New Robes, Bettis Speech Highlight Spring Commencement

By Randy Cole

President Charles J. Dougherty conferred more than 1,300 degrees to graduating students donning new blue robes on May 2, as family, friends, faculty and administration gathered at the A.J. Palumbo Center for the commencement ceremony and a speech by former Steeler running back Jerome Bettis.

Bettis, who retired after a Steelers Super Bowl win in the 2005-2006 season, described three stages of life as learn, earn and return. He urged the graduates to earn their place in the world with what they have learned and to return their talents, services and time to their communities. He also told students to remember that returning is the most important and fulfilling part of one’s life.

“It’s important to learn. It’s important to earn. But it’s really important to give back,” Bettis said.

Bettis’ speech received enthusiastic applause and some graduates waved Terrible Towels. Following his speech, honorary degrees were bestowed upon Cynthia Baldwin, former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice; Bishop David Zubik, of the Pittsburgh Diocese; and J. Brett Harvey, president and chief executive officer of CONSOL Energy.

Following the conferring of degrees and the recessional, family members of graduates wove their way into back hallways of the Palumbo Center, eager to secure a handshake or a picture with Bettis. Some stopped Bettis on his way to meet the media, asking for autographs, inspired by his advice and excited at the chance to congratulate the Bus on his football career.

After the ceremony, graduates and their guests made their way to Academic Walk for pictures and an outdoor reception.

On May 3, each school held diploma ceremonies across campus at various times. Graduates walked across the stage to accept their diplomas in a more intimate environment as friends and family looked on.

Duquesne Presents Honorary Doctorates at Commencement

By Rose Ravasio

Duquesne University presented three outstanding citizens with honorary doctoral degrees at its May 2 Commencement ceremony.

Cynthia A. Baldwin, a retired justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and current partner at the firm Duane Morris LLP, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humanities. She is a 1980 graduate of the School of Law.

J. Brett Harvey, president and chief executive officer of CONSOL Energy, one of the nation’s largest coal producers, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Business Leadership. In addition, Harvey was the keynote speaker at the Business School’s Diploma Ceremony on Saturday, May 3.

The Most Rev. David A. Zubik, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Education. Despite not being able to attend Commencement to personally receive his honorary degree, Zubik was the featured speaker at the School of Education’s Diploma Ceremony on Saturday. He is both a 1971 graduate of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts and a 1982 graduate of the School of Education.

Retired Pittsburgh Steeler Jerome Bettis delivered the commencement address at the event, and Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty conferred degrees upon more than 1,360 graduates.
Aaron Mitcham, director of internal audit … on the Internal Audit Office

Q: What are the responsibilities of the internal audit office?
A: This office provides a monitoring function for the internal controls of the University and serves as an internal consulting resource to all our departments. Currently, our initiatives range from examining ethics compliance to creating a comprehensive record retention policy, reviewing the payroll process because of the recent Banner implementation, and analyzing the efficiency and effectiveness of the many processes and operations that keep the University running. We plan to expand the office's focus to include areas of information technology audit and general computer controls.

Q: In the last few months, your staff has visited several offices. Why?
A: We just completed an annual risk assessment. We met with more than 50 members of the University administration, including vice presidents, directors, deans and budget managers to gain a deeper insight of the processes and practices of each office. These meetings help us to better identify the risks the University faces, which can range from business environment risks to operational risks, and to minimize the impact of these potential threats.

Q: What kind of services can the internal audit office provide to the various University offices?
A: The internal audit office should be viewed as a resource for the University community in the area of process improvement and consultation. For example, if a given department contacts us because it is developing a new program that involves a variety of processes that are unfamiliar to them, we can offer sound advice based on our knowledge of best practices and on what has been successful for other departments engaged in similar endeavors. We can assist the University community to achieve its goals while minimizing costs, ensuring compliance and improving controls.

Q: How does the Office of Internal Audit support Duquesne’s mission?
A: As a tuition-driven University, we realize that students have an expectation for the institution to be well managed. Our office supports the mission by actively monitoring the University’s processes and assisting employees to create and operate well defined, standardized processes with decreased likelihood of fraud and increased effectiveness. Minimizing the distractions of poorly functioning practices allows our employees to concentrate on what really matters so we can all better serve our students.

Q: Does your office interact with students?
A: We recently implemented a student auditor program that provides professional experience for upperclassmen undergraduates and graduate students. These students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a real business setting. We are pleased for this chance to have interaction with students.

By Alison Conte

More Ways to Improve the Web

Certainly young adults in high school spend a lot of time on the Web. But when they are through browsing YouTube and MySpace, how do they use it to research colleges? This and other questions were answered in Market Research Reveals What Students Want on the Web. The May 22 program discussed:

• How prospective students use the Web in college search
• How high school students fare when using Duquesne’s Web site
• What Duquesne students think about DORI

To make the most of this knowledge, content managers and other school recruiters attended Summer Shake Out for Web Sites on May 21, learning how to revitalize their own Web sites’ structure and content, to improve navigation and usability.

CMug Meets

On April 9, about 55 of Duquesne’s Web posting pros gathered for the first meeting of the Content Managers Users Group (CMug). We discussed the challenges of working on Web sites, ways to improve content and appearance, and plans for the future of www.duq.edu.

The CMug Blackboard Community houses meeting minutes, agendas, useful resources, a discussion board and email for members. If you would like to join this online community and did not get an invitation, contact contea@duq.edu.

New Library Web Site Debut

The Gumberg Library technology committee has completed a two-year project to redesign the library Web site so it is easier to use. As a “Virtual Library” for many students and faculty, the Web site links to a vast array of databases and online resources. The redesign provides four main categories—Find, Services, My Resources and About Us—that allow users to find the tools and information they need more easily.

The library’s home page link, www.library.duq.edu, will connect to the new site. If you have bookmarked specific subpages within the library, you may need to recreate them.

DuquesneFest: June 8

About 1,500 visitors are expected at DuquesneFest, an open house hosted by the Office of Admissions on Sunday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from admissions, financial aid and other academic, administrative and student life offices will be available to meet with high school students and their parents. To learn more about the event, visit www.admissions.duq.edu.

University Accreditation is Reaffirmed

After a multi-year process, a Middle States Commission on Higher Education team has reaffirmed the accreditation of Duquesne University.

In March 2008, a Middle States evaluation team of eight representatives from a variety of colleges and universities visited campus for four days and spoke to numerous University stakeholders, documenting the report’s research, analysis and recommendations. The team commended Duquesne for embracing the Spiritan mission and for its many successes at implementing that mission, and made its positive recommendation.

For the past three years, the Duquesne University has been involved in an institutional Self-Study, a process of reflective engagement to enhance and strengthen the University’s planning and development, to better the education of our students and to document how Duquesne meets the Middle States accreditation requirements.

This Self-Study Report was presented to the Middle States Commission in December 2007. The document described a mission-centered, dynamic institution with numerous strengths, from the quality of students and the teaching and scholarship of faculty, to sound fiscal management. It also identified areas for improvement that will impact the next strategic planning process.

For more information on the Self-Study Report and the Middle States Accreditation Team’s response, visit www.middlestates.duq.edu/report.html.

Printing, Graphics Project Deadlines Set

The Office of Public Affairs has announced the following printing and graphics project-related cutoff dates for current 2008-2009 fiscal year billing.

All requisitions related to the development of printed materials submitted to public affairs must be at the “External Proof Signed and Ready to be Printed” stage by Monday, June 16, for their billing to be included in the fiscal year ending June 30.

Remember, simple printing projects, such as business cards, letterhead or envelopes that include graphic design work, can take two weeks or more to complete, from origination to printing; however, time needed for more complex projects such as view books or other lengthy booklets can extend from four to six months.

Accordingly, Copy Center projects must be initiated by Friday, June 20, for billing in Fiscal Year 2008. Please keep these timeframes in mind when planning upcoming projects in consultation with your assigned public affairs marketing communications manager. Questions as to whether a given project such as brochures, posters, newsletters and postcards will fall within the guidelines for completion and billing in the current budget year, can be directed to your marketing communications manager.
Feminist Theologian Discusses God’s Presence
In Nature at Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium

By Rose Ravasio

Dr. Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., Distinguished Professor of Theology at Fordham University, will discuss God’s presence in the natural world at the fourth annual Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium on Wednesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 29, at Duquesne. Johnson, who will present "Creativity and Life: An Ecological Theology of the Holy Spirit" at the event’s lecture, specializes in systematic theology, feminist theology, and ecological theology.

According to Johnson, who is also a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph order, she chose the theme because it’s not yet been addressed at one of the Holy Spirit lectures. “The previous lectures were all about some aspect of the human world. This is a much broader theme in terms of both the Bible and Christian traditions of theology understanding that God is present and at work in the whole natural world and not only with human beings,” said Johnson. "Ecological theology is faith seeking understanding of God’s presence and activity in the natural world. This is actually a very ancient and venerable theme, and that’s why I’d like to address it."

