STUDENT LEADERS INSTALLED

On Sunday, March 19 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., officiated the installation of the new Student Government Association leaders, University and Student Life administrators, former SGA Executive Board members, and family members were in attendance. The new SGA Executive Board, pictured left to right, includes VP of Communications Colleen McDonough, VP of Academics Jillian Giles, President Ralph Gigliotti, VP of Student Life Katie Judge, and VP of Finance Allison Campbell.

Congratulations to the executive board and all of our new Student Government Senators:

Brian Anderson
Phillip Basciano
Ernest Blackwell
Michael Bertig
Ian Brown
Nicholas Campbell
Gretchen Chardos
Kristen Dominik
Steve Dozier
Amy Dudash
Christopher Federinko
Jari Haile
Erin Henlyshyn
Ryan Herbinko
Kelly Horein
Erica Johnson
Derek Jones
Nancy Kablack
Andrea Komanecyk
Amanda Mack
Patrick Manchester
Alison Murtha
Christopher Newingham
Matthew Newingham
Elena Nola
Laura Paterra
Regis Ryan
Brad Schaming
Mario Seneca
Meghan Wallace
Adam Wasilko
Ryan Witte

ISO CELEBRATES 25 YEARS of DIVERSITY

The International Student Organization (ISO) celebrated its 25th anniversary this year during Duquesne’s annual International Week, April 2–6. Founded in 1981 by the Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., the group strives to promote understanding between and among international and American students, and also assists international students academically, socially and spiritually. The highlight of the week was ISO Night which celebrated “25 Years of Cultural Reflections.” The global extravaganza featured a complimentary dinner, an international fashion show, and ethnic performances by ISO members. Hundreds of faculty, staff and students joined the celebration.

DU Undergoing MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION

Duquesne University is preparing for and ultimately will receive a visit for accreditation from the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association. The accreditation process begins with an institutional self-study. The self-study is prepared by the University and, through the collection of data, the University assesses its strengths and addresses recommendations for improvements. Every segment of the University will be reviewed – from academics to student life, from the Mission to educational offerings, from student learning to administration and leadership. Accreditation is important for maintaining University standards and the quality of education Duquesne offers its students. In addition, the Federal government requires that an institution be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting organization in order for its students to be eligible to participate in the Student Assistance Programs in Title IV of the Higher Education Act.
What's New at DU

Orientation 2006 GOES HOLLYWOOD

The theme for Orientation 2006, Set Your Scene, was officially announced at the first team leader meeting on March 20. As so many have done already, the new Class of 2010 will be prepared to “set their scene” at Duquesne University. During Orientation week, Aug. 22-27, A-Walk will be turned into a Walk of Fame and the Union Ballroom will be transformed into a VIP Lounge.

RING BLESSING CEREMONY

A new campus tradition has begun! The Division of Student Life hosted the First Annual Duquesne Ring Blessing Ceremony on Wednesday, March 22 in the Chapel. One hundred members of the Duquesne community participated in the special event in which the Spiritan fathers blessed each of the attendee’s Duquesne ring. Students were reminded of the significance of their ring as a symbol of their lifelong connection to the Duquesne family.

SIGMA KAPPA Sorority

The Panhellenic Council is looking forward to the addition of the Duquesne University chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority as its seventh member group. For more than a century, Sigma Kappa has worked nationally to unite its members in a bond of sincere friendship for the development of character and the promotion of social, spiritual and intellectual culture. Since colonization week in early February, new members have been working hard with national consultants, Pam Mosher and Mary Hayes, in leadership training workshops and sisterhood retreats. On Saturday, April 22, new members will be officially initiated in a closed ritual event, and the chapter’s installation banquet will take place April 23, officially marking its addition to the Panhellenic Council and Duquesne’s Greek community.

WHAT’S NEW @ GUMBERY LIBRARY?

■ BYOL - Bring Your Own Laptop! New wireless access makes it easy to connect.
■ Don’t have a laptop? Try one of the 9 new circulating library laptops.
■ Take a laptop to the 2nd floor to study. Notice the new floor carpet.
■ It’s all new for you!

