Duquesne University Board Extends President’s Contract Through 2016

The Duquesne University Board of Directors unanimously voted to extend President Charles J. Dougherty's contract through 2016 at the annual October meeting. The Oct. 10 decision comes on the heels of the successful completion of the University's first strategic plan, a five-year initiative that Dougherty spearheaded shortly after his appointment, and the public announcement of a $150 million capital campaign—the largest in Duquesne's history. “The Board of Directors is pleased with the growth at Duquesne under the leadership and vision of President Charles Dougherty,” said Board Chairman P. David Pappert.

Duquesne’s ‘Advancing Our Legacy’ Passes $84 Million

On Oct. 10, officials announced that Duquesne University has raised more than $84 million in a $150 million campaign that will focus on growing endowment funds for need-based aid, as well as improving academic programs and enhancing student life.

“Increasing funding for need-based scholarship aid will be among the highest priorities of this campaign—and this University—from this day forward,” President Charles J. Dougherty said. “There is nothing more central to advancing the mission, values and Spiritan character of Duquesne University than providing access to all deserving students.”

Progress of the ongoing Advancing Our Legacy campaign, which began in fiscal year 2004 and will continue through 2012, was reported by Joseph C. Guyaux, campaign steering committee chair and member of the Board of Directors, at the Duquesne Society dinner.

“This campaign is unprecedented in University history in the breadth and depth of its outreach, and the response has been unparalleled as well,” Guyaux said.

He cited several key indicators of success:
- More than 47,831 donors have supported Advancing Our Legacy, as of Sept. 30; 18,903 were first-time contributors.
- This campaign has yielded 23 gifts from individuals of $500,000 or more to date, while only eight such commitments previously had been made in University history.
- Similarly, 15 gifts from individuals of $1 million or more have been received in this campaign, while only six gifts of this magnitude were made prior to 2004.
- Corporations and foundations have made gifts totaling $21.6 million—including the second-largest foundation gift in University history, $2 million from the R.K. Mellon Foundation.
- Faculty and staff have made gifts totaling $1.6 million, underscoring a deep commitment to the University’s mission.
- Dougherty said that increased funding for need-based aid, in an initiative named The Legacy Fund, is critical to sustaining Duquesne’s recent success in attracting and retaining a diverse pool of exceptional students. “By making finances less of a concern, students and families can make decisions based on our many other assets.”

As one of the campaign’s priorities, this area is earmarked for $50 million.

At the same time, larger endowments for scholarships will allow a greater share of University operating revenue to be applied to the other key priorities of academics and student life, such as Spiritan Campus Ministry, personal counseling, career advisement, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and service-learning and volunteer opportunities.

“We will continue to pursue funding to enhance our existing academic programs and to support new academic initiatives that prepare students for successful lives and careers,” said John P. Plante, vice president for University Advancement. Approximately $70 million of the campaign will be targeted to academic excellence efforts, with another $30 million to be used to enhance student life initiatives.

For instance, the creation of the Edward V. Fritzky Endowed Chair in Biotechnology Leadership leverages Duquesne’s assets in the sciences with the strengths of the University’s other schools to develop innovative interdisciplinary programs in the burgeoning biotechnology field. The endowed chair was established by a $1.5 million gift from 1972 graduate Edward V. Fritzky. Ranked by Forbes as “Best Boss in America” in 2002, Fritzky rose from pharmaceutical sales to the top office at the biotechnology firm Immunex and spearheaded the merger of Immunex and Amgen—one of the largest corporate marriages in American history. He told Duquesne Society members that the campaign’s emphasis on building a stronger future from Duquesne’s unique history as “the boot-strap university” helped to motivate his gift.

“Campaigns, by themselves, don’t motivate philanthropy. They only create a temporary sense of urgency,” Dougherty said. “But properly nurtured, our legacy will never end. It will only become ever more valuable to its heirs.

“We thank those who have participated thus far, and invite everyone who cares about Duquesne and what we stand for to add their generous support,” Dougherty concluded.

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Dr. Ma. Christina A. Astorga, director of the Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought ... on the Center

Q: What is Catholic social thought?
A: Catholic social thought is the long and rich tradition of the teaching of the Catholic Church over more than a century on questions of peace, justice and human rights. At the core of Catholic social thought is “faith that does justice” at the “crossroads where Christian life and conscience come in contact with the real world,” to quote the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. In its social teaching, the Church puts itself on the side of the poor, in defense of their rights; and calls for changes in society. Social issues of peace, justice and human rights are not marginal or secondary but are constitutive of the mission of the Church.

Q: Why is it important for a university like Duquesne to have a center in this area?
A: The Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought represents Duquesne’s public and institutional commitment to what it is and what it stands for as a Catholic university. In the words of Dr. Ralph Pearson, provost, “By establishing this center, Duquesne has positioned itself to take a lead in the regional and national arenas, bringing social justice issues to the forefront of policy and scholarship, with the hopes of gaining benefits for marginalized people.”

Q: What kinds of work does the center do?
A: The center, which is in its second year, envisions its work as directed by three strategic goals:
• Integrating the center into the thought and life of the University by reaching into its very heart, affecting administration, faculty, staff and students.
• Sponsoring the Palouse Lecture Series, which features the completed research work of the recipients of the Palouse Mission-Related Research Awards given in support of the mission of the center in fostering the study of social issues consistent with the ethos of Catholic social thought from various perspectives of academic expertise.
• Building resources for research and scholarship.

Q: What is your background?
A: I was the first layperson and female chair of the theology department of the Ateneo de Manila—Loyola Schools, the Jesuit university in the Philippines, where I completed my doctoral degree. I did post-doctoral studies as a visiting scholar at Weston Jesuit School of Theology and was a visiting fellow at the Jesuit Institute of Boston College and also at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University. I spent one year each at the University of San Diego and Canisius College as a visiting professor.

Q: What do you envision for the center?
A: At the core of its scholarship and service, I envision the center as giving a voice to the voiceless, the poor, the weak and vulnerable, the many who lie in the margins. I see it as expanding the role of Duquesne University as a public forum for social issues, both national and global.

Q: How does Catholic social thought fit with the Spiritan mission and identity?
A: Throughout the centuries, the Catholic church has put its full institutional weight on the side of the poor and the powerless in the struggle against poverty, injustice and oppression in society. This is at the core of Catholic social thought and is the universal mission of the Church for the poor and powerless. This is in fidelity to the original spirit of the Spiritan founders and the living tradition of the Congregation, which mandates the Spiritans to make themselves “the advocates, supporters and the defenders of the weak and the little ones against all who oppress them” (Spiritan Rule of Life of 1840).

Q: How can people find out more about the center?
A: They can find out more about the Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought online at www.duq.edu/csct.
Bettis Foundation Honors Duquesne’s President as Humanitarian of the Year

President Charles J. Dougherty has received the 2008 Jerome Bettis Humanitarian of the Year Award.