Johnson’s primary research areas focus on “the mystery of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit; the communion of saints including Mary; the dialogue with science and ecological ethics; the problem of suffering; and issues related to justice for women.”

“Dr. Johnson is widely regarded as among the top flight of systematic and feminist theologians, and she is among an even more select few who treat the role of the Holy Spirit in a sustained manner in their reflections,” added Dr. William M. Thompson-Uberuaga, professor of systematic theology at Duquesne who is coordinating the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium. "Her learning in science and ecology also especially equips her to address some of the more timely challenges emanating from those quarters.

“We are pleased this year to hear in a more sustained way the voice of women with regard to the Holy Spirit,” added Thompson-Uberuaga. “In addition, a majority of the colloquists this year will also be women.”

Designed to develop the intellectual spirit, the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium was initiated in 2005 by Duquesne University President Charles J. Dougherty as an expression of Duquesne's mission and charism as a university founded by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the Holy Spirit. This ongoing series of lectures and colloquia is designed to encourage the exploration of ideas pertaining to the theology of the Holy Spirit. It is intended to heighten awareness of how pneumatology or the study of the spirit might be relevantly integrated into the various disciplines in general and to foster scholarship on the Holy Spirit within an ecumenical context.

Johnson is an award-winning teacher and author, whose accolades include the Woman of Wisdom Award from the College of St. Catherine, the John Courtney Murray Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America, the Catholic Library Association’s Jerome Award and the Catholic Press Association Book Award in Theology for her work, Truly Our Sister: A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints.

”She has been in our sights as a possible speaker since the inception of the lecture series,” said Thompson-Uberuaga.

Among this year’s nine colloquists joining Johnson for a private colloquium are Dr. Verna E.F. Harrison, assistant professor of church history at the St. Paul School of Theology; Dr. Despina Prassas, assistant professor of theology at Providence College; and Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid, assistant professor of theology and Latina/o ministry at the Boston College Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry.

Johnson’s lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Power Center Ballroom on May 28. To register, call 412.396.6526 or e-mail holyspirit@duq.edu.

Model Pilot Program Begins in Pittsburgh
NAACP/Law Clinic Partnership Enhances Citizen Complaint Process

By Rose Ravasio

The Pittsburgh chapter of the NAACP has forged a unique partnership with the Center for the Bill of Rights, Civil Rights Litigation Clinic at Duquesne that will both strengthen and sustain the NAACP’s complaint intake and referral system for civil rights and other legal complaints.

Each semester, students enrolled in the law school’s Center for the Bill of Rights, Civil Rights Litigation Clinic will regularly work with and train NAACP board members, volunteer staff and consultants at the organization’s Hill District office. Together, they will evaluate complaints that have been referred to the clinic through the NAACP’s screening process, and refine and systematize the organization’s current complaint intake, investigation and referral process.

“This collaboration, which is a first for the NAACP, will provide hope and ensure our clients that they can and will get the assistance they need,” said M. Gayle Moss, president of the Pittsburgh NAACP chapter. “This looks so promising that other chapters of the NAACP may consider similar partnerships using this as a model.”

Moss consulted attorney Eugene Berry and his staff at Berry and Associates law firm, who recommended that the NAACP approach Duquesne University School of Law for assistance.

The Pittsburgh chapter of the NAACP documents approximately 15 complaints a month related to issues of employment, education, housing and civil rights among others. The Duquesne law students will help to develop a computer database and desk reference to further support the NAACP’s intake process.

“The Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAACP itself has long provided a vital service to the community by investigating citizens’ complaints and seeking to refer cases for legal representation and redress,” said Tracey McCants Lewis, assistant director of clinical legal education in the Duquesne University President Charles J. Dougherty designed to develop the spiritual life, the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium was initiated in 2005 by Duquesne University President Charles J. Dougherty as an expression of Duquesne’s mission and charism as a university founded by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the Holy Spirit. This ongoing series of lectures and colloquia is designed to encourage the exploration of ideas pertaining to the theology of the Holy Spirit. It is intended to heighten awareness of how pneumatology or the study of the spirit might be relevantly integrated into the various disciplines in general and to foster scholarship on the Holy Spirit within an ecumenical context.

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Duquesne’s Center for the Bill of Rights, Civil Rights Litigation Clinic operates a semester-long, in-house clinic that engages in civil rights litigation and advocacy. Limited to 10 students each semester, eligible second-, third- and fourth-year law students have the opportunity to gain practical experience litigating civil rights claims, and participate in weekly training sessions addressing the applicable substantive and procedural law.

“The Clinic operates as a law firm (where) faculty and staff attorneys supervise law students who represent real clients in real legal matters and transactions,” added Margaret Krasik, associate professor of law and director of legal education for the Law School. “Through the NAACP Pittsburgh chapter, we have a community-identified need, and our law students are providing and performing community-based services. This kind of community-based service learning promises to make the program a distinctive educational experience for us and, we hope, for the community.”

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization in the United States. The Pittsburgh branch was organized in 1915, six years after the inception of the national NAACP. Through its mission, the NAACP works to ensure political, educational, social and economic equality of rights and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination.
Youngest ‘Apprentice,’ to Share Insights with Entrepreneurs

By Randy Cole

Andy Litinsky, president of Trump Productions and the youngest-ever contestant on NBC’s The Apprentice, will share his entrepreneurial insights at the 10th annual Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference hosted on Thursday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by the Small Business Development Center at Duquesne University. Litinsky, a successful entrepreneur since the age of 13, appeared on season two of the show, when he was a senior at Harvard University. He is the only “fired” apprentice to be rehired by business icon Donald Trump.

Additionally, Andy Masich, president and chief executive officer of the Sen. John Heinz History Center, will address 250 years of entrepreneurial innovation in Pittsburgh through the contributions of leaders such as Andrew Carnegie, George Westinghouse and Andrew Mellon.

This year’s conference, set in the Duquesne Union, will feature workshops on raising money, web-based strategies, sales/marketing, business planning, growth, management and technology.

For more information about this year’s Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference or to register, visit www.ecg.edu or call the SBDC at 412.396.6233.

EPA Calls Duquesne Powerhouse In the Atlantic 10 Conference

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Duquesne University was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the 2007-2008 Individual Conference Champion for purchasing more green power than any other school in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The EPA has been tracking green power purchasing among collegiate athletic conferences through its College & University Green Power Challenge, which concluded on April 28 with 40 schools and 18 conferences participating nationwide.

As an Individual Conference Champion, Duquesne beat its conference rivals by purchasing nearly 13 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, representing 28 percent of the school’s annual purchased electricity use. Duquesne is purchasing renewable energy credits from Community Energy and Strategic Energy, which helps to reduce the environmental impacts associated with the campus’ purchased electricity use.

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For more information, visit: http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/initiatives/cu_challenge.htm.

Virtual Internet Coach (VIC)

In the Spotlight focuses on the variety of centers and clinics operating from campus.

What: VIC provides an opportunity for school principals and leaders to help each other resolve issues and to engage in professional dialogue online through the use of forums and search engines.

Located: School of Education offices on the first floor of 718 Fifth Ave.

Director/Staff: Director Bob Furman, Office Assistant Patti Eckert

Services: An online forum allows principals, superintendents and other school leaders to benefit from advice of others who have faced the same specific challenges. Information can be accessed through a keyword search of past issues. Each report provides a detailed analysis of the situation and a suggested process to follow in analyzing and addressing the problem. Additional information includes research summaries; a legal tool-box and other online resources.

Notable/Quotable: Approximately 135 educators in 15 school districts through the Mon Valley and Pittsburgh area use VIC to support teacher/administration leadership teams with the goal of improving student achievement. VIC is affiliated with the Consortium for Public Education in Monroeville, formerly the Mon Valley Consortium. VIC was developed two years ago through two grants received from the Grable and Benedum foundations.

To attain access to the site, users must first contact the VIC office.

Contact Information: Contact Director Bob Furman at 412.396.5274, 724.745.6457 or furman@duq.edu.

Canevin Hall Gets Facelift

By Emily Goossen

Faculty and staff in Canevin Hall began relocating May 12 to minimize disruptions to their daily work life as Canevin undergoes a major renovation this summer. Canevin will receive a new roof, windows and HVAC system, and any remaining asbestos will be removed in renovations scheduled for June through December 2008.

The third floor of Fisher Hall is the temporary home to the School of Education’s Dean’s office and student academic services.

One of Duquesne’s newly purchased buildings at 718 Fifth Ave. will house education faculty members relocated from Canevin. Classes previously held in Canevin will be scheduled throughout other campus buildings. Students have been advised to check their registration through DORI to locate their summer and fall classes.

“This is one of the largest faculty moves we’ve ever done at Duquesne,” said Rod Dobish, director of building services and operations for facilities management. “Having over 80 faculty and staff members relocated is a big disruption, but the School of Education has been great in handling the move.”

Canevin Hall was built by A. F. Link, an 1889 alumnus of Pittsburgh Catholic College, the predecessor of Duquesne University. The building was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 28, 1923, with more than 100 members of the priesthood participating in the blessing. The building was named for the fifth Bishop of Pittsburgh, J. F. Regis Canevin, who was the first native son to lead the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 1904 to 1921. Canevin Hall was previously renovated in 1966 and 1999.

