Separation of Church, State Explored at Annual Symposium

By Rose Ravasio

The First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion has a long history of interpretation, with long-ranging implications and consequences. School prayer, the rights of religious minorities and dissenters, and government funding for private schools are just a few of the issues that spark First Amendment debate.

National experts explored Freedom of—or from—Religion: Understanding the Separation of Church and State, at Duquesne University’s third annual Faith and Politics Symposium on Sept. 20. Sponsored by the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, the event was held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Duquesne Room of the Duquesne Union.

“Past, present and future controversies concerning the ‘wall of separation’ between church and state raise provocative questions and promote discussion that affects so many issues. These controversies really cut across the political and religious spectrum,” said Dr. Albert C. Labriola, acting dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts. The symposium’s four featured speakers were:

• Bishop Thomas J. Curry, bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Calif.
• The Wall of Separation After 60 Years
  9:15 to 10:30 a.m.
• John L. Allen Jr., journalist, senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Vatican analyst for CNN and NPR

Megatrends in Catholicism and Church/State Relations in the 21st Century
10:45 a.m. to noon
• Daniel L. Dreisbach, professor, department of justice, law and society, American University School of Public Affairs

The Promises and Perils of a Wall of Separation
1:30 to 2:45 p.m.
• Frank S. Ravitch, professor, Michigan State University College of Law

Faith, Politics and the Courts: Getting Beyond the Illusions of Original Intent and Neutrality
3 to 4:15 p.m.

Each presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. “Our speakers are all renowned experts in the field of First Amendment rights, especially freedom of religion,” Labriola said. “All have published books through well-respected presses including Oxford University Press, Double-day and Continuum.”

DU Alert System Adds New Ways Of Reaching Employees, Students

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

All employees and students are encouraged to register for a new system that will enable them to receive emergency alert notifications when they are away from their computers and desks.

Through DU Emergency Alert, employees and students registered with the system will be delivered alerts through mobile devices, text messages and/or calls to non-Duquesne or campus land-line phones. The free registration can be done quickly and easily online at www.duq.edu/alert. The information will be used only for the alert notifications. Privacy will be respected; even the system operators will not know the names of the those who are registered.

“This new system has technology that will notify people of urgent information, whether they are at the University, at home or on the move,” said James Caputo, director of public safety. “Our University community has to realize how important it is that each and every one takes a few minutes to subscribe to the service. We will continue to use our standard emergency and mass communication methods of e-mail and voice mail and other methods, but this system adds another layer to the safety notification systems we have established.”

The system will send alerts in a specific order, starting with mobile devices. Individuals also will receive instructions on how to confirm that they have received the message. If confirmation is not received, the automated system will send a message to the alternate listed on the subscription registration, which could be a non-Duquesne land line or an office phone number. This would be followed by an alert to the individual’s Duquesne e-mail address.

If an individual responds to confirm a message at any time, the alerts will not forward to other contact methods. If an individual does not respond, alerts will continue to forward to all of the contact methods for a defined period, usually cycling through five attempts to make contact.
A Message From the President

Welcome back. As we look forward to a new and exciting academic year here at Duquesne, I am happy to share with you some updates and news regarding our campus.

This fall marks the implementation of the University’s new undergraduate core curriculum. In addition to the traditional, discipline-specific courses, the revised core now includes a service-learning requirement, as well as courses designed around four new themes: creative arts, faith and reason, global diversity and social justice. I’m pleased that this new and improved core not only offers our students a wider variety of class choices, but also supports the University’s strategic plan and mission.

Students are the lifeblood of Duquesne University, so focusing even more attention on recruitment and improving retention rates is always imperative. Duquesne’s new Office of Enrollment Management utilizes a university-wide, coordinated, team approach to recruit and retain students. These efforts will be spearheaded by Paul-James Cukanna, who has been named associate vice president for enrollment management and who will continue in his role as executive director of admissions.

A new school year also means new educational opportunities for students. Some interesting new programs that kicked off this semester include the cutting-edge Sustainability MBA in the Donahue Graduate School of Business, the online master’s degree in parish management offered by the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, and the Center for Corporate and Executive Education’s Women’s Executive Leadership Program.

Construction of the multipurpose recreation center on Forbes Avenue is quickly nearing completion. In a few short months, the campus community will have access to an unprecedented array of fitness facilities and will enjoy a new ballroom with spectacular views of Pittsburgh’s skyline. Our Uptown neighbors will welcome new retail and dining establishments. The Forbes Development signifies the beginning of a new era. To mark that new era, we reach into our past. The multipurpose recreation center will be named for Duquesne University’s first president, the Rev. William Patrick Power, C.S.Sp. We plan to celebrate the grand opening of the Power Center in January 2008.

An enhancement to our campus communication tools is the DU Emergency Alert, an automated notification system that enables us to effectively contact Duquesne employees and students in the case of an emergency. Through DU Emergency Alert, subscribers will receive an alert via mobile devices, text messages (SMS) and calls to non-Duquesne phone numbers. If you have not already done so, I urge you to register at www.duq.edu/alert.

As we embark on a journey through this new academic year, I would like to say thank you for the important part that you play in making Duquesne a university that provides a solid education for the mind, heart and spirit. Good luck in the upcoming year.

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
President
Duquesne University

Online Tools Help Faculty and Advisors

Faculty can now use Self-Service Banner to check class rosters, enter grades, add to syllabi and do other administrative tasks. Advisors can also use these online resources to review student transcripts, schedules, test scores and registration information. Details are posted in the Faculty’s Guide to Banner channel in DORI, www.dori.duq.edu.

The Banner Student Training Team will offer several open houses to assist faculty in the transition from Datatel/WebAdvisor to Banner. Please plan to stop by. Light refreshments will be served.

Sessions are held in Room 103 Rockwell Hall unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8-10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 8, 4-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 4-6 p.m. (Room 435 Fisher Hall)
- Thursday, Dec. 6, 8-10 a.m.

Everyone will need a MultiPass account and password in order to access Banner through DORI. (MultiPass will also be used for WebMail and Blackboard.)

If you haven’t used DORI for a few months, you may need to reset your MultiPass. Visit the DORI login page at www.dori.duq.edu for links to initialize or reset your MultiPass.

PubMed Available at Library

In conjunction with the National Library of Medicine, Gumberg Library is offering a new way to search life sciences literature and Medline. PubMed @ Duquesne enables users to search PubMed, then connect to Gumberg’s electronic journals and even to ILLiad, using the Find It! button.

To do so, visit www.library.duq.edu/pubmed/ and click on the special PubMed @ Duquesne link.

Dougherty Launches Column

President Charles J. Dougherty shares his insights and expertise in a new monthly column with readers of the Pittsburgh Catholic. His inaugural column, Catholic University Not a Contradiction in Terms, appeared in the July 13 issue. His July column, as well as other columns, can be viewed online at www.administration.duq.edu/pressPghCath.html.
With Each Brick and Beam, Power Center Work Progresses

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Over the summer, President Charles J. Dougherty has become accustomed to wearing a hard hat as he’s checked the progress of the new multipurpose recreation center. That hard hat attire will be gone at the end of this year, when the large, brick building that will serve Duquesne University and its neighbors is scheduled for completion.

At Convocation, Dougherty reported that the center had gained a name and is “ahead of schedule and below budget.” The Power Center—named for the first president of Duquesne, the Rev. William Patrick Power, C.S.P.—is expected to be open at the beginning of 2008.

The center is building across campus as construction progresses and we move closer to having our new center bustling with students, employees and public visitors,” Dougherty said.

Though the bones of the interior layout and mechanical systems are well in place, it still requires some imagination to visualize the building as Mark Minoski, project manager, described it, providing a tour from the ground up of the green-oriented Power Center.

The Watson Street level, behind the building, will provide an entrance for Barnes & Noble. This level will house the college bookstore within Barnes & Noble. Beyond the store, this level will hold mechanical systems for the building.

The Forbes Avenue street-level entrance will greet visitors with a plaza similar to the new Forbes Plaza across the street, Minoski said. This level will house the second story of Barnes & Noble and its Starbucks café, plus the sports-themed Red Ring restaurant, a performance stage and a juice bar/deli.

The Forbes Avenue level, as well as the Watson Street level, will open to the public. For access to second, third and fourth levels, students and employees will swipe their ID cards at a security check-in area, Minoski said.

The Second Level opens to a fitness center and an aerobics studio with windows on two sides, looking up to campus and Downtown, as well as a built-in sound system. The fitness center will feature plasma TV sets with headsets and 30 of the cardio fitness machine will have personal viewing screens. Weight machines will also be part of the mix. Student locker rooms—with hair dryers included—will be on this floor as well.

Near the turnstiles and receptionist’s area off the elevator lobby on the Second Level is space for a lounge. This TV-free zone is intended as a place where people will be able to meet, relax and make use of wireless and hard-wired Internet access. Vending machines also will be available.

The main attraction of the Third Level will be a basketball/volleyball court that can be configured to have as many as six hoops going or to be used half or full court. A small scoreboard is at the court. Separate staff locker rooms will be housed on this level.

Walkers and runners who access the Third Level Mezzanine will be able to keep their eyes on the game action as they round the court on track lanes.

The Fourth Level will feature a free weights room and racquetball courts, as well as another basketball/volleyball court and lounge area.

The Sklar Skywalk, which made an impressive statement when it was completed last year, will connect the heart of campus to the crowning glory of the new building: a Fifth Level ballroom.

Even in its skeletal form, the ballroom evokes a “top-of-the-world” feeling with vistas of the Downtown, the Mellon Arena and new-to-the-community views of campus. Balconies on the Forbes Avenue and Chatham Square sides of the building allow guests an even more unobstructed panoramic view. The room, which already is being booked for events such as conferences and wedding receptions, can be configured in a number of ways, Minoski said. Insulated panels that will soundproof the ballroom can be used to divide the area. A projector and big screens can be used or smaller screens can be employed as necessary. At the touch of a button, a “smart system” will dim the lights and drop the screens. In addition, sunscreen shades will help with daytime use of projectors. A dance floor and portable stage are available, as is a podium.

