Interim Law Dean, Advisory Board Named

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

In December, Duquesne University named Kenneth Gormley interim dean of the School of Law. Gormley has served as a professor of law on Duquesne’s faculty since 1994 and is also associate vice president for interdisciplinary scholarship and special projects for the University. He made local legal history by becoming the first academic to serve as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, with his one-year term ending in July 2008.

His expert opinion has been sought in the U.S. Congress and the Pennsylvania Senate, where he has testified on wiretapping, obscenity law, presidential pardons and the independent counsel law. A prolific, award-winning writer, Gormley’s current book project on the Clinton- Starr investigation is scheduled to be published by Crown Publishers (a division of Random House) next year. His book, Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation, won the 1999 Bruce K. Gould Book Award.

Gormley, who has succeeded in drawing the community together to discuss historical and contemporary legal issues through programs that have attracted high-profile, world-renowned figures, has asked a panel of leaders from the legal community to serve as an interim advisory team.

“I invited these well-respected individuals to assist the School of Law during this time of transition,” Gormley said. “They are committed to working together to directly engage with faculty, students, and alumni of the Law School to ensure that the goals of the School are achieved.

The prominent jurists, lawyers and public officials serving on the new interim advisory board include:

- The Honorable Maureen Lally-Green: Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; 1978 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law
- The Honorable Max Baer: Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; 1979 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law
- The Honorable Ralph J. Cappy: Retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; shareholder of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney P.C.
- The Honorable Robert J. Cindrich: Chief Legal Counsel for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; former Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- The Honorable Joy Flowers Conti: Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania; 1973 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law
- The Honorable Kate Ford Elliott: President Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania; 1978 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law
- The Honorable Timothy K. Lewis: Counsel to Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP; former Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; 1980 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law
- The Honorable D. Brooks Smith: Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Sen. Jane Clare Orie: Pennsylvania state senator; formerly a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Allegheny County Deputy District Attorney; 1987 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law

Stephen C. Frohock Esq.: Partner, The Anderson Group of Companies Inc.; 1968 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law

Kenneth J. Horoho Jr., Esq.: Partner, Goldberg, Gruener, Gentile Horoho & Avalli; past president of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association; 1980 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law

John R. McGinley Jr., Esq.: Member, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; 1968 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law

Gormley is of-counsel with the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. He replaces Don Guter, who will remain on the faculty.

Nursing School Announces Laval Chair Appointment

By Richard Tourtellott

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

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

The Laval Chair is endowed through a bequest from the estate of the late Thomas E. Bogovich, a 1953 Duquesne business graduate and retired Penn Hills funeral director. It is named for a 17th-century Spiritian priest and physician who dedicated himself to caring for freed slaves on the small Indian Ocean island of Mauritius.

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

Examples of School of Nursing community service initiatives for vulnerable populations include the Nurse-Managed Wellness Center, which provides a wide variety of health care services to the elderly in locations throughout Pittsburgh’s neighborhoods, and Operation Churchbeat, which trains volunteers in the Hill District to recognize and respond quickly to heart attacks.

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

“I look at the Laval Chair as a good opportunity for me but also a golden opportunity for the School of Nursing’s faculty and students” Sister Donley said. “I’m very excited about what we can do.”
Doug Kukta, Assistant Director of the Student Union ... on the Union Information Center

Q: What is the Union Info Center?  
A: The Info Center provides information about events at the University as well as around the city. They also sell Port Authority tickets, sell tickets to campus events sponsored by the Duquesne Program Council, provide order forms for tickets to Cultural District events, provide mailboxes and keys for student organizations, maintain a lost and found, and provide and set up audio visual equipment for meeting rooms in the Union.

Q: How do people go about obtaining tickets to events through the Info Center?  
A: To go to the Information Center to purchase tickets. DPC events require a University ID and cash or checks are accepted. Cultural District event tickets may also be ordered through the Info Center. Tickets can then be picked up at the “will call” window for the facility where the event is taking place.

Q: Is there a timeframe for obtaining these tickets?  
A: Tickets are available during the operating hours of the Union Info Center. Order forms for Cultural District events are picked up on Thursday afternoons. We recommend that monthly bus passes be purchased during the week prior to the beginning of the month.

Q: What information, aside from University events, does the Info Center offer?  
A: We provide directory information, directions, event information and any information pertaining to the University. We will attempt to find answers to all questions.

Q: What are the main services the Info Center offers?  
A: The Info Center provides information about events at the University as well as around the city. They also sell Port Authority tickets, sell tickets to campus events sponsored by the Duquesne Program Council, provide order forms for tickets to Cultural District events, provide mailboxes and keys for student organizations, maintain a lost and found, and provide and set up audio visual equipment for meeting rooms in the Union.

Business Managers Keep Eyes on Fiscal Operations

Careful management of operating budgets will be a primary goal for all University departments over the next six months. Directors and business managers will receive guidelines for reviewing and deferring any non-essential expenses until fiscal year 2009.

• The Internal Revenue Service has made changes that affect investment distributions in Duquesne's retirement plans. Employees will receive letters encouraging them to talk to their plan representatives.
• Due to changes in U.S. Post Office policies, Duquesne’s mailing services can now only accept electronic address files for bulk mail. Pre-typed envelopes or labeled envelopes will be mailed first class and cannot go by bulk mailings. Check with mailing services for details.
• The human resources management recruitment team is restructuring responsibilities to serve all levels of hiring across a division.
• The Office of Public Affairs is directing the editing and restructuring of all University Web sites in preparation for a move to a new content management system.
• Duquesne has added two new vendors: Paper Exchange, providing document destruction, and Marathon Travel, providing travel services.

All of these technologies are now user-friendly, considered to be basic office skills. With the CMS, and a couple hours of training, you will use those same office skills to make updates and edits to Web sites. Bigger changes, like adding pages and adjusting navigational links, will be in the hands of your school or department Web content manager. These content managers will get a bit more training, but they will be able to maintain Web sites from any computer without special software.

It will be quite a task to update, improve and transfer all our 150-plus Web sites into the CMS, but it will certainly be worth it. Public Affairs will be contacting each school and department to meet with their directors and Web teams.

In December, staff members from Student Life took part in the first Writing for the Web Workshop, learning how to improve the readability of their Web pages. Representatives from management and business will participate in January, with admissions and academic affairs groups slated for February and March.

Duquesne Approved for State’s First Alternative Energy Credits

Duquesne University’s cogeneration facility has become the state’s first approved distributed generation system for creating Alternative Energy Credits (AECs) under Pennsylvania’s Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard program. The facility, which achieves overall efficiencies greater than 70 percent, qualifies as a Tier 2 energy source, generating 32,000 AECs—equivalent to 32,000 megawatt-hours of clean electric power. AECs represent the environmental attributes derived from generating electricity from renewable energy sources or from conserving electricity through energy efficient technologies. The credits can be sold or traded separately from the electricity itself, providing strong incentives for investing in clean energy sources, such as renewable energy and energy efficiency.

“The University has had a strong commitment to sustainability and has been an early adopter of clean technologies to efficiently light, heat and cool the campus,” said George Feick, executive director of facilities management. “Today, 100 percent of the energy consumed on campus is from clean energy sources.”