Zipcar Program Provides DU with Wheels by the Hour or Day

By Kimberly Saunders

Duquesne University has signed an agreement with Zipcar, the largest car-sharing company in the world, to offer its service to the campus community. Duquesne students, faculty and staff can become part of the Zipcar network for a discounted rate of $35. Upon joining, individuals will also receive $35 driving credit. Members will be able to rent cars for rates as low as $7 per hour or $60 per day. This includes gas, insurance, maintenance and parking.

The Zipcar partnership has several advantages, according to Steve Schillo, vice president of management and business.

“With the contract we negotiated, individuals as young as 18 are eligible for membership, so this is a convenient transportation alternative for all of our students, including freshmen and sophomores,” Schillo said. “With gasoline approaching $4 a gallon, Zipcars are also very affordable because the rates include gas as well as insurance.”

Zipcar research reports that each car in its fleet replaces more than 15 privately owned vehicles, reducing congestion on the roads and demand for parking. In addition to taking more cars off the road, Zipcars also are fuel efficient and have more stringent pollution controls.

“This complements our ‘green campus’ efforts of applying and promoting environmentally sound practices,” Schillo added.

University members can find two Zipcars right on campus. A Honda Civic is located on Bluff Street between Towers and St. Martin Hall. A Toyota Prius is located at Locust Street and McNulty Drive. Members can also use any car in the Zipcar fleet, anywhere in Pittsburgh or in other cities around the nation.

Learn more or sign up for Zipcar at www.zipcar.com/duquesne. Questions can be directed to member services at 886.4ZIPCAR or Pittsburgh General Manager Jenna Cox at 412.475.5897 or jcox@zipcar.com.

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UPMC Top-Level Official to Speak At Beard Ethics Lunch Forum

By Randy Cole

Robert J. Cindrich, senior vice president and chief legal officer at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), will deliver an address entitled Principlized Governance and Leadership at the next Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics luncheon forum on Thursday, June 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Duquesne Club downtown.

Since leaving the federal bench in 2004, Cindrich has served in his current role at UPMC. Before taking the bench in 1994, he was a partner in the law firm of Cindrich & Titus and was an active trial practitioner in federal and state court. His government practice includes serving as assistant public defender, assistant district attorney, U.S. attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, hearing examiner for the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission. He served as judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania until his resignation in 2004 to join UPMC.

The Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics, housed in the School of Business, was founded in 1993 with the help of a grant from Duquesne alumnus Eugene P. Beard. The mission of the Beard Center is to promote moral integrity and behavior through ethics education and training.

For more information or to register for the luncheon, visit www.business.duq.edu/beard or contact Rebecca Ellsworth Ligman at 412.396.4005 or beardcenter@duq.edu.

DU Ranked Solidly in First Campus-wide Assessment of Sustainability Efforts

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

In the first campus-wide assessment undertaken by graduate students in the MBA Sustainability program, Duquesne University earned a solid evaluation for its strong sustainable operations in “green” building and purchasing practices, energy efficiency and by operating a research center dedicated to assist the University in achieving its goals of sustainability.

The Sustainability Report Card, produced by students in the Public Affairs Management class of Dr. James Weber, professor of management, looked at six categories, basing their survey on that of the Sustainable Endowments Institute. This national survey is conducted to assess the environmental responsibility demonstrated by the nation’s largest colleges and universities. Weber thought a similar class project would provide an interesting assignment for the MBA Sustainability students and a useful assessment for the campus. Categories examined include administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, transportation and endowment transparency/investment priorities/shareholder engagement.

The report was intended to generate internal discussion among the graduate students as well as the University’s employees charged with environmental responsibility. Weber said. However, because of time constraints and other challenges, this may be not be a complete assessment of sustainability efforts at Duquesne. “This report is meant to facilitate discussion regarding the University’s efforts toward sustainability to enhance the education of our students and to foster continuous improvement of the University’s sustainability efforts and the student’s ability to assess these efforts,” said Weber, who plans to continue the assessment each year with subsequent classes.

Selected results show that:

- The University received its “highest grade” for its green building efforts. Because of strong efforts by facilities management, all new projects are built according to green building policies and green building standards have been considered on all new construction as well as renovations and retrofits during the past eight years. Duquesne University is strongly committed to meeting LEED standards and becoming LEED certified, in the new Power Center, as well as the Duquesne Union’s second floor renovations.

- In the area of energy and climate change, the University also earned high marks because of efforts to record its carbon dioxide emissions by conducting an extensive “carbon footprint” study, its programs for energy efficiency and its renewable energy purchase.

- In the administration category, Duquesne recently committed to making its purchase of all sourced energy 100 percent renewable. Also, the University recently has purchased a variety of recycled materials to be used by Atramed, the campus catering service.

- The creation and maintenance of the Center for Environmental Research and Education, which conducts research in both natural and social science areas, is a strong positive identified by the students. The center operates two graduate programs, several certification programs, a B.S. degree, a minor and several joint undergraduate and graduate programs. It also holds various seminars, conferences and forums for the campus and local communities on environmental trends and issues.

- Finally, in the food and recycling category, Duquesne includes healthy food options on menus and, within the last year, has implemented reusable dishware and silverware. A program is in place to recycle office waste, and an initiative launched by the New Impact environmental club has provided each business faculty member with a recycling receptacle and information about the program.

Commonwealth Marker Honors Act 101 Founder

Duquesne University’s ACT 101 program staff was invited by Cathryn L. Irvis to attend a Pennsylvania State historical marker dedication and reception held in honor of her husband, the late Honorable K. Leroy Irvis, former speaker of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania.

The dedication at the 20th Century Club in Oakland honored Irvis as founder of the Act 101 program, a program designed to help Pennsylvania students succeed by providing extra academic, counseling and financial support. Duquesne’s Act 101 team is led by Dr. Judith Grigg and has provided continuous service since 1977, helping thousands of students from entry into the University until graduation.
PCKIZ Marks First Year

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

In its first year, the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone (PCKIZ) already has landed 15 companies in its fold as it works toward assisting young and startup firms—and ultimately, bolstering the economy of the region.

Of these 15 companies, three are brand-new PCKIZ firms, starting within the last quarter and specializing in forensic investigation, Web development and Internet marketing, and science-based computer artistry. The other firms provide "green" and traditional maintenance products, biomedical products, health care consulting and other high-tech products and services.

The effort to establish the PCKIZ was led by Duquesne University and the Hill House Economic Development Corp., with support coming from the state Department of Community and Economic Development and 16 PCKIZ partners. Across the state, Keystone Innovation Zones are rooted in the idea that colleges and universities have resources that would be helpful to startup and young technology-oriented businesses.

"We are pleased with the wide range of businesses that have been attracted to the PCKIZ, as well as the diversity in the age, gender and racial mix that these business owners are bringing to Pittsburgh," said William Generett, executive director of the PCKIZ. "These companies have the ability to grow and produce good jobs that will be available to students from our colleges and universities and residents of the Hill District."

Companies in the PCKIZ are located in a set geographic area including Pittsburgh neighborhoods such as the Hill District, Uptown and Downtown, and parts of Oakland, the South Side and the North Side. We made a conscious choice to move Downtown because we believe it's going to be the next up-and-coming neighborhood in the city," said Chris Temple, chief technology officer of Frameworks Information Technology, Inc., a software engineering consulting firm. "The PCKIZ understands, supports and shares that position."

By working with Duquesne and other educational partners, Special Pathogens Laboratory, another PCKIZ firm, has drawn undergraduate interns into its laboratory, said Janet Stout, company director. Stout's firm is among the PCKIZ companies applying for up to $25,000 each in grant funding. The grants are based upon the company's growth and potential for job creation and its innovations, Generett said.

"All of this is a definite 'win-win' for the region," Stout added. "As we are supported and encouraged to grow and prosper, we support the region with new jobs and vitality for the area."

Center for Teaching Excellence Honors Outstanding Faculty, Graduate Students

By Randy Cole

On April 3, the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) recognized both graduate students and faculty with their annual spring awards. The celebration honors those who have assisted with CTE book studies, workshops and committees through the academic year. Nominees and recipients of the Creative Teaching Award and Graduate Award for Teaching Excellence were recognized by Provost Ralph Pearson.

The Creative Teaching Award recognizes faculty members who have implemented innovative ways of teaching and have assessed its impact on student learning. This year's winners are:

Dr. Norman Conti, sociology

In Fall 2007, Conti taught a seminar on criminal justice policy facilitated a multidimensional dialogue between 16 Duquesne students and an equal number of incarcerated men. The seminar offered unprecedented access to a prison environment where subject matter was addressed cooperatively with individuals who were living its consequences.

Dr. David Cutler, music

In Fall 2007, Cutler introduced four innovations into his teaching that focuses the students beyond simply performance excellence. These innovations include course content on becoming a professional musician, such as business skills, marketing strategies, creative visions and entrepreneurial foresight.