The area can accommodate as many as 900 for a lecture.

The amenities and facilities at the new Power Center are open to all students and employees.

Behind the Scenes: Accessible and Green

While sharing the bricks-and-mortar story of the Power Center, Facilities Management also revealed some interesting behind-the-scenes efforts that have been part of the planning.

Campus expertise has been tapped to make recommendations and considerations for the Power Center. For instance, a class of occupational therapy students conducted an audit for accessibility, looking at the use of the building by those with limited sight and other disabilities, Minoski said.

Besides keeping accessibility in mind, the building plans have very consciously been laid to take the necessary steps through a lengthy process that would achieve a Silver Certification designate in the environmentally sensitive and highly regarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for the Power Center, said George Feck, executive director of Facilities Management.

The green building rating system is the most widely accepted benchmark for measuring the sustainability of buildings.

“We have incorporated the necessary design and operation requirements to meet the certification,” Feck said. “However, this is an extensive process to get the certification. Documents have to be filed by the architect in accordance with the LEED certification process for review. These documents can’t be filed until after the building is operational. Certification can take up to a year.”

Certification evaluates such things as a building’s energy efficiency, the amount of recycled content in construction materials, the amount of landfill waste generated during construction, impact of the building on the surrounding community and indoor air quality.

For instance, the Power Center will incorporate waterless urinals, which will save more than 50,000 gallons of water every year. Lighting levels in the gym will be adjusted by sophisticated controls; adapting when the gym is unoccupied, in recreational use or hosting competitions or videotaped events. Daylight sensors will automatically dim fixtures near windows when conditions permit. Sensors will monitor carbon dioxide levels in the building and adjust the intake of fresh air. Highly effective filters will protect against outdoor pollutants; sources of indoor pollutants will be minimized through careful selection of paints, finishes and carpeting.

To address environmental and energy concerns, the University is expanding its co-generation plant to provide heating and cooling for the building. These pipes are neatly tucked underneath the Sklar Skywalk and will have the capacity to serve future buildings in the parcel, Minoski said.

After the Power Center is completed, the University project team will submit evidence of compliance to the U.S. Green Building Council. The ultimate goal is not earning a certificate worthy of display, but practicing and promoting environmentally sound applications on campus.

The Numbers and the Layout

The new Power Center has seven levels, about 130,000 square feet wrapped in a package the equivalent of eight stories tall.

This will include:

- Watson Street (behind the building): First floor of Barnes & Noble, mechanical and maintenance systems
- Forbes Avenue (main street level entrance): Second floor of Barnes & Noble, including a café that will serve Starbucks coffee, the Red Ring restaurant with a small performance stage, Jamba Juice bar and deli
- Second Level: Fitness center, aerobics studio, fitness classroom, cardio equipment, locker room
- Third Level: Gym with basketball/volleyball court, studies, a lounge area with wireless Internet, offices, locker room
- Third Level Mezzanine: Walking track overlooking basketball/volleyball court; 16 laps equal a mile
- Fourth Level: Gym with basketball/volleyball court, two racquetball courts, free weight training room, classroom/studio, lounge area with wireless Internet
- Fifth Level: Large balcony with pre-event area, balconies and kitchen, connected to campus and the Forbes Parking Garage by the Sklar Skywalk
- Bragging Point: The steel-and-glass pedestrian bridge is said to be the safest of its kind in the city, 80 feet above Forbes Ave
Duquesne Reflects on Accomplishments, Sets Course for Future Growth

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

At Convocation on Sept. 7, Duquesne University President Charles J. Dougherty shared advances made by the University in the past year and challenged faculty and staff to continue to institutionalize beneficial change.

Dougherty discussed one of the most visible signs of growth on campus, the multipurpose recreation center. He announced that the building will be called the Power Center, named for Duquesne’s first president, the Rev. William Patrick Power, C.S.Sp.

“Work proceeds ahead of schedule and below budget on our new building on Forbes,” he told the overflow audience of faculty and staff gathered in Bayer Learning Center for the annual “state of the University” address. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Power Center, the first phase of construction planned along Forbes, will open in early 2008.

Dougherty also announced that Athletics and University Advancement have raised about $1 million to build permanent grandstands for Rooney Field.

He also gave good news about the positive financial standing of the University. For the 18th consecutive year, Duquesne has ended its fiscal year with a surplus in its operating budget. In the most recent independent assessment, Standard and Poor’s upgraded Duquesne’s outlook from “stable” to “positive.”

The report said that Duquesne has “a seasoned management team with success in achieving strategic goals.” The upgrade was based on successful operating budgets, a low debt ratio, strong fund raising and a rapidly improved admissions picture.

Additionally, total gifts to the University increased by 7.2 percent in the last year. Over the last four years, more than 6,000 new donors have contributed to the University. From the previous three years, the average total gifts annually rose by 51 percent. Other fund-raising successes included a 12.5 percent increase in the annual fund and a 10 percent increase in alumni giving. Faculty and staff giving also rose by 10 percent last year, and contributions from parents were up 9 percent.

The S&P upgrade also considered Duquesne’s improved admissions picture. The 2006 freshman class was one of the University’s largest; in the last five years, the number of undergraduate students rose by nearly 500.

Meanwhile, statistics showed how Duquesne has become increasingly selective. For the same time period, undergraduate applications increased by more than 50 percent, while acceptances dropped by about one-third.

Some other milestones noted were:

- Receiving awards of more than $10 million for faculty research
- Being named to the top 20 universities for faculty research productivity at schools with fewer than 15 doctoral programs
- Leading the efforts, along with the Hill House and other partners, to form the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone, an economic development magnet for biotech businesses
- Hosting the third annual Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium
- Launching an MBA program focused on sustainability
- Becoming one of only three universities across the state to be named as a Center for Teaching Excellence
- Establishing formal alumni chapters in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Charlotte and Washington, D.C.
- Hosting Justice Samuel Alito, the second U.S. Supreme Court member to visit Duquesne in the last five years
- Inaugurating a study abroad program with the National University of Ireland in Galway
- Inaugurating the Monsignor Charles Owen Rice social justice lecture series.

As Duquesne moves toward its 130th anniversary year, its mission remains timeless, Dougherty said. “We will preserve our mission as a Catholic Spiritan university, giving our faith and the faiths of others special status, and looking at society from the point of view of those who are least well-off,” he said. “We will continue to provide an education that intentionally changes lives profoundly and for the better. We will preserve the personal character of our community, keeping it a place that values each individual with special focus on the development of our students. We will continue to focus on first-rate teaching and the learning it produces. We are committed to Pittsburgh, to our neighborhood and, in a special way, to our own Bluff. And we are resolved to maintain the special spirit here that is Duquesne.”

Faculty Recognized for Excellence, Longtime Dedication to University

By Rose Ravasio

Several faculty members were recognized at the University’s annual Convocation on Sept. 7 for excellence in teaching and for providing 25 years of service to Duquesne.

Those receiving presidential awards were:

- Dr. John Kern II, associate professor of mathematics
- Dr. Paula Witt-Enderyb, associate professor of pharmacology-toxicology
- Dr. Stephen Newmyer, professor of classics
- Dr. Jeffry Madura, chair and professor of chemistry and biochemistry
- Kern was the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Despite the challenge of teaching math to students who are not math majors and others who may be intimidated by math courses, Kern receives positive reviews from his students, whom he is always willing to help. He is known as an excellent, effective teacher who makes a positive impact on his students. On teaching introduction to probability, introduction to statistics and statistical computing, Kern said, “these three seem to inspire me the most.”

Kern received the 2006-07 McAulney College Excellence in Teaching Award and has served as a visiting faculty member at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he conducted research in the statistical sciences group.

Witt-Enderyb received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service to the Mission. She is recognized for her role as faculty advisor to the students of Kappa Epsilon, the professional pharmacy fraternity, her work as president of Duquesne’s Faculty Senate, and the time she devotes to serving on numerous committees for the graduate school of pharmaceutical sciences. Witt-Enderyb also reviews several papers each month for the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and Brain Research.

Outside of campus, she sits on the YMCA’s Board of Directors, co-chairs the Carnegie Science Fair and conducts experiments for students at local elementary

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Janie Fritz, Communication Professor, Recognized for Leadership in Ethics

By Rose Ravasio

Dr. Janie Fritz, associate professor in the communication and rhetorical studies department, has received the 2007 Eugene P. Beard Faculty Award for Leadership in Ethics at Duquesne University. She is recognized for her impact as an educator and for her dedication to serving both the University and its students.

“I feel honored, surprised, and fundamentally affirmed, both personally and professionally, to have been honored with this award,” Fritz said. “Ethics is the heart of Duquesne University, and to receive recognition in this way is the highest honor I can imagine. I find myself filled with a deep sense of gratitude and very, very happy.”

The Beard Award, presented annually to a faculty member, honors those who best exemplify the University’s commitment to moral and spiritual values through outstanding leadership in ethics in family life or in University or community service. Fritz received widespread support and nominations for the award from across the University. One nomination stated that Fritz “manifests a willingness to help when needed, is unfailingly supportive of others’ projects and seeks the good in others as well as others’ good.” Another nomination declared, “No one teaches outside of the classroom as much as Janie does. Her teaching inside the classroom is excellent and her teaching outside the classroom is exceptional.”

Fritz, who first began teaching at Duquesne in 1992, is director of the M.A. program and co-director of the B.A. program for the communication and rhetorical studies department.

