Deans Receive Reappointments

Dr. Gregory H. Frazer

By Rose Ravasio

Dr. Gregory H. Frazer has been appointed to a third term as dean of the John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences at Duquesne University.

"It has been my honor and privilege to work closely with the faculty and staff of the Rangos School to provide a quality learning experience for our students," said Frazer. "These combined efforts enable our students to make an immediate, positive impact on the health care status of all individuals they encounter.

Established in 1990, the School of Health Sciences was Duquesne's first new school in 50 years. Prior to his becoming dean of the School of Health Sciences in August 2002, Frazer served as dean of the Victor Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek and Eck PLLC.

Since she received her undergraduate degree, cum laude, in French in 1985 and her law degree in 1987, her ties with the University have strengthened and grown. Serving as president of the Alumni Board of Governors for six years, Jones joined the University's Board of Directors in 1997, serving four years, and then returning as vice chair from 2003 to the present.

"I find it a privilege to have the opportunity to lead such an accomplished group whose collective interests are to see the University continue its momentum of success," said Jones, who is also a member of Duquesne's Century Club of Distinguished Alumni. "Along with each board member, who offers his or her unique talents and perspectives, my goal is to ensure Duquesne University delivers a world-class education while remaining faithful to the Spiritan tradition.

She will assume the position on July 1. Pappert, a 1960 graduate of Duquesne, was elected to the board in 1998, and during his tenure served as chair of the finance committee and vice chair of the board. He was named chairman in 2007. Under his leadership, the board continued to become more diverse in age, ethnicity, gender and experience. "David leads by example. He believes strongly that board members should make

Dr. Alan R. Miciak

By Rose Ravasio

Dean of Duquesne's Palumbo•Donahue School of Business, Dr. Alan R. Miciak, has been appointed to an additional three-year term.

"I am grateful to the president and the provost for their continued support during my first term as dean," said Miciak, who was named one of the "100 Most Influential People in Finance" in 2008 by Treasury & Risk Magazine. "I am also thankful to the faculty, staff, and alumni for all of their contributions to advancing the school and in assisting me."

Miciak first joined the University in August 2005, when he was named dean of the Palumbo•Donahue School. He had previously served as dean of the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

"With Dr. Miciak's leadership, the Palumbo•Donahue School has strengthened its commitment to scholarship, its emphasis on ethics and its links to the business community. He has also made our business school a world leader in sustainability," said Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, Duquesne University president.

Dr. Olga M. Welch

By Rose Ravasio

Dr. Olga M. Welch has been reappointed to an additional three-year term as dean of Duquesne University's School of Education.

"My tenure here as dean has been one where the school has attained local, regional and national prominence, which is due in no small part to the teaching and research contributions of the faculty and cooperation of the staff," said Welch. "During my next three years, I look forward to continuing to forge collaborative partnerships with school, civic and community stakeholders and to enhancing the School of Education's respected reputation.

Duquesne's School of Education has a long and storied tradition of preparing teachers, administrators and other education professionals to positively impact the lives of their students. The nationally accredited school is dedicated to advancing faculty and student research and scholarship.

"I am pleased to extend Dean Olga Welch's contract. Under her leadership, our School of Education has taken large steps forward in terms of faculty scholarship and national recognition," said Dr.
UCEA Selects DU as One of Nine World Centers for Education Research

By Rose Ravasio

Several members of the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) met with faculty and staff from the Duquesne University School of Education on campus May 5-8 to discuss development plans for the University’s new UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice.

The UCEA has selected Duquesne University to become one of only nine UCEA centers in the world. Housed in the School of Education, the center will investigate the relationship between educational leadership and social justice, focusing on how educational leaders can be better prepared and equipped to deal with students who are marginalized, under-represented and underprivileged.

“The School of Education embodies the preparation of educational leaders in all of its academic disciplines, scholarship for schools and the Spiritan founders’ tradition of caring,” said Dr. Olga M. Welch, dean of the school. “To be selected by the UCEA to become one of its distinguished centers is not only an honor, it also reflects the elements of our identity and the mission of Duquesne University.”

Michelle Young, executive director of the UCEA, spoke at a conference on the formation of educational leaders hosted by the school and, along with UCEA President Alan Shoho, met with the school to address the new center.

“We believe strongly that academics have theorized about issues of social justice in education long enough; we need to do more to identify and remedy those conditions that marginalize, trivialize and suppress ‘have not’ students, schools and communities,” said Dr. Jim Henderson, professor in the School of Education and director of the new center. “We believe that educational leaders must be prepared to recognize and correct social injustices in their own schools and work places.”

The UCEA is an international consortium of research universities committed to advancing the preparation and practice of educational leaders for the benefit of children, schools and society. In addition to Duquesne, other schools among the UCEA’s prestigious membership include Clemson University, Hofstra University, Texas A&M University, University of Dayton, University of North Carolina and Vanderbilt University.

DU First School in City with Outside Emergency Warning System

By Rose Ravasio

Duquesne University has become the only school in the city of Pittsburgh to implement an outside emergency warning system to be used on its campus during various crisis situations.

The new system provides electronic siren and voice notification via speakers on Duquesne’s Locust Street garage, Mellon Hall, St. Martin’s residence hall and the John G. Rangos School of Health Sciences. The notifications are loud enough to be heard campus-wide. The speakers have a decibel output ranging from 111 to 121 dBGs, which is similar to the noise level of a symphony concert or football crowd.

The University tests the system each day at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m., featuring the Westminster Chimes church bell-like signal to assure familiarity of the system for the University’s public safety dispatchers.

“This emergency warning system provides one more option in our ability to reach the Duquesne community with information about different situations that may arise,” said Jim Caputo, director of Duquesne’s Department of Public Safety.

In addition to the outside emergency warning system installed by Federal Signal Public Safety Systems, Duquesne utilizes the DU Emergency Alert automated notification system and broadcast emails and voicemails when alerting the University of an emergency or weather closing. The University’s Web site and Intranet, as well as its emergency phone line, 412-396.1700, are also used to communicate information.