This award, presented on Oct. 9 at the East Club at Heinz Field, was the highlight of the Jerome Bettis’ The Bus Stops Here Foundation’s Jazz With Jerome For The Kids event, which will benefit the foundation’s work in Pittsburgh.

Dougherty was chosen for the award because of his work to establish a partnership between The Bus Stops Here Foundation and Duquesne University. Last year, the partnership immersed 38 inner city middle-school students in an eight-week program at Duquesne, where they received instruction in technology and assembling computers. The students created their own digital stories and, upon successful completion of the program, received a free computer through the foundation. Besides helping to shrink the digital divide, the program builds two skills sets—both using and assembling computers—as Bettis noted at the ceremony marking the end of the first session last year.

The Cyber Bus Computer Engineering Program continues at Duquesne this year, with 25 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders enrolled in a session beginning on Oct. 25.

In presenting the award to Dr. Dougherty, the Bettis Foundation applauded Dougherty’s involvement in the Pittsburgh community and the strategic plan and ambitious vision statement that Dougherty initiated when he arrived at Duquesne in 2001: “Duquesne University will enter the first ranks of American Catholic higher education by emphasizing our Spiritan identity and mission, enhancing the quality of our students’ experience and developing our national reputation for academic excellence.”

School of Nursing Earns National Center of Excellence Designation

By Richard Tourtellott

One of the nation’s foremost organizations for promoting nursing education, the National League for Nursing (NLN), recently designated the Duquesne University School of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, making it one of only three nursing schools in Pennsylvania with the title.

The School earned the designation, according to the NLN’s formal citation, for “creating environments that promote student learning and professional development.”

“At the School of Nursing, we do not distinguish between student learning and professional development,” Nursing Dean Eileen Zungolo pointed out.

“We tie the two together so that our commitment to student learning is evidenced by our commitment to faculty development and vice versa.”

Zungolo said that the Center of Excellence designation reflects well on the entire School of Nursing—undergraduate, master’s and doctoral programs, the facilities, the faculty and the quality of instruction—and it is awarded for a record of sustained excellence rather than for isolated or recent accomplishments.

In the citation, the NLN lauds the School of Nursing’s innovative undergraduate curriculum design. Duquesne’s was the first nursing school in the nation to develop a curriculum based on the framework of the synergy model, a conceptual approach to nursing practice developed by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

The synergy model holds that nurses must not only deliver care to their patients, but to be effective, nurses must serve and support their colleagues and the health care system itself. In addition to being the unifying principle for the curriculum, the synergy model complements the University Mission, inspiring faculty and students to form partnerships with health care facilities and neighborhood groups throughout the city, collaborations that provide peerless learning opportunities along with health care assistance for Pittsburgh’s elderly and underserved populations.

The citation also calls the School of Nursing a pioneer of distance education. In 1997, the school launched the nation’s first fully online Ph.D. in nursing program, which, according to Zungolo, is an exemplar of the way the nursing school unifies a commitment to innovation as well as quality.

“At that time, both the technology and the concept of distance education were crude, to say the least, and institutionally there was not the kind of support that we have in place now for online learning,” said Zungolo of the Ph.D. program launch.

“When the faculty made the decision to move to a completely online Ph.D. program, it really was a pioneering step.”

The NLN citation praises the Nursing School’s efforts to document how online graduate students are able to form a cohesive educational community, one in which academic rigor in no way is diminished by geographic diversity, age differences or variations in learning styles.

Today, all of its graduate programs are delivered exclusively online, and this semester the school began offering a second online doctoral track, a D.N.P. (Doctor of Nursing Practice) program, an advanced practice degree as distinguished from the Ph.D. program with its research focus.

The NLN developed the Center of Excellence in Nursing Education designation five years ago in order to showcase model programs, enhance the quality of nursing education and underscore the value of a career as a nurse educator, in the long run, Zungolo explained, ultimately to improve the quality of the nursing profession.

The School of Nursing is entitled to call itself an NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for a three-year term, at the end of which time it can reapply for the designation.

For more information about the NLN and the Center of Excellence in Nursing Education designation, visit www.nln.org.
By Randy Cole
Christine Todd Whitman, 50th governor of New Jersey and former head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will deliver the keynote address at a Thursday, Nov. 20, symposium hosted by the Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics. The full-day event, Sustainable Business: Capitalizing on Opportunities, is the second annual Beard Symposium on Sustainability series hosted by the center, and is slated to take place at the Downtown Westin.

Whitman will address Governing for Sustainable Development, sharing her perspectives on sustainability related to emerging regulatory issues and connecting the public sector with the business community. She will also comment on post-election expectations from a new administration.

"With this symposium, we're making the business case for sustainability," said Dr. Virginia Gerde, director of the Beard Center. "At the Palumbo Donahue Schools of Business, we approach sustainability as a responsible use of resources in promoting business and economic development."

The day's events will walk attendees through key areas in sustainability, including vision, strategy and implementation. Dan Esty, director, Center for Business & the Environment at Yale; co-author Green to Gold, will open the day with a vision for a sustainable future and will discuss reducing costs and building organizational reputation and revenue.

A morning CEO forum featuring chief executives from three Fortune 500 companies and an internationally renowned health care system—Greg Babe, president and chief executive officer (CEO), Bayer Corp.; Todd M. Bluedorn, CEO, Lennox International; Joseph C. Guyaux, president, executive officer (CEO), Bayer Corp.; and Diane P. Holder, president (SVP) and managing director, Citizens Bank; and John T. Buckley, SVP and director of corporate social responsibility, Bank of New York Mellon; and Dr. Norbert Verweyen, vice president, RWE, Germany—will discuss implementing sustainability practices across the supply chain. The afternoon will conclude with tips on how to build a sustainability action plan from William R. Blackburn, president of William Blackburn Consulting and author of The Sustainability Handbook.

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 alumus Eugene P. Beard, who was an executive with the Interpublic Group of Companies, communications and marketing firms. The mission of the Beard Center is to promote moral integrity and behavior through ethics education and training to those who will or are encountering moral challenges in the business world.

For more information on the center and the events it sponsors throughout the year, visit www.business.duq.edu/beard.

Former EPA Head to Speak At Beard Sustainability Event

Pharmacy School Collaborates with Finnish Instrumentation Company

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
A collaboration to enhance the optical imaging and processes used in drug manufacturing has been established between Duquesne University’s Mylan School of Pharmacy and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland.

VTT, one of the world’s largest instrumentation developers, has been working with the Pharmacy School for several years. That collaboration has stepped up to the next level and become more formalized, with one of VTT’s senior research scientists working and living in the Pittsburgh area for six months.

"We are actively looking at opportunities to develop research programs together and seek funding from different sources to investigate projects together," said Dr. James Drennen, associate dean for graduate programs and research in the pharmacy school.