Dr. Martha Petersen, physician assistant

Petersen designed an evidence-based medicine project to provide physician assistant students with the skills to locate, evaluate and apply current medical research studies to patient care and to demystify the publication process to make students more comfortable with contributing to the body of knowledge in their chosen field.

First-year accomplishments of the PCKIZ include:

- Attracting two to three serious business inquiries a month
- Hosting monthly networking and orientation events to raise awareness of the PCKIZ
- Creating the PCKIZ Business Idea Challenge, headed by Duquesne's Small Business Development Center, to draw ideas for new products or businesses from local university and college students
- Conducting seminars and Webinars geared toward high-tech business startups
- Introducing residents, including local high school students, to technology in general and innovations within the zone through a grant from the Alocus Foundation

The Integrated Marketing Communications Functions I Public Relations class taught by Dr. Erik Garrett, assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, contributed its services to the promote and publicize a May 3 event at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. An April 18 article in the Tribune-Review reported that the class was handling publicity for this event, helping to target young audiences.
Developing a Future from the Past
Buildings Gain Second Life with Ultimate Recycling

Sustainability has become an exciting buzzword and an intrinsic part of the Duquesne University campus—part of it fresh and green, as in the purchase and use of clean energy, part of it conservative, as in the nuts-and-bolts practices that have helped to trim waste from water and energy use across campus; and part of it new, as in the environmentally sensitive construction of the Power Center and renewed attention to environmental certification for new construction and renovation projects.

Ten years ago, Duquesne achieved a new level of energy independence—and sustainability—when the turbines started to churn on the co-generation plant at the Energy Center, producing power, heating and cooling for the bulk of campus. This summer, energy sustainability efforts will multiply as the University brings 26 mammoth ice tanks online to provide additional cooling power.

In a very real sense, sustainability has long been part of Duquesne’s legacy, dating to the days when Spiritan priests used clay from the Bluff to form their own bricks.

As Duquesne grew from that first building spur, the burgeoning campus found ways to be sustainable long before the term was uttered by the hip and cool. In the recent past, Duquesne University has found ways to make the most of existing buildings, both by design, in conjunction with agencies such as the Urban Redevelopment Authority, and by happenstance, as the University made the most of its opportunities to expand the campus and give back to the Uptown community.

The following articles and photographs trace Duquesne’s determined plans to reuse and recycle existing buildings to meet the needs of a growing student body in an ever-changing world.

Tammies Play a Second Act on the Boulevard

The glitter and glamour of Old Hollywood is hidden at Duquesne inside a building still dedicated to entertainment. In the halcyon days of Hollywood, films were made of nitrate—and extremely flammable, said Paul Stafura, director of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans. So, as part of their distribution systems, major movie studios such as Paramount, Universal, Fox and Warner Brothers built fortress-like structures to store movies that would be trucked to theaters in the area.

That process occurred from 1930s to sometime around the early 1960s at 1801 Boulevard of the Allies, now home of the Tammies, according to Steve Kovacev, 86, of Monroeville. Kovacev played tamburitza in the group in the 1940s, served as assistant director from 1950 to 1988 and was involved in the purchase of the building.

In the 1960s, the expanding Tammies formed their own corporation, Kovacev said. They needed a building to accommodate the group and took an option on the Warner Brothers Distributing Corp. building for $140,000.

This building was in a cluster of distribution centers on or near the Boulevard of the Allies, called “Film Row,” said Ed Blank, retired Pittsburgh Press and Tribune-Review movie critic who remembered passing them as a child. Then, every major studio in every major market had a distribution center called a film exchange office that carried reels of film to first-, second- and third-run houses and, in the Pittsburgh area, 60-some drive-ins that would show double features every week. The houses would keep at least one or two copies of every film, even after their sizzle was spent, plus all the posters and press kits, Blank said.

By the 1960s, multiple-screen theaters developed, changing the film exchange business forever. Distribution houses trickled away, without a whimper from moviegoers or critics.

Warner Brothers left behind a building that was able to maintain temperature and a state of dryness, vestiges of its former operations. The Tammies settled on this building, Kovacev said, because it was solid and two stories could be added on top, if needed.

The Tammies held a dedication ceremony on Dec. 12, 1965, and have reaped the advantages ever since. No films were left in the Fort Knox-like vaults in the basement and first floor of the building, Kovacev said, but architectural treasures remain. Visitors who enter by the back door, which is used most often, pass the former loading dock and enter into the office of Tamburitzaan staffer Susan Stafura, her sewing room and laundry. They can’t help but notice the eight narrow “closets” now holding thousands of pieces of Tamburitzaan wardrobes. The 30-inch doors to these former film storage areas have been removed, so they are perfect for holding hundreds of pieces of clothing that are available at a glance.

A once-open space has been converted to a reference library on cultural and ethnic traditions. Beyond the library doors lies a sweeping, curvaceous Art Deco distribution center lobby, facing the Boulevard. Outside, the Tammies’ colorful mosaic and event signs grace the entrance. Inside, the Tammies display some 3,600 artifacts and instruments. Faces of former Tammies, dating to the 1950s, stare down from black-and-white publicity stills on the walls.

The grand staircase leads to a huge, mirrored dance area with the sprawling, rubberized floor of a contemporary dance studio, offices and a showy Memorial Room with a huge round, customized inlaid table, shiny wall mosaic and a striking display of programs from years past.

It’s safe to surmise that this holds the only kitchen in the region with “Projection Room” as its doorplate. The four holes that served as projector “peepholes” when films were reviewed for individual print quality before they were distributed are now covered with metal squares, painted in kitchen white. Back in the day, Paul Stafura explained, smoke from carbon-arc spotlights vented directly to the roof, which is accessed by another flight of stairs and two-inch-thick, fireproof vault doors.

The same bulking vault doors with their classic counterweight systems remain intact in the basement, protecting the Tammies’ leather shoes and boots, sheet music, paperwork and even instruments from climate changes. “If I pick up an old instrument, I don’t find it separating,” Paul Stafura said proudly.

Sure, Toto, it’s not Hollywood anymore, but the Warner Brothers building has a great second act.
Rangos Hall: A Key Part of Campus, Community in Many Incarnations

On Oct. 18, 1991, Duquesne University dedicated the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences. While new in name, the building being dedicated had been known simply as the gymnasium and had been vital to the life of the Duquesne community for decades.

By 1928, Duquesne University had acquired the homes on the streets and alleys between Bluff, Cooper (now McNally Drive) and Locust streets. Once demolished, the space where the homes sat had enlarged the campus to where Rangos is now located. It was there, among the partially excavated pit and brick kilns used to build much of campus, that Duquesne University would build its new gymnasium.

University documents show that construction began in 1922, and from the outset, the gym proved a worthy replacement for the defunct Exposition Hall. It was widely recognized as the perfect court both for players and spectators. The gym had a floor area of some 10,000 square feet and an overhead clearance of 36 feet. As a dance floor, it had no equal anywhere in the city. The roof of the building, nearly level with part of the bluff, was used first for tennis courts and later for the Quonset-style huts where classes were held due to overcrowding.

According to Tom White, University archivist, the spacious gym also doubled as an emergency location as a temporary headquarters for the city’s police and fire departments during the St. Patrick’s Day Flood of 1936.

Varsity basketball baptized the new gym on December 28, 1923, and the Dukes beat opponent Heinz House, 33-22. For nearly 20 years, Rangos served as the home court for the Dukes until their final game in the location, against Westminster on March 3, 1943. The Dukes lost 44-39.

Between 1943 and its rededication in 1991, the building served several functions, including gym, classrooms and faculty offices, according to White. The creation of the Rangos School was the University’s first new school since 1937 and prompted the overhaul of the building.

A Library, Reborn as a Law School in the 1970s, Continued to Grow

The original library building, located on Locust Street where the Law School now resides, was built in June 1939. Rapid growth in students and volumes led to a major renovation in 1962, adding an addition that more than doubled the space of the original building.

By 1969, the collection had grown and there were talks of adding another addition to the library. The staff was growing and the new campus was taking shape with the completion of many buildings including Mellon Hall, the Student Union and the Music School. The renovation plans didn’t resurface again until the mid-1970s, but proved to be impractical. Instead, the focus shifted to moving the library to a new building. The old Geyer Garage across the street from the library proved to be the perfect new home. Planning and renovation turned the parking garage into a modern academic library facility. In 1978, the building was completed and the library moved to its present home.

Edward J. Hanley Hall, dedicated in 1982, resulted from the renovation and expansion of the University’s former library building. Edward J. Hanley was Allegheny Interna-
tional Inc.’s long-time CEO and Duquesne’s first lay president of the board of directors.

In 2002, the University completed substantial renovations and new construction to Hanley Hall. Renovations to the former library and construction of the new John E. Murray Jr. Pavilion combined to nearly double Hanley Hall’s existing space to approximately 125,000 square feet. This construction added three classrooms, two courthouses, a computer lab, faculty offices, a lounge and cafeteria, and greatly expanded the library, student study areas, and student organization space.