“We commend Duquesne University for being proactive in protecting and informing its students and employees through this new warning system,” said Commander George Trosky of the Pittsburgh Police Zone 2, located in the nearby Hill District.

Business Managers Discuss Benefits

Open enrollment, construction and emergency medical equipment were topics at the April 23 business managers meeting:

• With an open enrollment deadline of May 31, employees will find few changes in the benefits package. The price tags for the medical plan will remain unchanged, but the cost of the dental option is higher.
• There are 25 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) on campus. In an emergency, employees should call extension 2677 (COPS) and follow the AED instructions.

• A new Forms Index in DORI links to many of the forms employees and students need to use.
• Construction in Canevin is complete and the School of Education staff and faculty will be moving back in May. The Office of Public Affairs has announced the construction in Canevin and Staff Move to Fisher Hall. The Office of Public Affairs has announced the construction in Canevin and Staff Move to Fisher Hall. The Office of Public Affairs has announced the construction in Canevin and Staff Move to Fisher Hall. The Office of Public Affairs has announced the construction in Canevin and Staff Move to Fisher Hall. The Office of Public Affairs has announced the construction in Canevin and Staff Move to Fisher Hall.

New Program Streamlines Recordkeeping for Degrees

Academic advisors are using a new program in Banner to help streamline recordkeeping of degree requirements for students.

While records have been kept manually by undergraduate and graduate advisors, the Curriculum Advising & Program Planning option (CAPP) will allow advisors to compare students’ progress against major and University requirements in Banner, said registrar Kim Hoeritz.

“Streamlining this process will allow more in-depth discussions during student advisement sessions, as advisors and students adopt the electronic system,” Hoeritz said.

The goal is to eventually make the Banner degree audits available to students via Self Service Banner on DORI.

“Once that is available, students will not have to wait for advising appointments to see where they stand,” Hoeritz said.

Annual Unity Banquet

Dr. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, delivered the keynote address at the third annual Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit at Duquesne University on April 24. Tutu is program coordinator for the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., where she focuses on the problem of racism in the global community.

Printing, Graphics Project Deadlines Set

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

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

Remember, simple printing projects, such as business cards, letterhead or envelopes that include graphic design work, can take two weeks or more to complete, from origination to printing; however, time needed for more complex projects such as view books or other lengthy booklets can extend from four to six months. Accordingly, Copy Center projects must be initiated by Monday, June 22, for billing in Fiscal Year 2009.

Please keep these time frames in mind when planning upcoming projects in consultation with your assigned Public Affairs marketing communications manager. Questions as to whether a given project such as brochures, posters, newsletters and postcards will fall within the guidelines for completion and billing in the current budget year, can be directed to your marketing communications manager.
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The School of Health Sciences is one of the largest of its kind in the nation, with more than 60 full-time faculty and staff and approximately 800 students enrolled in its fully accredited athletic training (AT), health management systems, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), physician assistant (PA), speech-language pathology (SLP) and rehabilitation science programs.

Under Frazer’s leadership, students from the school’s AT, PT, PA, OT and SLP programs achieve 100 percent pass rates on national licensure and certification exams. Graduates of the School of Health Sciences secure 99 percent job placement. The athletic training program is ranked in the top five nationally, while the occupational therapy and the physician assistant programs are ranked in the top 25 and top 50, respectively. The school also established its first endowed faculty post in The Anna Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair of Health Sciences and Ethics.

During the past four years, four individuals from the school have been recognized by the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions as part of an elite, small group of students nationwide honored for their academic achievements, community and university service, and service to their respective professions. Rangos students have the opportunity to study abroad, visiting hospitals, clinics and pharmacies in Hungary, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Tunisia and South Africa. Faculty from the school are esteemed leaders in their fields, and many have significant roles on various organizations for their academic areas, including representation on the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy, the Commission on Accreditation in Athletic Training Education and the Council on Accreditation for American Speech and Hearing Association. In addition, faculty have been recognized with honors including Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Educator of the Year, Physician Assistant Educator of the Year, Most Outstanding Athletic Trainer Award and the Sayers Outstanding Athletic Training Educator Award.

While serving as dean, Frazer has taught courses in international public health and leadership. He is president-elect of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals (ASAHF), for which he serves on the board of directors. In 2007, he was named a fellow for the ASAHF.

Frazer is a member of numerous professional societies, including the American Public Health Association and the American Schools Health Association. He holds a B.A. in forensic studies from Indiana University, a master's in health science and sociology from Ball State University and a Ph.D. in health education and administration from Southern Illinois University.

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Under Miciak’s direction, the school has strengthened its relationship with numerous organizations in the region, increased its scholarship, earned numerous accolades and distinctions, and further elevated the undergraduate and graduate school’s reputations for excellence.

In January, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSBI) reaffirmed the accreditation of the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business through 2012-2013. Less than 5 percent of business schools worldwide have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. The AACSBI is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Other notable successes the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business has achieved under Miciak include:

• The Donahue Graduate School of Business was listed for the third consecutive year in the 2009 edition of The Princeton Review’s Best 296 Business Schools.

• Dollars donated to the business school have increased by 137 percent since 2005, and the number of business school donors has increased by 81 percent.

• The MBA program was ranked first in the world among schools of its size and eighth overall by The Aspen Institute for its emphasis on social and environmental issues.

• Duquesne ranked highest in ethical business education—along with Georgetown and Notre Dame—in a recent survey of graduate business schools conducted by the Academy of Management Learning and Education, an interdisciplinary management journal.

• The Donahue Graduate School of Business received the prestigious Page Prize for the best United States submission of an environmental sustainability curriculum. The Page Prize, a project of the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina, is designed to encourage efforts to expose business students to state-of-the-art environmental sustainability knowledge.

• The Palumbo•Donahue School is among the first 100 endorsers of the Principles for Responsible Management Education, a United Nations-backed initiative promoting environmental stewardship, human rights and fair trade practices in business education.

Works by Miciak have been published in the Journal of General Management, the Journal of Business,

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meaningful contributions and should ask others to do the same,” said Dougherty. “His efforts have led directly to a number of major gift commitments from alumni and friends.”