Duquesne selected Nexant, the largest retail provider of environmental credit products, to create environmental credits from qualifying campus projects. “Duquesne has championed a very forward-looking, green energy policy for quite some time,” said Darrell Sandlin, manager of client services for Nexant Clean Energy Solutions. “And we are delighted to have been able to help the University qualify for this important designation and create these very valuable AECs.”

More than 450 Receive Degrees

More than 450 students participated in Duquesne’s annual Winter Commencement on Friday, Dec. 19, in the A.J. Palumbo Center. University President Charles J. Dougherty conferred degrees upon the students and delivered the commencement address at the ceremony.
Biology Professors Organize Citywide Darwin Celebration

By Lisa Mikolajek Barton

When Duquesne University hosted its first Darwin Day lecture on Feb. 17, 2003, Dr. David Lampe was already looking forward to the pivotal year of 2009, which marks the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of "The Origin of Species."

Lampe and Dr. John A. Pollock, both associate professors of biological sciences, have organized an unprecedented partnership with other institutions throughout Pittsburgh to offer "Darwin Celebration 2009: A Pittsburgh Partnership," a citywide series of events that will address the enormous legacy of Darwin's work.

“For the past six years, we’ve focused on bringing in renowned speakers who can educate the general public on the science of evolution,” Lampe said. “For 2009, it was my goal to expand this to something that would include not just the science of evolution but the broader impact of evolutionary thinking, because it is clearly one of those profound human ideas that has affected virtually every aspect of society.”

Darwin's theory has served as the foundation for all modern science, according to Dean David W. Seybert of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

"Today, 150 years after Darwin's seminal work, scientists continue to build upon his theory to advance our knowledge of the world around us in a wide number of disciplines, from biology and the other natural and applied sciences to theology and sociology." Darwin Celebration 2009 will take evolution education to the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the National Aviary, the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, the Phipps Conservatory, the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Pollock has spearheaded the educational outreach effort, much of which has been funded by his Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) from the National Institutes of Health.

"Duquesne is proud to lead the effort to recognize and explore the ideas of Darwin and what his theory has brought to modern science, medicine and critical thinking," history, medicine, philosophy and theology.

"Darwin's theory to advance our knowledge of the world around us in a wide number of disciplines, from biology and the other natural and applied sciences to theology and sociology." Darwin at 200, a speaker series at Duquesne in Spring 2009, reflects the vast reach of evolution into the larger world of ideas. In addition to an evolutionary biologist who will speak on Feb. 12, Darwin's 200th birthday, the roster includes experts in his immediate disciplines, philosophy and theology.

"Duquesne is proud to lead the effort to recognize and explore the ideas of Darwin and what his theory has brought to modern science, medicine and critical thinking," said Dr. Ralph Pearson, provost. "The participation of the variety of disciplines and the unprecedented cooperation of so many of Pittsburgh's prominent institutions is a testament to scope and importance of Darwin Celebration 2009."

For more information on the series, visit the Web site www.duq.edu/darwin2009.

Annual Founders Week Celebrates Spiritan Heritage

Duquesne University commemorates the values and vision of its founders, the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, through the annual Founders Week observance. Sponsored by the Office of Mission and Identity, this year's celebration is slated for Sunday, Feb. 1, through Friday, Feb. 6, and includes special events for employees dedicated to increasing awareness of the Spiritan legacy.

New this year is a historical exhibition of The Spiritan Story that was originally developed in France for the 300th anniversary of the Spiritan Congregation. A series of panels, reproduced with original artwork and an English translation, which trace the history of the Spiritans from their founding in 1703 through 2003 will be on display throughout the week in the Power Center.

The Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C., assistant professor of theology, University of Notre Dame, has been invited to deliver the presentation, Spiritan Evangelization of Slaves in Eastern Africa: Courageous Endeavor or Moral Mistake?

All members of the University are invited to participate in the following events as their schedules permit. An RSVP to mission@duq.edu is required for all events except vespers.

Founders Day Schedule of Events

Sunday, Feb. 1
11 a.m., Mass in the University Chapel
Noon, brunch in the Bayer Rotunda

Monday, Feb. 2
Feast of Venerable Francis Lisbourn, C.S.Sp.
Noon, Mass in the University Chapel
Lunch following in the Duquesne Room

Tuesday, Feb. 3
9 a.m. – 5 p.m., PNC Atrium, Duquesne Union, 2nd floor
Official opening with light refreshments at 12:15 p.m.
This pictorial exhibit, reproduced with original artwork from the French Province and an English translation, traces the history of the Spiritans from their founding in 1703 through 2003.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
5 p.m., Power Center
Student Dinner with the Spiritans
Students are invited to join the Spiritans for an evening of fine food and fellowship.

4:30 p.m., Vespers with the Spiritans Community, Trinity Hall Chapel

DU Campus: Tops in the State in “Ask Here PA” Library Service

By Randy Cole

Ask Here PA is a 24/7 online chat reference library service available for free to all Pennsylvanians residents and students. According to Ask Here PA Coordinator Vince Mariner, Duquesne had the highest usage of any academic single institution facility in 2008.

Ask Here PA is staffed by reference librarians across Pennsylvania, as well as librarians participating in a national cooperative. Gumberg Library reference librarians have been staffing this service since August 2007.

The DU community—students, faculty and staff alike—apparently take advantage of the opportunity to access reference help around the clock. The online service provides fast answers to questions, using information found on the Internet and in research databases funded by libraries. In most cases, Ask Here PA librarians will provide an answer online in 15 minutes or less. If a question involves lengthy research, the librarians will provide patrons with a starting point and/or provide a referral for more information.

Duquesne users may access this service at www.library.duq.edu by clicking on “Ask a Librarian” and then the Ask Here PA logo.
By Kimberly Saunders

Astle Named Pharmacist of the Year

Janet K. Astle, R.Ph., an instructor in the division of clinical, social, and administrative science and interim director of the Office of Experiential Education at the Mylan School of Pharmacy, was named the 2008 Pharmacist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association. This award is presented to the pharmacist who has demonstrated dedication to the profession and its organizations.

Astle has been instrumental in mentoring practice experiences of more than 2,000 Duquesne students who have made significant contributions to pharmacy in the state of Pennsylvania and throughout the United States. She plays a vital role in the development of the University's pharmacy practice sites, and has developed and implemented many preceptor training programs. As adviser to the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association–Allegheny County Pharmacists Association student chapter at Duquesne University, Astle has led the group to win multiple national and state chapter awards.

Astle earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Duquesne University in 1980. Upon graduation, she worked in community pharmacy practice for Thrift Drug Co., and provided consultation services for a skilled nursing care facility.

She also researched, authored and produced 30 state pharmacy law manuals for the corporate entity.

She joined Duquesne University shortly after graduation, serving in multiple part-time capacities including laboratory instructor for both the physical pharmacy and practice of pharmacy courses, instructor for the introductory and advanced Pharmacy Law and Ethics courses and assistant externship coordinator for the Mylan School's experiential program. In 1996, she moved to full-time status as assistant to the director of professional experience programs. Astle was also recently promoted to instructor and interim director of experiential education.

Astle currently serves on the Pennsylvania Coalition of Pharmacy Schools.

By Randy Cole

Microfinance Topic of Ethics Forum

Deborah Drake, program manager at the Center for Financial Inclusion with ACCION International will deliver an address entitled Microfinance in a Shrinking World. Advancing Entrepreneurship and Addressing Poverty at the next Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics luncheon forum, which will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Duquesne Club Downtown.