Emphasizing the role of ethics in personal and professional life is vital to a Duquesne University education for many reasons, Fritz said. “One is that Duquesne University makes public its concern for ethics in every facet of University life, so emphasizing ethics to students is important for the University’s fulfillment of its promised mission,” she said. “More importantly, for students to become ethical leaders and participants in personal and professional life, they need ethical ‘ground’ under their feet, ground derived from the great narrative traditions that define the ‘good’ for human life and flourishing.”

Through her research, Fritz looks at communication processes that connect, sever and restore the ties that bind individuals to institutions. Recent projects include her edited book Problematic Relationships in the Workplace, a study of communication about and responses to ethical standards of conduct in organizations; professional civility and cynicism in organizations; issues of public and private communication; and relationships in organizations.

As her way of “living the University mission,” Fritz continues her service, beyond classrooms, to the University and the community. She is an award-winning advisor to the Sigma Kappa sorority chapter at Duquesne, has served as a mentor to incoming freshmen and has conducted time-management workshops for graduate students. She is a member of the Christ United Methodist folk choir, has taught Sunday School at Beverly Heights United Presbyterian Church and sits on the Religious Communication Association’s editorial board.

A resident of Bethel Park, Fritz was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and holds a B.A. and an M.A., both in speech communication, from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Ethics is the thread that runs through and ties together everything about this University, from its Catholic Spiritan tradition of concern for the least among us to the emphasis on education for the mind, heart, soul and spirit,” Fritz said. “The Eugene P. Beard Award has continued and strengthened the explicit recognition of the importance of ethics, and the administration’s support for ethical initiatives is a clear marker of the importance of that focus.”

Faculty members recognized for 25 years of service were:
- Dr. Priscilla M. Austin, assistant professor of accounting, Palumbo/Donahue Schools of Business
- Robert S. Barker, Duquesne University Distinguished Professor of Law
- Sister Donna Marie Beck, C.S.J., professor and director of the Department of Music Therapy, Mary Pappert School of Music
- Dr. Frank J. D’Amico, professor of mathematics, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
- Dr. David Hanson, associate professor of international business and director of international programs, Palumbo/Donahue Schools of Business
- Dr. Rick McCown, professor of education and chair of educational foundations and leadership, School of Education
- Margaret Patterson, associate professor of journalism and multimedia arts, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

Among the faculty and staff contributions President Charles J. Dougherty acknowledged at the 2007 Convocation were four winners of Presidential Awards, from left, top, Dr. John Kern II, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Paula Winn-Erdenyi, associate professor of pharmacology-toxicology; bottom, Dr. Stephen Newmyer, professor of classics; and Dr. Jeffry Madura, chair and professor of chemistry and biochemistry.
Inaugural Donahue Chair Focuses On Financial Analysis and Ethics

By Rose Ravasio

Thomas J. Nist, has been named the inaugural Donahue Chair in Investment Management at Duquesne University. He comes to Duquesne from PNC Bank’s Business Banking Division, where he served as senior vice president and small business segment manager.

Endowed through a $1.5 million gift from the family of Rhodora and John F. Donahue, founder and chairman of Federated Investors Inc., the Chair in Investment Management was created to help further the national reputation of Duquesne’s investment management and finance programs.

“I am excited about being named the Donahue Chair. The Finance Division curriculum and research in investment management is excellent and our students have exposure to state-of-the-art technology through our Investment Center,” Nist said.

In his new post in the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business, Nist will direct the Fund Management Experience—the region’s only investment management degree program resulting in both B.S. and B.A. degrees, emphasizing financial analysis and ethics. Through this program, students manage a common stock portfolio and work toward outperforming their benchmark. Nist’s additional responsibilities will include teaching in the business schools, developing initiatives to enrich student experiences and creating a speaker series on current investment management and finance issues.

“We are now expanding our students’ experience by managing an actual investment fund as part of the course work. We’re also planning to cast a wider net in attracting investment professionals to our advisory board, and we’re building a portfolio of activities that broaden the student experience,” explained Nist. “The support and encouragement that the University has received from the Donahue family, who are, themselves leaders in investment management, has been terrific and I am honored to have been selected to fill the chair.”

Previously, Nist served as manager of Business Banking Product Management and Marketing Groups at PNC, and was the national sales manager of PNC’s Treasury Management Business. He is credited for managing significant technological change, new product introduction and sales force transformation at PNC. He also held posts at Mellon Financial Corp. and Equibank.

An alumnus of Duquesne, Nist earned a B.S. in business administration in 1979, and has been teaching part-time in the Graduate School of Business since 1998.

“I’ve certainly been around Duquesne for a while and have always been inspired by the contributions being made by so many people who want to make a difference,” Nist said.

“In my new assignment I will be able to represent the University in advancing the investment management and finance programs to the business community while creating more opportunities for our students.”

Nist has an M.B.A. from Arizona State University, has attended the Dartmouth College Executive Education Program and is a lecturer at the University of North Carolina’s Fundamental of Cash Management Program. He is a member of the River City Brass Band, Board of Directors and a certified treasury professional from the Association of Financial Professionals.

Expert in Environmental, Supply Chain Management Accepts Murrin Chair

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Dr. Robert P. Sroufe Jr. has accepted the Murrin Chair in Global Competitiveness at Duquesne University’s John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business. In this position, Sroufe will involve students in hands-on projects with area businesses, emphasizing sustainability in auditing, process improvement and change management.

“Robert Sroufe brings to Duquesne great expertise on issues of sustainability in operations and supply chains, including environmental management systems, technology integration and global manufacturing,” said Dean Alan R. Miciak of the business schools. “His research identifies the linkage between sustainable strategies and competitiveness, a challenge faced by every company today. He will play a key role as we launch our new full-time MBA program in Sustainability and by advancing his research with area companies.”

Sroufe will not only conduct research, but integrate it into the classroom and across the curriculum, reducing the distance between cutting-edge findings, the classroom and best practices in the field.

“Issues of sustainability touch virtually every facet of business today,” Sroufe said. “Our students need to study and observe first-hand how this issue affects different areas of corporate operations, as well as the overall viability of a company. Through our program at Duquesne, we expect to build more bridges between research and practices, and between our students and regional companies.”

Sroufe’s most recent publication, Strategic Sustainability: The State of the Art in Corporate Environmental Management Systems, was released in May by Greenleaf Publishing. The book provides insights into strategic and sustainable ways of measuring corporate performance, including manufacturing and other processes, strategic planning, training and performance measures.

Before Sroufe’s arrival at Duquesne, he was assistant professor of operations management at the Wallace E. Carroll School of Management, Boston College. There, he taught classes in operations management and supply chain management, identifying how companies are redesigning the delivery of services and products because of the explosion of information technology and changing consumer shopping patterns. His classes in management and operations focused on analytical skills and decision-making in regard to environmental operations.

Previously, Sroufe taught in the Eli Broad Graduate School of Management at Michigan State University. He also served as project manager/logistics systems analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense in Battle Creek, Mich., as a research assistant with the National Pollution Prevention Center, and lab manager for the Research on Microbial Ecology laboratory in East Lansing, Mich.

Sroufe, who received a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, has been teaching at Michigan State since 1998.

Thomas J. Nist

DU Professor Receives Telly Award

Dennis Woytek, assistant professor in the Journalism and Multimedia Arts Department at Duquesne University, has received a second Telly Award for his outstanding work in documentary film.

Woytek served as producer, videographer, writer and editor for his award-winning documentary, A Journey of Faith. The documentary follows a group of Pittsburghers on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a town in Bosnia-Herzegovina where the Blessed Virgin Mary reportedly appeared to six children and appeared to them on a regular basis, giving them messages for the world. The documentary lets the viewer experience what pilgrims see and do when they visit Medjugorje.

Woytek also was recognized for his travel program Pennsylvania Adventures in 1991. The Telly Awards, founded in 1979, are a prestigious distinction honoring outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs, video and film productions.

Woytek was among more than 13,000 other entries from all 50 states and five continents.
New Office of Enrollment Management Will Align University Resources

By Rose Ravasio

Provost Ralph Pearson has named Paul-James Cukanna as associate vice president for enrollment management at Duquesne University. The Office of Enrollment Management will utilize a coordinated approach to recruiting and retaining students at Duquesne, which this fall welcomed its largest freshman class in four years. In his new role, Cukanna will oversee undergraduate and graduate admissions, enrollment research, the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of the Registrar. He will continue to serve as Duquesne’s executive director of the Office of Admissions.

“Aligning human, financial and information resources to optimize the University’s position in the educational marketplace will allow us to better recruit and retain academically talented students,” Cukanna explained. “Our efforts will reflect a carefully planned program that relates realistically to Duquesne’s mission, culture, organizational structure, financial and informational resources, and educational practices.”

During the past five years, Duquesne’s full-time undergraduate enrollment has grown by 4 percent, with total full-time enrollment reaching more than 10,000 for the first time in the 2006-07 academic year. Total full-time enrollment figures for the current academic year are expected exceed last year’s figures.

Centralizing Duquesne’s graduate enrollment effort is a top priority. “We can provide enhanced service to graduate students by pooling our resources across campus through a comprehensive, coordinated strategy,” Cukanna said. “We will work as a team with the experts in each school to identify opportunities, as well as challenges, facing our programs and students.”

Graduate students make up 43.5 percent of Duquesne’s student body. Duquesne has more than 150 graduate programs. The most popular of these programs include law, pharmacy and the MBA.

“I am honored to be given the opportunity to work collaboratively with my undergraduate and graduate colleagues across the University to further advance our admissions and enrollment services efforts,” Cukanna said. “Duquesne will benefit through more collaboration, a common dialogue on issues that promote or impede undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, an improvement in enrollment services, the sharing of expertise, resources and an entrepreneurial spirit.”