During Pappert’s tenure as board chair, gifts to the Advancing Our Legacy fundraising campaign have grown from $54 million to over $90 million. Pappert and his wife, Janet—also a Duquesne graduate—made a contribution to the University to name the Mary Pappert School of Music in honor of his mother. The Papperts are also involved with the Women’s Bar Association of Allegheny County. Jones is a fellow in the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and life fellow in the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. Jones chaired the Law Firm Management Program for the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, also serving as vice chair of its Civil Rights and Public Entity Liability Section. She is a member of the Advisory Committee, Local Rules of Practice in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Jones’ accomplishments have been noted by organizations in a variety of fields. She was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer (2004-2008), the 2007 Oakland Catholic Leading Lady and Duquesne University Women’s Law Division 2002 Woman of the Year. She serves on the St. Vincent Seminary Board of Regents and the board of directors for the American Law Firm Association International Legal Network.

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Charles J. Dougherty, Duquesne University president, “Our multiple program accreditations provide independent confirmations of the high quality of our School and its forward momentum.”

During Welch’s tenure, the School of Education was selected as one of four finalists for excellence by Secretary of Education Gerald L. Zahorchak to help the Pennsylvania teachers pursuing the profession’s gold standard of excellence: certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

In addition, the School was one of only two in Pennsylvania and one of only two private schools nationwide invited to help shape the future of the education doctoral degrees and prepare school administrators and higher education faculty. Led by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council of Academic Deans from Research Education Institutions, this cooperative effort is including Duquesne’s input based on the School of Education’s varied accomplishments.

Most recently, the School of Education was selected by the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) to become a UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice. One of only nine UCEA Centers, it will investigate the relationship between educational leadership and social justice.

Welch is a member of the Pittsburgh Foundation’s Pittsburgh Promise scholarship program board. She has been a reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education, and has chaired numerous regional and national advisory boards in education. In 2008, Welch testified at a House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education hearing regarding the achievement gap.

The School of Education first welcomed Welch as its dean in July 2005. She had previously served as a professor in the Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education at the University of Tennessee (UT). She also has served as head of the Educational Administration and Policy Studies Department and as head of the Department of Counseling, Deafness and Human Service at UT.

Welch has an Ed.D. in educational administration and supervision and a M.A. in deaf education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a B.A. in history from Howard University.
First Undergraduate Research Symposium: Forging New Ground

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

More than 50 Duquesne undergraduate students from liberal arts as well as the sciences shared their research projects at the University’s first Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 15.

“There’s a lot of research going on across our campus, and it is great to have students participate together,” said Dr. Bob, who worked with three students to convert research papers into posters.

To improve preparations for next year’s event, Bob plans to include discussion of posters and research presentations in his classes.

Peter Horne of the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration received the Outstanding Research Award for his work on Trust and Market Efficiencies. Merit Awards were presented to Matthew J. Taylor, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, for Efficacy of Environmentally Friendly Reducing Agents in Copper II Catalyzed Azo Transfer Radical Addition, and Johanna Berjak, Mylan School of Pharmacy, for Preparation of Amorphous Dispersion Using Plasdone K-29/32 (PVP) and Carbamazepine.

The first-time effort at the University, which also was organized by students, forged new ground. “The student committee brought a lot of different perspectives, as well as Dr. (Alan W.) Seadler and Dr. (Alexandra) Gregory,” said Kristen Friedrich, a graduate student in charge of organizing the event.

“The symposium presented the University as a whole with the chance to examine and appreciate some of the research being developed in a number of disciplines and some of the interdepartmental collaborations being cultivated across campus,” Seadler said. “We hope to enhance this showcase even more next year.”

Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference To Address Issues of New Economy

By Randy Cole

Dr. Giorgio Coraluppi, founder and president of Computunes Inc., will share his entrepreneurial insights at the 11th annual Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference hosted on Thursday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Duquesne University.

Coraluppi, a successful entrepreneur in the Pittsburgh area for the past 40 years, will discuss his path to success and offer tips about what he learned along the way. Additionally, Jim Rudolph, chief executive officer of Rita’s Water Ice and previous owner of a7 Pittsburgh-area Wendy’s, will address the crowd on innovation and will offer his thoughts on surviving and thriving in the face of tough economic times.

This year’s conference, set in the Duquesne Union, will feature new strategies for the economy, including seizing opportunity, new marketing tactics and tips about raising money.

“Business owners are intrinsically optimistic; they know that a slow economy doesn’t mean they have to call it quits,” said Christine Hughes, SBDC training manager. “This conference offers entrepreneurs the opportunity to spend a day rethinking their business strategies, meeting new contacts and learning the latest tools that will help them to move forward with their business goals.”

For more information about this year’s conference or to register, visit www.ecc.edu or call 412.396.6233.

Colloquium Focuses on Holy Spirit, Forgiveness

By Rose Rasaio

The Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins will be the focus of the annual Duquesne University Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium. Dr. Sandra M. Schneider, a professor emerita at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., will present. Whose Sins You Shall Forgive... The Holy Spirit and the Forgiveness of Sin(s) in the Fourth Gospel at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12, in the Power Center Ballroom. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A professor of New Testament studies and Christian spirituality, Schneider teaches courses on the New Testament, the Gospel of John, hermeneutics, biblical spirituality and religious life. She also is a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary religious order.

“Dr. Schneider will bring to our series of lectures several important dimensions that had not previously been emphasized: a Roman Catholic scholar who approaches the New Testament from the perspectives of both spirituality and feminism,” said the Rev. Radu Bordeianu, assistant professor of systematic theology, who is coordinating the event. “She is a leading theologian in these areas, and her talk will most certainly continue the tradition of excellence that characterizes the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium.” Schneider is the author of numerous books, including Selling All: Commitment, Concreted Celibacy, and Community in Catholic Religious Life and The Revelatory Text: Interpreting the New Testament as Sacred Scripture.