Drake has worked with ACCION International since 1990 and with the Center for Financial Inclusion since its launch in September 2008. She is the co-editor of The Commercialization of Microfinance: Balancing Business and Development and the co-author of Alchemists for the Poor: NGOs as Financial Institutions. Before joining ACCION International, Drake was a banking specialist in the Financial Policy and Systems Division of the World Bank and a banking specialist in the Commercial Policy and Systems Division of the World Bank.

Microfinance is defined as financial services for poor and low-income clients. In practice, the term is often used more narrowly to refer to loans and other services from providers that identify themselves as microfinance institutions. These institutions commonly tend to use new methods developed over the last 30 years to deliver very small loans to unsalaried borrowers, taking little or no collateral. More broadly, microfinance refers to a movement that envisions a world in which low-income households have permanent access to a range of high-quality financial services to support their income-producing activities, build assets, stabilize consumption and protect against risks. These services are not limited to credit, but include savings, insurance and money transfers.

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 alumna Eugene P. Beard. The mission of the Beard Center is to promote moral integrity and behavior through ethics education and training to those who encounter, or are preparing to encounter, moral challenges in the business world. The Beard Center hosts events throughout the year. 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

By Kimberly Saunders

Occupational Therapy Sets Celebration

Duquesne University will honor its occupational therapy students, alumni, practitioners and fieldwork educators at the annual Occupational Therapy Celebration on Thursday, Jan. 29. The professional development event includes best practice presentations, a student showcase, alumni luncheon and a keynote presentation by Dr. Mary Law, professor and associate dean (Health Sciences) Rehabilitation Science at McMaster University, which will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the Power Center Ballroom and is open to the public.

Law’s research centers on the development and validation of outcome measures, evaluation of occupational therapy interventions with children, the effect of environmental factors on the participation of children with disabilities in day-to-day activities and transfer of research knowledge into practice. She is the lead author of the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure, an outcome measure for occupational therapy now translated into 28 languages and used in over 40 countries around the world.

Law's address, Occupational Therapy's Impact on Participation in Occupations: A Review of Concepts and Evidence, will explore the concept of active participation in one’s chosen occupation and its impact on health and well-being.

For questions or more information, contact ot@duq.edu or call 412.396.5945.

Weather Reminder

Remember to visit the University’s Web site, www.duq.edu, or call 412.396.1700 for information concerning weather-related cancellations and closures.

Other options for these updates include DORI, DU Daily and Blackboard.
SLPA’s New Master’s Degree for Catholic Sisters Begins in Rome

By Kelley Maloney

The first class is under way in the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement’s new graduate program, which is designed to help Catholic sisters step into their challenging roles around the globe. Twenty-five students representing congregations from 13 countries, including Brazil, Nigeria, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Poland, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Uganda and Vietnam, began the new Master of Science in Community Leadership—Concentration in Leadership in Mission program in Rome on Dec. 12.

The program’s initial activities included local excursions, an opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Francis Arinze and orientation. “The sisters were all very excited to finally get to meet one another and the faculty and staff, and to begin their work in the program,” said Dr. Dorothy Bassett, dean of the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement.

The program, developed in collaboration with the Project Management Board established by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Rome, was created to assist sisters in integrating their spiritual formation with professional development in leadership and management and to provide spiritual, ethical and organizational leadership in a variety of local apostolic settings.

The part-time master’s program was designed through a series of meetings with congregations in Africa, Asia and Europe. It consists of three six-week residential sessions at Duquesne University’s Rome campus and one session of study (up to two courses, equivalent to six credit hours) at an accredited local institution in a sister’s country of residence. The entire master’s degree can be completed in two years.

Sister Miriam Joseph Mikol, coordinator of the Leadership in Mission Project Management Board, discussed the timeline of this degree. “Globally and locally, religious congregations and individual sisters are faced with historical and contemporary challenges,” Sister Mikol said. “World conflicts, the ever-growing chasm between the rich and the poor, the freedom of religion or the lack of it, tensions between a culture of death and one of life, the importance of people over profit, are but a few of the sobering realities shaping socio-political and cultural environments.

“To meet these challenges, sisters require opportunities to deepen their religious commitment and expand their professional expertise. The Master of Science in Community Leadership is a wonderful opportunity to integrate spiritual formation with professional preparation to enable women of faith to be leaders in Christ’s mission, in service, in society and in the wider community,” Sister Mikol said.

Courses, taught by an international faculty, include Conflict Resolution and Transformation, Strategic Thinking and Preparedness for Mission, Program Improvement and Development, Organizational Effectiveness and Spiritual Leadership, and Leadership for Global Mission.

“It is wonderful to have the chance to be involved in a project of this nature, one that will have such a positive impact on the sisters and which will provide them with opportunities for learning and for personal growth that they otherwise might never have had,” Bassett said.

Boards-by-Design Creates Business Member Program

By Rose Ravasio

Businesses with employees who are interested in nonprofit board membership opportunities can now take advantage of a new Business Member program offered by Boards-by-Design (BBD) at Duquesne University’s Nonprofit Leadership Institute.

An innovative, comprehensive nonprofit board-matching program, BBD connects nonprofit organizations with qualified board candidates. Its focus on developing nonprofit boards that are more representative of the community and better able to address the challenges of the future has resulted in more than 600 board member placements.

Businesses can work with BBD to provide personal, professional and leadership development opportunities for employees as well as to offer opportunities to attract and retain employees.

Based on membership level, BBD business members are eligible for numerous benefits through the program, some of which include:

• One year of participating in the BBD board matching process.
• Attendance for each employee at the Nonprofit Leadership Institute’s Leadership Academy, a premier training program focusing on the roles and responsibilities of nonprofit board service.
• Employee participation in a BBD Nonprofit Speed Dating event, through which 20 nonprofits and 20 individuals each meet in five-minute increments before being matched based on their nonprofit interests.
• Participation in quarterly networking events, where employees have the opportunity to meet others participating in the BBD process.
• Discounts for Nonprofit Leadership Institute training programs.

Different membership levels are available, but the average cost is $590 per employee for one year. Discount rates are available for small businesses. Interested businesses may call 412.396.4171 for more information on the program.

Founded in 1996, the Nonprofit Leadership Institute is dedicated to providing leadership development, resources, training, best practices and other information in support of peak-performing boards. Any nonprofit interested in board recruitment and training for their directors and officers is eligible to participate in Boards-by-Design and receive referrals of board candidates.
Abundance and Abuse

2009 Human Rights Film Series Focuses on Ethics, Environment

By Richard Touretellott

Abundance and Abuse, the University’s second annual Human Rights Film Series, offers a lineup of award-winning films that address vital issues, from the ethics of global business to the destruction of the environment.

Organized by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, the festival is scheduled to run from Jan. 20 to Feb. 25. In addition to its compelling presentation of timely issues, Abundance and Abuse exemplifies the University’s core values.

“This series deals with themes at the heart of our core curriculum, specifically social justice, globalization, diversity, faith and reason, and health care ethics as well as what we stand for as a University,” said Karl Skutski, a member of the series’ organizing committee and an adjunct professor of film in modern languages. “Moreover, these are award-winning films, each of which does an excellent job of bringing profound meaning to topics we discuss daily in the classroom.”