Gormley to Lead New Scholarly Initiatives

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Duquesne University has named Kenneth G. Gormley Associate Vice President for Interdisciplinary Scholarship and Special Projects. Gormley, who has taught in the School of Law since 1994, will continue teaching as he takes on new responsibilities aimed at promoting interdisciplinary scholarship, facilitating exchange among scholars and collaboration with other academic institutions. He will report to the Office of the Provost.

In July, Gormley became the first president from academia to head the 136-year-old Allegheny County Bar Association. He has testified before the U.S. Senate and the Pennsylvania legislature on wiretapping, obscenity law, presidential pardons and independent counsel.

A prolific, award-winning writer, Gormley is writing a book on the Clinton-Starr investigation that is expected to be completed next year. His past books, articles and documentary films have tackled the 50-year anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox, the Pennsylvania Constitution and legislative reapportionment, among other topics.

Gormley has succeeded in drawing the community together to discuss historical and contemporary legal issues through a variety of programs that have also attracted high-profile figures such as NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, who served as co-moderator with Gormley for the award-winning Brown v. Board of Education: A 50-year Commemoration; Kenneth Feinberg, Special Master of the 9/11 Victims’ Compensation Fund; then-Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor; and more recently, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. Many of these programs have been broadcast on C-SPAN television.

His work has been recognized with the Dr. Samuel Francis School Law Symposium Award and the Bruce K. Gould Book Award from the Touro Law Center, New York.

Active in community as well as professional and academic areas, Gormley is former mayor of Forest Hills and serves on the Forest Hills Community Development Corporation board. He is a member of the board of trustees of St. Francis University and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Historical Society.

Gormley taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and was the director and founder of Pitt’s Mellon Writing Program in legal research. He remains involved in legal practice, serving of-counsel to the firm of Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis.

Former Research Director Named Assistant Dean at Duquesne

Dr. Michael Forlenza has been named assistant dean of Duquesne University’s School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, effective Aug. 1.

In his new role, his responsibilities will include oversight of all academic programs and supporting the continued growth and success of the school, which is geared toward nontraditional learners. His academic background encompasses biological and behavioral sciences, public health and epidemiology.

Most recently director of strategic research at the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative, Forlenza brings a wealth of academic and nonprofit expertise to the position. His previous experience includes serving as an assistant professor of health sciences at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia and as a research associate at the Sociobehavioural Research Centre of the British Columbia Cancer Agency.

Forlenza received his bachelor’s degree in psychology and biology from Hunter College—the City University of New York, his master’s and doctoral degrees in biological and health psychology at the University of Pittsburgh, and his master’s of public health in epidemiology at the University of North Carolina.

Before becoming an academian, Forlenza was a professional dancer, personal fitness trainer and massage therapist. He combined and applied those interests in investigating the ways the mind and body connect and influence the development of chronic illness.

Benefits Manager Elected to Board

Donna Steed, Duquesne University benefits manager, has been elected to a two-year term as board of director for the Pittsburgh Business Group on Health.

She also is a member of the finance committee for the group. Founded in 1981, the non-profit organization and business-only coalition works toward improving the delivery, cost and quality of health care.
The Rev. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp., Celebrates 40 Years as a Spiritan

By Kimberly Saunders

The Rev. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp., is shown, above, after administering the sacrament of baptism. In the photo at the right, Hogan, left is ordained on Sept. 24, 1967. The campus community rejoices with Hogan, executive vice president of the Division of Student Life, as he celebrates 40 years in the priesthood.

The Rev. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp., is shown, above, after administering the sacrament of baptism. In the photo at the right, Hogan, left is ordained on Sept. 24, 1967. The campus community rejoices with Hogan, executive vice president of the Division of Student Life, as he celebrates 40 years in the priesthood.

The annual arrival of the freshman class energized the Duquesne campus on Aug. 21-22. Some Kodak moments cropped up while the new group of students, the largest of the last four freshman classes, settled in. One father, apparently, was already prepared with his “Duquesne Dad” shirt. Meanwhile, the orientation crews also contributed their speedy service to assist with Move-In.

By Rose Ravasio

This semester Duquesne University welcomed its largest freshman class in the past four years. The group of approximately 1,368 freshmen marked a 3.4 percent increase from last year’s class.

“I’m especially proud of how the University community worked intelligently and collaboratively to enroll this freshman class,” said Paul-James Cukanna, executive director of admissions.

Additionally, the overwhelming majority of this freshman class—84 percent—had ranked Duquesne as their first-choice school for higher education, according to a survey through the Office of Admissions. Another 14 percent listed Duquesne as their second choice.

“Enrolling students for whom Duquesne is their school of choice will positively impact the overall educational experience and engagement of our students,” Cukanna said. “It will also positively impact future measures of student satisfaction, retention and graduation. Given that academically talented students have options at many schools, these statistics speak highly of the University’s position in a highly competitive marketplace.”

Several variables impact the University’s enrollment objectives: capacity, the mandate to provide a premium educational experience to Duquesne students, competition in the marketplace, the desire to enroll a diverse group of academically talented and motivated students, the need to meet budgetary objectives and alignment of enrollment with the institution’s strategic plan.

“In other words, the number of freshmen that we enroll each year is not random,” said Cukanna. “Rather, it is the result of a lot of discussion, planning and hard work throughout the University.”

While working with overall University targets, the admissions office also works with administrators and leaders in each school to determine separate, realistic enrollment objectives.

With this incoming class, a number of schools are experiencing large increases in freshman enrollment from last year. These include:

- Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, up nearly 38 percent
- McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, up more than 22 percent
- A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, up more than 10 percent

Additionally, one in every 10 freshmen is a Duquesne legacy, with at least one immediate family member who is a Duquesne graduate, showing generational support for a Duquesne education and university experience.

The admissions office also reports a 25 percent increase in campus visits.

Scenes from a Move-In

From 1968 through 1975, Hogan performed missionary work in the Archdiocese of Nairobi, Kenya. As principal of Kiriku High School and pastor of Thika, his parish included 11 high schools, 27 grade schools and two hospitals. During those years, he was responsible for the construction of several churches, the development of several credit union projects and the building of the first youth center in Kenya, Thika Youth Center.

Hogan came to the United States in May 1975 and began his graduate studies at Duquesne University, receiving a master’s degree in education in 1976. His first administrative role at Duquesne was as associate director of development, where he had particular responsibility in the first capital campaign for law school development in 1980. In 1982, he became the first director of the Office of International Education at Duquesne University and founded the International Student Organization, a group that has grown from 15 to more than 600 over the past 25 years.

Since 1986, Hogan has “served God by serving students” through his many roles within the University’s Division of Student Life. He celebrated his Silver Jubilee at Duquesne in 1992. Vice president since 1988 and executive vice president since 1991, Hogan has touched the lives of generations of Duquesne University students.
Lecture Presented by BSNES Explores Importance of Global Biodiversity

By Emily Goossen

In the United States alone, 41 percent of all prescription medication contains active ingredients derived from living species. Most people do not realize how their everyday lives could be affected by the destruction of wetlands and other important habitats across the planet.

To address the issue of global biodiversity, the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences will sponsor a Rachel Carson Centennial Lecture by Professor Helmut Hillebrand of the University of Cologne. His address, Current Trends in Biodiversity: Should We Be Concerned?, will focus attention on global biodiversity on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Pappert Lecture Hall of the Bayer Learning Center.

Hillebrand’s major research interests examine global biodiversity patterns and control of plant diversity in regional and local environments. An associate professor for the Institute for Botany and director of the International Masters of Environmental Science Program at the University of Cologne, he was invited to lecture, in part, because of the unique Duquesne-University of Cologne exchange program. The two universities have a multifaceted partnership that includes graduate studies, undergraduate studies and faculty exchanges.

“Professor Hillebrand is an accomplished researcher in biodiversity; a dynamic speaker and a welcome guest to the Duquesne community,” said Dr. Bob Volkmar, interim director of the Center for Environmental Research and Education.

A reception will follow this free event, which is open to the public. For more information, please visit www.science.duq.edu or call 412.396.4900.

This event is affiliated with a wider conference, sponsored by Duquesne University and other institutions, designed to inform the public and scholars about biodiversity in the 100th year anniversary of the birth of Springdale native Rachel Carson, mother of the U.S. environmental movement. A conference to celebrate Carson’s environmental ethic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at University Center of Carnegie Mellon University. Featured keynote will be Dr. E.O. Wilson, Pellegrino University Research Professor Emeritus at Harvard and a pre-eminent biological theorist, discussing Sustaining the Web of Life in Modern Society. To learn more about the Rachel Carson Legacy Series, visit www.rachelcarsonhomestead.org.

Homecoming: Welcome Back to Mixing, Mingling, Football and Festivities

Duquesne’s annual Homecoming festivities include a student-alumni Networking Night, an alumni wine and cheese reception, AutummFest, pig roast, Dukes vs. Frostburg State football game, Sunday Homecoming Mass and brunch.

A sampling of activities follows. For a complete schedule, visit www.duq.edu/homecoming.

Unless otherwise indicated, reservations for all Homecoming events may be made by contacting alumni relations at 412.396.6209 or 800.LL.OV.E.DU or online at www.alumni.duq.edu.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Career Networking Program
5-7 p.m. — Ballroom, Union

Friday, Sept. 28
All Alumni Wine and Cheese Reception
5:30-7 p.m. — Roof Deck, Forbes Avenue Garage

All alumni are welcome. This event is free, but advance reservations are required.

African-American Alumni Dinner
7-10 p.m. — Duquesne Room, Union
All African-American alumni are invited to this special dinner. Celebrate the accomplishments of fellow African-American alumni and friends, and meet some of our current outstanding African-American students. Tickets are $35 each. For more information, contact alumni relations at 412.396.6209.

10-Year Reunion Dinner
7-10 p.m. — City View Café, Union
Can you believe you graduated 10 years ago? Come back to campus for a special dinner hosted by the Rev. Sean M. Hogan, executive vice president for student life. Tickets are $35 each. For more information, contact alumni relations at 412.396.6209.

