Lobby Days in Harrisburg

On April 6, the Student Government Association and the Pittsburgh Student Government Council went on a lobbying trip to Harrisburg, PA, to seek funding for Pittsburgh Port Authority. The students hope the funding will help alleviate the financial crisis and route cuts Port Authority is currently facing.

On April 12, 2011, the Student Government Association also sent eight students to Harrisburg, PA, to meet with their respective state representatives in order to discuss Governor Corbett’s recent proposed budget cuts towards higher education. The proposed budget cuts would impact the PHEAA grant and the Institutional Assistance Grant. These cuts would dramatically affect Duquesne’s financial aid packages to students.

As a part of this campaign, SGA paired up with AICUP and organized a letter writing campaign to students’ respective legislative members. They tabled in the Student Union and the Towers Living Learning Center with pre-made letters in order to raise students’ awareness.

Zachary Zeigler (SGA President), Hally Ramirez (Duquesne’s PSGC Representative), Lauren Turkovich (Senator for the School of Education), Anissa Gilbert (Senator for the School of Business), James Regar (Previous SGA President) - SGA representatives attend a lobby day to Harrisburg with the Pittsburgh Student Government Council (PSGC) to ask legislatures for funding for the Pittsburgh Port Authority.

Duquesne Campus in the Summer

The University offers free summer housing for currently enrolled undergraduates (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) who want to take on-campus courses this summer. The free housing is available for the duration of the summer course/s only. You must be enrolled for at least 3 credits and you will be responsible for any meal plan costs. Housing spaces are limited and certain exclusions may apply.

25% Basic Undergraduate Tuition Discount

The University offers a 25% basic tuition discount that is limited to the undergraduate schools listed on page 2. Participants must complete 12 or more credits this summer. The tuition discount does not apply to fees and some exclusions apply. Examples of exclusions include students who already receive tuition remission or any other form of a University scholarship or tuition discount.

Buildings Closing

As many of you prepare to depart for the summer, the Office of Residence Life would like to share some important end of semester information.

- 24-hour Quiet Hours begin on Monday, April 25 at 8 p.m. and will be strictly enforced to help ensure an environment conducive to studying for finals.
- Residents are expected to move out of their Living Learning Center within 24 hours of their last final exam.
25% Basic Undergraduate Tuition Discount

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Eligible Schools:
- Liberal Arts
- Music
- Business
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
- Education
- Pharmacy

Once you have registered for at least 12 credits, you must complete the following summer financial aid forms: 25% Tuition Discount and Summer Financial Aid Application. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 412-396-6607 or finaid@duq.edu if you have any questions regarding this discount program.

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If you are interested, you should work with your Academic Advisor to determine your appropriate summer course schedule. You will also need to complete a “Summer Housing Application” and have your registration information verified by your Academic Advisor. Please contact the Office of Residence Life at 412-396-6655 or orl@duq.edu if you have any questions regarding summer housing.

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- All Living Learning Centers will close on Wednesday, May 4 at 9 a.m.
- Students should work with their Resident Assistant and their Building Office to have their room checked and to return their keys prior to their departure.
- Students can dispose of carpets in the designated area of their Living Learning Center.
- A limited number of carts will be available in each lobby for use during move-outs.

Please speak with your Resident Director or Resident Assistant if you have any questions.

New Student Officers Installed

During Mass on Sunday, March 13, the annual Officer Installation Ceremony was held. The new officers of the Student Government Association, SGA Senate, Duquesne Program Council, Commuter Council, Resident Hall Association, and Class Councils were installed. A celebratory brunch followed, where former student leader and Duquesne alumnus, Derek Jones, offered an inspirational message to our new student leaders.

New Residence Hall

Watch the new Des Places Living Learning Center construction by visiting the live webcam at www.duq.edu/about/new-residence-hall.cfm.
Duquesne University Volunteers Receive Grant

Pennsylvania Campus Compact, a state-wide organization offering support programs, has awarded 20 AmeriCorps Community Fellows awards to Duquesne University Volunteers for the coming academic year. The student volunteers will commit 300 hours to service, addressing compelling community needs in the areas of college access and success, while developing college students as active citizens. The Fellows will be assisting students at the Josh Gibson Foundation, Allegheny Youth Development, and the Brashear Association After-School Programs.

Duquesne University New DU Card

The DU Card Center is excited to announce that there is a new card design for the DU Card. All faculty, staff and students will be issued new DU Cards beginning Fall 2011. For more information, please visit www.duq.edu/ducard.

Athletic Facilities Renovations

The Department of Athletics is in the process of making improvements to the locker rooms for the football and volleyball teams as well as the men’s and women’s basketball teams. Construction began in November on the football field house project adjacent to Rooney Field, which is scheduled to be completed in August. Workers completely gutted the old facility and are creating an expanded and improved football locker room, a renovated athletic training room and laundry facility as well as improved football office suites for the coaches.

On the bottom floor of the A.J. Palumbo Center, construction crews began renovating the basketball locker rooms on April 11 and work will continue throughout the summer. The project also calls for improvements to the volleyball locker room as well as a redesign of the corridor which provides access to the three locker rooms. The new facility will be called the Janice and James Schaming Athletic Center. It is being funded by private donations - including a lead gift from Janice and James Schaming (B ‘55).