Every screening will begin with an introduction by an expert, and each film will begin at 7 p.m. in Room 105, College Hall. The series starts Tuesday, Jan. 20, with Mountaintop Removal, a documentary about families and communities in nearby West Virginia that have been changed forever by large-scale mining operations that destroy their environment.

On Monday, Jan. 26, the series continues with Fast Food Nation, a “mockumentary” inspired by the best-selling book of the same name by Eric Schlosser. Fast Food Nation deals with the social, environmental and economic consequences of our reliance on inexpensive, mass-produced meals.

Rick Rehak, a marketing director from McDonald’s Corp., will discuss his company’s social responsibility initiatives at the screening.

According to Edith Krause, department chair, presenting a human rights film series is a unique learning opportunity that dramatizes vital issues for students and an extension of the ideas about peoples and cultures presented in a classroom context.

“Our students must be able to make comparisons, and an essential part of their learning process is to become aware of their roles as citizens in the global community,” Krause said. “Issues like women’s rights, the environment, diversity, globalization, immigration—right down to the hidden costs of fast food—raise complex questions that pop up in a wide variety of materials we use in our courses.”

Encouraged by that success, Krause, Skutski and organizing committee colleague Mark Frisch, an associate professor of modern languages, are hoping that faculty across campus will incorporate one or more of this year’s films into their spring semester coursework. The series also can be taken as a one-credit undergraduate course in modern languages and literature.

In addition to campus-wide faculty interest, the series’ organizers hope the films motivate students to find a way to become personally involved in the issues covered in the films, an unexpected outcome from last year.

“A series like this can be an eye opener for students,” Krause said, explaining that for one of last year’s films, God Grear Tired of Us, about the Lost Boys of the Sudan, “we invited Panther Bior, one of the lost boys featured in the film, to speak. As a direct result of the film and his appearance, a group of students formed Panther’s Partners, now a recognized student organization whose members are committed to helping local refugees.”

By Emily Goosen

The ongoing crises of African countries are well known around the world: HIV/AIDS, starvation, civil war and lack of formal education. What is not as well known is the suffering of Africa’s physically disabled people, who typically do not receive much government assistance or legal support.

In February 2008, Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers, associate professor in the School of Education, traveled to Botswana, a country in southern Africa. Over a two-month period, Lopez worked with three African colleagues on an evaluation for the Republic of Botswana Ministry of Health.

“The Comprehensive Study of Social Safety Nets for People with Disabilities in Botswana was the result and included research on adults and children with disabilities, as well as other stakeholders. The assessment, which is moving through the Ministry of Health, is expected to assist the government to improve services for people with disabilities. Levers and another member of the Botswana team, F. Janouet Magweva, conducted a similar study for the government of Namibia in 2005. Government officials swiftly implemented legislative change that improved the lives of people living with disabilities in Namibia. The two hope for the same in Botswana. Levers has been visiting southern Africa since 1993, when she began working with those affected by HIV and AIDS. Her research shifted to the needs of vulnerable children left orphaned by HIV and AIDS, including those with disabilities.

From August 2003 through August 2004, Levers was a Fulbright Scholar hosted by the University of Botswana in Gaborone. Her research project examined the cultural influences and contextual factors associated with the spread of HIV and AIDS. Based upon these results, she has designed short-term counseling and educational activities specific to culture and gender. Additionally, she has helped to develop sustainable HIV and AIDS abatement endeavors in sub-Saharan Africa.

Levers returns to Botswana in February, where she will train teachers and counselors to work with children affected by AIDS.
New Meeting Space to be Dedicated in Rockwell Hall

By Carolina Pais-Barreto Beyers

A new facility in Rockwell Hall, the Carfang Commons, will be dedicated on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m.

Created to provide a meeting space for study and work in groups, the area hosts seven private team rooms and shares the Peter Mills theater lobby, which has been renovated and outfitted with modern furnishings, a flat screen TV and an announcement monitor. A Java City Café has also been added to the Commons level and the Boyd Street entrance now offers handicap access.

Dean Alan Miciak identified the need for a meeting space in Rockwell Hall as high priority, as business classes—emulating the business world—often require assignments and projects be done in groups. Together with the University’s development office, the necessary funds—more than $330,000—were quickly raised to build and furnish the area that formerly housed the Take 10 café.

“It was a spirit of cooperation and partnership between the development office and the school of business that made such an ambitious goal a reality,” said Jim Miller, associate vice president for university advancement.

The suite is named after alumnus and board member Tony Carfang, the project’s major donor, who personally met with Miciak and was convinced of the need for a suitable meeting space to better serve the business students.

“The goal to provide students with ample opportunities to develop a spirit of cooperation and teamwork strongly resonated with me,” said Carfang, who is a partner and director in the consulting firm Treasure Strategies. “I have seen many bright business professionals unable to succeed due to their inability to work effectively in groups.

“My wife Carol and I take great joy from seeing the benefits of our philanthropy directly impact the students,” Carfang said.

“I am convinced that Dean Miciak’s clear plan to foster a spirit of collaboration and camaraderie will enhance the students’ academic experience, better equipping them for their careers.”

“We are very pleased with the new addition and thankful to Tony Carfang and more than a dozen other alumni for their support. The business school faculty is already incorporating the availability of the team suites,” Miciak said.

Duquesne Recognized for Community Involvement by Carnegie Foundation

By Rose Ravasio

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

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

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

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

“The classification gives us a great opportunity to celebrate our successes, and see how we can continue and improve our support for university-community partnerships,” said Dostilio.

“It is heartening to see this level of commitment and activity,” wrote Carnegie Consulting Scholar Amy Driscoll, who directs the Community Engagement Classification process, in Duquesne’s notification letter. “Clearly, higher education is making real strides in finding ways to engage with and contribute to important community agendas. There is much to celebrate.”

Students’ Research Finds Positive Impact of Nature Trails

By Rose Ravasio

Duquesne University students examined the impact of nature trails in Mount Washington and presented findings on the impact on economic development, crime and safety, and physical and mental health to members of the neighborhood’s Community Development Corporation (CDC) in November.

The research indicates that green spaces have a very positive impact on community health; crime rates on hiking and biking trails is very low and criminal activity has decreased in areas adjacent to well-used trails in many communities across the nation; and real-estate prices increase proportionally the closer a property is to recreational trails and parks.

These students are members of the service-learning senior seminar, psychology of social engagement, at Duquesne. Mount Washington’s Grandview Scenic Byways Park is 240 acres, comprising smaller parks and well-developed nature trails. Students taking the class during the last academic year and the current semester created and administered a neighborhood survey about park use, and conducted background research for a trails feasibility study. They worked in conjunction with Dr. Ilyssa Manspeizer, Grandview Park’s resource manager.

“The students’ findings have helped us identify necessary services for particular neighborhoods and brought an authoritative and professional voice to our community,” Manspeizer said. “The surveys they conducted for us in the past helped us identify the need for increased youth programming at one of the parks. We are now in the final stages of bringing in a suitable youth program for an unused building in that park.”

Duquesne psychology majors are required to take the service-learning senior seminar, which is designed to build a bridge between academic studies in psychology and social action beyond the University.