Duquesne University Wireless Coverage Map

Duquesne’s secure wireless network, DuqNet, has been expanded. Launched last fall, the network now covers nearly all the green spaces lining Academic Walk, including Assumption Commons and the plaza between Rockwell Hall, Rangos and Old Main. Gumberg Library, the Law School and the Duquesne Union are also wireless. To connect in these locations, students need only to open their laptops, insert a wireless card, and turn on their machines. It’s that simple!

DUQUESNE Named One of Nation’s MOST CONNECTED CAMPUSES

For the second straight year, Duquesne was named to The Princeton Review’s “Most Connected Campuses” list. The 25-member list, which has been compiled for three years, is a result of a Princeton Review national survey to find the U.S. colleges and universities offering the most cutting-edge technology. Criteria include the breadth of the computer science curriculum; the sophistication of campus technology, including streaming media of classes and extracurricular offerings; availability of school-owned digital cameras and equipment for student use; support for handheld computing, and wireless Internet access on campus.
PITTSBURGH PLUNGE

During the last weekend in March seven Duquesne University students participated in a pilot program for a Cross-Cultural Service Immersion experience called the Pittsburgh Plunge. The program provided students with the opportunity to be immersed in the South Pittsburgh Hilltop neighborhoods of Allentown, Arlington, Beltzhoover, and others. The group slept in a local church, toured the communities, discussed community assets and needs with community organizers and members, and were involved in several service opportunities, including a clean-up organized by the Allentown Concerned Citizens group. Students also engaged in reflective dialogues and activities focusing on community mapping and the role of students and university in the community.

This innovative program was a joint effort of DUV, the Office of Service-Learning, and Spiritan Campus Ministry. All of the students who participated have pledged to aid in the development of a longer, more intensive experience for the 2006-07 Academic Year. If you would like more information about the Pittsburgh Plunge, please contact the DUV Office at X5853.

AND THE WINNER IS... DORI

After collecting 640 name ideas, narrowing it down to six finalists and counting 576 votes, Duquesne selected DORI as its new Web portal. DORI stands for Duquesne Online Resources & Information. It also reflects the idea of a portal as a “door” opening to a wealth of information, news and resources. DORI will expand our online community, connecting users to each other through online tools and resources that will help us all work and study more effectively.

A clear favorite with 151 votes, DORI was submitted by Elaine Studnicki, a graduate student from the School of Education’s distance-based doctoral program in instructional technology. “The online features of Blackboard give me a sense of community with Duquesne,” she said. “When I thought of what we needed—resources and information—and what we are—online—I just came up with DORI,” she said.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Please check www.webcentral.duq.edu to learn more about the communication tools and features that will be part of DORI.

KEEPING Students SAFE

Safety of students and employees is a priority for Duquesne. And because Duquesne University is part of the city of Pittsburgh, we maintain an ongoing dialogue with local law enforcement agencies about personal safety, crime prevention and protection of our students when they travel off campus.

Discussions have taken place with Pittsburgh officials to install security cameras on the city steps that lead from Second Avenue to Bluff Street. The University is hoping to have approval within a few weeks. Although the steps and sidewalks are public property, they are used by many Duquesne students for convenient access to and from campus. If approved by the city, the addition of security cameras would provide an additional layer of safety to students who use the steps.

Spring Clean-Up, scheduled for Saturday, April 22, is an annual event where students, faculty and staff join members of the surrounding communities to engage in a massive clean-up effort. Spiritan Campus Ministry (SCM) has been organizing this event for nearly two decades. This year DUV, along with several other organizations and classes, including Dr. Evan Stoddard’s Honors seminar University and the Community, is teaming with SCM to expand this event and encourage even greater involvement of the community. The clean-up will focus on the neighborhoods of Uptown, Hill District, and South Side. One particular goal of this year’s event is to promote greater participation by University staff and faculty. If you would like to organize a team or come as an individual, please email dimaggi171@duq.edu.