The private colloquium part of the event will feature Schneider and invited scholars from around the nation, who will continue to discuss this year’s Holy Spirit Lecture theme as well as other readings.

The Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium was first established in 2005 by President Charles J. Dougherty to develop the intellectual spirit and to express Duquesne’s mission and charism as a university founded by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

For more information, email holyspirit@duq.edu or call 412.396.6526.
New Compound Indicates Lead in Water

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
A team led by Dr. Partha Basu, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Duquesne University, has developed an extremely selective compound that detects lead in water.

In addition to providing opportunity for scientific research with commercial potential at Duquesne, the project also has tapped the marketing expertise of a biotechnology class and the University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

The new compound can identify as little as 10 parts per billion of lead chloride, acids and metals—thus, is more sensitive than the limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Very importantly, it can detect and quantify lead in the presence of other metal ions, Basu said. It could be useful to consumers as well as to industrial and municipal water system monitors. Lead presents a health problem, especially to the brains and nervous systems of children, and the EPA wants to eliminate all elevated blood levels in children by 2010.

The substance provides results within an hour and is easily read by a fluorescent violet glow that indicates lead. Additionally, the compound, called Leadglow, works with a small amount of water, as little as a jellybean-sized sample.

Monitoring lead in water, Basu said, typically requires sending a sample to a lab with sophisticated spectroscopy. This new, yellowish compound, which looks like dried onion flakes, does not require sophisticated instruments and can make the testing process portable.

"This discovery is really a testament to our undergraduate students," said Basu, whose team included post-doctoral associate Dr. Barbara Serli-Mitasev and Lauren Marbella, who graduated this month with a degree in biochemistry from the Bayer School of Environmental and Natural Sciences.

A paper on the compound was published in the April 30 issue of the prestigious German Chemical Society journal Angewandte Chemie.

Additionally, the learning process has extended into the biotechnology classroom, which has yielded a marketing plan for Leadglow. Basu also has tapped Duquesne's SBDC, which is developing a marketing feasibility study for the project through grant funding, thanks to a $5,250 grant from Innovation Works.

"The discovery of this compound with commercial potential provides Duquesne with an opportunity to maximize complementary services that can be provided internally by faculty, staff and students," said Dr. Alan W. Seadler, who holds the Edward V. Fritzky Chair in Biotechnology Leadership at Duquesne and serves as associate academic vice president for research.

Four students in Seadler's biotechnology class prepared a marketing plan for the lead detector, which captured first place in a business idea competition at Duquesne sponsored by the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone (PCKIZ), and won second place in a contest open to students from four participating city colleges.

"All of the other teams that submitted ideas for the competition were composed of business majors," said Bill Genret, executive director of the PCKIZ.

"All four judges were not only impressed with the idea but with the business savvy of the Leadglow team, especially since they were all scientists. All of the judges felt that with some hard work, Leadglow can be turned into a successful business."

Phenomenology: Humans More Than Scientific Factors

By Randy Cole
For the 27th year, world-renowned philosophers gathered at Duquesne University this spring to discuss phenomenology as the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center hosted its annual symposium, Phenomenology and the Theological Turn, on April 28 and 29.

But what is phenomenology and why is it important to anyone but philosophers? The Rev. David L. Smith, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., has spent his life's work understanding the subject, and few men are better resources for understanding why his study has such a storied history at Duquesne.

Smith provides a foundation for phenomenology in everyday life in a way that few can. In doing so, he fosters an appreciation of how the study of this subject can apply to everyday life and just how impressive Duquesne's collections at the Silverman Center are.

Simply put, phenomenology is the philosophical study of how human beings experience their world—not the scientific study of the world, but how people experience different phenomena. In the early 1900s, Edmund Husserl, the father of phenomenology, wanted to create a philosophy in answer to the scientific reductionism of his day, which tried to reduce complex human experience to something explainable in only rational, scientific terms.

"Think about a kiss," said Smith, who served as executive director of the Silverman Center from 1994 to 2004. "Science might define a kiss as two muscles contracting or it might say that it is meaningful because it is a powerful stimulant to certain brain systems."

But there's more to the human experience than simply chemicals and science, suggests Smith. Phenomenology wants to understand the intentionality of a kiss—what is meant when a mother kisses her infant or what it means when a husband kisses his wife. According to Smith, phenomenology studies consciousness or how people experience and live in the world, not just how the world is scientifically explained.

"Phenomenology is important to everyone," said Smith, "because it recognizes the qualitative evidence of life—things like beauty and experience that science alone can't explain."

Duquesne's ties with the study of phenomenology began in 1949 when a young priest, the Rev. Henry Koren, C.S.Sp., joined the philosophy department faculty. Koren, who within a few years became the chair of the department, believed that phenomenology was of utmost importance in answering life's questions in a different way than science had come to explain them.

This intrigued Koren—the implication that this philosophy, this way of understanding how human beings experience life, could help everybody live life to its fullest. So Koren set out to invite scholars to Duquesne to give lectures on phenomenology. As director of the Duquesne University Press, he began publishing these lectures, eventually creating the first philosophical series of books about existentialism and phenomenology in the United States. According to Smith, the series reached 50 books by 1985 and continues to this day.

But the birth of the Silverman Center, which is named after Simon Silverman, the late president of Humanities Press and the center's first major benefactor, has its roots in Germany and Lexington, Ky. A Jewish scholar and psychoanalyst named Dr. Erwin Straus fled Germany in 1938 to escape the Nazis, eventually settling in Lexington. There, he served as medical director of research and education at the Veterans Administration hospital.

In 1962, Straus launched the first of five conferences on phenomenological psychology. Duquesne faculty members the Rev. Edward Hogan, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., Dr. Alice Wagnaff, then-chair of the psychology department, and Dr. Amadeo Giorgi attended the conference. The contacts bore so much fruit that Straus presented courses at Duquesne in 1963 and 1970.

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First Map Details Hill District Resources

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

The first map pinpointing community resources of the Hill District was unveiled by Duquesne University students enrolled in the Community and University Honors Seminar—and may be a groundbreaking use of Google maps.