“I try to show the students that it is not very difficult to become involved in their own local community, and that there are many groups and organizations that can benefit from their passion and expertise,” said Associate Psychology Professor Eva Simms, a Mount Washington resident who is teaching this semester’s seminar and is a member of the CDC. “This continuing collaboration with our community partner has been a great learning experience for our students, and it has already made a positive difference in the Mount Washington neighborhoods.”
Future Biotech Workers Gather at Du

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

More than 80 high school and college students interested in careers in biotechnology and sciences looked into their futures in November, meeting with prospective schools and employers at a program hosted at Duquesne.

This event was part of a program called the 2+2+2 Biotechnology/Life Sciences Pipeline Initiative, which is designed to fill the gap of biotechnology and science employees in this region by encouraging students in the Pittsburgh Public Schools and McKeesport Area School District to make the life sciences their careers. The students start the biotechnology program during their junior and senior years in high school, continue with life sciences during community college for two years and spend an additional two years to finish four-year degrees. For the program’s five years of existence, Duquesne University has been one of the partner schools.

“The idea is to get high school students into a pipeline so they’re learning life sciences,” said Dr. Alan W. Seadler, associate academic vice president for research at Duquesne. “The program was established by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development because there was great concern that a number of our bright high school students were not selecting science and math as careers.”

The 2+2+2 program has more than 500 participants who are moving smoothly between the levels of education, said Joan F. Schanck, director of education for the Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative, which oversees the program and participates as a partner.

“We wanted students to enter into a program that helps to streamline their path forward,” Seadler explained. “They can look into the future and know exactly what courses they will be taking, what the schools have to offer and what kinds of jobs are available for the successful graduate. It really is workforce development in a way that’s taking kids through the technology sector and, hopefully, supplying them as a new part of the technology workforce in universities or industry.”

Essig Named Physician Assistant Educator of the Year

Dr. Michael J. Essig, medical director of the physician assistant (PA) program at Duquesne University, was named the 2008 Physician Assistant Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants. The award recognizes an educator who inspires, stimulates and challenges students and colleagues through outstanding contributions to PA education and the PA profession. Essig, a family practice physician, is the first medical doctor to receive the honor, which is normally presented to a physician assistant.

A resident of Murrysville, Essig has served as medical director of Duquesne’s PA program since its inception in 1992. He teaches a variety of courses in the pre-professional and professional phases, including medical sciences I and II, clinical medicine I, II and III and applied pharmacology.

“Dr. Essig’s greatest value is his dedication to the physician assistant students and his strong understanding of the PA profession,” said Dr. Bridget Callhoun, chair of the PA department. “He is truly committed to the success of our graduates and is an asset to the Department of Physician Assistant and the University.”

Essig received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1978 and completed a family practice residency at West Virginia University Hospital. In addition to his position at Duquesne, Essig runs a family practice in downtown Pittsburgh. He has previously been recognized for his clinical and teaching expertise, including being named Teacher of the Year for three consecutive years at the Scott Air Force Base Family Practice Residency Program, the Double Helix Prize from Carnegie Mellon University and the Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medals from the U.S. Air Force.

The Center for Metals in Biological Systems

In the Spotlight focuses on centers and clinics operating from campus and shares information about their accomplishments.

What: The Center for Metals in Biological Systems (cMBS) is an interdisciplinary organization of faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students from the biological sciences and chemistry and biochemistry departments.

The cMBS seeks to advance understanding of the diverse roles and applications of metal ions in biological systems.

Faculty: Dr. Partha Basu, director; Dean David W. Seybert, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences; Dr. Ellen Gawalt, Dr. Mitchell E. Johnson, Dr. H.M. “Skip” Kingston, Dr. Tomislav Pintauer, chemistry and biochemistry department; and Dr. Kyle W. Selcer and Dr. John F. Stoltz, biological sciences department.

Services: The cMBS provides expertise on metals, in both natural and synthetic materials, focused on structure-function relationships and the development of new applications. The center enhances research collaborations, education and training for students, research associates, post-doctoral fellows and faculty through greater interaction with local educational and research institutions and governmental agencies.

Notable/Quotable: The center sponsored its fourth annual symposium on metals in biology on Dec. 5, inviting local students and speakers from other Pittsburgh institutions. Funding from the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, the Mylan School of Pharmacy and an endowment from the Kresge Foundation supports a high-quality instrument facility, including a machine shop, an electronics shop and instrument maintenance, calibration and repair capabilities.

The center has research capabilities in nuclear magnetic resonance, diffraction, optical spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, chromatography, imaging (microscopy and gel), isothermal titration calorimetry, DNA sequencing, cell culture, centrifuge, dark rooms, radiosotope room, supercomputing facilities and Sony, confocal light and electron microscopy.

Contact Information: Dr. Partha Basu at basu@duq.edu or 412.396.6345.
Students Premiere News Documentary on Pope’s Visit

By Rose Ravaio

Thirteen Duquesne journalism/multimedia arts students made media headlines last semester when they were selected as the only college TV crew to receive the coveted credentials to document Pope Benedict XVI’s U.S. visit, from April 15-20. Nearly six months later, the students shared the results of their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at the campus screening of the 92-minute documentary, Christ Our Hope: 2008 Pilgrimage of the Pope.

“This documentary is another reason why Duquesne University is so special,” said Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik, who attended the November screening in the Power Center Ballroom. “Of the three virtues—faith, hope and love—hope is the most difficult to live. This documentary on Pope Benedict’s visit invites us to be a people of hope. May we, and they, truly grow in the virtue of hope.”

The students split into two groups to cover the pope’s visit, with one crew traveling to Washington, D.C., and the other to New York City.

After the screening, the audience of nearly 150 students, faculty and staff were invited to participate in a question-and-answer session with the student documentarians.

Assistant Professor of Multimedia Arts Dennis Woytek and Instructor/WTAE-TV Anchor Mike Clark, who taught the students in class, commended the group on their hard work, their creativity and their finished product far exceeded my expectations. Watching the reaction of the audience applauding their work made me feel like a proud father, relishing the accomplishments of my daughters and sons!”

“The most rewarding part about teaching is seeing your students succeed. Even better is to be there when they do,” added Woytek, who accompanied the students on the trips. “From the outside, this event looked like a trip to some exciting cities but the students knew that this was going to be work, long days and nights and thousands of people, network journalists and videographers. The students really did experience what a journalist does every day. I was privileged to be a part of the team and so proud to say these are my students from Duquesne University.”

In addition to their hands-on work with the documentary, many of the students also wrote articles for their hometown papers, blogged on the Internet and served as correspondents for radio and television stations in Pittsburgh.

DVD copies of Christ Our Hope: 2008 Pilgrimage of the Pope will be available for sale in the near future. E-mail jma@duq.edu to be placed on a contact list regarding the DVD.

As Economy Sours, Duquesne Unemployment Compensation Clinic Gears Up for More Clients

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Nationally, unemployment has reached its highest point since January 1993, with the U.S. Labor Department reporting 2.6 million jobs lost in 2008. This marked the highest yearly job loss total since 1945.

These economic conditions may make the 10th year of operation for the Duquesne University School of Law’s Unemployment Compensation Clinic one of its busiest, as it provides free help to the recently unemployed appealing to receive unemployment benefits, obtain greater compensation or debating other issues.