Mayor Bob O’Connor recently announced a city-wide clean-up initiative in anticipation of several high profile Pittsburgh events, including the Major League All-Stars Baseball Game. Spring Clean-up will be a nice beginning to this comprehensive effort.
On March 14, Duquesne University broke ground for a 125,000-square-foot multi-purpose recreation center on Forbes Avenue. The building is the first stage of a mixed-use development, which will serve both the campus community and the Uptown neighborhood. The recreational facility, expected to be completed by the end of 2007, will include basketball and racquetball courts, and deck hockey. Other areas will house cardio-fitness facilities, locker rooms, exercise and dance studios, a ballroom, a kitchen and roof-top deck. A Barnes and Noble Booksellers, a restaurant and other retail space are slated for the ground floor of the complex. A pedestrian bridge over Forbes Avenue will connect both sides of campus.
AMA HAS PASSION FOR FASHION

Business faculty and students strutted their stuff at the 16th Annual American Marketing Association’s “Dress for Success” Fashion Show on March 29 in the Ballroom. More than 150 students enjoyed the event, which included a band, a comedian, refreshments, and a Chinese auction. Proceeds of $400 went to St. Anthony School programs.

In the photo at left, Dr. Audrey Guskey, AMA faculty advisor and Professor Paul Klein introduces model Dan Quindlen.

Fifth Floor Plan

Mezzanine Level Floor Plan

Fourth Floor Plan

Forbes Level Floor Plan

Third Floor Plan

Watson Level Floor Plan
Senior Celebration, now in its 13th year, took place on Saturday, April 1. The event brought the entire campus community together to congratulate our graduating seniors and their families. It began with Mass in the Chapel followed by Deans’ Receptions at various locations in the Union, and dinner in the Ballroom. The featured speaker was Len Komoroski, Duquesne alumnus and president of the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Eugene P. Beard Award for Leadership in Ethics and the Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership were presented at the dinner.

Eugene P. Beard Award for Leadership in Ethics Recipient

Jessica Zerishnek is a Communications major from Moon Township, PA. Her activities while at Duquesne have included Campus Ministry, Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman Class Advisory Committee, Orientation, Omicron Delta Kappa, Women’s Leadership Society and the Student Advisory Council of the Department of Communications and Rhetorical Studies.

Vira I. Heinz Scholarship for Study Abroad

Lauren Clark, English and Political Science major, studying in England; Carrie Heiney, Nursing major, studying in Italy and Sicily; and Katherine McCormack, Biological Sciences major, studying in Russia.

Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership Recipients

Anne Chengery is an Education major with dual certification in English and Communication/Journalism from Pittsburgh, PA. She has been active in Duquesne Program Council, Orientation, The Duquesne Duke, and Women’s Leadership Organization.

Margaret Daly is a Psychology and English major from Irving, TX. Her activities have included Carnival, Orientation, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Rho Lambda.

Michael Johnston is an Economics and Marketing major from Philadelphia, PA. His has been active in Student Government, Orientation, and the SPIRIT Leadership Program.

Jonathan Miller is a Biology and Chemistry major from Sarver, PA. His activities include Orientation, Duquesne Program Council, the SPIRIT Leadership Program and Alpha Phi Omega.

Bryan O’Black is an Elementary Education and Instructional Technology major from Pittsburgh, PA. He has been active in Orientation, Student Government, Omicron Delta Kappa and the SPIRIT Leadership Program.

Beth Ann Tiedeman is a Mathematics and Education major from Pittsburgh, PA. Her activities have included Golden Key National Honor Society, Women’s Leadership Society, Orientation, and Campus Ministry.

Thomas Bartolec Memorial Scholarship

Derek Jones, Business major.

Dominion Distinguished Scholar Award in the A. J. Palumbo School of Business Administration

Meighan McMillen, Business major.

