LIGHT UP NIGHT 2006

The Student Government Association celebrated the 10th Annual Christmas Light Up Night on Thursday, November 30. Members of the Duquesne Community and their families welcomed the holiday season with lights, decorations, carriage rides, Christmas carols, crafts, desserts, karaoke and pictures with Santa. All of the proceeds from the event benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

HURRICANE KATRINA FUND TOPS $50,000

Rev. Naos McCool, C.S.Sp., visited Holy Ghost Parish in New Orleans, Louisiana, over Thanksgiving to present the pastor, Rev. Michel R. Boutot, C.S.Sp., with a check for $50,444.39 from the monies donated by the Duquesne University community during our year-long fundraising campaign.

The TRUE MEANING of CHRISTMAS

As Christmas gifts go, Santa Claus often receives most of the credit come Christmastime. However, yet again this year, Duquesne students are making him look a bit stingy in terms of gift giving.

Jillian Giles, Allison Campbell, Katie Judge, Ralph Gigliotti, Colleen McDonough, and Alice Sivulich give Santa their Christmas lists.

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From toy drives and food collections to volunteer hours and monetary donations, Duquesne students are giving and giving this Christmas season. A quick look at some of the efforts and beneficiaries:

- **Holiday Helpings Food and Donations:** Brashear Association
- **Greek Life Toy Drive:** Brashear Association
- **Alpha Phi Toy Drive:** Toys for Tots
- **Greek Life:** Goodwill Holiday Dance
- **Student Athletic Advisory Committee Toy Drive:** Children’s Hospital
- **Spiritan Campus Ministry in collaboration with ISO, Amnesty International, SFL, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Evergreen Human Hands Fair Trade Sale:** CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Work of Human Hands, Maya Works, Women of the Cloud Forest
- **College Republicans:** Toys for Tots Toy Drive
- **Dukes for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Vanity Flair Mirror Auction:** Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

One other effort that receives a lot of attention is the **Can The Van** sponsored by Golden Key and Delta Chi. For the past six years, students all over campus have noticed the colorfully painted van in front of Vickroy Hall loaded with canned food. Jim Omara, in charge of philanthropy for Delta Chi, said that in 2006, 3,000 pounds of canned goods were collected, surpassing last year’s equally amazing record of 2,400 pounds! All 35 members of Delta Chi also contributed to the effort, and approximately 15 members of Delta Chi and Golden Key deliver the goods to the Brashear Association every year.

So why do students give so generously at Christmastime? What do students think about the season? We compiled a sampling of student thoughts on the true meaning of Christmas:

“Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Christ, but even more importantly it’s about celebrating family. After all, it [Christmastime] is also the celebration of the Holy Family.”

“It’s about giving. And about new beginnings.”

“Although I’m not Catholic, I love the spirit that people have at Christmas. What warmth that is lacking in the weather is more than made up from the warmth from people’s hearts.”

“Nothing is more enjoyable at Christmas than being able to see the happy faces of those whose lives you have contributed to.”

That last statement is interesting, especially given a recent report by John Stossel on the ABC news program 20/20. According to the report, scientists found that the largest positive changes in attitude came from those who gave gifts, not from those who received gifts. Is giving selfish? Most likely not, but there may be scientific proof that giving is better than receiving.

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**Rec Center Construction REACHES MILESTONE**

Construction of the steel superstructure for Duquesne’s new Multipurpose Recreation Center was completed on November 21. After receiving a ceremonial signature from University President Charles Dougherty, the final beam was hoisted into place. Follow the progress of Duquesne’s new Forbes Avenue development—including live Webcam views—at [www.duq.edu/forbesproject/](http://www.duq.edu/forbesproject/).

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**Duquesne’s first Unity Week, November 12-16, brought the campus community together through various events. The week’s activities included a Unity Mass, the first regular season home basketball game at which Unity towels were given to students, a Blood Drive and a reception featuring guest speaker Dr. Kathy Glass.**

Throughout the week, student organizations worked to create a Community Quilt, and t-shirts were given to students to be worn on Community Day. More than 400 students and faculty members signed a Unity Contract pledging to embrace diversity, serve those in need, have pride, respect others and create a community of civil and responsible citizens.

**Gumberg Library Goes GREEN!**

The Gumberg Library is the pilot site for the new recycling program on campus. Three thousand pounds of recyclables were collected from the library out of a total of 5,000 pounds for the entire campus. With your help we can make the library quiet, clean, and safe for everyone.

How can you help to **Keep Gumberg Green**, especially during finals?

- Follow the food and drink policy
- Remember to recycle paper, bottles, cans
- Secure your belongings at all times
- Use cell phones in stairwells or outside
During Homecoming festivities, Autumnfest on Saturday, October 21, was a popular destination. Many student organizations sponsored booths selling refreshments and apparel along Academic Walk, and both step teams performed on the Perron. This year, Duquesne even had its first float to commemorate the event! Our Duquesne Dukes went on to defeat Marist, 40-10.