“Pennsylvania is in line with the rise in increased unemployment, which typically bespeaks of an increase in unemployment claims,” said Michael Simon, supervising attorney for the clinic.

The number of people laid off and seeking jobs is up, according to job service centers at the Homewood YMCA, Downtown YMCA, NAACP and the Urban League, said Tracey McCants Lewis, assistant director of clinical legal education at Duquesne, who has contacted these centers to spread the word about the help available at the clinic.

“If people are denied benefits, they don’t know where to go for help,” Lewis said. “They have free legal services available through our clinic. In each of the cases we’ve had this year, the circumstances have been dire.”

Simon agreed with her assessment. “Many of them are two paychecks away from disaster,” he said. “If they are denied benefits, rarely are they able to afford lawyers.”

This is where the clinic and the law students can help. “Services are available sooner rather than later,” Lewis said. “The longer you wait, the far worse position you’re in than when you first receive the denial.”

The law students involved in the clinic during the Fall 2008 semester accepted three round of clients, Lewis said.

“We’re taking cases as fast as we get them, and handling them well,” Simon said. “This is my best year doing this because the students are so dedicated.”

These five students, by the end of the course, will have typically handled 35 to 40 clients, Simon said—and a higher number of cases because one client might have multiple cases.

A four-credit course, the clinic includes an instructional component and requires 8 to 20 hours of direct work from client interviews, collecting expert testimony, attending hearings and arguing cases. As a classroom experience, Simon said, the clinic provides better results for both clients and students, who spend several weeks in training on evidentiary law, civil law and trial tactics and have the opportunity to discuss cases with their peers.

“The issues are repetitive; the facts are different,” he said, noting that technical rules can be invoked to decide whether a person is entitled to benefits.

For instance, a common debate may focus on whether the person is an employee who would be eligible for benefits or an independent contractor.

Appeals for unemployment benefits start with a referee, then may continue to the Unemployment Board of Review, occasionally to the Commonwealth Court and rarely, may reach the state Supreme Court. Simon and Lewis proudly noted that more than one previous Duquesne unemployment argument set precedent case law in Commonwealth Court.

While the newly unemployed could reap financial gains through the clinic, Simon also sees benefits for the students through hands-on experience. “No body makes a living off unemployment compensation law, but moving forward, the skill sets complement anything else you do as an attorney,” Simon said. “It also teaches the value, at an early stage in one’s career, of giving back.”

For more information about the Unemployment Compensation Clinic or to arrange an appointment, e-mail lawclinic@duq.edu or call Lewis at 412.396.4704 or Simon at 412.856.8107.

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

The Duquesne Union’s recent modernization is expected to become the University’s first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified renovation project. To receive this designation, the renovation needs to meet a number of requirements, including using sustainable products. The products, many of which are well-known in their industry for their environmental quality, include:

• Casework and wood panels free from any urea-formaldehyde resins and certified by the Forest Stewardship Council
• New, colorful furniture ranging from 20 to 80 percent in recycled content and Greenguard certified, which means it meets guidelines for indoor air quality
• All porcelain tile, carpet fiber and backing with 20 to 100 percent recycled content. While the certification process continues, the Duquesne community is taking full advantage of the environmentally responsible new area.
New Businesses Forced to Adapt
As They Struggle for Survival
A Nov. 2 Post-Gazette article on how small businesses are adapting during the econom-
ic crisis featured an interview with Dr. Mary McKinney, director of Duquesne University’s Small Business Development Center. The article also appeared on TMICnet.com.

Fewer Colleges Require Students
To Take SAT as Entrance Exam
Director of Admissions Paul-James Cukanna was quoted in a Nov. 2 Tribune-
Review article about the National Associa-
tion of College Admission Counseling calling on colleges to reduce the emphasis placed on testing such as the SATs. The article also appeared in Calibre Macro.

W. Pa. Last in Line for Pump Relief
Dr. Kent Moors, an oil expert and professor in the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, was quoted in a Nov. 3 Tribune-
Review article about gas prices in Western Pennsylvania being the most expensive in the state. The article also appeared in Macro World and Calibre Macro. Moors was also interviewed on the subject by WYAE-TV on Nov. 4.

Strange Ways of Predicting
The Outcome of Tomorrow’s Election
The Tribune-Review featured a story on Nov. 3 about unusual ways of predicting the outcome of an election. Dr. Vashista Bhaskar, assistant professor of finance, was interviewed about the market’s impact on an election.

What Was Once a Dumping Ground,
Volunteers Turn into a Respectable
The New York Times quoted Dr. Doug Harper, professor of sociology, in a Nov. 3 article about his involvement in a community planting day in Squirrel Hill through which volunteers worked to expand and beautify an unsightly park on city-owned land that was previously being used as an illegal dump.

Duquesne Law Students Win
UM-Hosted Tournament
On Nov. 3, The Daily Record in Maryland announced that Duquesne University law students won the National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s Tournament of Champions held at the University of Maryland School of Law. A similar article appeared in the Nov. 5 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

How Will No ‘Street Money’ Play
Today in PA?
A Nov. 4 article in The Post Chronicle featured an interview with Law Professor Joe Sabino Mistick, who addressed the legality of “street money,” a cash apparatus used mainly by the Democratic Party to curry votes through the legality of “street money,” a cash apparatus used mainly by the Democratic Party to curry votes through

Hampton Students Shop
Earlier for College
Duquesne Admissions Director Paul Cuk-
anna was featured in a Nov. 5 article in The Tribune-Review about students shopping around and planning for college at an earlier age.

Analysis: Saudi King Seeks Sense
Of Obama Policy on U.S. Trip
A Nov. 6 Reuters article featured Dr. Kent Moors, an energy policy expert and political science professor, who talked about the impact of the election of Barack Obama on the direction of U.S. policy in Saudi Arabia. The article ran in The Seoul Times on Nov. 10.

Credit Crunch, Dim Prospects
Blamed as Area SBA Loans Fall
The Tribune-Review quoted Diane Sandstrom, consulting manager for the Small Business Development Center, in a Nov. 10 article about the sluggish economy and other factors resulting in a 40 percent decrease in the number of Small Business Administration loans in the Pittsburgh region during the last year. The article also appeared in Macro World Investor; TMICnet.com, Trading Market, Calibre Macro and Quote.com.

Holiday Season Could Be Buyer’s Paradise
The Tribune-Review interviewed Marketing Professor Audrey Geskey on Nov. 7 for a story on the “Black Friday” shopping day becoming a shopping “season,” with stores offering discounts in advance of Black Friday. Geskey did similar interviews on Black Friday on WPXI-TV on Nov. 25, on WYAE-TV on Nov. 27, on KDKA-TV on Nov. 28, and in the Tribune-Review and the Valley Independent on Nov. 29.

State’s Unemployment Rate
Better Than National
Donahue Chair in Investment Management Tom Nist was interviewed by KDKA-TV on Nov. 7. Pennsylvania’s and Pittsburgh’s unemployment rate doing better despite the national rate declining each month.

Why Dan Rooney Fell for Obama
The Post-Gazette quoted Dr. John Lanasa, associate professor and chair of marketing and sports marketing, in a Nov. 9 article about Dan Rooney’s support of President-elect Barack Obama.