Dr. Rodney Hopson welcomed the first four participants in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evaluation Fellows Program to Duquesne’s campus in March, kicking off a four-year, grant-funded program that has been developed to encourage greater diversity and ethnic sensitivities in the field of research and evaluation.

The program will infuse the evaluation field with well-trained individuals from diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives to meet the increasing diversity of programs and communities that the profession serves.

“This program will serve as an intensive training mechanism for these emerging professionals,” said Hopson, Hillman Distinguished Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership in the School of Education.

“We will introduce individuals from diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives to the evaluation field and therefore increase the amount of programs and communities that are served,” Hopson’s involvement in the RWJF program began partly because of his experience training graduate students of color while directing the American Evaluation Associations/Duquesne University Graduate Education Diversity Internship Program.

The one-year, post-graduate fellowship program was developed in partnership with Hopson and the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning in Philadelphia. The four-year grant from the RWJF is worth $951,035.

“Even though we come from diverse backgrounds, we don’t know everything about our cultures,” said Katrina Herbert, one of the fellows. "Part of this experience is learning how to get to know ourselves better so that we can effectively incorporate cultural sensitivities into program evaluation.”

The fellows have been placed in different organizations that specialize in evaluation and work on real-world assessment projects. All fellows are paired with mentors at their placement sites who will provide ongoing guidance and support.

“We’re approaching this program with a practice perspective, the insight that these young people will add as they grow into their respective industries is the key. We are looking to assist them in evidence-based thinking and evaluation,” said Gerrer Spillka, director of the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning.

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Evaluation and Perspective: Differences and their Meaning

By Emily Goossen

The Hill District, according to the students, has more than 60 identified and documented resources and “ample amounts of opportunity,” with current economic information available at a simple click. The format also allows future additions and changes to be made.

Visit http://sites.google.com/site/hilldistrictassets/ to access the map and photos.

Oil Prices
Fox Business Network did a live interview via satellite on April 1 with Duquesne University Political Science Professor Kent Moors on weekly EIA oil figures and international oil market developments.

Complicated Jury Selection Process
Starts in Capital Case
On April 1, The Post-Gazette quoted Duquesne Law Professor Bruce Artiokwiaik about how the death penalty raises the stakes and changes the tone of a capital case in which a man kidnapped and killed two people in Wilkinsburg in 2004.

Austin Dam BioBlitz Slated for May
Bradfordera.com reported on April 2 that Duquesne faculty members Dr. Kyle Setzer, an authority on small mammals, environmental scientist Robert Vollmar and ichthyologist Dr. Brady Porter will be on hand for a BioBlitz in Austin in May.

Street Justice
On April 2, the Pittsburgh City Paper quoted Duquesne University Law Professor Joseph Sabino Misticak about the Allegheny County magistrate election.

The Better Business Bureau Recognizes Energy Swing Windows with Award
PRlog quoted professor of business and ethics management Dr. Jim Weber, on April 2, about the ethics of the Energy Savings Window Company, this years recipients of the Better Business Bureau's Torch Award.

Bishop Zubik Teaches, Listens at Duquesne
The Pittsburgh Catholic reported on April 3, that Bishop David Zubik visited Duquesne in the third of his series of town hall meeting to connect with students and hear their needs.

Cyril Wecht: Forensic Pathologist
On April 3, TruTV featured an article about Dr. Cyril Wecht, a forensic pathologist and who is an adjunct professor at Duquesne University Schools of Law, Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Allegheny Presses to Restrict Where Sex Offenders Live
The Tribune-Review quoted Duquesne Law Professor Joseph Sabino Misticak on April 7 about state laws that limit where sex offenders can live.

Published This Week
On April 9, Times Higher Education reported on a study by Duquesne Professor of Philosophy Fred Evans that confronts the issues of subjectivity, language, communication and identity, and offers an innovative approach to the problems of human diversity and ethical plurality.

Officers Laid to Rest
On April 10, The Jewish Chronicle quoted Dr. Rick Meyer, Duquesne professor of education and a licensed psychologist, about the anger that people may feel as Pittsburgh mourns three police officers who were killed by a gunman in Stanton Heights.

Contract Constitutionality
On April 13, MetroNetworks Radio interviewed Duquesne Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz about the constitutionality of Pennsylvania Gov. Rendell opting for a non-bid contract in an ongoing pharmacy case.

Change the Crime Code
On April 14, The Jewish Chronicle quoted Duquesne Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz in an article about whether the local man who shot and killed three Pittsburgh police officers would be charged with a hate crime.

Happy Trails, David Stock
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette announced on April 16 that Duquesne University composer David Stock will conduct his last concert of the Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble before his retirement from the University this year.

Panel Sponsored by Duquesne, Pitt, UPMC Discusses End-of-life Medical Ethics
On April 17, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review quoted Dr. Gerard Magill, professor of healthcare ethics, about a conference that Duquesne co-sponsored to mark National Healthcare Decisions Day.

International and U.S. Law
On April 19, Robert S. Barker, Duquesne University Distinguished Professor of Law, was a guest participant on the KDKA-TV public affairs program KDPS Sunday Edition, where he discussed international and United States law with respect to the problem of Somali pirates.

More Residents Succumb to Bankruptcy
On April 19, The Tribune-Review quoted Mark Vochum, a bankruptcy law professor at Duquesne, about the nine percent rise in bankruptcies in Western Pennsylvania.

Trumpet Rising: Sean Jones’ International Emergence Could Help Lift Pittsburgh’s Jazz Scene
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette featured an article on April 20 about Sean Jones, a professor of jazz studies at Duquesne, who has made a positive impact on Pittsburgh’s jazz future.

Why Are We Financing Stadiums?
On April 22, The Morning Call quoted Ron Dick, a professor of sports marketing at Duquesne, about local and state governments that continue to give large amounts of money to sports franchises for the construction of new stadiums and arenas despite the state of the economy and the recent bailouts.
Duquesne Law School Clinic Receives NAACP Award

The Center for the Bill of Rights, Civil Rights Litigation Clinic received the first President’s Award for Outstanding Community and Legal Support for the Underrepresented at the NAACP Pittsburgh Chapter’s annual human rights dinner on May 7.