Now Free from Diesel Fumes, Gumberg Enjoys the Sweet Smell of Success

A stroll through Gumberg Library lends itself to the scent of old books and the hushed whispers of students studying. But before 1978, a walk through the same structure would have reeked of diesel and gasoline fumes, and one could have scarcely imagined a University-sized collection of books in their parking space.

Prior to 1978, Gumberg Library was known as the Geyer Garage, a three-story structure that was built in the 1920s. The former library, which was housed in what is today the Law School, was quickly running out of space, and in order to meet anticipated 1977 Middle States recommendations, the University was required to present concrete plans for an expanded library.

First known as the Geyer Printing Co., the building carried many other names throughout the years, including the Pepsi-Cola Garage and the Government Inter-Agency Pool. The building, at the time of its conversion to the University’s library, was a government storage garage.

The garage was chosen because of its structural integrity as a reinforced concrete structure, and plans were drawn up to add a fourth and fifth floor along with an overhaul of the original three floors. Today’s fourth-floor entrance was constructed to allow easy access from the Union and the rest of the main campus along Locust Street and Academic Walk. The newly converted building, dedicated as part of Duquesne’s Centennial Celebration in 1978, saved the University an untold sum of money and reinforced the University’s desire to convert older buildings on the bluff for new uses.

Gumberg Library will again undergo changes this summer with the construction of a new entrance plaza on the fourth floor. The project, which began after May commencement, should be ready for fall. While under construction, access to the library will be through the service entrance on McNally Drive. For information regarding this building project, visit the Gumberg Library Web site.

Top, Gumberg Library’s original use was as a parking facility. Bottom, Gumberg Library/Geyer Garage.
Laval House: A Reminder of the Past, a Home for Spiritan Scholars

Nearly 80 years ago, Laval House was in a string of row houses on Vickroy Street. Today, it is the only enduring, visible reminder of the old neighborhood on the Bluff. One of the oldest buildings on campus, it was part of the University’s expansion in the late 1920s.

Despite the economic challenges brought on by the Great Depression, Duquesne managed to expand, buying 13 houses in 1929. Among these was Laval House, located near door to Canevin Hall on Academic Walk. Actually two houses, it was constructed in the victorian style in the late 1880s and features 18 rooms, a basement and a mansard roof.

While many of the houses the University purchased had been converted to departmental offices, Laval House—which was originally named Varsity Hall—served as dormitory for student athletes, in particular members of the football and basketball teams. Eventually, Varsity Hall was used as a residence for the Spiritans until Trinity Hall, their current home, was completed in 1952.

According to Dr. Joe Rishel, professor of history at Duquesne, after World War II, Varsity Hall later served as a convent for the sisters of the Daughters of the Divine Redeemer, who lodged there and also cooked meals and attended to the rooms in Trinity Hall. In his book, The Spirit that Gives Life: The History of Duquesne University, 1878-1996, Rishel writes, “When the Daughters of the Divine Redeemer grew too few in number to be able to staff Trinity Hall in 1984, their convent, the old Varsity Hall, fell empty.” Then-President, the Rev. Donald Nesti, C.S.Sp., renamed the building in honor of 19th-century Spiritan, the Rev. James Laval, C.S.Sp., and moved into Laval House, making it the presidential residence.

Nesti was the only president to reside in Laval House. After that, Laval House was and is still used as the Vocations Office for the Spiritans, housing international Spiritan priests who are studying at Duquesne. Currently, Spiritans from Uganda, France, the Gambia and Sierra Leone reside in Laval House.

Laval House also features a chapel for residents, Rishel writes. “If I didn’t get any practicing done before dark,” Jordanoff said, “I didn’t practice.”

Music School Presents Command Performance as Urban Renewal Project

In terms of building re-use, the music school has presented a well-orchestrated command performance.

After being promoted from department status in 1927, the music school made its home in the Administration Building and then briefly on the third floor of an edifice that also contained the library. In 1932, the school moved into a two-story brick structure on the corner of Hooper and Ivanhoe streets, an address that, if it existed now, would lie between Mellon Hall and Rooney Field.

That former print shop and bakery served as the home to the music school for more than 30 years. Then, in the mid-1960s, the University began work on the present building, which previously been a U.S. Post Office garage.

That building conversion marked the completion of Phase I of the University’s Master Plan, a document with goals that harmonized nicely with those of Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), a city agency that, since 1946, has overseen Pittsburgh’s large scale neighborhood renewal and economic development projects.

Letters sent by the Rev. Henry McAnulty, C.S.Sp., then University president, underscore the cooperation between Duquesne and the URA, calling the newly converted music school building, “an outstanding example of the rehabilitation of an existing structure” and “among the first to result from our partnership with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in the Bluff Street Renewal Project.”

Urban renewal on the Bluff and the new Music School building were noteworthy events. Members of Congress, the mayor and the bishop of Pittsburgh as well as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers, were invited to the building’s formal dedication ceremonies on April 29, 1967 acclaimed pianist Van Cliburn performed and received an honorary doctorate.

Music students of the time were struck by the contrast between the cramped, careworn structure at Hooper and Ivanhoe streets and their new building, with its 64,000 square feet of space, new Steinway pianos, 40 practice rooms and state-of-the-art recording and audio equipment.

Christine Jordanoff, director of choral organizations and professor of music education in the Mary Pappert School of Music, came to Duquesne in 1965 on a Tamburitzan scholarship. She recalled that the new building was a real sign that the University was growing.

She also remembered that the new practice rooms in the building freed her from having to walk through a warren of narrow streets and dark alleys that lay between her room in St. Ann’s Hall and the practice rooms scattered across the Bluff on the second and third floors of row houses.

“If I didn’t get any practicing done before dark,” Jordanoff said, “I didn’t practice.”
Fisher Hall: Changeover from Corporate Headquarters to Classrooms

The 1990s were growth years for Duquesne University, when enrollment saw a 43 percent increase in six years. As the Bayer Learning Center took shape on our Bluff, the administration also eyed the Fisher Scientific Co. buildings, conveniently located on Forbes Avenue, across the road from campus. Fisher Scientific was planning to relocate its headquarters, and the University acquired the building in November 1995, adding 200,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories and seminar rooms.

Chester G. Fisher founded the company that would become Fisher Scientific in 1900 at the age of 20. He supplied Pittsburgh's growing industrial base with laboratory equipment, glassware and chemicals for testing. The company expanded into laboratory supply, buying Eimer & Amend in New York in 1940. (This is how we came by the 1,000-pound cast stone head of French scientist Antoine Laurent Lavoisier that was saved from the façade of the Eimer & Amend building in 1963, mounted in Fisher Hall and recently moved to Mellon Hall.) In 2006, Fisher became part of Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Over the years, Fisher Scientific was responsible for many innovations, such as researching protective measures for chemical warfare during World War I and supplying materials for development of the atomic bomb for the Manhattan Project and to Dr. Jonas Salk for the polio vaccine. A flood damaged the firm's warehouse on Penn Avenue, so Fisher moved Uptown, establishing headquarters on Forbes Ave. This involved buying and constructing structures to link five buildings together, providing the array of odd stairwells and floor levels that still characterize Fisher Hall.

Chester Fisher was also a collector of art, specifically paintings of early scientists, alchemists and their laboratory apparatus. His collection was maintained in a museum on the second floor, which also had a room dedicated to Louis Pasteur's portraits, instruments and documents. Duquesne maintained the gallery until March 2000, and it is now on display at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia (www.chemheritage.org/exhibits/cf-nav3.html.)

The museum was located behind the cafeteria, and Fisher's passion for the artwork may have motivated him, even after his death in 1965. In 1999, after months of odd noises, unexplained disturbances and electrical outages, the cafeteria manager sought a priestly benediction to cleanse the café. Chester's ghost—if it was his—was silenced. After two years, the meal service was closed, leaving Fisher Café operating from vending machines.

In 1996, Duquesne's human resources and public affairs offices moved into Fisher. Over the next two years, as funds became available and renovations were completed, pharmacy, health sciences, nursing and environmental science programs were relocated. Originally, the University assumed that the chemical company's building would have ready-to-use laboratory spaces, but Fisher was found to be a "fixer-upper," requiring much construction to prepare it for 21st century education.

In June 1998, the Fisher Skywalk was added, providing safe passage across Forbes Avenue and easy access to the upper floors of the building from campus. In addition to human resources, public affairs and the School of Nursing, Fisher Hall now houses classrooms, labs and offices for health sciences, forensics science, instructional technology and theology, as well as the Law Clinic, the Center for Environmental Research and Education, the Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought, a conference center, print shop, telefund, DU Card Center, part of CTS and the credit union.

No Parking Allowed Inside College Hall Since 1970

Looking at College Hall today, you’d never know that it once served as a faculty parking garage on Duquesne’s campus. The current home of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts originally was a pre-World War I building known as “the old Reick Garage.”