Black Cohosh Linked to Spread of Cancer
On Nov. 10, Telegraph.co.uk reported on a study, in which Assistant Professor of Pharmacology Vicki Davis was a researcher, that shows taking the herb black cohosh causes tumor cells to spread in women diagnosed with breast cancer. Similar articles also appeared on WebMD, MedicineNet.com, CBS News and BioSpace.com.

Ecosphere Technologies Delivers Mobile
Water Recycling Plant to Newfield
Exploration in Oklahoma
A Nov. 10 article in the International Business Times quoted Dr. Kent Moors, an Ecosphere Advisory Board member, in an article about the delivery of Ecosphere Technologies’ first mobile water recycling plant, a fully self-contained water recycling plant that can be moved from well site to well site to process frac fluid backwash. The article also appeared in TMICnet.com, MarketWatch, NewsBlaze, Market Wire Canada, Macro World, Earth Times, Calibre Macro and MSN Money.

“Business Talk”
Dr. Kent Moors, an oil expert and professor in the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, was interviewed on WMNY-AM on Nov. 11 regarding concerns over sufficient crude oil supply in a declining oil price market. He did another interview on gas prices with the station on Nov. 21.

Mock Trial Tournament is Won
By Duquesne U.
The Buffalo News City & Region announced on Nov. 11 that a team of Duquesne University law students won the national Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Tournament at the University of Buffalo.

Gas Prices
WPXI-TV and Fox News both featured inter-
views on Nov. 12 with Dr. Kent Moors, an oil expert and professor in the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, about gas prices.

West Va. Dispute Goes to High Court
The Post Gazette quoted Law Professor Kent Gormley in a Nov. 15 article about the Supreme Court’s decision to hear a case involving a campaign contribution made by the Massey Energy chief executive officer during a West Virginia Supreme Court Race.

Duquesne University Students Produce
Documentary on Pope’s Visit
The Post-Gazette featured a Nov. 16 article about student journalists from Duquesne University who have produced Christ Our Hope: Pilgrimage of the Pope, a documentary about the April 2008 visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the U.S.

Duquesne Mock Trial Team is Champion
A Nov. 19 Post-Gazette article announced that members of the law school’s mock trial team won the American Bar Association’s National Labor and Employment Law Regional Championship in Chicago.

Colleges Cast Wider Net
To Lower Smaller Enrollment Pool
Director of Admissions Paul-James Cukanna was quoted in a Nov. 19 article in the Tribune-
Review about area colleges and universities starting to recruit more outside of Pennsylvania as the number of high school graduates in the state is expected to decrease.

Former Judge Convicted
For Lying About Injuries in Auto Accident
Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz was quoted in a Nov. 20 article on Law.com about a former superior court judge being convicted on charges that he lied about injuries and abused his position on the bench to receive a payoff from two insurance companies following a car accident. The article also appeared in The Legal Intelligencer and on Yahoo! Finance.

Strange ‘Cheney’ Case Takes a Strange Twist
On Nov. 20, MySanantonio.com featured an article about the indictment case involving Vice President Dick Cheney and former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Law professor and constitutional law expert Ken Gormley was quoted.

Why Gas Cheaper in Ohio than Taxes,
Distribution Chain Are Behind
Higher Gasoline Prices in Pa.
The Sharon-Herald quoted Dr. Kent Moors, an energy policy expert and political science professor, in an Nov. 21 article about Pennsylvania gas prices being more expensive than prices in Ohio. The article also appeared on IslandAnalyzer.com.

Economic Crisis Spurs Classroom
Changes at Pittsburgh Business Schools
The Pittsburgh Business Times quoted Donahue Chair in Investment Management Tom Nist in a Nov. 21 article about the impact of the economic crisis on teaching in the classroom.

Whitman Touts Green Approach
The Nov. 21 Post-Gazette featured an article on the keynote address delivered by New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman at a symposium on sustainable business hosted by the Beard Center for Ethics and the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business. A similar article also appeared in the Tribune-Review.

Green Power has Environmental, Public
Relations Positives for Local Company
Duquesne University was featured on Nov. 22 article in The Beaver County Times about the many colleges and universities are leading by example with their green efforts. The article also appeared in TodayEnergiesolutions.com and in the Elwood City Ledger.

Darwin’s Evolution Theory Events
To Begin in January
The Tribune-Review announced on Nov. 22 that the Carnegie Museum of Natural History and Duquesne University will host a weekly science lecture series focused on evolution beginning in mid-January, following the unveiling of a Synthetic Darwin inter-
view display at the Carnegie Science Center at the end of the month.

Region’s Leaders Court Asian-based
Companies
On Nov. 23, the Tribune-Review quoted Brent Rondon, manager of global business programs for the Small Business Develop-

City Schools on the Forensic
Science Center
Duquesne’s master’s in forensic science program was featured in a Nov. 24 article in the Tribune-Review on growth in employ-

Retail Meets CSI at Target Forensics Lab
The Valley News Dispatch reported on Nov. 27 that Target has gone all CSI to track down anyone committing crimes at its prop-

Greentree SportsPlex Cuts Prices
to Weather Economic Storm
A Nov. 26 article in The Pittsburgh Business Times quoted Steve Greenburg, executive in residence for sports marketing, regarding a local fitness club decreasing its monthly membership dues as a result of the down-

Two Hopefuls Emerge for President
Judge Post
The Tribune-Review quoted Law Professor Joe Mistick in a Nov. 29 article about the campaign to become president judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

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Madelyn A. Reilly, a resident of Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood, has been named director of environmental health and safety at Duquesne University, effective Jan. 12. She replaces Paul King, who retired.

Reilly, who is certified as a qualified environmental professional, is experienced in environmental health and safety as well as enterprise risk management. She most recently served as corporate counsel for compliance and risk management at InterTech Security LLC, a Warrrendale-based firm specializing in design, installation and maintenance of electronic security and safety systems.

Reilly Selected as Director of Environmental Health, Safety

Madelyn A. Reilly

Herb Safety Questioned for Women With Breast Cancer

By Rose Ravasio

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

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

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

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

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

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

Davis also clarified that black cohosh, which is not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, is a complex product with numerous components that may have different effects on the breast and on cancer.

“Therefore, to provide simple or direct recommendations are more difficult. The biggest concerns may be the use of black cohosh with breast cancer until more data are available to indicate its safety with different tumor types, treatment lengths, and in combination with other therapies,” she said. “Also, as some women increase the dose if their symptoms continue, higher doses could further enhance the effects observed in our study.”

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

DU In The News

Clarke Thomas: The Great Insight that Binds Us

A Dec. 3 Post-Gazette opinion article mentioned Dr. David Lampe, an associate professor of biology at Duquesne, and the University’s Darwin Celebration 2009 event he’s helping to coordinate.

Online Comments Lead To Privacy Complaint

On Dec. 3, WPXI-TV featured an interview with Dr. Joan Kiel, an associate professor and the HIPAA Compliance Officer for Duquesne University, in a story about privacy violations online.

Gasoline Led to ‘Total Kill’ in Turtle Creek

The Post-Gazette featured a Dec. 4 article about a gasoline spill in Turtle Creek. Dr. Kyle Selor, a biology professor at Duquesne who has studied the creek, was quoted about the wildlife devastation. Biology Professor Brady Porter, who specializes in the study of fish, also was quoted.