“The Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAACP is truly grateful for all the legal expertise that has been provided by the member of the Duquesne University School of Law, Hugo Black Law Clinic, specifically the Center for Bill of Rights Clinic,” wrote M. Gayle Moss, chapter president.

Last year, the Duquesne law school and Pittsburgh NAACP forged a venture to strengthen and sustain the NAACP’s complaint intake and referral system for civil rights and other legal complaints. The collaboration was a first for the NAACP nationwide. Students enrolled in the clinic regularly work with and train NAACP board members, volunteer staff and consultants at the organization’s Hill District office. Together, they evaluate complaints that have been referred to the clinic through the NAACP’s screening process. They are refining and systematizing the organization’s current complaint intake, investigation and referral process. Law students also developed a computer database and desk reference to further support the NAACP’s intake process.

Professor Margaret K. Krazik is director of clinical legal education at Duquesne, and Tracy McCants Lewis is assistant director. A team of supervising attorneys and students contribute to the efforts of the Hugo Black Law Clinic.

Duquesne Law School Registrar Named to NNLSO board

Valerie Harper, law school registrar, was elected to the National Network of Law School Officers (NNLSO) board of directors, becoming the first African American registrar to be named to the NNLSO board. She was sworn in to her position in a mid-April ceremony in Chicago.

Harper’s responsibilities as a board member include membership evaluation and growth, updating law schools of American Bar Association regulations and financial oversight in relation to law schools, in addition to many others.

Harper has been the law school’s registrar since 2006 and employed by Duquesne in various positions since 1986. She is an adjunct professor with the Duquesne University Learning Skills Center.

The NNLSO is a subset of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars in Washington, D.C. NNLSO’s membership is approaching 600 with more than 130 ABA-accredited law schools participating.
EPA Recognizes Duquesne with Second Green Power Individual Champion Award

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

For the second consecutive year, Duquesne University has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the 2008-2009 Individual Champion for purchasing more green power than any other school in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

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

EPA estimates that Duquesne University’s green power purchase is the equivalent amount of electricity needed to power more than 1,200 average American homes each year or has the equivalent impact of reducing the carbon dioxide emissions of more than 1,600 passenger cars annually.

“We are honored to be recognized, once again, for our commitment to a more sustainable campus,” said Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, president of Duquesne University. “Being a responsible steward of natural resources is one of the ways that Duquesne demonstrates its global mission. We are building upon a foundation of long-established, environmentally conscious efforts that benefit the University, our community and the planet.”

Besides purchasing renewable energy and generating much of its own electricity for power, heating and cooling, Duquesne also has a proactive green cleaning program, a goal to observe LEED principles in new construction and major renovation projects, growing recycling and green purchasing initiatives. In the academic sphere, Duquesne has an award-winning Sustainability MBA program, as well as a community-minded Center for Environmental Research and Education.

“Each year, our college and university Green Power Partners raise the bar for clean, renewable energy use,” said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. “By taking action on its campus, Duquesne University is helping to move our nation into a clean energy future.”

Duquesne was part of the 2008-2009 challenge that involved 22 collegiate conferences and 44 schools that collectively purchased more than 1 billion kWh of green power. The EPA will extend the College & University Green Power Challenge for a fourth year, to conclude in spring of 2010. The challenge is open to all U.S. colleges, universities and conferences. To qualify, a collegiate athletic conference must include at least one school that qualifies as a Green Power Partner, and the conference must collectively meet the EPA’s minimum conference purchase requirement.

Green power is generated from renewable resources such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass and low-impact hydro. Green power is considered cleaner than conventional sources of electricity and has lower carbon dioxide emissions, a greenhouse gas linked to global climate change. Purchases of green power help accelerate the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide. For additional information, visit www.epa.gov/greenpower.

In the Spotlight

The Investment Center

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

What: The Investment Center, a uniquely designed center equipped with custom and investment management industry-standard software and databases, provides students with real-time access to stocks, bonds, commodities, futures, currencies and options markets from around the world. Using this market access, students and faculty conduct many levels of analyses in relevant, up-to-date business and industry issues.

Located: The Investment Center is in Room 605, Rockwell Hall, within the School of Business.

Director/Staff: Program Director Jennifer Milcarek oversees a small staff of student employees.

Services: Students utilize the center to test their understanding of finances and economics. Nearly 20 business classes use the center to conduct research or do projects. The Investment Center is also home to the Duquesne Asset Management Group, a student organization managing real money in equities.

Notable/Quotable: The Investment Center has administered the Bloomberg Product Certification program for five years, gaining a hiring edge by being accustomed to the intricacies of this software and database tool commonly used by many employers. In 2008 alone, students in finance, investment management and economic programs earned more than 125 Bloomberg Certifications, with each attaining at least one certification before graduating.

To potential students, corporate executives and other visitors to the School of Business, the Investment Center showcases a student-oriented, professionally based learning environment.

Contact Information: Room 605 Rockwell Hall, 412.396.5642, investmentcenter@duq.edu

1st Sustainability Report Issued

By Carolina Pais-Barreto Beyer

Duquesne’s inaugural sustainability report highlights the University’s commitment to environmental stewardship and provides an overview of the many sustainability initiatives that take place on campus. In the report, President Charles J. Dougherty stresses how respect for the environment is intrinsically connected with the work of the Spiritans and with the University’s Mission.

The report explains that Facilities Management employees are commissioned to investigate and bring forth opportunities to improve the environmental quality of operational processes.

Among the initiatives highlighted in the report are:

• The campus’ innovative and efficient cogeneration facility, which considerably differentiates Duquesne from other institutions in the area of energy consumption
• Many sustainability driven operation efforts, such as green cleaning, green purchasing and the upgrade of various equipment
• Recycling practices that involve the entire campus community
• Initiatives from our operating partners, including the measures ARAMARK has made to make campus dining facilities more environmentally responsible
• Construction and renovations projects that were built to earn LEED certification or were designed observing LEED guidelines

The sustainability report states that Duquesne’s progressive efforts to achieve, maintain and advance high environmental standards began decades ago and that the University remains committed to the continual implementation of sustainable principles in the management and development of the campus.