**HOMECOMING 2006**

Members of the Homecoming Court included (left to right) Kenny Crowley, Katie Judge, Justin Maffei, Kathleen Britt, Anne Chengery (2005 Queen), Jason Kozmarsky (2005 King), Leslie Krol, Ryan Herbinko, Laura Paterra, Ralph Gigliotti, Jamie Craven, Jonathan Ogurchak.

**BLOG SAFE...**

**BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU POST**

*What do you think happens to the content you post online?*

Facebook, MySpace, Friendster, etc. are online communities used to communicate with friends and meet people. However, what you say online today can haunt you tomorrow.

The things you post may sound funny or appear cute to a friend but to employers, possible internship site supervisors, parents, grandparents, or others, the information might appear arrogant, immature, unprofessional, inappropriate or negative.

More than one-quarter of employers report having “Googled” candidates for jobs on social networking sites. So, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU POST! You should not broadcast or share any information that you wouldn’t want to share with your parents or that you would be ashamed of should it appear on the front page of a newspaper.

Duquesne does have expectations for its students. *The Civility: Community Matters* campaign promotes civility among students, staff, and faculty by focusing on the importance of character and the values of integrity, honesty, respect, courtesy and tolerance. Your parents have certain expectations of you as well. But most important are the expectations you have for yourself—your own personal values. If you don’t respect yourself who will?

People derive impressions of you relative to their interactions with you. By viewing your profile on Facebook, MySpace, etc., people are making judgments about you based on what they see. Do not lose FACE through your profile. People take it at face value. Put your best face forward. It speaks volumes about you. It’s your reputation in words.
Duquesne welcomed back families of freshmen students for the annual Freshman Parent Weekend, October 27-29. Over 230 families attended the weekend, with approximately 700 at lunch on Saturday and 550 at breakfast on Sunday.

Mrs. Annette Vaillant Qgarizza came from Puerto Rico to visit her son, Gustavo Villares, during Freshman Parent Weekend.

COMMUTER UPDATE!
The fall was very busy for commuters. The Office of Commuter Affairs sponsored the annual Masquerade Ball on campus with the help of DPC and FCAC, Commuter Family Day, and a Thanksgiving Dinner with Campus Ministry. The Masquerade Ball was held for the first time in many years in the Duquesne Ballroom and was a huge success, with approximately 400 students attending in costumes. Over 300 commuter students and their families joined us on Sunday, November 5, for a special Mass and brunch. An alumni speaker also attended to talk about the importance of getting involved in activities outside of the classroom. Finally, students, faculty, and staff members joined together in the Commuter Lounge on Thursday, November 16, to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixins’!

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK EVENTS
GAMMA (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) sponsored National Alcohol Awareness Week November 6 through November 10. The week’s activities promoted alcohol free events for the whole University. On Wednesday, November 8, Officer Mike Spagnoletti addressed many individuals about the affects of drinking and the consequences that ensue while under the influence. On Thursday, November 9, GAMMA introduced the first “Night In,” held in the NiteSpot. Women enjoyed alcohol-free cocktails while watching the popular television show, Grey’s Anatomy. The entire week offered students another look at the affects of alcohol and promoted a healthier lifestyle.

Student performers included (from left to right in background) Blair Stackhouse, Sal Infantino, Ryan M. Koch III, Kaitlyn Burrier, Jeffrey Way, Leigha Hanby, MJ Flott, Amy Lynn Greek, Daniel Harold, Abby Faett, Kate Lecci, Nora Nee, Amanda DeConciliis and Trevor Sheehy. Teresa Madden is in the front center.

DU Premiere’s POPE’S PLAY
Duquesne University students presented free performances of The Jeweler’s Shop, the three-act play written by Karol Wojtyla in 1960, prior to his being named Pope John Paul II. The play was performed on December 1, 2 and 3 in the Peter Mills Auditorium, Rockwell Hall.

The Jeweler’s Shop explored the fundamental human concerns about love – a subject with no easy answers. How do we know we are in love? Will our love last? Is it real? What happens if loves withers? Pope John Paul wrote with astonishing insight into the complex nature of mankind.
The Office of Orientation received the award for “Outstanding Welcome Week Publicity” for the Set Your Scene Orientation Program from the National Orientation Directors Association for its publications distributed to the incoming students during Orientation 2006, held August 23 through August 27. Director of Orientation 2006 Allison Murtha and Assistant Director Megan Calvin (pictured above) accepted the award at the annual National Orientation Directors Association Conference, held in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 30, 2006. This is the second year that Orientation program has received this award.