Through the partnership, Duquesne gains access to the instrumentation and electrical engineering skills that VTT is known for worldwide, as well as its contacts in the European pharmacy manufacturing market, Drennen said. In return, VTT, which designs instruments for a variety of industries, from forestry to steel, will benefit from tapping Duquesne expertise in drug manufacturing and processes, as well as DU’s significant contacts within the U.S. pharmaceutical industry.

"It provides a chance for multi-disciplinary approaches to processes and technologies, and we are able to combine both competencies in optical measurement technology and pharmaceutical manufacturing," said Janne Sulonen, technology manager of VTT’s optical instruments division, when he visited Duquesne in mid-September. "Our goal is to offer new solutions to pharmacy companies to improve the process, quality and cost-efficiency."

Juoko Malinen, the senior research scientist who will be staying in the Mars area, believes that being on-site provides hands-on benefits. "The fact that I am here helps us as instrumentation specialists to learn more about pharmaceutical applications," Malinen said. "There is not a lack of devices in today’s world, but it’s a matter of optimizing what is available."

Pulling information and ideas from the different disciplines may promote positive results for all involved, said Drennen, who is working on the project along with Carl A. Anderson, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences and cooperative research coordinator.

"Together," Drennen said, "I think there’s opportunity for this team to seek good access to European markets for research efforts."

Nursing Students Educate Inmates

A group of Duquesne University School of Nursing students visited the Allegheny County Jail on Oct. 17 to raise breast cancer awareness among its female population.

In cooperation with the jail and the American Cancer Society, 45 sophomore nursing majors met with 289 female inmates. Utilizing artificial breast models, the students taught the women how to do self-breast exams and educated them on how to access breast care such as the mammogram voucher program.

The inmates signed a large banner, provided by the students, featuring pink breast cancer awareness ribbons. The banner will be displayed at the Duquesne School of Nursing.

In addition, the women were asked to write letters to legislators to pass bills supporting funding for uninsured/under-insured women.
Video Pastoral Ministry Program Helps Wheeling-Charleston Diocese Students

By Rose Ravasio

Catholic pastoral ministers from the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese now have the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Duquesne University without ever leaving West Virginia.

When Wheeling Jesuit University closed its pastoral ministry program in 2007, the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese was faced with the issue of where to direct its parishioners seeking an education in pastoral ministry. After bringing their challenge to the attention of Dr. Maureen O’Brien, director of Duquesne’s pastoral ministry program in the Department of Theology, a win-win situation for all parties was established.

O’Brien, and Theology Chair Dr. George Worgul, with the support of the entire department, crafted a video-conference graduate program to address the needs of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese.

Fourteen students from that diocese are presently taking two courses this semester in the master’s program via video-conferencing from sites in Charleston, Morgantown and Priestfield.

“When the diocesan administrators were considering their options after Wheeling Jesuit withdrew, they were aware of Duquesne’s strong reputation in theology and pastoral studies, and so it seemed to be a very fortunate match for both parties,” explained O’Brien.

Phenomenology Showcased At Philosophy Conference

By Richard Tourtellott

Duquesne University and the philosophy department of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts had the honor of hosting the 47th annual conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Oct. 16 to 18.

The event, one of the largest gatherings of scholars interested in the philosophical traditions of phenomenology and existentialism, featured speakers Moisín Gatus of the University of Sydney, Australia, and Etienne Balibar, Professor Emeritus of the Université de Paris. President Charles J. Dougherty welcomed attendees in an address to the plenary session of the event, and the University hosted a reception for the group in the Power Center Ballroom.

This SPEP gathering, the second to be hosted by the University in the last 25 years, underscores Duquesne’s longstanding association with continental (European) philosophy, particularly phenomenology and existentialism.

That association began in the late 1950s, when a handful of European scholars trained in phenomenology and existentialism found a home at Duquesne. Foremost among them were two Dutch Spirituals, the Rev. Henk Koren, C.S.Sp., and the Rev. Adrian van Kaam, C.S.Sp., as well as another priest from the Netherlands, Fr. Andre Schuwer.

According to James Swindal, associate professor and chair of philosophy, the renown of these new faculty members transformed Duquesne into an “outpost in North America for the study of phenomenology,” a philosophical school of thought whose proponents, since its founding in the early years of the 20th century by the Austrian philosopher Edmund Husserl, were to be found almost exclusively at universities on the European continent.

To understand phenomenology, said Swindal, who served as the local organizer for the SPEP gathering, “‘Experience’ is the key word.”

Another way to explain it, Swindal claimed, is to say that a phenomenologist is a philosopher who attempts to answer the question, “What are the fundamental structures of human experience?”

According to Swindal, the philosophy and psychology departments at Duquesne have provided a hand-in-glove fit for the study of phenomenology because of the University’s Spiritan tradition. In the Spiritan worldview, the powerless and the poor—persons marginalized by society—are fully valued, and phenomenology, like the Spiritan ethos, offers a way to understand and appreciate the common experience of human beings.

Swindal pointed out that in the United States, most philosophers who study phenomenology do so at Catholic Universities. In fact, phenomenology was an important influence on the intellectual development and mature thought of the late pontiff, John Paul II.

At Duquesne, phenomenology has been a strength and tradition of the Departments of Philosophy and Psychology—as well as the Departments of Theology and Communication and Rhetorical Studies—for a half-century. Along with the focus of those departments on phenomenology, the University’s Gum- berg Library is home to the Silverman Phenomenology Center, which promotes the study of phenomenology, maintains an important collection of scholarly materials on the subject and hosts annual conferences.

University Welcomes City of Asylum Writer-in-Residence Horacio Castellanos Moya

By Richard Tourtellott

Horacio Castellanos Moya, the current City of Asylum/Pittsburgh writer-in-residence, will visit the Duquesne University campus on Monday, Oct. 27. A native of El Salvador, Castellanos Moya is the author of eight novels as well as volumes of short stories and essays.

Castellanos Moya will speak to students and faculty at an informal coffee hour at 3 p.m. in the foyer of the Power Center Ballroom. He will then deliver a 4:30 p.m. address in the Power Center Ballroom about his most recent novel Senselessness, which was published by New Directions in the spring. Both events are free and open to the public. A book signing will follow his address.

Castellanos Moya is the former editor in chief of Primera Plana, an independent Salvadoran newspaper that exposed links between the country’s political and military leaders and organized crime. In 1997, he began receiving anonymous threats after he published El Aco: Thomas Bernhard en San Salvador, a novel about the crimes of the ruling elite, including the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero.

He went into exile shortly thereafter, making his living as a journalist and editor, residing in Guatemala, Mexico, Spain, Germany and Switzerland. He was awarded a residency by Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and the Frankfurt International Book Fair, and he became a City of Asylum/Pittsburgh writer-in-residence in 2006.