Saturday, Sept. 29
“Common Ground” Coffeehouse
9-11 a.m. — Mellon Hall Lobby

Stop by and celebrate the “common ground” you share with your fellow Duquesne grads with special brews of coffee and treats. This event is free, but advance reservations are required. Our alumni board of governors’ members and alumni volunteer group will be on hand to meet you.

Finding Health Information on the Internet
10-11 a.m. — Room 408, Gumberg Library
Visit Gumberg Library to learn how to find, evaluate and use health information on the Internet. You will have the opportunity to explore excellent consumer health information Web sites and will receive user guides. Health screenings, such as blood pressure, will be available. The event is free, but space is limited. Contact Lisa Sculli at 412.396.5346 or sculli@library.duq.edu.

AutumnFest on the Walk
11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Academic Walk
Celebrate the season with a stroll along beautiful Academic Walk. Enjoy food booths, entertainment, crafts, music and more while supporting our student organizations. Be sure to bring the kids for special activities!

Homecoming Pig Roast
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — Tent on College Hall Lawn
Go hog wild at this pre-game lunch sponsored by alumni relations, athletics and Greek life. The event is free, but advance reservations are required.

Dues vs. Frostburg State Football Game
1 p.m. — Arthur J. Rooney Field
Cheer your championship Dukes on to victory over the Bobcats! Halftime activities include the presentation of the 2007 Homecoming Court, including the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. Football tickets are $6 each.

Homecoming Disco Ball
7-11 p.m., Union Ballroom
Dust off your leisure suits and platform shoes and dance the night away at this fun event for all alumni. Great music, several food stations and an open bar will be available. Bring your friends and fill a table or two. Tickets are $25 each; advance reservations are required.

Sunday, Sept. 30
Class of 1957 Pin Ceremony
11 a.m. — Duquesne Chapel/Union Ballroom

Join the class of 1957 as they are recognized at the Homecoming Mass. All alumni are invited to this traditional Mass to witness the “blessing of the 50-year pin” and welcome this special group of alumni back to campus.

Immediately following Mass, enjoy a champagne brunch in the Union Ballroom. Fifty-year graduates are special guests. The cost of the brunch is $15 per person; advance reservations are required.

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Pharmaceutical Company Options Rights to Gangjee’s Cancer-Fighting Compounds

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

The cancer-fighting technology and compounds developed by Dr. Aleem Gangjee, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at Duquesne, have been optioned to Delphian Pharmaceuticals, a San Francisco biotech company.

These compounds not only battle cancer cells that other drugs have been unable to combat, but make formerly drug-resistant tumors susceptible, once again, to other cancer-fighting medicines.

Because the developing resistance to previously effective cancer chemotherapeutic agents is a major cause of death in cancer patients, new and more effective drugs are needed to treat patients with drug-resistant tumors.

Information on the compounds was reported in the June 14 online issue of the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry by Gangjee and Dr. Charles D. Smith at the Medical University of South Carolina. Detailed studies of the compounds discovered by Gangjee show that like commonly used Taxol and Vincristine, these compounds target tubulin, which cancer cells need to migrate and survive. However, unlike the existing drugs, the Duquesne compounds are not expelled by the cancer tumor’s protective mechanism. Drug resistance develops because of this protective mechanism.

Unexpectedly, it was discovered that the Duquesne compounds not only battle cancer on their own merits but restore the tumor’s sensitivity to the other commonly used cancer drugs so that drugs can be used in tandem, to the greater benefit of the patient.

Under the optioning arrangement, Duquesne retains patents for the compounds, while Delphian holds rights to use the technology and compounds. Delphian president and founder Dr. Kunnar Gadamaseshti, himself a medicinal and pharmaceutical drug development chemist, noted. “Duquesne has one of the finest medicinal chemistry programs in the country.”

Bill House Director Tapped To Lead Innovation Zone

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

William O. Generett Jr., director of economic development for the Hill House Association, will lead the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone (PCKIZ) as executive director.

The PCKIZ, a consortium led by Duquesne University and the Hill House Economic Development Corp., was funded by state and private sources earlier this year to generate job growth in technology fields. Offices will be based in the Hill District’s Hope Square, adjacent to the Hill House Association on Centre Avenue.

“Bill Generett’s experience as a lawyer and entrepreneur, and the knowledge and insights he has utilized as economic director of the Hill House will prove invaluable assets to the launch and growth of the PCKIZ,” said Steve Schillo, chairman of the PCKIZ board of directors. “He knows, first-hand, what it takes to get a company up and running, and he now is in a position to share that knowledge with the tech community and help to launch these companies and bring jobs to Downtown, Uptown and the Hill District.”

Since February, Generett, 36, a Point Breeze native, has led the entrepreneurial ventures of the Hill House, including the construction of a full-service grocery store and the purchase of commercial and residential real estate. He also has succeeded in attracting tenants to commercial areas of the Hill District.

Most of Generett’s background and training focus on law, though he remains an advisor to Comforcare Senior Services, a nonmedical home-care company that he founded.

Through tax incentives and support services, the PCKIZ will serve entrepreneurs with startup technology businesses in areas such as medical devices, tissue engineering, drug discovery, pharmaceutics, compliance engineering, digital media, record management, software, cyber security and nanotechnology, as well as owners of fledging businesses poised for growth.

Partners in the PCKIZ, besides Duquesne and the Hill House, include the Allegheny Conference, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, Carlouw University, City of Pittsburgh, Community College of Allegheny County, Heinz Endowments, Idea Foundry, Innovation Works, Institute For Transfusion Medicine, Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, PNC Bank, Point Park University, UPMC Health Plan and the R.K. Mellon Foundation.

Boards-by-Design Director Named to New City Commission

Allison Jones, director of Boards-by-Design, a program of the Nonprofit Leadership Institute that matches boards and potential board members, has been appointed to a new City of Pittsburgh commission.

The Propel Pittsburgh Commission is dedicated to meeting the concerns and needs of the City of Pittsburgh’s young adults and young professionals. Its 35 members are ages 20 to 34. Chaired by the mayor, the commission intends to encourage young adults’ participation in government, to identify or create opportunities in issues affecting young adults and to inform officials representing young people about issues specific to them.

“Tremendously excited to have been selected to serve on this commission, and I’m looking forward to the opportunity to work with other young professionals to make an impact on our region,” said Jones, who was selected from roughly 500 candidates. The new commission will meet in September.
New Technology Improves Teaching and Learning in Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

By Kimberly Saunders

In the sports world, coaches have long used play-by-play analysis of their athletes’ performances to help teach, motivate and inspire team members to improve their game. This same technology, developed and enhanced by Iris Technologies, is now being used by Duquesne’s speech-language pathology department to advance the clinical education of first-year graduate students. Known as the Landro play analyzer, this sophisticated system can digitally record multiple speech therapy sessions as well as catalogue multiple behaviors within each session in real-time.

The Landro system replaces the conventional single video camera, VHS recorder and monitor the department has used for the past decade to evaluate therapy sessions in the Speech-Language Hearing Clinic. The new system includes nine video cameras and five play analyzers connected by a centralized server. This integration allows clinic faculty to quickly and seamlessly sort and then access information by client, student, instructor or countless pre-determined criteria, such as medical diagnosis or a particular speech behavior. Duquesne University is the first university in the region to offer this fully integrated play analysis system.

“The potential of this system as a teaching tool is tremendous,” says Dr. Mikael D.Z. Kimelman, department chair and associate professor in the University’s Department of Speech-Language Pathology. “It allows us simultaneously to record, code and organize behaviors or other factors. We can then search and find specific coded behaviors very quickly within a single recording or across multiple recordings throughout our complete database. In addition, we can observe up to four treatment rooms concurrently in real time, start and stop a recording session, and control the cameras from any computer on the system.”

For example, Kimelman continued, the system can record and tag particular speech patterns of a client who stutters. Upon reviewing the recording, the student clinician can learn how to identify the correct and incorrect behaviors in a much more systematic way, from session to session. Students can also monitor and evaluate their own professional and personal behavior in the clinic setting.

“If a student sees herself saying ‘um’ 15 times in a five-minute sampling of a session, she can work on eliminating that behavior and then see for herself how she did in the next session,” he said.

The system can be accessed from dedicated computers within the clinic, the teaching lab and the student resource room, as well as from the desktop computers of every faculty member involved in clinical education. Sessions can be monitored as they occur, enabling the department’s clinical supervisors to provide immediate feedback to student clinicians if necessary. Faculty, students and clients can review recorded sessions at a later date, and analyze and evaluate numerous aspects of the therapy session.

The system was installed this summer, funded in part with a grant from the PNC Foundation, and has been operating since the start of the 2007 academic year. “We expect that this new technology will significantly enhance the efficacy of our clinical education for students and positively impact our clients as well,” Kimelman said.

New Greek Life Director Welcomed

By Rose Rivasio

After visiting Duquesne for the first time, Rebecca Jamrozik, new Director of Greek Life, Honor Societies and Professional Organizations, said she immediately fell in love with the place.

“We were an hour from Pittsburgh. I understand the history, culture and economy of this region and can apply this to student advising. I think my experiences traveling for my sorority as well as previously working at a Catholic university will help me succeed at Duquesne,” said Jamrozik.

Jamrozik is passionate about Greek life and believes in partnerships and collaboration. “The Duquesne Greek community has a solid foundation. Greek students are very involved within the campus community, they excel in academics, they are devoted to service and they have committed advisors and alumni,” she said.

