu or 412.396.5551.

Sunday, Oct. 11
Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra
Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland
8 p.m.
For more information, visit www.music.duq.edu/events.html or call 412.396.4632.

If you’d like to receive e-mail notifications about these and other alumni events, please register at www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu using the number starting with “D” on the label of your Duquesne University Magazine.

To see the schedules for fall athletic competitions, go to www.goduquesne.com.
History records show that Duquesne’s football program—a national powerhouse in the pre-World War II era—was suspended in 1951 due to the Korean War and rising costs. That same year, Carnival was born to fill the autumn void in student life. With colorful booths and entertaining tent shows, Carnival quickly became an established fixture on our Bluff. After football returned, Carnival shifted in schedule from fall to spring several times, but nearly six decades later, it remains a hallmark of the Duquesne experience and a treasured memory for generations of alumni.

This year, Carnival once again combines with Homecoming to create an unforgettable weekend of excitement on campus from Oct. 2-4. On the field, the Dukes will host crosstown NEC rival Robert Morris in a battle for local and conference bragging rights. Meanwhile, every corner of campus will be energized with activity—the best of two traditions plus exciting new events.

Here’s a preview of the tentative schedule for Carnival/Homecoming 2009. Mark your calendars now and be sure to visit www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu regularly for updates and registration.

**Friday, Oct. 2**
- Pep Rally Sponsored by Student Life
- Wine and Cheese Reception
- Live Entertainment at The Red Ring

**Saturday, Oct. 3**
- Common Ground Coffee House and Legacy Breakfast
- AutumnFest
- Football: Duquesne Dukes vs. Robert Morris Colonials
- Alumni Class Ring Blessing
- All-Alumni Beef & Beer
- Student Leader/10-Year Reunion Dinner
- Mass
- Carnival Shows and Booths at the Palumbo Center

**Sunday, Oct. 4**
- Class of 1959 Mass and Presentation of the Class Pin
- Class of 1959 Brunch