City of Asylum/Pittsburgh provides writers whose personal safety is threatened in their homelands a safe place to live and work. Through their writer-in-residence program, City of Asylum provides writers who face imprisonment, torture or death in their native lands for their ideas not only with a place to live, but also with a stipend and help making the transition to finding a permanent home.

The Departments of English, History, Modern Languages and Political Science are jointly sponsoring Castellanos Moya’s visit to campus. For more information, call 412.396.6415.

Social Justice Panels on Display

The Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought is displaying poster panels in the Duquesne Union from its Sept. 10 conference, Priorities of Social Justice for Health Care Ethics, which was held in conjunction with Duquesne University’s Center for Spiritan Studies and the Vernon E. Gallagher Chair in the Center for Healthcare Ethics.

More than a dozen panels, produced by the Office of Public Affairs, feature poignant pictures from around the world along with little-known facts about world health care access. The centers will display the panels in the Union for the next several weeks to highlight the health care situation around the world.
Boards-by-Design Completes Its 600th Match

By Kelley Maloney

Boards-by-Design, a nonprofit board-matching program of Duquesne University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute, recently marked more than 600 matches between individual volunteers and nonprofit organizations since its inception in September 2002. Since that date, more than 1,600 individuals and 300 nonprofits have applied to participate in the program.

"Traditionally, nonprofit board members were recruited from a pool of friends and colleagues of existing board members without much strategic outreach for diversity in race, talent, age or affiliation," said Allison Jones, director of the program. "This has caused many boards to become self-perpetuating."

An innovative and comprehensive nonprofit board-matching program, Boards-by-Design is intended to benefit nonprofits, businesses and individuals by connecting individuals with particular skills, interests and diversity with the nonprofit organizations who need them. The program works with nonprofits to determine their needs—specific disciplines, growth, diversity, transition—and matches them with qualified candidates. Each match is handled personally to ensure a mutual best fit for the volunteer and nonprofit organization.

The volunteers and groups that moved Boards-by-Design over the 600-match milestone included: Dana Bacsi, Mount Lebanon Montessori School; Tori Blanchette, the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh; Kelly Caddy, Kennedy Avenue School; Larysa Gradec, Brew House Association; Justine Patrick, The ALS Association; Mary Perroz-Lynch, Transitional Services; Brian Pietrandrea, Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest; and Mark Thomas, The Balmoral School of Piping.

Other nonprofits recently matched with new board members include the American Cancer Society; The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; CONTACT Pittsburgh and The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. The program is now seeking to expand its reach to corporations who seek to place employees on nonprofit boards.

“For individuals, this provides a way to serve the community while building great strategic skills that can be applied at work.”

Kristallnacht Event Explores Music

By Randy Cole

Kristallnacht: Jews, Blacks and American Popular Music in the Nazi Era will be presented on Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the PNC Recital Hall of the Mary Pappert School of Music. The event, which will showcase music and spoken word in remembrance of the tragic events of the night in 1938 when Nazis raided Jewish storefronts and killed 91 Jews, will address the impact of the night's events on American culture.

“Our program this year takes a brief look at Nazi propaganda, at the popular music of that era and the impact of Kristallnacht (and the Holocaust) on American culture," said Dr. Dan Burston, chair of the psychology department and co-chair of the Jewish Faculty Forum at Duquesne.

An eyewitness account will be provided by Walter Boninger of Squirrel Hill, cantor and spiritual leader, who was a young Jewish boy living in Europe that night. After intermission, Susanne Ortner-Roberts and music school alumnus Tom Roberts will provide music and will explore the connection between American popular music and European klezmer music.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 412.396.6388.

Graduate Student Awarded Prestigious Minority Fellowship

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

A graduate student in the school psychology program of Duquesne's School of Education has been chosen as a fellow by one of the nation’s most successful, competitive training programs for ethnic and racial minority researchers. Cheon Graham of Pittsburgh’s Lincoln-Lemington neighborhood was selected for the American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP). She is one of 15 fellows nationwide selected from an applicant pool of 273. Only three of the 13 doctoral students are enrolled in school psychology programs at the University of Texas-Austin, the University of California-Berkeley and Duquesne.

The MFP provides a range of supporting programs for fellows including stipend support, dissertation support, ancillary training experiences, mentoring and career guidance and access to an outstanding network of professional contacts. An expert advisory committee provides oversight and program guidance as well as mentoring and professional leadership in concert with university sponsors.

Library, Archives to Preserve Pittsburgh Catholic and The Duke

By Randy Cole

Through Duquesne University's Gumberg Library, digitization has begun on the earliest issues of the Pittsburgh Catholic and is poised to start on The Duquesne Duke, making the papers accessible online and searchable.

With backing from the Pittsburgh diocese, the first several years of the Pittsburgh Catholic already have been converted to PDFs, and work on remaining issues will follow, depending on funding.

Tom White, university archivist and curator of special collections at Duquesne, said the process will help safeguard the region's Catholic history.

The Gumberg Library also recently identified Dr. Susan A. Muto, a Duquesne alumna and the first female editor of The Duquesne Duke, as a lead donor for a fundraising project to digitize that publication. The project, which will convert all hard copies of The Duke to electronic format, is yet another initiative by the University to preserve its history and that of the Catholic faith in southwestern Pennsylvania.

"More than anything, The Duke represents the voice of the students through the 130 years of Duquesne's history," said Dr. Laverna Saunders, University librarian. "It's the one go-to place for a continuous history.

Saunders and her team at Gumberg have identified OCLC Preservation Service Centers, an organization headquartered in Bethlehem, Pa., that specializes in the digital preservation of hard copy publications, to complete both projects.

Benefits of converting The Duke to a digital format include easy access for alumni and their families. The archives office receives roughly 400 requests a year from alumni and family members of alumni in search of old stories and pictures, White said. After the digitizing is complete, anyone can search any issue from anywhere with an Internet connection without the current wait of a hard copy or microfilm search.

Fisher Café Converted into Polling Site

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Fisher Café will be converted into a polling site for voters in the First Ward of the First District in Pittsburgh. Duquesne University was asked by the city to provide a polling place because the ward’s voters are predominately Duquesne students.

The café, which is a handicapped accessible location, will be open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4.
Fall Tune Up: Fans, Teachers, Singers Can Take Steps to Protect Their Voices

By Rose Ravasio

Fall marks the start of football season, the return to the classroom and change-of-weather induced allergies—and boosts the number of clients treated at Duquesne University’s Voice Care Clinic.

“We tend to see more voice clients at this time of the year due to the change of season, which with it comes allergies and colds and their potential effect on the voice,” said Annette Neff, a clinical instructor in the Voice Care Clinic. “This is also the time of the year that teachers are back in the classrooms after the summer break. Due to the high vocal demand of their job, these individuals may experience issues with their voice. This is also a great time of year for sporting events such as football and soccer, during which coaches and most fans tend to be a little more vocal than on a typical day.”