“Duquesne University is very similar to John Carroll University, my previous institution. Jamrozik, who served as assistant director of student activities and a Greek advisor at the Cleveland university, replaces Ron Shidemantle. Jamrozik has a B.A. in journalism and political science from Ohio State University and an M.A. in college student affairs from the University of South Florida. She was a Greek life graduate advisor and a house director at the University of South Florida, a student life coordinator for the Florida Southern College and a collegiate leadership consultant for the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, of which she is a member.

“I think my past experience will help me succeed at Duquesne,” said Jamrozik, a native of Youngstown, Ohio. “I am a first-generation college student who grew up an hour from Pittsburgh. I understand the history, culture and economy of this region and can apply this to student advising. I think my experiences traveling for my sorority as well as previously working at a Catholic university will help me succeed at Duquesne as well.”

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Jamrozik has nine sororities, 10 fraternities and five Greek leadership organizations, including the Order of Omega National Greek Leadership Honor Society. In addition, the University has several Greek service, honor and academic sororities and fraternities.
**Sklar Skywalk Dedication**

The literal crowning glory of the current construction project on Forbes Avenue will have its day of recognition. The Sklar Skywalk will be dedicated in a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 28, at 12:30 p.m. The entire Duquesne community is invited to these festivities.

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**Summer Projects Result in Improvements, Visible and Invisible**

By Richard Tourtellott

Faculty and students returning to our Bluff for fall arrive after most summer maintenance and renovation jobs have been completed, but many campus improvements are quite conspicuous, even though few have witnessed the work being done.

No one could miss the results of the stain applied to the exterior of Fisher Hall, transforming the yellow-brick building to brick red.

Gumberg Library patrons see the redesigned Maureen P. Sullivan Curriculum Center on the fifth floor, a renovation that increased the useable space of the center by 50 percent. Also easy to see, a new decorative coating on the walkway connecting the Forbes Avenue Parking Garage elevator and Locust Street makes the concrete surface look like hand-laid brick.

Likewise, few can miss the new light poles lining the section of McAnulty Drive between Forbes Avenue and Locust Street or the recently built retaining walls and decorative plants in the area between Forbes Avenue and Brottier Hall.

Similarly, renovations in St. Martin’s Living Learning Center would be difficult for anyone familiar with the building’s former interior to overlook. This summer’s work there created lounge areas on each floor for residents and visitors, and is the third phase of a multi-year project that has already modernized much of the building’s residence areas.

On the other hand, improvements in Brottier Hall, which are part of an ongoing project that will probably require five or six years for completion, may not be so easily spotted. The work has taken place on the building’s largely hidden heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

Substantial work in the Energy Center this summer will also remain invisible. The Energy Center, an environmentally friendly facility that is sometimes referred to as the campus cogeneration or “co-gen” plant, sits next to Gumberg Library and makes a significant portion of Duquesne’s electrical power.

A model of sustainable or “green” design, the plant uses steam created as a byproduct of making electricity for heating, and through an evaporative process, transforms the steam into cold water for air conditioning.

This summer, the co-gen plant expanded its chilling capacity, and crews connected the facility to the Palumbo Center via cooling pipes, which will make it possible, eventually, to supply the Palumbo’s 20-year-old, power-consuming, roof-mounted air conditioners.

Other projects handled in the summer months by Duquesne University’s Facilities Management work crews and outside contractors fall into the routine maintenance category. Such regularly scheduled jobs include window cleaning; heavy cleaning; painting; electrical, plumbing and masonry repairs; replacing awnings, doors, carpets and windows; and sealing the decks of the parking garage and the concrete exterior of buildings, which this summer was done to the Duquesne Union.

The price tag for all that general maintenance work in the summer is $1.8 million, according to George Fecik, executive director for Facilities Management.

Two years ago Fecik and his team drew up a planning document to project maintenance tasks and their costs over the next 50 years. According to Fecik, the document, based on industry figures for maintaining and replacing building components, helps them predict work and expenses, but visual inspections always take precedence over a planning document’s predictions and unforeseen repairs are sometimes necessary.

Whether planned years in advance or accommodated at the last minute, Duquesne’s maintenance and renovation jobs are often possible only in the summer when the campus is relatively empty. “The only chance we have to do these things is during the summer,” Fecik said. “When most of the students leave, we just jump in.”

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**Going Green**

Environmetally Conscious Campus

Facilities Management not only manages Duquesne University’s “green campus” efforts, but also leads the charge. This new feature will highlight the University’s efforts to conserve, preserve and protect resources and promote environmentally sound practices across campus.

Transforming empty campus space into lush green areas filled with native plants adds to the quality of life. The plants and grass in these areas help clean the air through photosynthesis, cool the surrounding environment, filter rainwater helping limit erosion and provide a habitat for animals. Native plants have been the choice greenery for Duquesne’s Facilities Management staff because they provide these benefits, plus potentially work more efficiently.

Plants such as the small, flowering serviceberry tree or the large shady oaks lining Academic Walk work well here because they are accustomed to this region’s environment and climate. Native plants have fewer pest problems, require less maintenance and demand less water.

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**Call the COPS**

As another security enhancement, a new hotline has been added to report police, fire or medical emergencies on campus.

For the fastest response to a call in case of any emergency on campus, dial the Campus Police hotline at 412.396.2677. The hotline operates 24/7, every day of the year.
Brahms on the Bluff
Set for Final Four

By Richard Tourtellott

Professor David Allen Wehr says that he and his colleagues in the Mary Pappert School of Music work hard to be superb teachers, and they have found that a good way to become better teachers is to challenge themselves as performers.

Wehr, the Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Professor, is in a position to understand how accepting a performance challenge can improve teaching. He is artistic director for Brahms on the Bluff, an ambitious performance series presenting the complete chamber music of Johannes Brahms, which is set to kick off The Final Four, its third and concluding season (see sidebar).

With its 12 concerts, four per year for three seasons, Brahms on the Bluff has unquestionably been an ambitious undertaking, but the series also has been a welcome challenge for the faculty. Along with the series’ guest artists, Brahms on the Bluff has relied heavily on the talent in the Music School, including those of Wehr, who is the principal performer.

“There are a few people involved in this campaign who have made it extremely special,” Wehr said.

Previous seasons of Brahms on the Bluff, for example, have showcased the playing of a faculty lineup that includes violinists Rachel Stegeman and Charles Stegeman, pianist Natasha Snitkovsky and cellist Anne Martindale Williams, who is also a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Those performers will appear in this season’s Brahms on the Bluff concerts as well, and so will faculty members Guenck Guechev, chair of voice, and William Caballero, French horn, also a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony. In addition, Ann Labounsky, chair of organ and sacred music, will present a special performance of Brahms organ music at 2:15 p.m. before the season’s opening concert, Sunday, Sept. 23.

“We also have access to wide array of world-class guest artists who understand the historic nature of what we’re doing, and they want to be a part of it,” Wehr said.

Donald McNees, violist and holder of the Primrose Chair at the University of Southern California, exemplifies that category of musician. At the conclusion of this season, he will have performed in each of the three seasons of Brahms on the Bluff.

Andrés Cárdenes, violinist and concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, is another example of a world-class performer attracted to the stage of PNC recital Hall by Brahms on the Bluff. Cárdenes is scheduled to play the three Brahms trios (for piano, violin and cello) with Wehr and Martindale Williams in a special Tuesday evening performance, Oct. 30.

Though the series has attracted stellar guest artists and large audiences, Wehr claims that the goals of the series have been educational from the outset, and Brahms on the Bluff has been successful in that regard, too. On a basic level, music students are exposed to important repertoire performed by world-class players in their own school, and when music students see the faculty practicing, perfecting and performing, Wehr says they are seeing that the faculty is “modeling the kind of professional behaviors we expect of our students.”

In addition, another educational benefit, faculty development, is a natural byproduct of presenting a series like Brahms on the Bluff. “Everyone who’s involved in this series has learned new works,” Wehr said. “The faculty who play in the series immerse themselves in the music, learn Brahms better and therefore teach the music better.”

Information Literacy SAILS
into Gumberg Library

By Randy Cole

What is a term used to describe what a journal article is about? Is it ethical to use the ideas of another person in a research paper? Research questions can be daunting for a college student. The Gumberg Library is helping to make it easier for freshmen to use and evaluate information by taking an active role in assessing student information literacy with an initiative called Project SAILS.

Gumberg faculty members are encouraging seniors to take the Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (SAILS) during October. Incoming freshmen in 2004 were the first to be tested in information literacy, and these students will be administered the same test as seniors this fall. By readingministering the test, Gumberg faculty members and multidisciplinary partners from faculties across the University hope to evaluate information literacy learned as a result of the University’s initiative.

All faculty members are invited to encourage their fourth-year seniors to take the one-hour assessment. A campus-wide campaign will raise awareness of the assessment initiative in September and October. Additionally, faculty members who teach seniors will receive letters highlighting ways to encourage participation. Faculty will receive letters with reminder cards to distribute to students.

Gumberg Library is the first to utilize the Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (SAILS) in a pioneering way, as a longitudinal study. For more information on Project SAILS, visit www.projectsails.org.

Fellowship Available

Gumberg Library is partnering with faculty across campus to bring information literacy to the classroom through innovative projects in the students’ discipline. Gumberg faculty members are developing assignments that pair a student’s topic of interest with information literacy exercises in the University core course.

Faculty members who develop students’ information literacy skills through their courses are eligible to be awarded an information literacy fellowship. For information, contact Diana Sasso at sasso@duq.edu or 412.396.5680.

Brahms on the Bluff

The Final Four, the third and concluding season

Concerts take place in PNC Recital Hall in the School of Music on the campus of Duquesne University. Pre-concert events begin 45 minutes before each concert. A complimentary reception follows each performance. A $10 donation is suggested.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007
3 p.m.
“Dual-ing” Pianos
Variations on a Theme of Haydn for two pianos, op. 568
Two-piano Sonata, op. 34B
Horn Trio, op. 40
Special pre-concert program: Ann Labounsky, chair of organ and sacred music, performing the Eleven Chorale Preludes, op. 122.