Announcements will be posted on DU Daily and DORI when the report becomes available online.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks DU Legal Writing Program Nationally

The School of Law’s Legal Research and Writing Program is ranked as No. 17 in the nation, according to the U.S. News and World Report’s America’s Best Graduate Schools 2010.

The rankings list Duquesne’s program ahead of 170 other American Bar Association-accredited law schools. This is the second consecutive year the law school has been listed in the Specialty Rankings category, which is voted on by legal writing directors throughout the country.

The University and school have enhanced the instructional resources of the program, hiring full-time director Professor Jan Levine, a director and other faculty.

“Because written communications are essential to the practice of law, it’s extremely important for students to hone their skills in legal writing as they master many areas of law,” said Ken Gormley, interim dean of the law school. “The school is proud to have earned national recognition in this critical area.”

The Alfred and Bridget Pelaez Legal Writing Center, currently under construction in the law school library is named for a senior faculty member and his late wife. It will serve as the new home of the Legal Research and Writing Program upon its completion this summer.
Grand Finale
Composer-in-Residence David Stock Retires

By Richard Tourtellott

David Stock, composer-in-residence and professor of music at the Mary Pappert School of Music, is retiring from full-time teaching and will be awarded the rank of professor emeritus.

A special concert, Grand Finale, held April 16 in PNC Recital Hall, marked the occasion with four premieres, three of which were composed in Stock’s honor. The music was at turns playful, surprising and beautiful, a fitting tribute to Stock’s influence as a composer.

Reza Văli, a professor of music at Carnegie Mellon University, wrote a piece that involved three conductors leading three groups of players, making similar music but at different speeds in different parts of the auditorium.

Duquesne faculty colleague David Cutler’s work incorporated Indian rhythms and dance. Brooklyn-based Randall Woolf’s work included “scratch-scratching,” which involves manipulating a recording on a turntable, a technique associated with hip-hop, but in this case, was a recording of Stock’s music.

The fourth premiere, Rumi Sings of Love, which Stock wrote for vocalist Kathleen Soroka, was inspired by his 2007 sabbatical year in Turkey, where he visited the tomb of Rumi, a 13th century Sufi mystic and poet.

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In addition, Stock has been music director of The Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble since 1987 and a full-time member of the music school faculty for the past 19 years. Taking the stage at the Grand Finale concert, Stock remarked that he has a combined total of 52 years leading various ensembles. “I’m really ready not to be the leader of anything,” he quipped.

Stock’s reputation as a composer extends well beyond Pittsburgh. Orchestras throughout the United States and Europe, as well as in Asia and Latin America, have performed his compositions. He has served as composer-in-residence with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, and his photo is on the walls of Avery Fisher Hall, the home of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, as part of a permanent exhibition of portraits of composers whose works that orchestra has performed.

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Stock’s immediate plans include travel. The Seattle Symphony will premiere his cello concerto at the end of May. After attending the performance, and to celebrate retirement and mark his 70th birthday, Stock and his wife will leave from Seattle for Alaska, a destination long on their short list of dream vacations.

Just a few days after their return to Pittsburgh, they will depart for the city he calls his “composing haven,” Santa Fe, N.M. There, a second birthday celebration is planned with his family and seven grandchildren.

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After Straus died in 1975, Giorgi drove to Lexington for the funeral. Straus’ widow asked if he would like to take any of his books, a collection brought into the United States initially because of the influence wielded by a German SS officer who had been his patient. Giorgi suggested to Straus’ widow that she should keep his collection together and donate it to a university, jointly suggesting that maybe Duquesne would want it. Thus the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center was born.

On Feb. 8, 1977, an associate of Straus’ shipped that entire collection to Duquesne. Today, not only does the University boast one of the foremost collections of phenomenology in the world, the center also houses some of Straus’ personal effects, including a several paintings, an inlaid table and carved armoire, an 18th-century Prussian desk and a signed Tibetan bronze urn.

“We have one of the best collections in North America, and even in the world,” said Dr. Jeffrey McCurry, director of the Silverman Center, which houses other noteworthy compilations beside Straus’. “What makes the collection special is its focus not only on phenomenological philosophers like Husserl, but also on phenomenological approaches in psychology, first of all, but also in other fields like nursing, music and education.”

What also makes the center special is Smith. Having worked alongside the Revs. Koren and van Kaam, Smith is a wealth of knowledge at Duquesne. He is professor emeritus of the Department of Psychology, which he chaired from 1976 to 1985, in addition to his tenure as director of the Silverman Center.

Smith has authored several books and articles, most recently Born to See, Bound to Behold, a history of the Silverman Center. He earned a graduate degree in theology from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland before receiving his master’s in existential phenomenological psychology from Duquesne in 1961. He was awarded a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Montreal. A native of northwestern Pennsylvania, Smith spent his formative years in Youngstown.

Smith pointed out that phenomenology is relevant for everyday life, stating that many articles in popular magazines like Time, Newsweek and The New York Times Sunday Magazine try to explain human experiences by reducing them to genes or neurons. Smith was also quick to point out that phenomenology in no way underestimates the great value of the natural sciences, but instead adds a way of more fully understanding human experience.

To learn more about the Silverman Center, which is housed on the first floor of Gamble Library, visit www.duq.edu/library/phenomenology or call 412.396.6085.
Duquesne CTE Awards Recognize Outstanding Teachers, Their Innovations

By Kelsey Sobiecki

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Spring/Summer Commencement 2009

Pharmacy School Holds Commencement in May

By Kimberly K. Saunders

The Mylan School of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will hold commencement exercises for approximately 200 graduates at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, in the A.J. Palumbo Center. A Baccalaureate Mass will precede graduation at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception for the graduates and their families and friends will be held in the Union Ballroom immediately following the ceremony.