The Voice Care Clinic, housed in the Duquesne University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, serves the voices of the greater Pittsburgh community and especially targets those who use their voice professionally or as their primary tool of trade. “Whether it’s singing, teaching, coaching or being a lawyer or in sales, there are so many people who use their voice on a daily basis,” explained Neff. “We offer this Voice Care Clinic to them because there's nothing worse than not having that tool—your voice—that you need to do your job.”

Whether because of high “vocal demand” of a job, allergies, colds, other medical issues or behaviors such as yelling, screaming, excessive coughing and throat clearing, Neff said an individual might experience increased vocal fatigue, vocal hoarseness, intermittent vocal loss and throat pain or discomfort. As part of its evaluation and screenings, the clinic offers baseline videostroboscopy to individuals experiencing no present problems or difficulties with their voice, providing information on their voice at its healthiest.

For those individuals who are experiencing vocal changes and/or difficulties, the clinic offers a complete voice evaluation consisting of acoustic measurements and videostroboscopy, which is used to visualize the vocal folds and the surrounding laryngeal structures as well as assess the movement of the vocal folds, Neff said.

“We use the videostroboscopy equipment because it slows down the movement of the vocal folds using a strobe light,” Neff explained. “This allows us to visualize them because you cannot see this with the naked eye; the vibrations are just too fast. Through the videostroboscopy, we can assess whether something has developed.”

Vocal rest often helps a damaged voice, but more care may be needed. “It all depends on the reason for the voice difficulty, and that’s why it’s so important that if you are experiencing problems for around two weeks or more, it’s best to be evaluated by an ear, nose and throat doctor (ENT) doctor and to have a complete evaluation with a videostroboscopy,” directed Neff.

Three ENTs from the Metropolitan ENT group of Pittsburgh have appointments at the Voice Care Clinic. In addition, the clinic tries to educate the public, offering signs and symptoms to look out for regarding one's voice.

“Listen to your voice—whether you’re fatiguing during the day or you can’t project your voice well, a lot of times, it’s telling you something,” added Neff.

The clinic treats patients of all ages, as well as students, staff and faculty at Duquesne University. For more information or questions about services or insurance issues regarding the Voice Care Clinic, call the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at 412.396.4200.

Keeping in Good Voice

Good vocal hygiene includes:

- Adequate water intake
- No smoking, yelling or screaming
- Limited caffeine intake
- Warming up and cooling down your voice before and after prolonged speaking or singing.
- Vocal rest/naps throughout the day are recommended as well as sufficient sleep daily.
- Exercise regularly to keep body, mind and spirit healthy.
- Stress and tension can be the voice's worst enemy!

Technology Tools, Trends Discussed with Businesses

By Randy Cole

Online social networking isn’t just for college kids anymore. It’s a strategic tool. And it can help grow a business.

Technology trends such as Web conferencing and search engine rankings are the focus of this year’s third annual Pennsylvania Business Technology Conference, presented by Duquesne University’s Donahue Graduate School of Business and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Slated to take place on Thursday, Nov. 13, the on-campus conference will be aimed at helping small business owners and entrepreneurs start or grow their business with the help of today’s most cutting-edge technologies.

“It is extremely important for small businesses to remain up-to-date on the latest technologies; technology allows them the ability to compete with bigger business, gives them tools for streamlining their operations and provides a vehicle for communicating their image,” said Dr. Mary McKenzie, director of the Duquesne University SBDC.

The day’s events will feature sessions highlighting how small business can use e-mail to drive business, along with sessions on improving Web conferencing, viral marketing and brand awareness, and search engine marketing. The conference will kick off with a roundtable discussion, featuring industry panelists who will discuss emerging business technologies. Followed by a morning technology showcase, the event will continue with breakout sessions. The afternoon will feature workshops, which will include demonstrations of the latest in business technology.

Attendees can also register their business for a chance to win Microsoft’s Small Business Server 2008 Technology Makeover, valued at more than $50,000. A luncheon keynote address, How to Create Hot Sales in a Lukewarm Market, will be delivered by Nina Kaufman, award-winning business attorney, author, speaker and owner of AskTheBusiness-Lawyer.com, as well as president of Wise Counsel Press LLC.

Registration before Saturday, Nov. 1, is discounted to $99. The cost for registration after Nov. 1 is $119. For more information, visit the conference’s Web site at www.conference.duq.edu or call 412.396.6233.


Jim Homme, M’81, was the keynote speaker at the 2008 Disability Awareness Luncheon, held on Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the Duquesne Room. The annual event is sponsored by the President’s Advisory Council on Disability and the Office of Mission and Identity to raise awareness among the Duquesne University community about disabilities.

Homme, who is blind, is a leading expert in assistive technology and one of the world’s foremost experts in configuring the leading screen reading package, JAWS for Windows. Currently a software developer for Bender Consulting Services, Homme encouraged those in attendance to welcome people with disabilities into the workforce. “We are loyal, engaged, passionate about what we do, and especially creative since we are used to thinking outside of the box,” he said. “Aren’t these the qualities employers are looking for anyway?”
Medication Therapy Management Program

By Kimberly Saunders

A new community health initiative developed by Duquesne University’s Mylan School of Pharmacy will provide ongoing counseling and support to uninsured families dealing with chronic health problems that require multiple medications. This unique pharmacist-directed wellness and disease-management program, Duquesne Medication Management Services, is aimed at improving patient outcomes.

“Medication management services include ongoing monitoring of prescribed therapy, early identification and resolution of drug-related problems, and ongoing patient education and counseling,” explained Dr. John Tomko, assistant professor of pharmacy practice. “Pharmacists are considered consultants and stewards on the continuum of care. They collaborate closely with primary care physicians and other providers to improve their patient health.”

Last spring, the Mylan School initiated a program that would help enhance the preparation of pharmacy students for this practice. Dr. Tom Mattei, associate dean of professional programs, was instrumental in setting up the first of many relationships with the local agencies that serve the underserved by partnering with Catholic Charities to provide such a practice experience. The Catholic Charities’ health clinic in downtown Pittsburgh was established by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to meet the needs of underserved working individuals.

This program represents another University effort to live up to its mission by serving the community, Mattei said. Existing pharmacy school programs that support the medically underserved include the Spirit of Health van, a mobile health facility that provides wellness, disease prevention and management to Millvale, Carnegie, Bloomfield, South Side Hilltop and the West End, and the Academic Research Center for Pharmacy Care, which provides similar care to the faculty, staff and students of the University and, in the near future, residents of Uptown and the Hill District.

“We matched teams of professional-year students with eligible families who were referred by the clinic’s physician. The students, under the guidance of Tomko, meet monthly with their assigned patients to provide medical monitoring, counseling and outcomes management,” Mattei said.