William Caballero, French horn
Cynthia Raim, piano
Charles Stegeman, violin
David Allen Wehr, piano

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007
3 p.m.
Party of Five
String Quartet no. 3 in B-flat major, op. 69
Variations on a Theme of Schumann for Piano, op. 9
Piano Quintet in F Minor, op. 34

Christopher McGunlphy, executive director of the Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society, presents the pre-concert talk.

Donald McNees, viola
Natasha Snitkovsky, piano
Charles Stegeman, violin
Rachel Stegeman, violin
David Allen Wehr, piano

Anne Martindale Williams, cello

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007
8 p.m.
Triple Play
Three trios for piano, violin and cello

Jim Cunningham, host of WQED-FM’s Morning Show, presents the pre-concert talk and shares an Edison wax cylinder recording of Brahms.

Andrés Cárdenes, violin
David Allen Wehr, piano

Anne Martindale Williams, cello

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008
3 p.m.
The Clarinet Chronicles
Clarinet Trio, op. 114
Clarinet Quintet, op. 115
Songs with Viola, op. 91

The pre-concert talk explores the relationship between Brahms and Richard Muñiheld, the foremost clarinetist of the composer’s era.

James Campbell, clarinet
Guenck Guechev, bass baritone
Donald McNees, violin
Charles Stegeman, violin
Rachel Stegeman, violin
David Allen Wehr, piano

Anne Martindale Williams, cello

For information call 412.396.4632 or visit www.music.duq.edu.
New Program Fills Gap, Enhances Leadership in Women Executives

By Rose Ravasio

National reports show that organizations with women in key leadership positions have strengthened their corporate reputation, attracted and retained tremendous talent, successfully targeted and succeeded in new markets, and differentiated themselves from the competition.

In support of these findings, the new Women’s Executive Leadership Program at Duquesne University, developed by the Center for Corporate and Executive Education (CCEE), is designed to both enhance leadership skills of female executives as well as answer a need in the business community.

Over the course of six months, the Women’s Executive Leadership Program offers participants a four-part experience that includes:

• authentic leadership and global business skill development
• opportunities for organizational contributions via strategic stretch assignments under the guidance of external coaches/mentors
• collaboration with an executive steward, who serves as a culture change agent within the organization and as a mentor to the participant
• executive forums in which to share best practices and promote organizational change.

“There is tremendous, diverse talent in many of the city’s organizations,” explains Angela Arrington, director of the CCEE. “We hear from our clients that what may be missing is the ability and/or opportunity for women to be authentic and highly successful as they move up and take on more responsibility in the organizations they serve. Experience, development and opportunity are all important and further, we think a partnership that includes both the organization and the participant is essential. Our goal is to help organizations truly leverage the diverse talent that they have.”

An organization that keeps a pulse on the varied issues that arise within Pittsburgh’s workplace, the CCEE describes ideal candidates for the Women’s Executive Leadership Program as emerging female leaders who consider themselves “fast trackers,” who are always looking for ways to improve themselves and their organizations, and who have an understanding and passion for the business.

What will women gain from participating in the Women’s Executive Leadership Program? "For one, growth in her current position and the confidence to tackle current and future challenges that she will face within the organization,” says Arrington. “An exciting opportunity to share, learn from and build a strong network of peers among her fellow cohort members and instructors that is based on trust and respect, experience and friendship. An opportunity to reflect on what’s important to their careers, their family and themselves.”

The question for executives today, says Arrington, is whether or not they are able to truly leverage the talents of women to achieve remarkable corporate results. “Experience, development and opportunity are vital,” she says. “The Women’s Executive Leadership Program is a truly comprehensive, executive offering that is custom-designed for business women. Our approach brings the best elements of leadership development together in a way that we believe will yield tremendous benefits for both the participants and their organizations.”

For more information on the Women’s Executive Leadership Program, call the CCEE at 412.396.6190.

Disability Luncheon to Feature DU Alumna, CEO Linda Dickerson

Linda Dickerson, chief executive officer of the National Aviary and a 1983 Duquesne alumna, will be the featured speaker at the second annual Disability Awareness Luncheon.

She will discuss Workers with Disabilities: Talent for a Winning Team, at the luncheon, which is scheduled at noon on Monday, Oct. 15, in the Duquesne Room.

Dickerson also is a principal of 501(c)(3), a consulting firm that specializes in nonprofit management. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, she received her master’s degree in career studies from Duquesne. Formerly president of Riverview Publications Inc. and publisher of Executive Report, she also served as principal of Dickerson & Mangus Ink., an issues management and strategy consulting firm specializing in crisis communications and community affairs.

She is a member and past president of the Homeless Children Education Fund, and a member and past chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as the Zoological Society of Pittsburgh. A member of Duquesne University’s National Leadership Institute Honorary Advisory Council, Dickerson also serves as a member of the advisory boards for the Rangos School of Health Sciences, the A.J. Palumbo School of Business, the Nonprofit Leadership Institute and the Small Business Development Center. She has been involved with numerous other civic and business organizations.

The annual disability luncheon is sponsored by the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and the Office of Mission and Identity to raise the consciousness of the Duquesne University community about disabilities. Nationwide, October has been designated Disability Awareness Month. Duquesne is participating by celebrating accomplishments made by individuals with disabilities and reaffirming the University’s commitment to ensuring that equal opportunities are available — and accessible — to all Duquesne faculty, staff and students.

The event is open to all faculty, staff and students. To register, contact Janine Peritsch at 412.396.5097 or e-mail mission@duq.edu by Wednesday, Oct. 10.

New Degree in Health Care Supply Chain Management

Duquesne University’s A.J. Palumbo Undergraduate School of Business is pleased to announce a new offering in health care supply chain management. The degree, offered in partnership with the University’s Mylan School of Pharmacy and John G. Rangos School of Health Sciences, will be available to students starting this academic year.

The program’s goal is to contribute to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the health care supply chain, bringing to the health care industry significant cost-reducing and service-improving benefits that have been realized in top-notch supply chain management systems in the non-health care sectors. Graduates may pursue professional opportunities in many sectors of the health care industry, including medical supplier and pharmaceutical manufacturers, hospital systems and medical distribution companies.

While other industries have maximized the latest practices in supply chain management to their advantage, the health care industry has seen only limited success in making systemwide supply chain management improvements, according to an article in the Journal of Supply Chain Management, Winter 2005 issue. “A key requirement for improving health care supply chain performance is supply chain education as it relates to the health care industry,” the article reported.

Interdisciplinary program courses will provide students with the background for supply chain management career opportunities in health care.

Collection of Music Theorist, Composer Hindemith Dedicated in Archives

A collection of more than 100 items owned by German-American composer Paul Hindemith, including personal letters, rare photographs, sketches, programs, autographed books and other items, were dedicated at Duquesne University’s Gumbert Library on Sept. 5.

Hindemith (1895-1963) was one of the leading composers of his era and an important music theorist. The collection was bequeathed to Duquesne by Phyllis Flick, a close friend of the composer and his wife. Flick met Hindemith in the 1930s, when the composer and his Jewish wife fled Nazi Germany after his works were pronounced “degenerate” art.

Flick was also a close friend of Carolyn Bruno Shankovich and Dr. Robert Shankovich, chair of musicianship in the Mary Pappert School of Music.

At the dedication ceremony, University Archivist Thomas White and Dr. Shankovich discussed the importance of the collection to scholars and musicians.
Rising Gas Prices ‘Fact of Life’
On May 6 and May 9 the Tribune-Review, KQV Radio, KDKA-Radio, WTAE-TV and KDKA-TV talked with Dr. Kent Moors, political science professor, in an article about rising gas prices. USA Today also quoted Moors in an article about worldwide relationships with Iran on June 10. He discussed Congressional moves regarding the oil industry on KDKA-TV’s Sunday Business Page on July 1 and was quoted by UPN in an analysis piece on Aug. 13.

Duquesne MBA Program to Focus on Sustainability
The May 1 Post-Gazette featured an article about the new Duquesne MBA in sustainability.

1 Creditor Might Break Even in Bankruptcy
The May 1 Tribune-Review quoted Law Professor Mark Yochum about Pittsburgh Brewing Co.’s bankruptcy case.

Car-Sharing Company Coming To Pittsburgh
KDKA-TV aired a May 1 story about Flexcar, a “car sharing” company that is coming to Pittsburgh. Marketing Professor Dr. Audrey Guskey was quoted.

Starting Salaries for Pitt, Duquesne Law School Grads on the Rise
The May 4 Pittsburgh Business Times featured an article about the increase starting salaries for Duquesne and Pitt law school graduates.

CIA Director Hayden Addresses Duquesne Graduates
Articles about Duquesne’s commencement ceremony, with keynote speaker and DU alumn Gen. Michael Hayden, director of the CIA, were included in the Post-Gazette, Tribune-Review and on Zwe.com and Pevasive.com on May 5.

Hispanic Woman’s Rise to CEO a Road Map for Graduates
The May 5 Post-Gazette featured an article about entrepreneur Linda Alvarado, who received an honorary degree from Duquesne and spoke at graduation for the Duquesne Schools of Business.

Duquesne Teacher Shaped Young Minds and Musicians
The May 5 Post-Gazette featured an article about Carmen Rummo, a retired professor emeritus of music at Duquesne University who was honored for his years of teaching.

Muddle on How to Value Advanced Placement Tests
A May 6 Post-Gazette article addressed how college credit Advance Placement (AP) tests. Admissions Executive Director Paul-James Cukana talked about the science courses at Duquesne and the effect that AP classes have on students.

Newsmaker/Dateline Pittsburgh
The May 7 Tribune-Review as well as the Post-Gazette noted that Dr. Alan Seidler, a former Duquesne professor emeritus of music, was honored for his years of teaching at Duquesne and the Mary Pappert School of Music in honor of his mother.