South Side Shuttle Bus

Coming August 22, 2011, the University will offer a pilot shuttle service between campus and South Side for faculty, staff and students during the Fall and Spring semesters. For more information regarding the South Side Shuttle, please visit www.duq.edu/shuttle-bus.

Newly Dedicated Francis Libermann, C.S.Sp. Building

Libermann Hall was dedicated February 2, the feast day of Spiritan co-founder Venerable Francis Libermann, C.S.Sp., for whom the building is named. The eight-story building, purchased from Robert Morris University, is more than 100,000 gross square-feet in size and houses 40 classrooms, 60 offices and an entire floor of open space.
International Student Week

A week of international activities culminated with ISO Night festivities including a fashion show and entertainment.

Residence Life Supports African Business

During the spring semester, St. Ann Living Learning Center residents have been contributing to microloans to businesses in Africa. Through Kiva.org, St. Ann’s residents have been able to make loans to businesses in third world countries that do not have access to traditional banking systems. A loan was made to a merchant in Rwanda to buy more goods such as lotions, braids, salt, sugar, soap and beans to sell. A second loan was made to a woman in Kenya wanting to start a general store to purchase cooking supplies and fruits. Loans made through Kiva are typically repaid over the course of a year and are available to be re-loaned once they are paid.

Senior Celebration

Senior Celebration, held on April 2, included the presentation of the 2011 Eugene P. Beard Student Award for Ethics in Leadership and the six Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership. To view the pictures and bios of the award recipients, please visit www.duq.edu/student-activities/_pdf/senior-program0311.pdf.

Earth Day

The Student Government Association served snow cones and handed out information about the new South Side Shuttle coming this fall during the Earth Day and "Water-Walk" festivities on April 9.
Greek Week

This year’s annual Greek Week took place April 2-10, 2011. “No matter the beat, we're all Greek!” was the overall theme and the philanthropy selected was St. Anthony’s School. A kick-off toga party with the Greek Community, St. Anthony’s School and Best Buddies took place March 14, 2011. Over 4,350 cans were raised for the Brashear Association in the South Side and 95 pints of blood were donated to the Red Cross.

The Greek Week Winners include:

- 3rd Place – Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
- 2nd Place – Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and Sigma Nu Fraternity
- 1st Place and winners – Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Delta Chi Fraternity

At the end of the year awards banquet, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and Delta Chi Fraternity took President’s Cup the traditional symbol of Greek excellence awarded each year and is the most prestigious honor a Greek organization can receive.

Both groups have been consistent in recruitment efforts, community service, philanthropy, member development and growth, alumni programming, and academics.

Alpha Sigma Tau sister Dana Palmosina and Delta Chi brother Matt Myers pose for a picture during Greek Week’s Greek Games.

Zeta Tau Alpha sister Jenna Pitocco and Gamma Phi Beta sister Katherine Mosca pose for a picture during Greek Sing.

(l-r) Matt (Best Buddies Friend), Colleen Smith, Amy Mencini, Jordan Ryles, and Rachel Laurent.

Zeta Tau Alpha members dress up for dodge ball during Greek Week. Students in this photo include: Maria Londino, Alex Hill, Kimberly Gomez, Nicole Greco, Kristen Almightier, Rachel Kuszaj.

Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Kappa and Delta Zeta work together to raise cans for the Brashear Association at the annual Greek Week Canstruction event. Fraternities and sororities ‘canstruct’ cans to the Greek Week theme of ‘No matter the beat, we’re all Greek!’ Over 4,350 cans were donated this year by the Greek chapters! Some of the students in the picture include: Lindsay Marra, Kara Rennie, Molly McCannibal, Kaitlyn Kupferer, Kimberly Gomez, Maria Londino, and Eliza Ganster

Sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta pose for a quick picture during the annual Greek Games held on the football field on opening day of Greek Week.

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### Student Government Association Senior Appreciation

The Student Government Association will host their annual Senior Commencement Brunch on May 5 in the Union Ballroom. This event was designed to help graduating students have a final opportunity to network with faculty and administrators. The SGA’s 39th annual Senior Awards Dinner will take place on May 5 in the Africa Room. The Senior Awards Dinner will honor twelve outstanding seniors.

### Crunch Time for Finals

The Student Government Association will host the 24-hour study breaks in Gumberg Library beginning with a Study Break on the reading day, April 26, to kick off the 24-Hour Library. Each night different organizations will sponsor study breaks at midnight.

### Gumberg Open 24 Hours for Finals!

You liked it the first time! Tell your friends – free snacks at midnight!

- Gumberg Library will be open from 7 a.m. Monday, April 25 through 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.
- Card swipe entry required between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily.
- Quiet study areas are on the first, second, and third floors.
- Group study areas are on the fourth and fifth floors.

We need your help to make it better...

- Respect quiet study areas
- Share tables
- Dispose of your trash. Thanks!

### Fifth Annual Unity Banquet

The Office of Multicultural Affairs presents the 5th Annual Unity Banquet & Scholarship Benefit on Friday, April 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Power Center Ballroom. Keynote speaker is Sonia Manzano, otherwise known as “Maria” on Sesame Street and an author.

* Sonia Manzano