The five-story building was gutted and reconstructed, along with the building that now houses the School of Music, under the initial phase of Duquesne’s master plan for campus development. Both structures were rebuilt in cooperation with Pittsburgh’s Urban Redevelopment Authority, from whom the University had purchased 21 acres that adjoined the original 12-acre campus.

Because the original building was so sound, architect Edwin J. Gerard was able to design College Hall to be built utilizing the original structural beams on the inside and the piers and corners of the exterior of the building, which saved the University more than $500,000 in costs. The building’s oversized, reinforced concrete columns made it possible to add a 15,000 square-foot sixth story and roof to College Hall.

The building was finished with 102,000 square feet of Indiana limestone along with dark-brown Italian mosaic glass tile surrounding each window. The $3.5 million reconstruction of College Hall was completed in time for the fall semester on Aug. 31, 1970. At the time, the new construction was the architectural stand out on campus. “Without a doubt, College Hall, our recently opened classroom-office building, presents the most distinguished appearance of any major building on the campus,” said Dr. Kenneth R. Erff, vice president and treasurer of Duquesne University, in the cover story article for Stone Magazine. “This fact is primarily attributable to the use of limestone for the exterior walls. The six-floor structure is predicated on traditional classic lines whose absolute simplicity is accentuated by contemporary fenestrations, which bridges the gap between the ultra-modern Duquesne Union Building on one side and the Music School Building on the other.”

Duquesne received high marks from the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, which considered the re-construction of College Hall, as well as that of the School of Music, to be an outstanding example of how existing buildings can be effectively rehabilitated.

Taking a Shine to St. Martin’s Hall

Contractors started power washing the exterior of St. Martin’s Hall on May 12 and will clean the outside of the 14-floor building before new windows are installed. During the school year, the residence hall houses approximately 510 freshman students.

Former Steeler to Share Success Secrets

Former Pittsburgh Steeler Dwight White will be on campus Friday, July 11, from 2:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. to address students in the Gussin Spiritan Division of Academic Programs.

White, a senior managing director of public finance at Mesirow Financial in Pittsburgh, will share his success secrets from on and off the football field. Drafted in 1971 by the Steelers after an outstanding career at East Texas State University, White was a member of the famed Steel Curtain of the 1970s, playing alongside “Mean” Joe Greene, L.C. Greenwood and Ernie Holmes.

The Spiritan Division provides programs and services designed to ensure the success of the students who are accepted to Duquesne University as part of the division.
Pharmacy Students Prescribe Better Adherence

By Kimberly Saunders

A growing drug crisis in the United States has nothing to do with alcohol or substance use and abuse, and could be affecting your loved ones. This drug crisis concerns the issue of medication adherence—taking the right dose of a prescribed medication, at the right time, for as long as the doctor orders.

If you’ve ever forgotten your dosing schedule or decided to quit taking your prescription because you felt better—or worse—after several days, you’re one of the more than 50 percent of Americans who do not take their medicines exactly as prescribed.

National research studies have revealed numerous reasons that patients don’t take their medication as prescribed, ranging from simple forgetfulness to deliberate disregard because of complex medication management regimens, fear of side effects and concerns about costs. However, taking prescription medicines incorrectly—or not taking them at all—not only limits the value of the medication, but can be dangerous.

“It’s the number one problem in treating illness today,” said Dr. Monica Skomo, assistant professor of pharmacy practice. “Nearly 25 percent of all nursing home admissions and 10 percent of hospital admissions are the result of patients failing to take prescription medications correctly. What’s more, approximately 125,000 Americans with treatable disorders die each year because of medication non-adherence.”

To increase awareness of this public health issue, Skomo and seven fifth-year students from the Mylan School of Pharmacy are participating in a pilot study sponsored by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA). The PPA believes pharmacists can play a valuable role in improving medication adherence and challenged all pharmacy schools in the state to develop a medication adherence project.

The Duquesne cohort took a multi-faceted, hands-on approach to improve patient compliance and health outcomes.

“The students developed a consumer brochure detailing what medication adherence is and why it is important, as well as a brief survey instrument asking pharmacy customers to evaluate their own habits with regard to taking prescription medications,” explained Skomo.

The two-part survey included a commonly used adherence screening tool, the Morisky scale, that is composed of four yes/no questions about past medication use patterns, as well as a checklist of attitudes and behaviors relating to medication adherence. The students distributed the brochure and personally conducted surveys of 154 pharmacy customers over a four-week period.

The survey revealed that a significant number of respondents indicated some degree of medication non-adherence:

• 52 percent indicated they stop taking their medication if the medication makes them feel worse
• 48 percent indicated forgetting to take their medication
• 29 percent indicated they stop taking their medication when they feel better.

The top three reasons the local respondents cited for medication non-adherence included the following:

• 26 percent sometimes do not take their medications due to adverse effects
• 23 percent indicated they do not feel that their medication is helping them
• 21 percent indicated they do not communicate well with their doctor.

“We found that administering the survey, as well as distributing and discussing the pamphlet, really opened up the lines of communication between patients and our pharmacy students,” Skomo said. “Patients were much more likely to discuss their personal challenges to medication adherence. In turn, our students and the pharmacists had the opportunity to address these challenges and make a positive impact.”

The students will report their findings to the PPA and present their project at the PPA annual meeting in September. In the future, the school would like to replicate this project on a larger scale and gather additional data.

“Being involved in a project locally that tackles a national issue is good for their personal and professional development,” Skomo said. “The hope is that they see what they are doing really can impact people in a positive way. That will be very beneficial to them and the patients they serve.”

Cross-country Trip Fosters New Horizons for JMA Students, Faculty

By Carolina Pais-Barreto Beyers

Despite a lifelong challenge presented by spinal muscular atrophy, Duquesne graduate assistant Nick Sinagra will join a cross-country road trip with other University students and faculty to document success stories of volunteerism and preservation efforts in national parks, wildlife refuges and Native American Indian reservations.

As students applied to receive a role in this documentary trip, Sinagra was enthusiastic, but did not consider participating a possibility for him; Sinagra relies on a ventilator-equipped, custom-made wheelchair and needs 24-hour support from an aide. However, knowing about the student’s remarkable accomplishments in light of his challenges, James Vota, journalism and multimedia arts instructor and initiator of the trip, made extensive arrangements so that Sinagra not only could participate but could also document his unique perspective as a person with disabilities.

On May 20, the 13-member crew left Pittsburgh to travel through 22 states in 35 days, driving mostly on back roads. “Some of these students have never left Western Pennsylvania, and I want them to be exposed to facets of the American character that they do not know,” Vota explained.

With a two-fold objective of promoting the conservation of natural landscapes and motivating students with disabilities to pursue life to the fullest, the group will produce a documentary DVD based on their observations and personal experiences. Vota challenged participants to develop individual portfolio builders such as photography books, blogs and journalistic chronicles.

“As these students prepare to launch their careers in such a competitive industry, this trip will provide them with portfolio-building opportunities and a unique array of material,” Vota said.

Frequent updates and photos of their journey will be posted at www.jma.duq.edu/alt/v2/gallery.asp.

JMA Gets New TV Studio This Fall

By Rose Ravaio

Students in the Department of Journalism and Multimedia Arts will have the opportunity to get the feel of working in an actual studio when the doors open to The Caulfield Family Digital Broadcast Studio.

Located on the first floor of College Hall, the Caulfield Studio was established through a $100,000 gift through the Caulfield Family Fund of the Community Foundation of New Jersey. It is slated to open for fall classes. “The gift was given to provide broadcast space to students of journalism and multimedia arts to gain more extensive exposure in front of the camera as well as behind the scenes,” said Jim Miller, associate vice president for development.

The new studio will greatly benefit the department and the University, said Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of multimedia arts. “The studio will provide video production services that support the teaching, research and service mission of the University,” Woytek said. “In the studio, students practice live productions in the form of interviews, narratives, instructional programs and news reports.”
Summertime Jazz with Soul

By Richard Tourtellott

This year, Our Bluff’s annual outdoor evening of jazz guitar will add some soul to the mix.

The lineup of performers includes Jimmy Bruno, a nationally acclaimed jazz guitarist; B.E. Taylor, the versatile Pittsburgh rocker; and bassist Bob Babbitt, a legendary Motown studio musician. The event, dubbed Summertime Jazz with Soul, will be held on Academic Walk at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23.

Guitarists Joe Negri and Mark Koch, and bassist Brian Stahurski, members of the Mary Pappert School of Music guitar faculty, also will perform, as will trombonist Ed Kocher, music school dean. Joining them on stage will be saxophonist Johnny “Smooth” Sabre, keyboardist John Munroe, drummer Billy Kuhn, percussionist George Jones and guitarist John Maione, a former student of Negri’s. During the concert, Taylor, a stalwart of the local music scene, will receive a Pittsburgh Legends Award, which is given annually to the region’s most influential musicians by the guitar department of the Mary Pappert School of Music. In addition, the guitar department will present Babbitt with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Babbitt, who grew up in Pittsburgh, headed for Detroit in the mid-1960s.