Provost Ralph Pearson will confer the degrees and Rear Admiral Robert E. Pittman, RPh, MPH, chief pharmacy officer of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) and director of the Division of Health Professionals Support for the Indian Health Service (IHS), will deliver the keynote address.

As the nation’s chief pharmacist, Pittman is responsible for coordinating and leading pharmacy professional affairs, advising the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services on matters such as recruitment, retention and career development for more than 1,200 PHS pharmacists. As principal pharmacy consultant to IHS, he provides leadership for over 600 IHS, Tribal and Urban Program pharmacists at 237 practice sites nationwide.

A career officer in the PHS Commissioned Corps, Pittman has served in uniform for 24 years. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including 17 Unit Commendation Medals, four Outstanding Unit Citation Medals, two Crisis Response Service Awards, the George F. Archambault Award for Career Achievement in Pharmacy, the Pharmacist of the Year Award and the Surgeon General’s Exemplary Service Medal. He also received the American Indian Alaska Native Commissioned Officers Advisory Committee Leadership Award.

Disney Executive to Address Law School Graduates

By Emily Goossen

Alan Braverman, senior executive vice president, general counsel and secretary for The Walt Disney Co., will speak at the Duquesne University School of Law commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, in the A.J. Palumbo Center. A Commencement Mass will precede the ceremony at 9 a.m. in the University Chapel.

A former VISTA volunteer, Braverman was named executive vice president and general counsel of The Walt Disney Co. in January 2003. He serves as the chief legal officer of the company and oversees its team of attorneys responsible for all aspects of Disney’s legal affairs around the world.

Previously, Braverman was executive vice president and general counsel of ABC Inc. and deputy general counsel of The Walt Disney Co. In that capacity, he managed the legal affairs of the ABC Broadcast Group, ESPN and Disney/ABC Cable, as well as labor relations. During his tenure at ABC, Braverman guided the company through numerous lawsuits regarding news reporting and news gathering practices, supervised the company’s labor department, and was responsible for the government relations function for Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. prior to its merger with Disney in 1995.

Braverman, a native of Boston, earned a B.A. degree from Brandeis University in 1969. In 1975, he received a J.D. degree, summa cum laude, from Duquesne’s School of Law, where he was also editor in chief of the Law Review.

Summer Commencement For Health Sciences Graduates

The John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences will host its annual summer commencement exercises on Friday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Duquesne Union Ballroom. A reception for the more than 80 graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony.

Dr. Alex Johnson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, will deliver the commencement address. He also holds appointments in the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences Technology Program and at the National Taipei College of Nursing in Taipei, Taiwan.

Johnson’s interests include clinical and research issues in communicative disorders, particularly medical speech-language pathology, stuttering and human literacy. He has authored numerous publications in the areas of voice, language disorders in adults and children and post-stroke aphasia, and has published two books. A past president of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Johnson is an ASHA Fellow and a recipient of Honors of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Students, Families Partake In SLPA Online Graduation

Approximately 120 students will participate in the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement’s commencement ceremony to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Union Ballroom. A liturgy will precede the ceremony at 11:30 a.m. in the University Chapel.

Adult students participating in the ceremony will receive their bachelor’s or master’s degrees. Students earned their degrees at Duquesne’s main campus, programs in Harrisburg and Fort Indiantown Gap, as well as online. The names of students who earned their degrees entirely online will be announced. Online students represent a number of states, including California, Virginia, Texas, Florida, Montana and Illinois. Graduates and families not traveling to Duquesne for graduation will be able to view the ceremony live via the Internet.

SMBA Program Plans Ceremony

The Master’s of Business Administration Sustainability program at Duquesne University will confer graduate degrees on more than 20 students at its commencement ceremony on Friday, July 31, at 2 p.m. in the Power Center Ballroom.

This will be the second cohort to graduate from the MBA Sustainability program offered by the Donahue Graduate School of Business. The full-time, day-time program instituted in 2007 is an internationally accredited program that can be completed in 12 to 15 months. The program infuses financial, social and environmental responsibility into the hard-skills classes of more typical MBA degrees.

DU Community Calendar

May 2009

Saturday, May 23
School of Pharmacy Commencement
10:30 a.m./A.J. Palumbo Center

Thursday, June 4
11th Annual Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference
7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Registration
8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Conference

Sunday, June 7
School of Law Commencement
11 a.m./A.J. Palumbo Center

Friday, June 12
5th Annual Holy Spirit Lecture
Featuring Dr. Sandra M. Schneiders
7 p.m./Power Center Ballroom

Sunday, June 14
DuquesneFest
Attendees will meet representatives from admissions, financial aid, academic, administrative and student life areas.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m./Duquesne Campus

Wednesday, July 29
Summertime Jazz With Soul concert
Call 412.396.8209 or visit alumnionline.duq.edu for cost and details.
7:30 p.m./Lenglet Perron Center

Friday, July 31
MBA Sustainability Commencement
2 p.m./Power Center Ballroom

Saturday, Aug. 8
School of Leadership and Professional Advancement Commencement
1:30 p.m./Union Ballroom

Calendar Notice: Please submit information for the September DU Community Calendar by 3 p.m. Fri., Aug. 14. Please include event title, name and title of speaker(s), date, time(s) and location(s). Send information to mccues@duq.edu.
Spring Commencement Features
Two Honorary Degrees

More than 1,500 students made the transition from students to alumni during the Spring 2009 Commencement ceremony on May 8 at the A.J. Palumbo Center. The crowd of more than 5,000 family, friends and Duquesne students, faculty and staff watched the presentation of honorary degrees to two respected professionals.

John P. Surma Jr., chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the U.S. Steel Corp., was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Business Leadership from the Palumbo-Donahue Business School. Dr. Martin C. Mihm Jr., senior dermatopathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, received an Honorary Doctor of Science from the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

Mihm, a 1955 summa cum laude graduate of the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts, also delivered the Commencement address at the ceremony.

Several of Duquesne’s schools hosted diploma ceremonies throughout the day on May 9, when graduates were able to “walk the stage” to accept their diplomas.