The 15th Annual Night of Lights

The Student Government Association lit up campus and brought Christmas cheer with the annual “Night of Lights.” Formerly known as “Light Up Night,” this year’s holiday celebration was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011, and featured special events for the entire Duquesne community. The theme for “Night of Lights” was “A Candyland Christmas” and the SGA included this theme in its festive decorations for the evening.

Read more on page 3.

Christmas Ball

The Christmas Ball, sponsored by the Duquesne Program Council, has been an annual holiday tradition at Duquesne for over 20 years. This year’s event was held on Friday, December 2 at the Sheraton Station Square. The Christmas Ball gives students the chance to have fun and unwind before finals begin.

More photos on page 3.

A Christmas Message from Rev. Sean Hogan

I wish to offer all — students, parents and families my sincere wishes for the gifts of Christmas — Peace and Love in your personal lives and the lives of your loved ones. I will remember you in my Masses and prayers at Christmas.

Duquesne Spirit of Giving

This holiday season, the Duquesne community is committed to helping their neighbors in Pittsburgh. Sponsored events include:

Thanksgiving
The Office of Multicultural Affairs Turkey Drive collected funds to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 300 local families. The Office of Commuter Affairs collected non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner fixings and donations at Mass during Commuter Family weekend, which were delivered to the Brashear Association food pantry.

Read more on page 2.

Record Gift Will Create Duquesne’s Largest Scholarship Fund

In October, Duquesne University was the recipient of a $12.5 million gift — the largest in its history — made by the late business leader and philanthropist William S. Dietrich II.

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Duquesne Spirit of Giving

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Christmas
The Duquesne University Volunteers Office coordinates and/or collaborates on many of the following Christmas Holiday Helpings:

- Duquesne University Volunteers is collecting non-perishable food as well as Giant Eagle Gift Cards and financial donations for the Brashear Association
- A DUV Angel Tree located in the lobby on the 3rd floor in PNC Atrium provides donation opportunities of warm weather wear for the Hill House, toys for Brashear Association and several other charities including the Homeless Children's Education Fund
- Salvation Army trees will be placed across campus
- Circle C Drive by the Freshman Class Advisory Council will provide gifts for 30 youth aged (16-18) individuals in foster homes
- The Knights of Columbus are making stockings for Holy Family Institute as well as Operation Christmas Child donations are being collected for Christmas
- Brashear Association Toy Drive is being sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma
- The Donahue Business Society is collecting donations of warm weather clothing, books, and toys for the children of the Hill House
- Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils as well as several Greek organizations are collecting donations which will enable them to adopt families for Christmas by purchasing gifts and food
- Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Assumption Living Learning Center are sponsoring a YMCA Food Drive benefitting the families of the YMCA, Downtown and Hill areas in Pittsburgh
- Phi Lambda Sigma and Kappa Epsilon are working with the Alliance for Infants and Toddlers to collect toys at chapter meetings and will distribute to the organization in early December
- Lambda Sigma is collecting gently used and new children's books and DVD's at

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Mr. Dietrich requested the distributions from The Dietrich Foundation be invested in the University’s endowment. The gift will be invested in an endowment to create The William S. Dietrich II Scholars program, providing scholarship funds to deserving Duquesne University students.

“Mr. Dietrich’s remarkable gift will dramatically change the lives of many students who otherwise might not be able to afford to further their education,” said President Charles J. Dougherty. “Since 1878, when Spiritan priests began to educate the children of immigrant steelworkers, providing access to an education regardless of ability to pay has been an integral part of Duquesne. The Dietrich Scholars program will ensure this important aspect of our heritage continues to serve students today and tomorrow. We are grateful for his generosity and commitment to education.”

Free Prescription Delivery to Campus from Duquesne's Pharmacy

Now you don’t even have to leave campus to get your prescriptions filled. Save some time by having Duquesne’s pharmacy, the Center for Pharmacy Services, fill your prescription and deliver it right to campus.

The Center for Pharmacy Services:

- Coordinates delivery on a personal basis to make sure you’re available to receive and sign for prescriptions
- Can fill and deliver most prescriptions on the same day
- Accepts most major insurance plans

Staffed by licensed pharmacists, The Center for Pharmacy Services is operated by Duquesne’s Mylan School of Pharmacy and serves both the public and the University community.

The pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For details on how to transfer an existing prescription or initiate a new one, call 412.246.0963.
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Students, faculty, and staff were able to enjoy wonderful family-oriented activities throughout the night. The SGA provided a craft station called “Santa’s Workshop,” an annual Christmas dinner, and a silent auction. Alumni Relations also sponsored carriage rides on Academic Walk and President Dougherty led the annual lighting of the campus ceremony. All proceeds from the event went towards the charity, Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and finding a cure for autism.

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Black Student Union: Front row (l-r): Jasmin Murphy, Laura Alford, Reggie Bush, Alrissa Tope, Ciarra Lewis, Ernesta Pollard; Back row (l-r): Fred Jasper, Lauren Perine, Quan Kingsberry, Michelle Johnson

Duquesne's Response to Student Feedback

Your voices have been heard! Based on feedback received from multiple meetings with student organization leaders, student survey outcomes and communication with Class Council members, your suggestions have been put into action. Here are a few highlights....

- **CTS Improvements:** The bandwidth has been expanded five times from what it was prior to the Fall semester upgrade. Additionally, they have expanded the wireless bandwidth five times.

- **Dr. John Ziegler,** Executive Director of CTS, notes that they have kept the same policies in place in terms of priorities (Blackboard over ESPN).

- Students have definitely noticed a difference. Sophomore student and Vickroy resident, Vince Rugani, happily noted that the Ethernet is running much faster this year in the Living Learning Centers.

Aramark Food Service has also made some positive changes. They include:

- **Extended hours of operation in residential dining and various retail operations including the Red Ring Restaurant**

- **Late-night program available seven days a week for takeout or dine-in**

- **Introduction of new residential menus — four-week cycle menu — offering more variety, vegetarian and healthy options**

- **Redesigned grab 'n go program which provides multiple price tiers, healthy options and new sandwiches, salads as well as snack selections**

- **Launched new made-to-order retail concepts including Bene Pizza, Grill Works and Croutons**

- **Improved availability of nutritional information via signage in all locations and dining website**

- **Expanded offering of daily and weekly menu specials at all dining locations**

- **Introduction of FLEX at the Red Ring Restaurant providing an alternative dining destination for students**

- **Enhanced student engagement program via marketing initiatives and social media**

    Senior Food Service Director, Pascal Petter, notes that Duquesne Dining Service strives to provide the best dining experience for Duquesne students and will continue to look for ways to improve its dining locations.

    Residence Hall Association President Chelsea Fry noted that resident students are appreciative of the improvements and Aramark’s willingness to respond to student concerns.

    Your voices are heard, so please continue to provide feedback about your campus experience so that we can continue to provide the best possible experience!
Duquesne Alcohol Awareness Week

Alcohol Awareness Week included:

- a Mocktail Mix-off (non-alcoholic) competition between student organizations on campus with half of the proceeds going to a charity of the winner's choice and the other half to The Legacy Fund
- a Carnival Day to create an awareness about pertinent issues such as drunk driving and the impairment and damage alcohol misuse can cause
- a Mock trial based on an alcohol-related date rape case
- a Game Night featuring a Family Feud tournament (with alcohol-related questions) and an Alcohol Awareness Jeopardy Game with categories such as "Alcohol and Other Drugs" as well as "Alcohol and Greek Life"

Alcohol Awareness Week ended with a "Shot In The Dark" event which was a water-pong tournament to educate students on the dangers of binge drinking, drinking and driving, and drinking games –because if you drink and drive, you don’t have a shot in the dark. Proceeds benefitted The Legacy Fund.

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Carnival

The 61st Annual Carnival was held during Homecoming weekend. Proceeds benefitted the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh. The winner of the James O’Day Carnival Show of the Year Award was given to Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Theta, second place winners were Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi Delta, and Tau Kappa Epsilon, and third place was awarded to Delta Zeta and Sigma Tau Gamma.

“Stuff the Truck”

Delta Chi held their second annual “Stuff the Truck” philanthropy event to support the Brashear Association and The Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. The donation truck was parked in front of Duquesne Towers for two weeks. By the end of the two weeks, Delta Chi was able to give the Brashear Association more than four hundred canned goods as well as over $800, which was donated to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research.