The city was then the home of the famous Motown recording label, whose signature sound blended gospel and rhythm and blues music styles. Babbitt’s bass playing can be heard on more than 200 top 40 hits, among them such classic Motown tunes as Marvin Gaye’s Mercy Mercy Me, Stevie Wonder’s Signed, Sealed, Delivered, Smokey Robinson’s Tears of a Clown and others.

A much-in-demand musician for recording gigs at studios in Philadelphia, New York and Nashville, over the years Babbitt has played for a diverse group of performers including Jim Croce, Jimi Hendrix, Alice Cooper, Aretha Franklin, Elton John, Barry Manilow and Engelbert Humperdinck.

Tickets for the event are $20 and include beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres.

For information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, 412.396.6209 or alumnirelations@duq.edu.

Health Care Leader Delivers Pharmacy Commencement Speech

By Kimberly Saunders

Alumnus Thomas J. Strauss, P’75, Pharm.D ’78, delivered the keynote address at Commencement exercises for more than 150 graduates of the Mylan School of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences on May 17 in the A.J. Palumbo Center.

Strauss is president and chief executive officer of Summa Health System, the largest health care delivery system in Summit County, Ohio. He leads the strategic direction of the 1,800-bed health system, which includes six hospitals, four community health centers and the Summa Foundation.

Before joining Summa in 1999, Strauss was the president of Meridia Health Services in Cleveland, which later merged with Cleveland Clinic Health System. Strauss also has experience in private industry and held several executive positions with the Baxter Health Corp., formerly American Hospital Supply Corp., prior to his tenure at Meridia. A pharmacist by trade, Strauss was the assistant director of patient care modules at Allegheny General Hospital before joining Baxter in 1983.

A committed community member, Strauss is a member of the Akron Regional Hospital Association, the Greater Akron Chamber, the Cleveland Health Network, Akron Tomorrow, Ohio Hospital Association’s CEO Committee on Advocacy and Policy, and United Way of Summit County.

A baccalaureate Mass in the Chapel preceded the ceremony, and Provost Ralph Pearson conferred the degrees.

Business Managers Discuss Audit, Diversity and EAP

By Alison Conte

Duquesne’s past 24 years of compliance with Internal Revenue Service audits was the topic of discussion at the April 17 Business Managers’ Council meeting. University Controller Russ Grunebach reported that widespread, strict compliance with University’s policies helped create “one of the cleanest reviews that our examiner had ever done. It shows there are reasons why we have these processes.”

Marla Bradford, senior employment recruiter, presented Hiring for Diversity, which is designed to lead to more women and minority candidates into recruitment pools. She introduced Hazel Watson, one of two development interns rotating through different departments to gain experience through a diversity initiation. Another program could increase diversity among faculty through temporary, three-year transitional positions.

Nancy Bruce, assistant director, support services, asked everyone to apply for new Blackboard reader copier cards by Friday, June 6. After that date, old cards and ID cards will not work in the copy centers in the Administration Building and College Hall.

Bev Brem of Lytle Employee Assistance Program described the services that the EAP provides to help Duquesne employees become better managers, gain supervisory skills and improve communications. She encouraged managers to examine the Working Smarter section of www.lytleeappartners.com.

Business managers were also reminded that:

• Two administrative policies have been updated. TAP 4 now clarifies employment procedures regarding 9-month appointments. TAP 10 now explains which former employees are eligible for rehire.

• Anyone investigating building security system upgrades should coordinate their efforts through public safety.

• Any contracts that commit the University to financial obligations must be reviewed by the vice president of management and business. The Business Managers’ meetings will resume in September.

Dick Thornburgh to Speak at Law School Commencement

Former U.S. Attorney General and Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh will give the Commencement address for graduates of the Duquesne University School of Law on Sunday, June 1.

The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the A.J. Palumbo Center.

This year, 154 students will graduate, with two receiving the LLM distinction, Masters of Legal Letters for Foreign Attorneys.

Thornburgh served as governor of Pennsylvania from 1979-98. In one of the biggest events of his gubernatorial career, Thornburgh oversaw emergency response to the partial meltdown at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Harrisburg in 1979. President Ronald Reagan appointed Thornburgh as U.S. Attorney General, a position he retained for three years, serving during the Reagan and George H.W. Bush presidencies.

Summer Blood Drive Set for June 11

The summer blood drive, banking on the generous spirit of Duquesne faculty and staff, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, in the Duquesne Room of the Union.

Faculty and staff may sign up for a designated time to donate on Central Blood Bank’s Brighten Life Program Web site at www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code CU (not DU) 090009. A confirmation e-mail and reminder e-mail will be forwarded to those who schedule online.

Alternate sign-ups are available through department recruiters or by contacting Carol Negley at negley@duq.edu to register for a donation time. Appointments are taken every quarter hour. Donors are advised to eat before their appointments and drink plenty of fluids afterward.

The Brighten Life Program also offers a secure site where an individual’s personal record of past donations can be accessed, permitting an opportunity to become a Brighten Life partner by donating two, three or four times a year. Donors can accumulate and redeem points earned each time they make donations.
Darwin Anniversaries Spur Celebration

By Emily Goosen

A year-long celebration recognizing the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the seminal publication *Origin of the Species* is being coordinated by Dr. David Lampe and Dr. John Pollock from the Department of Biological Sciences in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

The first major event, the launching of a Synthetic Darwin Interview display on Tuesday, July 1, coincides with the 150th anniversary of the first public airing of *The Origin of Species*.

The technology was developed at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), and the Duquesne-CMU lead team also will develop innovative Web-based interviews and physical installations using this technology.

Lampe and Dr. John Pollock are spearheading a partnership with several Pittsburgh non-profits to celebrate the upcoming anniversaries in 2009, planning to produce activities, displays, teaching resources and Act 48 programs for the coming year.

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/darwin2009.
by Rose Ravasio

Ohio Valley General Hospital has joined the Academic Partners Program of the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy, becoming the latest member of this unique network of regional hospitals, health systems and health care providers that is collaborating with the pharmacy school.

The program’s mission is to enhance pharmacy practice at each member site, improving patient care and advancing clinical research. To date, 10 regional hospitals are partners in this program, which also provides educational and practice opportunities for Duquesne University faculty and student pharmacists.

This formal collaboration between an academic institution and pharmacy health care providers is the first of its kind in Pittsburgh, according to Dr. Thomas J. Mattei, associate dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy.

“Through the Academic Partners Program, Duquesne University can facilitate the process for our Partners to access the most up-to-date information and pharmaceutical resources to enhance patient care,” explained Dr. Thomas J. Mattei, associate dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy. “The available services range from direct access to clinical specialists and research scientists to technological resources such as software for medical therapy management and drug utilization.”

The network members also can share information with each other about best practices and strategies to enhance health and economic outcomes.

Dr. Nicole Taglavia and Dr. Holly Lassila, faculty members of the Mylan School of Pharmacy, began their practice at Ohio Valley General Hospital on May 1.

Taglavia, in collaboration with Dr. Tony Baroni, a physician hospitalist at Ohio Valley General Hospital, will provide medication therapy management, drug information, patient education and other clinical pharmacy services to the hospital patients. In addition, Taglavia will work with the medical staff and administration to develop wellness, disease prevention and disease management services for hospital employees and the community.

Lassila will team with Ohio Valley Pain Treatment Center Director Dr. David Provenzano to provide a multidisciplinary approach to chronic pain treatment to the center’s outpatients. In addition, the two will collaborate on clinical research projects and health outcome studies.

“We are very excited to partner with the Mylan School of Pharmacy at Duquesne University,” Provenzano said. “I believe it will be truly a symbiotic relationship which will result in the advancements in clinical care, in education of students and in superb clinical research. I have been impressed with the academic talent and enthusiasm of the professors and administration at the Mylan School of Pharmacy, and we are looking forward to working with them. I think in a few years we will look back and see how special this relationship has been for Ohio Valley General Hospital and Duquesne University.”

Ohio Valley Hospital and Pain Treatment Center also will serve as primary training sites for Duquesne’s student pharmacists.

To date, Duquesne University has established partnerships in Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Butler, Greensburg, Beaver, New Castle, Sewickley, and Steelenburg and Youngstown, Ohio. Members of the Academic Partners Program can utilize the resources and expertise of Duquesne University and other member institutions. Through these collaborative relationships, the program plans to achieve the following objectives:

- Provide an opportunity for shared health outcomes and other types of clinical research;
- Provide wellness and disease prevention and disease management programs;
- Develop a regional hospital pharmacy network to facilitate efficient/effective collaborative use of pharmacy resources to benefit research initiatives, patient outcomes and staff development programs;
- Develop a network of pharmacy care to facilitate the transition of patients between different levels of care and health care providers.