Congratulations to all of the award winners, as well as these nominees: The Eugene P. Beard Award for Leadership in Ethics nominees included Anne Chengery, Marybeth Concannon, Benjamin Greenfeld, Michael Johnston and Bryan O’Black. Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership nominees were Heather Blose, Marybeth Concannon, Laura Cord, Alileen Dillon, Erin Driscoll, Ben Greenfeld, Adam Hince, Jason Kezmarsky, Erin LaPenta, Jackie Mader, Meighan McMillen, Ali Metzinger, Allison Murtha, Erin Sommar, Joseph Totten, and Valerie Wolbert.
A-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Senior basketball player Bryant McAllister was named second team All-Atlantic 10 in a vote of league coaches. The 6-3 senior is Duquesne’s first two-time all-league player since Wayne Smith was named third and second team in 2002 and 2000. McAllister led the Atlantic 10 Conference with a 19.7 points per game average. Women’s basketball garnered two Atlantic 10 Conference post-season awards. Junior forward Loui Hall and senior forward Nicole Sinclair were selected as an honorable mention All-Conference and All-Academic pick, respectively. The duo helped lead the Dukes to the A-10 semifinals for the first time since 1992. Duquesne’s men’s swimming team set 13 of the 19 possible school records in finishing a University-best fifth at the 2006 A-10 Championship. The Dukes boasted three Atlantic 10 champions in junior Ed Wicker who won the 100-yard freestyle, junior Scott Darwin who captured the 50-yard freestyle title and the first place 200-yard freestyle relay team. Duquesne’s women’s swimming team set seven new school records in finishing a University-best fourth at the 2006 Atlantic 10 Championship. The Red and Blue had two Atlantic 10 champions crowned as freshman Katrina Streiner captured the gold medal in the 50-yard freestyle and sophomore Kyla Favret touched the pads first in the 200-yard backstroke.

GUMBERG SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The 2006 Gumberg Library Endowed Student Scholarship was awarded on Thursday, April 6 to Megan Neary, a student in her first professional year in the Mylan School of Pharmacy. She has been employed as a student aide in the Circulation Department since summer 2005. Megan feels that her job at the library has helped her appreciate the importance of time management, self-motivation and working with a variety of personalities, and that all of these will be helpful in her professional career in pharmaceutical care. In her application essay, Megan wrote, “Our library is a spot for students to grow and expand themselves whenever they feel inspired.” She describes the library as “an area where students may improve themselves as individuals, which ultimately leads to an improvement in the campus as a whole.”

Megan is the fourth recipient of the $500 award, which is funded by donations from employees of the library. The scholarship was founded by Gumberg Library employees as part of Duquesne University’s previous Capital Campaign, in recognition of the contributions of student workers to the accomplishment of the library’s mission. Beginning in their second term of employment at Gumberg, student aides who plan to return to work in the library the following term are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

2006 TEACHER of the YEAR

The Teacher of the Year Award is an annual event sponsored by the Duquesne Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honor Society. ODK created this event in 1992 to give students the opportunity to recognize a teacher they believe best exemplifies leadership and excellence in the classroom. On April 24, 2006, Dr. Kathleen Gosnell, assistant professor in the School of Education, will be recognized as the Teacher of the Year. Dr. John Doctor will also be honored at the Teacher of the Year ceremony. Doctor, an associate professor and interim chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, passed away unexpectedly on October 25, 2005. During his 15-year tenure at Duquesne, Doctor touched the lives of thousands of students and mentored more than 40 students who worked in his research lab. His widow, Dr. Mary Alleman, who is also an associate professor of Biology at Duquesne, will accept the Teacher of the Year award on his behalf.

MAJOR Upcoming EVENTS

April 28-May 4

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

May 5

BACCALAUREATE MASS

May 6

COMMENCEMENT

9:00 a.m.

Liberal Arts

Palumbo Center

10:00 a.m.

Music

Union Ballroom

11:00 a.m.

Business

Union Ballroom

12:00 p.m.

Nursing

Union Ballroom

2:00 p.m.

Education

Palumbo Center

3:00 p.m.

BSNES

Union Ballroom

4:00 p.m.

Health Sciences

Palumbo Center

5:00 p.m.

Pharmacy

Palumbo Center

6:00 p.m.

Law

Palumbo Center

7:00 p.m.


gumberg library FINAL EXAM HOURS

Wednesday–Friday, April 19–21

7 a.m.–1 a.m.

Saturday, April 22

10 a.m.–1 a.m.

Sunday, April 23

11 a.m.–1 a.m.

Monday–Friday April 24–28

7 a.m.–1 a.m.

Saturday, April 29

10 a.m.–1 a.m.

Sunday, April 30

11 a.m.–1 a.m.

Monday–Wednesday May 1–3

7 a.m.–1 a.m.

Thursday, May 4

7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Friday, May 5

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

Closed

Monday, May 8

Summer Hours Begin

Gumberg Library FINAL EXAM HOURS

For more details on any of the above events or events not listed, visit www.studentactivities.duq.edu/index.html and click on the Activities Calendar.