“Eat So They Can” Charity Event

The Sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau and the brothers of Delta Chi and Phi Kappa Theta sponsored the charity event, “Eat So They Can” Murder Mystery dinner, to benefit the Global Volunteer Network.

Sigma Nu

White Rose Ball

Sigma Nu hosted their annual White Rose Ball fundraiser benefitting the American Gold Star Mothers. For the second year in a row, Alpha Gamma Delta raised the most money, making them the White Rose Queens. The White Rose Ball raised over $12,900!

Columbus Day Parade

Alpha Phi Delta undergraduates and alumni walked in the annual Columbus Day Parade in Bloomfield in honor of their Italian heritage. They were invited to join the parade by Duquesne’s own Dr. Carla Lucente, the local Consul of Italy.
The "Picture Your Duquesne Pride" Photo Contest was held as part of the Student Life Pride Campaign. Throughout the month of October, students were encouraged to submit their favorite photos that displayed or instilled their pride in Duquesne University to pridepics@duq.edu. Nearly 50 entries were received, with students showing their pride in the University, their team, their faith, their club or organization and the community. A panel of judges, including Student Life staff and students, reviewed all entries and selected the contest winners. Lainey Ruffner, Lanette Sipple and Shannon Smith were named as winners of the contest. Carolyne Kimball was named Honorable Mention. Prizes included certificates, a Duquesne University Diploma Frame, an iPod and an Under Armour Duquesne Sweatshirt.
Students Selected for Membership in Omicron Delta Kappa

Eighty-nine students were selected for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). ODK is a National Leadership Honor Society which recognizes and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus or community service, social and religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech and mass media as well as creative and performing arts. Membership is awarded to students with a minimum of 60 credit hours and a 3.25 or higher cumulative grade point average. To view the list of new members, please click on the following link: www.duq.collegiatelink.net/organization/odk/documentlibrary

Order of Omega

The Order of Omega is a Greek leadership honor society recognizing those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities on campus. The Order of Omega is pleased to announce that the following students have been accepted into The Order: Vanessa Alleruzzo (Delta Zeta), Yamilette Ayala (Alpha Phi), Steven Chapman (Delta Chi), Alyssa Federoff (Gamma Phi Beta), Tara Lawless (Zeta Tau Alpha), Katie Neverman (Sigma Kappa), David Pina (Phi Kappa Theta), Charlotte Steppling (Zeta Tau Alpha), William Trombatt (Alpha Phi Delta), Lauren Turkovich (Gamma Phi Beta), Rock Vomer (Alpha Tau Omega), and Emily Wyman (Sigma Kappa).

Orientation 2011 Wins Two National Awards

This year’s Orientation program received awards for Outstanding Use of Theme (The Foundation is Set...Build Your Own Masterpiece) and Outstanding Novelty Item (an eco-friendly tote bag) at the 34th annual National Orientation Directors Association Conference.

Representing Duquesne at the conference, which was held from October 30 to November 1 in New Orleans, were senior Kristina Kocher, Director of Orientation 2011, and junior Becca Kopcie, Assistant Director of Orientation.

“It was an honor to know that everyone’s hard work paid off,” Kocher said. “I cried when I got the phone call that we won.”

What makes earning awards at the nation-wide competition special is that, while most universities employ a full-time administrator to manage orientation, Duquesne’s Orientation program is directed and co-directed by a senior and junior, respectively.

Rho Lambda

Rho Lambda is a Greek leadership honor society recognizing women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities on campus. Rho Lambda is pleased to announce that the following students have been accepted as new members: Alyssa Federoff (Gamma Phi Beta), Shannon Thompson (Gamma Phi Beta), Maria Londino (Zeta Tau Alpha), Katelyn Barley (Alpha Gamma Delta), Julia Giokas (Alpha Gamma Delta), Gina Senatore (Delta Zeta), Amanda Wolfe (Zeta Tau Alpha), Emily Wyman (Sigma Kappa), Annemarie Hall (Alpha Gamma Delta), Kim Gomez (Zeta Tau Alpha), Alex Laskey (Delta Zeta), Kristen Almeter (Zeta Tau Alpha) and Marah Coleman (Gamma Phi Beta).
Duke's Wrap Up Successful Fall Season

A conference championship, a conference runner-up finish and a victory at a conference championship highlighted an exciting and successful fall sports season on the Bluff. In addition to the team accomplishments, several individuals received awards as well.