The Cure: Western Pa. Become an Important Player in the Fight to Stop Cancer
The May 7 Tribune-Review featured an article about how Duquesne researchers who battle cancer. Dr. Aweem Gangaee, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the Mylan School of Pharmacy, and Dr. Paula Witt-Enderby and Dr. Vicki Davis, pharmacology professors, were interviewed. The Tribune-Review Web site included segments of their videotaped interviews. The article also appeared in the Centre Daily Times.

Few Pa. Teachers are Nationally Certified
A May 10 Tribune-Review article on teachers who are not nationally credited reported that Duquesne was among only three state school systems chosen to have Centers for Teaching Excellence designed to assist teachers in becoming nationally certified.

Regional Experts Say Parents Need to Unplug’ Children
A May 20 Tribune-Review article addressed how important it is for kids to get away from the television and start thinking “outside the box.” Director of Early Childhood Programs Dr. Julia Williams was quoted.

Newsmaker
A May 22 Tribune-Review Newsmaker featured Dr. Albert Labriola, who was named acting dean of Duquesne’s McKeeny College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts for the 2007-08 academic year.

Duquesne Dean Calls for Habes Corpus for Detainees
The May 22 Post-Gazette included an article about the terrorist detainees in Guantanamo Bay and their rights. Law School Dean Donald J. Gutier was quoted. A similar article appeared on May 28 in the Tribune-Review.

Retired Executive Learned Lessons in Leadership During WWII
The May 24 Post-Gazette featured an article about George H. Meidinger, a speaker at a luncheon sponsored by Duquesne’s Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics. The Tribune-Review also covered the talk, which focused on treating workers well to improve companies.

10 Teachers in Pittsburgh Catholic Schools Earn Bushel of Awards
The May 30 Post-Gazette included an article about Pittsburgh Catholic school teachers who received Golden Apple Awards. Of the 10 awards, five were Duquesne alumni. Michelle Bublitzy, Brian Klasavage, Sister Antoinette Kostelnik, Kathleen Medimrec and Jean Riley.

Duquesne Professor Will Help Stuttering Children
The May 31 Tribune-Review featured an article about Dr. Susan Felsenfeld of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, who won a prestigious grant of $10,000 from the Fubright Senior Specialty Program. She will visit Burkina-Laso in West Africa to help children with stuttering problems to speak more smoothly.

Public Has Right to Know Jurors’ Names, Top Pa. Court Says
A June 1 Tribune-Review article quoted Law Professor Ken Gormley about a recent court ruling that the public has the right to know the names of jurors.

Talking With... James Weber
A June 7 Post-Gazette featured a question-and-answer column with Dr. James Weber, director of the Beard Center for Leadership and Ethics.

Pittsburgh Arts Festival
On June 5, KDKA Radio aired an interview with Assistant Music Professor Dr. Audrey Guskey about the Pittsburgh Arts Festival. Another Guskey interview, focusing on summer vacations, aired on KDKA-TV’s Pittsburgh Today Live the same day, as did Guskey’s interview on Ireland’s economy, which aired on the CW Network’s Consumer Tuesday program.

9th Annual Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference Scheduled
Pop City Media included an article in its June 6 Weekend feature about the Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference hosted by Duquesne’s Chrysler Small Business Development Center.

Staff in Place; Dukes’ McConnell-Serio Ready to Recruit
The June 8 Post-Gazette included an article about the new women’s basketball coach, Suzie McConnell-Serio.

Oronato’s Prospects Might Hinge On Fight
In a June 7 Tribune-Review article about Allegheny County property assessments, Law Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick was quoted.

Ex-Steeler Player Russell finds niche in Recycling
The June 9 Tribune-Review featured this article about former Steeler Andy Russell and his speaking at the Entrepreneurs Growth Conference at Duquesne.

U.S. Open
KDKA-TV aired an interview with Marketing Professor Dr. Audrey Guskey regarding the U.S. Open on June 10. The interview also aired on KDKA Radio on June 12 and June 16, and on The CW Consumer Tuesday on June 11.

Academic to Head Bar Association
The June 12 Post-Gazette featured an article about Law Professor Ken Gormley being the first academic to head the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Jonesin’
The June 13 Cleveland Free Times featured an article about Assistant Music Professor Sean Jones, who will play a concert in Cleveland. Pop City Media featured Jones in a June 20 article.

Colleges Pledge to Cut Emissions
The June 13 Tribune-Review discussed how colleges are pledging to cut back on emissions that cause global warming. It was reported that Duquesne generates 85 percent of its electricity from a natural gas turbine. The article also appeared on Philly.com.

School’s Approach Delighted Delulius
The June 15 Pittsburgh Business Times featured information on Duquesne’s MBA program and alumnus Nick Delulius. CEO and president of CNX Gas Corp.

Federal Court Easier
On Bad Search Warrants
In a June 16 Post-Gazette article about bad search warrants, Law Professor Bruce Antoniak was quoted.

Car Rental Tips
KDKA Radio Pittsburgh Weekly and The CW Consumer Tuesday programs on June 19 both aired interviews with Marketing Professor Dr. Audrey Guskey regarding car rental tips.

Richer You Are, More You Pilfer
In a June 17 Post-Gazette article about worldwide pilfering, law professor Bruce Antoniak was quoted.

More DU In The News can be found at www2.duq.edu/times.
Diversity at DU: Be Informed—Get Engaged

How does Duquesne value—and promote—diversity in the classroom, in the workplace, and in student programs and activities? Find out at the inaugural Diversity Fair on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Duquesne Ballroom.

More than three dozen groups plan to share poster presentations, exhibits and informational materials. Faculty, staff and students are invited to learn about the programs and services that are happening on campus.

The event, co-sponsored by the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and the Office of Mission and Identity, aims to raise awareness of the various practices and initiatives under way at Duquesne that embrace diversity and inclusion.

The Diversity Fair will include a sampling of international cuisine and seeks to inform visitors about campus programs and initiatives. For instance, among the groups sharing information are:

- The Center for Health Care Diversity
- The American Evaluation Association/DU Graduate Education Diversity Internship Program, which focuses on global and international education studies in Namibia and a southern Africa short-term study abroad
- CERIS, the Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies
- The Department of Occupational Therapy

After the fair, a guest speaker is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. From 4:30 to 6 p.m., a coffee and dessert bar, along with entertainment and salsa dance lessons, will wrap up the day’s session.

The University Diversity Statement

In accordance with the mission statement of Duquesne University, we serve God by serving students through the maintenance of an ecumenical atmosphere embracing diversity and inclusion. Guided by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and its members in over 60 countries, and consistent with our Catholic tradition, our commitment to inclusive excellence encompasses every aspect of personhood—including age, citizenship, disability, ethnicity, gender, race, religion and sexual orientation. This commitment is the responsibility of every member of the Duquesne University community. On our campus and in all our efforts, broad ecumenism is both a response to the contemporary world and a timeless striving for the liberation of humanity from everything that offends dignity and freedom. In this way we advance the Reign of God in response to the Holy Spirit who gives life.

Second Annual Unity Week to Strengthen Sense of Community

By Rose Ravasio

After its successful launch last year, Unity Week has become an annual event and will be held from Sept. 23-29 on Duquesne’s campus.

Established by the Black Student Union and the Student Government Association in conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), Unity Week was created as a way to increase the sense of community and appreciation of diversity on Duquesne’s campus.

“Events are designed to encourage students to embrace diversity, by not judging others based on their race, ethnicity, gender, beliefs or orientation; to be a servant to those in need; to respect the ideas and values of others; and to practice integrity in an effort to create a community of civil and responsible citizens,” explained Rahmon Hart, director of the OMA.

This year’s Unity Week events include:

- Sunday, Sept. 23, Mass, 9 p.m., Duquesne Chapel
- Monday, Sept. 24, Faculty/Staff vs. Students basketball game, 8 p.m., A.J. Palumbo Center
- Tuesday, Sept. 25, Leadership Development Institute, 5 to 8 p.m., Duquesne Room
- Wednesday, Sept. 26, Address by State Rep. Jake Wheatley, 4:30 p.m., Duquesne Room
- Thursday, Sept. 27, Unity Week T-Shirt Day
- Friday, Sept. 28, Homecoming Pep Rally, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 29, Dukes Football Game, 1 p.m., Rooney Field

Ninth and 10th graders from Pittsburgh City Schools have been invited to the Leadership Development Institute, which will be facilitated in part by Duquesne students. Participants will receive a Unity Week T-shirt and certificates of completion. “It is our intent ‘to lift as we climb’ and empower the rising leaders of the Pittsburgh community,” Hart said.

Co-sponsors for Unity Week include the executive vice president of student life, the Duquesne Program Council, the Office of Student Activities, the Office of Residence Life, Duquesne University Athletics, the Office of Spiritan Campus Ministry, the Office of Commuter Affairs and the Multicultural Program Advisory Council.

To sign up for the Faculty/Staff vs. Students basketball game or for more information on Unity Week, call the OMA at 412.396.1117.

Nursing School Earns National Accreditation

The School of Nursing recently has been reaccredited for the maximum allowed timeframe for its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The CCNE, a national independent accreditation agency, awarded Duquesne’s nursing school the maximum 10 years of accreditation.

“This is a very noteworthy honor and a testament to our faculty and quality of instruction,” said Dean Eileen Zungolo. “We are continually looking for ways to improve patient care and education.”

Founded in 1937, the School of Nursing offers RN-BSN and Ph.D. degrees in addition to degrees leading to the BSN and MSN.

The CNNE strives to promote ongoing self-evaluative practices in nursing education and its programs encourage institutions of higher education to develop effective professionals and socially responsible citizens.

In the review process, the CCNE considers information provided by employers, alumni, current students and faculty.