“We are the only pharmacy school that is providing medication therapy management services directly to the working poor,” added Tomko. “While other universities may offer a similar program in a limited setting, to their own employees in their own learning environment, for example, we are giving our students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real patient population in a real practice setting that immediately improves the quality of life of the family.”

At the clinic, students conducted histories and physicals, performed appropriate screening tests, reviewed the patient’s social and medication history and assessed how the prescribed treatment was working.

“We wanted to make sure patients understand what they are taking, their medications, how to take them, how to manage adverse reactions, and how the prescribed treatment will improve their health,” Tomko said. “In addition, the students recommended lifestyles changes, such as diet and exercise, that can make their medications work better.”

As well as meeting an important community need, the Medication Management Services program, currently offered as an independent study elective, provides a new learning environment for students. “By using a family concept, we’ve introduced dynamics that would not occur with just one individual,” Tomko said.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Tackled by Students, Staff

By Rose Ravasio

Duquesne students and staff have been working together to help support and raise awareness among the University community as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October. Projects and activities are being held throughout the month, with all proceeds benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

In recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the fountain on Academic Walk, located between the Bayer Learning Center and Canevin Hall, will be lit with pink lights throughout October. Raffle tickets and pink merchandise will be on sale and free pink breast cancer awareness ribbons and information on breast cancer and prevention will be distributed in the Union through Friday, Oct. 31.

In addition, pink rubber ducks will be “sold” to commemorate the name of breast cancer victims and survivors they will be placed in the Academic Walk Fountain as part of the Pink Out and Prayer Service.

Additional events include:
- “Wednesday, Oct. 22, Mass for patients and survivors of breast cancer, noon, Chapel
- “Campus-wide Pink Out and Prayer Service, 1 p.m., Academic Walk Fountain
- “The campus community is invited to wear pink or the pink ribbon T-shirts and meet for a prayer service. People who have bought pink rubber ducks are invited to write the name of a breast cancer survivor/victim on the duck and place it in the fountain.
- “Monday, Oct. 27, Yoplait Yogurt Eating Contest, Duquesne Room, 8 to 11 p.m.
- “Saturday, Nov. 1, Halloween Costume Cruise, Gateway Clipper, Station Square, 8 to 11 p.m.”

Guests must be 21 or older and must present a valid Duquesne ID. Tickets are $25. E-mail kennedyh@duq.edu for tickets.

Students and staff sponsors of the events include Duquesne’s Student Health Advisor Committee, the chapters of the Kappa Epsilon professional pharmacy fraternity and the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority (both groups support breast cancer awareness as their national philanthropy), the Integrated Honors Society, Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol and the Office of Greek Life, Honor Societies and Professional Organizations.

International Law Forum Examines Separation of Powers

By Emily Goosen

Duquesne University and the School of Law will host Separation of Powers in the Americas and Beyond on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, at the law school.

Transnational activity is a fact of life, with transnational legal issues becoming an increasingly important part of legal practice. Therefore, the allocation of governmental authority is a fundamental aspect of many legal systems of countries in this hemisphere as well as in Europe.

To address these issues, the seminar will bring together distinguished justices, judges, advocates and law professors from the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe for discussions of the roles played by the various branches of government in their respective legal systems.

The seminar has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Board for up to 12 hours of substantive law, practice and procedure CLE credit. The event is presented in cooperation with the Inter-American Bar Association. Seating is limited and the registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 3. For more information, call Kathy Koehler at 412-396.6282.

Lectures Address Terrorism

The Duquesne Center for International Relations, the International Relations Club and the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society are sponsoring two lectures on terrorism on Monday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Power Center Ballroom.

Col. Andrew Nichols Pratt, professor of strategy and international politics at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, will present The Contemporary Global Threat: Focus on al-Qaeda. Dr. John J. LeBeau, professor of strategy and international politics at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, will present The Contemporary Global Threat: Focus on al-Qaeda. Dr. John J. LeBeau, professor of strategy and international politics at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, will present The Contemporary Global Threat: Focus on al-Qaeda. The lectures are free and open to the public.
Pennsylvania Oak Could Result in Better Wine

By Rose Ravasio

At this time of year, when wine making is in full swing, many depend on the bounty of the grapes for a successful season. But is it really all just about the grapes? Maybe not. Duquesne Chemistry Professor Bruce Beaver’s research indicates the finesse of wine making also depends on the wood of the barrel.

When he first began reading about the wine-aging process as initial preparation for his research 12 years ago, Beaver said it quickly became clear to him that, although oak for wine making came from both France and America, most of the top-quality wines were made with French oak. He didn’t know at the time, but his future research would soon indicate that oak grown right here in Pennsylvania had the potential to produce top-quality wine that could compete with that of the French.

At the time, French oak wine barrels were being sold at twice the value of American oak barrels. Why? Wine makers obviously sensed a difference, so Beaver said his fundamental question was, what is it in the wood that makes a winemaker be able to sense the difference? “Essentially, it’s a very complicated chemistry problem, but I believe that a portion of the answer is related to the concentration of certain oak-derived molecules,” said Beaver. “There is one molecule that everybody focuses on—oak lactone.”

In addition to other molecules, oak lactone is important in giving wine that has been aged in oak a pleasant “nose” or “bouquet.” “Generally, American oak has too much oak lactone in it, and the French oak tends to have significantly less,” said Beaver. “So, if you’re not careful, in working with an American oak barrel, you will overpower the aroma of the wine. It will be too ‘oaky.’

The process of making oak wine barrels begins with cutting staves or thin, narrow pieces of wood from logs. The staves are then “seasoned” outdoors for two to three years, during which the wood dries and physical-chemical changes occur. The staves are then put together as the barrel, which is heated over an oak fire and then the barrel’s interior is “toasted.”

“By timing the extent of heating over the oak fire, barrels with differing degrees of toasting can be obtained,” said Beaver. “A new wine is added to the finished barrel and allowed to age for months or years before the wine is then bottled.”

With the help of graduate and undergraduate students, Beaver set out to research the oak lactone concentration levels in American oak trees to determine whether there are regional populations of oak trees that differ in the way they could affect wine bouquet. World Cooperahe, the largest producer of oak barrels in the United States, provided Beaver and his team with oak samples from trees from five or six states across the nation. In addition, the team looked at oak samples provided by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from trees in Moraine State Park in Butler County and Clear Creek State Forest in Venango County.

“What we found through our research is that Pennsylvania is similar to a province of France. The oak lactone concentration of the trees we sampled from here were out of line with the other trees in the U.S. we had sampled,” Beaver said. “They were in the same range as the French trees, indicating that you can probably produce excellent barrels from Pennsylvania oak.”