The football team defeated Robert Morris 45-10 to secure a share of the Northeast Conference title with Albany. The Dukes finished with an overall record of 9-2 and had a 7-1 mark in the NEC. Connor Dixon tied a school record with 16 touchdown receptions.

For the second straight season, the men’s cross country team placed second of 14 teams at the Atlantic 10 Championship. Erik Anderson finished in ninth place while Jim Spisak placed 11th. Both runners were named to the All-Conference Team.

The volleyball team qualified for the Atlantic 10 Championship for the second straight year and won its opening match of the tournament over George Washington before falling to eventual champion Dayton in the semifinals. Liz Homan was named Second Team All-Conference.

The men’s soccer team finished one win shy of qualifying for the Atlantic 10 Championship but saw several players receive prestigious awards. Joshua Patterson was named the A-10 Offensive Player of the Year as well as First Team All-Conference. Simon Gomez and Adam Clement were also First Team All-A-10 selections.

The women’s cross country team turned in a sixth place showing of 14 schools at the A-10 Championship. Meg Ecker finished ninth overall in the 128-runner field to take home All-Conference honors while Danica Snyder was the top freshman finisher in 18th place. She received the A-10 Rookie of the Year award.

Duquesne Sports Hall of Fame to Welcome Three New Members

The Merle E. Gilliand Duquesne University Sports Hall of Fame will welcome three new members during ceremonies to be held Friday, December 9. Established in 1963, the Hall of Fame honors more than 250 athletes, coaches and builders for exceptional achievement across the more than 100 years of Duquesne intercollegiate athletics. The 2011 enshrinement class includes:

Ryan Bender: Bender ran cross country for the Dukes from 2001-2004. A four-time Atlantic 10 All-Conference honoree and three-time Academic All-America, he set school records in the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter events. He is the first cross country athlete to enter Duquesne’s Hall of Fame. A 2007 graduate of the Mylan School of Pharmacy, Bender resides in Indiana, PA.

Ginger Flocco: Lacrosse player Flocco is also the first athlete from her sport to enter Duquesne’s Sports Hall of Fame. Between 2002 and 2005, she was a three-time Atlantic 10 All-Conference honoree and set school records in game winning goals and draw controls. Flocco finished her Duquesne career among the top five in school history in nine statistical categories. A 2005 graduate of Duquesne’s School of Education, she now resides in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Tony Zimmerman: Quarterback of Duquesne’s football team from 1998-2000, Zimmerman passed for 7,313 yards and 73 touchdowns before embarking on a four-season career in professional arena football. At Duquesne, he set 14 school records and the NCAA Division I-AA record for highest touchdown pass percentage. A resident of New Kensington and 2001 graduate of the School of Education, he served as receivers’ coach for the Dukes from 2005-2006.

The induction ceremony and banquet, presented by The Academy Schools, will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011, at the Power Center Ballroom. The inductees will also be recognized during the Penn State-Duquesne men’s basketball game at CONSOL Energy Center on Saturday, December 10.
### Major Upcoming Events

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### Living Learning Center Closings

When planning ahead for break travel arrangements, please keep the following in mind. Living Learning Center break closings:

- **Christmas Break**, Halls close at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2011
- Halls reopen on 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2012
- **Spring Break**, Halls close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 25, 2012
- Halls reopen on 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 4, 2012

### Resident Assistant Positions

Looking for a great leadership opportunity? Applications for the 2012-13 Resident Assistant positions are now available at [www.duq.edu/residence-life](http://www.duq.edu/residence-life).

### Gumberg Library Ready for Finals

Come to the library for quiet study and the SGA finals snack break on December 8 at 3 p.m. Good Luck!

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### Gumberg Library Plans Ahead for 24 Hour Study

- **Free snacks and beverages** provided during the Midnight Snack Breaks courtesy of campus sponsors.
- **Choice of zoned areas for quiet study and group study**. The classroom computers and printing will also be available, along with online research assistance.
- Public Safety officers will preside over the building between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Thank you to SGA, Public Safety, and University administration, for their continued support of the 24 hour study during finals. Expanded final and holiday hours are posted at [www.duq.edu/library](http://www.duq.edu/library).