By Kimberly Saunders

Ohio Valley Hospital Pharmacy Care

### New Book Hit Homerun in Examining Impact Of Television on Baseball, Deflating Nostalgia

By Rose Ravasio

The new book, *Center Field Shot: A History of Baseball on Television*, co-authored by Associate Professor Rob Bellamy steals a look at the impact of television on baseball and smashes some of the lingering myths about the “good old days” of the game. “This is the first book that concentrates on the relationship of our historical national pastime and the most important medium ever developed,” said Bellamy, who teaches in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

In its description of *Center Field Shot*, publisher Bison Books writes “The new medium of television exposed baseball to a genuinely national audience; altered the financial picture for teams, owners, and players; and changed the way Americans followed the game. *Center Field Shot* explores these changes—all even more prominent in the first few years of the twenty-first century—and makes sense of their meaning for America’s pastime.”

One of baseball’s charms and also one of its negatives, said Bellamy, is the myth of nostalgia, the belief that everything was better in the good old days. “For too long, television has been perceived by many as somehow ‘bad for the game,’” said Bellamy. “One thing Jim and I wanted to do was to address this myth and present the first full historical account of how television has shaped both our understanding of baseball and the economic structure of the baseball business.”

The inspiration for *Center Field Shot* was born from a paper Bellamy penned more than 20 years ago, titled *The Impact of Television on the Structure of Major League Baseball*, which was eventually published in a revised form in the *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*. Bellamy said the idea further evolved into book chapters, more articles and the development of courses in sports and media.

“I loved it as I feel that both media and sports are only now getting their due as a site for important academic research and I was honored to be at or near the beginning of this movement in media studies and mass communication,” said Bellamy. Bellamy co-authored the book with longtime friend, Dr. James R. Walker, professor of mass communication at Saint Xavier University, whom he first met in 1980 as a doctoral student at the University of Iowa. The two are also the co-authors of the books *The Remote Control in the New Age of Television* and *Grazing on a Vast Wasteland*. “Both Jim and I have always had a strong interest in baseball as well as media studies. In some ways, this book is a natural progression of that mutual interest and our friendship and writing/research collaborations over the almost 28 years we have known one another,” explained Bellamy.

In 1991, Bellamy was appointed to the editorial board for then-new journal *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture*. “It was through the pages of *NINE* that Jim and I started the collaboration that led to *Center Field Shot*,” he said. “The earliest drafts of some of our chapters first appeared as articles.”

Bellamy’s book has already received positive reviews. Lawrence A. Wenner, editor of *MediaSport and Media, Sports and Society*, wrote, “*Center Field Shot* not only pitches a complete game but goes extra innings to assess what it will take for baseball to succeed in the new media environment.”

*Center Field Shot* will be available on June 1.
A Rare Opportunity: DU Students Document Visit of Pope Benedict

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Students from Duquesne University comprised the only college TV crew to receive the coveted credentials to document Pope Benedict XVI’s U.S. visit in April. A spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Washington said 3,700 requests for media credentials had been received from around the world. Of these, 600 were granted—and Duquesne’s was the sole college TV crew among them.

The 12 crew members are students in a documentary production class taught by Mike Clark, WTAE-TV anchor and adjunct journalism professor, who also covered the Pope’s visit for his station. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor of multimedia arts, co-taught the class and provided on-site guidance, traveling with the two teams of students. One team covered the Pope’s visit in Washington from April 15-18, and the other headed to New York City to capture the Pope’s stay there from April 18-20.

“It’s an extraordinary moment in history to capture,” said Clark, who previously had covered the travels of Pope John Paul II. “I look on this as a golden opportunity because of Duquesne University’s mission and identity.” Woytek agreed. “Being the only college TV crew credentialed is something that puts a lot of pressure on the students but also shows the power of the Holy Spirit working with our Duquesne students,” he said. “This, for me, is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience alongside our students the things we teach here in journalism and media arts and how they relate to today’s media.”

Students were extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to work side-by-side with professional journalists at such a major international news event. “The entire world will be watching this trip,” said Derek Evan, a senior from West Mifflin, before the event. “And I will be in the heart of it, helping to tell its story.”

Besides documenting the event, the students also had the opportunity to report for local broadcast and print media and were themselves the subject of national and local media attention because of their unique status.

When completed, their documentary will air on the class Web site, www.duqtv.duq.edu, but Clark doesn’t expect that to be the end of the documentary. “This was a purely academic undertaking but I have big dreams that it will be destined for larger audiences that would appreciate it,” Clark said.

Turucy Inducted into Hall of Fame

Dr. Paula Sammarone Turucy, chair of the Athletic Training Department, will be one of three honorees inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame on May 31 as part of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society annual symposium. She will become the only woman in the state to be recognized with this honor.

Turucy, founding program director for the athletic training education program at Duquesne and holder of the Anna L. Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair for Health Sciences and Ethics, is being recognized in her first year of eligibility. The criteria for consideration for this recognition, in order of consideration, includes: nationally certified athletic trainer for at least 25 years, at least 15 years of work or service in Pennsylvania, significant contributions to the field of athletic training in Pennsylvania, athletic training activities, such as presentations, professional committees, research/education accomplishments, honors/awards, and involvement in citizenship activities that are not athletic training related.

Legal Writing, O.T. Programs Ranked Among the Best

By Rose Ravasio

The School of Law’s Legal Research and Writing program and the Rangos School’s Occupational Therapy (O.T.) program were recently ranked among the best in U.S. News and World Report’s 2008 rankings for America’s Best Graduate Schools.

Duquesne’s Legal Research and Writing program, which was ranked No. 30, was listed ahead of nearly 160 other law schools. This is the first time the School of Law has been listed in any of the specialty rankings category. The Legal Writing specialty ranking, begun by U.S. News in 2006, is voted on by legal writing directors throughout the country, reflecting the opinion of those with specialized knowledge of the field based on information available at the start of the 2007-08 academic year.

The O.T. program was ranked No. 24 out of 75 programs across the nation accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association. This ranking is part of the health rankings in U.S. News and World Report and is based on the results of peer assessment surveys sent to deans, other administrators and/or faculty at accredited degree programs.

Hungarian Identity Explored

By Rose Ravasio

Hungarian Identity in an Intercultural World was explored during the 33rd annual conference of the American Hungarian Educator’s Association (AHEA) from May 8 to May 10 at Duquesne University’s Bayer Learning Center.

The three-day conference provided an opportunity to learn more about Hungarian studies and heritage through addresses and discussion groups. The keynote address, Hungarian in the Forced Labor Camps of the Gulag, was presented by Dr. Steven Bela Vardy, McAnulty Distinguished Professor of History at Duquesne.

Other highlights included World War II and the Holocaust in Hungary, a lecture by Le Banos, a secret agent in the Hungarian resistance; the screening of the film Brady’s Escape, about an American pilot shot down over Nazi occupied Hungary, as well as sessions covering topics such as the Holocaust, literary and cultural studies; education in the U.S. and Hungary; post-war history; and dance and music.
Scenes from a Commencement

Proud parents and beaming graduates form the cornerstone of any Commencement ceremony, and the May 2 event at Duquesne proved no exception. The afternoon was filled with the pageantry of hooded and robed faculty members and administrators marching in a salute to graduates, who formed a sea of royal blue as they assembled in their robes at the A.J. Palumbo Center. Hundreds of cameras caught images of the smiles and poignant moments that shaped this day into a treasured memory.

Congratulations, Class of 2008!

Dean Welch Named to Pittsburgh Promise Board

Dr. Olga Welch, dean of the School of Education, has been elected to serve on a seven-member board of directors for The Pittsburgh Promise scholarship fund. The fund was created for students and families of Pittsburgh Public Schools to help them plan, prepare and pay for their education post-high school.

The board, elected by directors of the Pittsburgh Foundation, will provide financial and administrative oversight for scholarship fund and help lead a community-wide fundraising campaign. The fund was established through a $100 million commitment from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center including an initial $10 million to mobilize The Pittsburgh Promise in time to support 2008 graduates of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Last 2007-08 Times Issue

Publication of The Duquesne University Times will be suspended in June and July, and will resume with the back-to-school issue.

DU Hosts Murrin Tribute

By Richard Tourtellott

A celebration honoring Thomas J. Murrin, the former Distinguished Service Professor and dean of the School of Business, was held May 22. The event, A Tribute to Thomas J. Murrin, included a special Mass in the Duquesne Chapel followed by dinner in the Power Center.

Murrin, an accomplished and admired executive, public servant and educator for nearly six decades, taught a popular graduate business course. He was dean of the business school from 1991–2000 in addition to serving from 2000–2006 as Distinguished Service Professor.

Before coming to Duquesne, Murrin spent 36 years with Westinghouse, retiring as president of the highly regarded Energy and Advanced Technology Group in 1987.

After his Westinghouse career, Murrin served on advisory committees in the U.S. Departments of Defense and Commerce and was deputy secretary of commerce under President George H. W. Bush. He has served on numerous boards of directors, locally and elsewhere, including those of Duquesne Light, Mercy Hospital, United Way and Motorola.

Murrin was chairman of the Duquesne University Board of Trustees and Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors of Fordham University, his alma mater, where he played football under legendary coach Vince Lombardi. Over the years he received many awards, including the Car Unum Award from Duquesne, and has been recognized as one of the founders of Carnegie Mellon University’s prestigious Robotics Institute.