Beaver hopes to build on his research to determine more particulars that could make Pennsylvania wine makers and foresters very happy. In addition, he will include his research as part of the forestry module in his spring undergraduate core course, Exploring Relationships Between Chemistry, Culture and the Environment. “My philosophy is that my research ultimately has to get into the classroom,” said Beaver. “I believe such real-world chemistry examples provide tremendous motivational opportunities for the students.”

Five Out of Seven Mathises Agree on Duquesne University

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Triplets, plus one.

That’s the crew that Karen and Russell Matthias sent to Duquesne University this fall. The 20-year-old Matthias triplets—John, Russell and Christopher—transferred as sophomores, and their younger sister, Erin, 18, entered the freshman class at Duquesne, where Karen started working this spring.

“They decided, surprisingly, to stick together,” said their mother. “They just didn’t want to miss the opportunity of going to college together. When you have five children in three years, like I did, they have no choice but to be the best of friends or the worst of enemies.”

When the boys were attending Peters Township High School, each played athletics. Dark-haired, 6-foot-6 John, the oldest by one minute, considered Division III football scholarship offers, but opted instead to stick with his “younger” brothers. The boys initially commuted to Washington & Jefferson College after graduating from high school in 2007. This fall, transferred to Duquesne as sophomores—and Erin decided Duquesne was the university for her as well.

Erin is well-acclimated to the drill of going to school with three older brothers. “The only problem she has with the whole deal is they’re very particular about who she can go out with,” says Mrs. Matthias, who works in Brottier Hall for the Office of Residence Life.

At Duquesne, the Matthias crew covers a variety of academic interests. John is majoring in chemistry, while Russell is majoring in accounting. Christopher in biology and Erin in nursing.

Lookalikes Russell and Christopher, sometimes play the “twin” game with their classmates on campus. When one is mistaken for another, the brothers often just play along—and the other brother eventually hears, “I met your brother today.”

The Matthias commute, juggling rides together while still managing early-morning workouts at Duquesne’s Power Recreation Center along with their classes and mother’s work schedule.

Meanwhile, the youngest Matthias, high school junior Emily, 17, had a major life adjustment to make. “I have to go to high school all by myself,” she said.

In two years, that may change. “She would love to come here to Duquesne,” said her mother.
Dougherty has successfully led the effort to expand alumni outreach and build a comprehensive fund raising program. More than $84 million has been raised to date, supporting the creation of new endowed chairs, more financial aid and scholarship funds, and new academic initiatives.

As evidenced by ratings recently issued by Standard and Poor’s and Moody’s, the University is in an unprecedented position of financial strength, while at the same time maintaining tuition at a level well below its peer group of universities.

Under Dougherty’s direction, Duquesne’s focus on its Catholic foundation has been enhanced through the creation of the Center for Spirituality and the Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought. Additionally, the University’s unique position as the world’s only Spiritan university and its mission—to “serve God by serving students”—are now emphasized in orientation.

“One of the corners of Duquesne’s mission is at the forefront of decisions is not only recognized by the Corporation, it was also very clearly affirmed by the Middle States Accreditation Committee during the recent accreditation process,” said The Very Rev. Jeffrey T. Duaxme, C.S.Sp., chairman of the Duquesne University Corp. “Dr. Dougherty understands that staying true to the pillars of our mission is critical to successfully shaping a new generation of students intellectually and spiritually prepared to improve the world around them.”

Providing students with an education based upon core values, while ensuring they receive the skills they need to compete in an ever-changing, market-driven world, is a challenge that President Dougherty embraces.

“I am pleased to be serving Duquesne and its students at a time when the campus is poised for growth in many different areas and blessed to be leading a University that has such positive, long-lasting impact on so many lives,” Dougherty said. Dougherty began his presidency in August 2001.
Forensics Institute Names Fochtman Director

By Rose Ravasio

Duquesne University has named Dr. Frederick W. Fochtman the new director of the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, effective Sept. 1.

“I’m looking forward to continuing the great leadership of the Institute,” Fochtman said. “We offer excellent learning opportunities for students, faculty members, professionals and the public.”

Established at Duquesne in the fall of 2000, the institute collaborates with the University’s Schools of Law, Nursing, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Business, Pharmacy and Liberal Arts as well as other academic institutions. It offers graduate-degree and professional-certificate programs in forensic science and law.

Fochtman was an associate professor of pharmacology-toxicology at Duquesne for 23 years until 2001, when he became the founding director of the University’s five-year, entry-level master’s degree program in forensic science and law. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in pathophysiology, pharmacology and analytical toxicology. Fochtman served as director and chief toxicologist at the Allegheny County Medical Examiners Office for the last 10 years before recently announcing his retirement.

“Dr. Fochtman has a great rapport with the students,” said Lyndsie Schantz, a fifth-year student in the master’s of forensic science and law program. “His office is always open to students, and he encourages questions and discussions during class so that he can better connect with students.”

The institute hosts an annual conference that convenes local and national experts from a wide variety of disciplines in an effort to shed light upon a particular set of issues. Schantz believes the institute’s annual conference provides students with great networking opportunities and the chance to learn from professionals practicing in the field. In addition, the unique affiliation of the master’s program with the law school allows for more than a strictly science-based forensics perspective.

“The integration of both forensic science and law disciplines has greatly helped prepare me for work in the field because I not only have a very strong science background in biology and chemistry, but also a law basis, so I better understand the overall process of how crimes are solved,” Schantz said.

Fochtman replaces the institute’s founding director, Law Professor John Rago, who is focusing on the Innocence Project, an in-house law school project affiliated with nationwide innocence initiatives that gives students hands-on experience investigating cases where DNA evidence or other new evidence calls criminal convictions into questions.

In the Spotlight

The Paralegal Institute

In the Spotlight focuses on the variety of centers and clinics operating from campus and sharing information about their accomplishments in the University community and beyond.

What: Duquesne University has a respected tradition of preparing professionals for career opportunities. The Paralegal Institute is designed to provide a practical education and, at the same time, enhance the intellectual growth of students. It is a course of study at the graduate level; the certificate program is intended to respond to the ever-changing needs of the legal profession. A bachelor’s degree is required for admission.

Located: The Paralegal Institute is in 210 Rockwell Hall and within the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement.

Director/Staff: The program coordinator of the Paralegal Institute is Pamela J. Bailey, a practicing paralegal with more than 20 years of experience. Bailey has been with the institute since August 2000 and previously served as an adjunct instructor and on the institute’s advisory board. Formerly a paralegal manager, she served six years on the American Bar Association (ABA) School Approval Commission. Patricia J. Police has been the administrative assistant to the institute since 1996. The institute has an adjunct faculty consisting of 22 practicing attorneys and paralegals. Consistent with its practical skills approach to paralegal education, the institute assures the attorney-instructors were paralegals themselves or employ paralegals in their private practices. Other non-lawyer instructors are recognized experts in their fields, in areas such as litigation support technology and legal research.