Duquesne Facility Earns Clean Power Credits

The Tribune-Review announced on Dec. 4 that Duquesne University’s cogeneration facility is the state’s first approved distributed generation system for creating alternative energy credits.

Army Spirit Runs Deep in Professor’s Family

On Dec. 6, The Tribune-Review featured an article about Dr. Lewis Irwin, associate professor and acting chair of political science, who is a U.S. Army Reserve Colonel.

Sunday Forum: Facing Facts

The Post-Gazette published an opinion on Dec. 7 by Samuel Hazo, McNulty Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Duquesne University, on how people can be misled when they don’t have the facts.

Pittsburgh Council Questions City’s ‘Restricted’ Fund, Will Take Pay Raises

On Dec. 8, WTAE-TV quoted Dr. James Burnham, a finance professor at Duquesne University, on the use of the City of Pittsburgh’s restricted fund.

Duquesne University Qualifies for Pennsylvania’s Clean Energy Program

The Pittsburgh Business Times reported on Dec. 12 that Duquesne has qualified for the state’s Clean Energy Program. George Feick, executive director of facilities management, was quoted.

Vatican Reinforces Ban on Harm to Embryos

Dr. Gerard Magill, a professor of bioethics at Duquesne University, was quoted in a Dec. 13 article in the Post-Gazette about new Vatican directives on bioethics that are cautiously directed at non-voluntary pregnant women.

Pennsylvania Energized: State Posed to Become Major Supplier of Fuel

On Dec. 14, The Reading Eagle quoted Dr. Kent Moore, Duquesne professor and director of the University’s energy research group, about natural gas futures.

New Drilling Technique Causes Controversy

iStockAnalyst.com quoted Dr. Kent Moore, professor and director of the University’s energy research group, on Dec. 14 about how improperly treated ground water could pose problems for underground aquifers.

Malls Have More in Store than Retail; Offices Move In

On Dec. 14, The Beaver County Times quoted Dr. Audrey Guskey, a marketing professor at Duquesne and expert on the retail industry, on the growing trend of service businesses occupying retail space.

“The Spirit of Duquesne’’ Sculpture by K. Mulcahy and R. Desmett Unveiled

DesignTaxi.com announced on Dec. 15 that glass sculptors Kathleen Mulcahy and Ron Desmett, whose love of glass art inspired the creation of the world-known Pittsburgh Glass Center, recently unveiled their fabricated and welded stainless steel and cast glass sculpture titled The Spirit of Duquesne at the University.

Counties Again Push State to Pay for Courts

On Dec. 15, The Post-Gazette quoted Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz in an article about whether Common Pleas and magistrate’s costs should be a state responsibility or the responsibility of each of the Pennsylvania’s 67 counties.

Buyer Beware Of On-Line Steeler Playoff Tickets

On Dec. 16, KDKA-TV interviewed marketing professor Dr. Audrey Guskey, about consumers needing to be cautious about buying online football playoff tickets because they may be fakes.

Animal Cruelty Case Pushed to Top Court

The Post-Gazette quoted Ken Gormley, professor and interim law school dean, in a Dec. 17 article about an appeal of an animal cruelty case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Expert: Interest Rate Drop Won’t Affect Pittsburgh Much

WPXI-TV interviewed Duquesne Marketing Professor Dr. Audrey Guskey on Dec. 17 about the impact that the Federal Reserve’s drop in interest rates is having on the economy.

Psychology of Face Transplants is Subject of New Book by Allegheny College Professor

MarketWatch.com reported on Dec. 17 that Nathan Clendenin, a doctoral student in clinical psychology at Duquesne University, co-authored a book on the psychology of face transplants that will be published in April.
The University honored its 2008 Mind, Heart & Spirit award recipients in November with a special reception in the Sheppton Suite in the Power Center. Mind, Heart & Spirit Awards recognize Duquesne alumni who exemplify the pillars of the University’s mission—academic excellence; moral and spiritual values; ecumenism and diversity; service; and world concerns.

Winners include:

DR. ALISON A. KLIBER, Arts 1985 Ecumenism
Kliber is a physician with the East Liberty Family Health Care Center, a faith-based organization that serves impoverished and uninsured residents of the East Liberty, Garfield, Larimer and Lincoln-Lemington neighborhoods. She also mentors current Schweitzer Fellows at Pittsburgh universities.

WILLIAM A. MANTERIS, Graduate Arts 2001 and 2007 World Concerns
Since 1993, Orlando has been director of the Free Health Care Center’s at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. While earning his degrees from Duquesne, Manteris traveled to Central and Latin America to study economic and human development and to provide dental care to those in need. He also has provided dental care overseas.

SHAWN R. MILLER, Education 2006 Academic Excellence
Miller is vice president of Tal-Million Laboratories, founder and organizer of the Lab Ratz Science Club, an after-school program offered throughout the North and South Hills and in Armstrong, Beaver and Butler counties. Lab Ratz groups meet weekly, introducing children in elementary and middle schools to basic scientific concepts through hands-on experiments.

THELMA A. ORLANDO, Graduate Arts 2001 Ecumenism
Since 1993, Orlando has been director of Myrian’s day shelter and treatment program for homeless women, located at Bethlehem Haven, Uptown. She previously served for 23 years as director of religious education for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. An active advocate for social justice since the early 1960s, Orlando is a member of the Thomas Merton Center and is a founder of the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition.

LEON PANELLA, Pharmacy 1966, Service
Panella, who is now semi-retired, joined the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity as an undergraduate and has remained active for more than four decades, serving on its national board of directors. He is a member of Duquesne’s Greek Alumni Council and regularly assists current student brothers with service projects.

MICHELLE ZUCKERMANN-PARKER, Graduate Arts 2002, Graduate Education 2007 Academic Excellence
Zuckerman-Parker directs the institute’s education and workforce development initiatives. Among these programs is the Biotechnology Research Collaborative, which offers impoverished women an opportunity to receive college education and advance into careers as biotechnologists.

THOMAS V. STEHLE, Arts 1981 Moral and Spiritual Values
Stehle has spent more than 30 years as a liturgist and musician with Roman Catholic parishes and dioceses in Peoria, Ill., Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. In May, he was appointed pastoral associate for liturgy and director of music ministries at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in the nation’s capital. Stehle served as cantor for the installation of then-Pittsburgh Bishop Donald Wuerl in 1988 and was selected by Wuerl—now Archbishop of Washington—to assemble and conduct hundreds of singers and musicians for an outdoor Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI during the pope’s visit to Washington in April.

SpiriTan

Old Main’s original layout included an open cupola, which made it the highest point in Pittsburgh’s skyline in 1885. In 1949, however, the cupola had to be removed to make room for the University’s radio station antenna.


DU Community Calendar
January & February 2009

Thursday, Jan. 22
University Reception, Hosted by John Plante, V.P. of Advancement 4–6 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 12
The Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble
David Stock, conductor 8 p.m./PNC Recital Hall $10 suggested donation

Sunday, Feb. 8
Musique on the Bluff: The French Seasons
Toot Suite Joe Utterback, jazz piano David Allen Wehr, piano 3 p.m./PNC Recital Hall $10 suggested donation

Thursday, Feb. 12
Carifang Commons Dedication 5 p.m./Ground Floor, Rockwell Hall

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