Services: More than 1,500 people have completed the program since it began more than 20 years ago. Duquesne University’s Paralegal Institute offers post-bachelor’s degree certificate options, general practice or specialty certificate options, an outstanding law library, part-time evening or full-time summer program options, an effective placement program and online job bank, an ABA-approved program and a solid reputation for academic excellence.

Notable/Quotable: In the past year, three of the institute’s students received scholarships from the American Association for Paralegal Education. The organization selects only five awardees nationwide, and no other paralegal program of the 126 who entered have had as many winners in a single year. This was the first time Duquesne students applied for the scholarships.

The Paralegal Institute’s mission is to prepare students for careers as professional paralegals by providing a well-balanced, fully integrated education that enables graduates to perform effectively in a variety of legal settings. Many graduates continue their legal education by attending law school.

Contact Information: 210 Rockwell Hall, 412.396.1643, leadership@duq.edu.
Back to Our Bluff: Homecoming Events

The snap of autumn is in the air, cracking leaves are underfoot and Homecoming returns to Duquesne.

A complete schedule of events is online at www.myduquesne.duq.edu. Some selected events include:

FRIDAY, OCT. 24
Wine & Cheese Reception
Power Center Ballroom, 6-8 p.m. Free, reservations required.

Live Entertainment at The Red Ring
The Red Ring Restaurant, 8-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25
Journalism/Multimedia 60th Anniversary
College Hall, Various Times/Locations Free, reservations required, Journalism/Multimedia Departments.

Alumni Pre-Game BBQ
Tent on College Hall lawn, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Free, reservations required.

Dukes vs. Sacred Heart Pioneers
Rooney Field, 1–4 p.m.
$8 per person, reservations required.

Ring Blessing
Trinity Hall Chapel, 4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Free, space limited to 50.

Mass
Old Main Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

Laser Show
College Hall lawn and Academic Walk, 7:30–8 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26
Class of 1958 - Mass & Presentation Pins
University Chapel, 11 a.m.

After 130 Years, the Flame Still Burns

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

On Oct. 1, the date when Duquesne University first opened its doors 130 years ago, the campus community witnessed the blessing and dedication of a symbolic sculpture, a beautified and stabilized library entrance and extensive renovations of the Duquesne Union.

President Charles J. Dougherty recollected the University’s humble beginnings in rented rooms above a Hill District bakery in 1878, when the founding Spiritans came to Pittsburgh to help the immigrant workers rise from poverty. The rented rooms have grown to a 48-acre campus and the initial 40-member student body has thrived, with more than 10,000 undergraduates and graduate students today.

“The Spirit of Duquesne, nestled in the crossroads of the Locust Street Circle and created in steel and glass by Kathleen Mulchay and Ron Desmet, depicts a flame. This, Dougherty said, is “representative of the Holy Spirit and our founders, the Spiritans. Our remarkable growth as an institution and as a community is a gift from the Spirit as lived out by generations of Spiritans, lay faculty and staff, students and alums.”

The flame, Dougherty said, is formed of glass and steel, products blown and forged with fire’s heat. “Both are key elements of Pittsburgh’s industrial heritage—made by the hard-working people and diverse cultures from which Duquesne was born.”

As the Rev. Ray French, C.S.Sp., director of Spiritan Campus Ministry and University chaplain, blessed the sculpture, he asked, “May the light of these flames remind student needs and relieving overcrowding elsewhere in the Union and across campus.

The result is a larger, more comfortable lobby in one of the busiest locations on campus. Health Service relocated from Towers to larger, updated quarters that are more functional and accessible to residents and commuters. The ID Center, the PNC bank and the Computer Store have returned to new homes and a Barnes & Noble kiosk offers convenience items, some clothing and souvenirs. Admissions and counseling have gained space for satellite offices.

The Rev. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp., executive vice president of Student Life, asked for God’s blessing on the building. “Pour into it the richness of your blessing and of your peace. Command your angels to guard it and to drive away from it all the power of the enemy. Fill those who work and use this place with the spiritual knowledge, wisdom and fear of you. Strengthen them with heavenly grace so that they grasp with their mind, treasure in their hearts and carry out in their deeds all the teaching that leads to salvation.”

DU Community Calendar

October & November 2008

Saturday, Oct. 18
Mike Tomaro, music professor, performer, composer, director of The Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble and co-founder of the Three Rivers Jazz Orchestra 8 p.m., Red Ring Restaurant

Sunday, Oct. 19
Unity Week Mass
9 p.m., University Chapel

Monday, Oct. 20
Unity Week Students v. Faculty/Staff Basketball Game 5:30 p.m., Power Center Basketball Court

Tuesday, Oct. 21
Think, Act, Lead...Student Experiences Off the Bluff
Listen to a panel of Duquesne students share their experiences from their local, national and global service trips. 6 p.m., Duquesne Room

Thursday, Oct. 23
Fall Fitness Fair
9 a.m.–3 p.m., Union Ballroom

Music of David Stock
Duquesne Faculty and Guest Artists 8 p.m., PNC Recital Hall $10 suggested donation

Friday, Oct. 24
Homecoming Pep Rally/BBQ 4 p.m. Carnival games, street performers 5 p.m. Pep Rally 5:30 p.m. BBQ Academic Walk

Monday, Oct. 27
Faculty Recital
Randolph Kelly, viola 8 p.m., PNC Recital Hall $10 suggested donation

Wednesday, Oct. 29
The Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble Mike Tomaro, director 8 p.m., Room 322, School of Music $10 suggested donation

Thursday, Oct. 30
University Reception
Hosted by Provost Ralph Pearson 4—6 p.m., Duquesne Room, Duquesne Union

Saturday, Nov. 1
Voices of Spirit, Pappert Women’s Chorale and Pappert Men’s Chorale
Christine Jordanoff and Robert Kurth, conductors 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Downtown $10 suggested donation

Sunday, Nov. 2
Faculty Recital
Kenneth Burky, piano 3 p.m., PNC Recital Hall $10 suggested donation

Sunday, Nov. 9
Duquesne University Jazz Guitar Ensemble
Mark Koch, director 7:30 p.m., Room 322, School of Music Free admission

Wednesday, Nov. 12
Duquesne University Wind Symphony and Symphony Band
Robert C. Cameron, conductor

Thursday, Oct. 20
The Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble
Devlin Flynn, director 8 p.m., Room 322, School of Music Free admission

Sunday, Nov. 16
Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra
Sidney Harth, music director laureate 8 p.m., Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland $10 suggested donation

Monday, Nov. 17
Duquesne University Percussion Ensemble
David Liebman, saxophone 8 p.m., Room 322, School of Music Free admission

Calendar Notice: Please submit information for the Nov/Dec. DU Community Calendar by 3 p.m. Fri., Nov. 7. Please include event title, name and title of speaker(s), date, time(s) and location(s). Send information to mccues@duq.edu.