SPIRIT Emerging Leaders Program

As the Spring 2007 semester begins, the Office of Student Activities is anticipating another successful year of the SPIRIT Emerging Leaders Program. This program is designed to prepare freshman and sophomore students to assume leadership roles, not only within Duquesne student organizations, but throughout their respective communities as well.

The SPIRIT Program consists of various workshops that are structured to promote student development and provide participants with a foundation for future leadership roles. Throughout the semester, each workshop presented by Peer Educators and University Administration will cover a variety of topics, including: Introduction to Student Life, Introduction to Leadership, Event Planning, History and Mission of Duquesne University, Managing Your Life and Leadership Responsibilities, Meeting Management, Team Building, Community Service and Leadership, Recruitment and Becoming a Champion for Diversity.

Students who participate in the SPIRIT Program are required to attend seven workshops and complete a reflection paper. Nearly 200 students were nominated during the Fall 2006 semester by University departments, administration, and student organizations.

Please contact Marc Grandillo at X5853 or via e-mail at grandillom@duq.edu for more information.

GREEK LIFE

Greek Life exists because we:

- Provide a good democratic social experience.
- Give exceptional value beyond college years.
- Create, through our ideals, an ever-widening circle of service beyond the membership.
- Develop the individual’s potential through leadership opportunities and group effort.
- Create lifelong friendships and bonds that last a lifetime.

Duquesne University is proud to host nine outstanding women’s national fraternities and nine outstanding men’s general fraternities:

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To learn more, come to Meet the Greeks on January 17 at 9:00 p.m. in the Duquesne Union Ballroom. Call X6618 or X6651 for a recruitment schedule or visit our Web site: [www.greeklife.duq.edu](http://www.greeklife.duq.edu).
RED & BLUE CREW

If you were in attendance for the season-opening men’s basketball game versus Youngstown State on November 13, you surely noticed the sea of Duquesne students in red t-shirts in the west end zone of the A.J. Palumbo Center, wreaking havoc on Youngstown’s chances of winning. What you may not have known is that this group of individuals is the Red & Blue Crew, Duquesne’s dedicated student organization for promoting school spirit.

All students are welcome to join the 400-plus members already in The Crew. Your $10 membership fee gets you into all home basketball games, including match-ups against Atlantic 10 rivals Dayton, Xavier and Charlotte. Members also receive a Red & Blue Crew t-shirt, special seating in the end-zone of Palumbo, props and other promotional items.

For more information or to get your membership card, call the Athletics Department at X1948 or stop by the Athletics Marketing Office in the Palumbo Center, Rm.113.

FALL SPORTS RECAP

Football: In its final game, the football team shut out LaSalle 38-0 to give the Dukes a 7-3 record and a share of their eighth straight MAAC championship. Junior receiver Bruce Hacker tied a school record with 16 touchdown receptions on the season while sophomore quarterback Scott Knapp finished one touchdown shy of a school record with 28 scoring aerials.

Men’s Cross Country: The Dukes had five runners finish among the top 14 runners as Duquesne captured second place at the Atlantic 10 Championship. Senior Chris Horvat and juniors Eric Robertson and Tom Slosky were named to the All-Conference Team. Slosky led the Dukes finishing second in the 146-runner field.

Men’s Soccer: Under the direction of first year head coach Jake Ouimet, the men’s soccer team made its fifth straight Atlantic 10 Championship appearance, finishing the season with an 11-7-2 record. Junior Travis MacKenzie was named First Team All-Atlantic 10 while seniors Noah Salsi, Tom Sochacki and Zach Varga were named to the Second Team. Freshman Alex Trujillo was honored on the All-Rookie Team.

Women’s Cross Country: The Red and Blue finished fifth of 14 teams at the Atlantic 10 Championship. Sophomore Emily Behan led the Dukes with an 18th-place finish in the 138-runner field. Freshman Sara Cimino was second for DU and 22nd overall.

Women’s Soccer: The Dukes had three players named to Atlantic 10 All-Conference teams after a 4-10-2 season with a 3-5-1 A-10 record. Juniors Audra Matthews and Emily Sedgwick were named to the A-10’s All-Second Team while senior Ginny Bondi was named Honorable Mention.

Volleyball: For the first time in school history, Duquesne had three players receive Atlantic 10 post-season honors as senior Amanda Haeg and junior Jenni Gross were named All-Conference Honorable Mention and freshman Chelsea Tollotson was named to the All-Rookie Team. The Red and Blue finished the season with three wins in their last five matches to post an 11-21 overall record and 4-9 conference record this fall.
**MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sat., Dec. 9**  
Advent Midnight Mass, Chapel, Carols and Readings  
11:30 pm, Mass 12:00 Midnight

**Fri., Dec. 15**  
CARES Study Break, 9:00 pm, Hogan Dining Room, Towers

**Wed., Jan. 17**  
Meet the Greeks, Ballroom, 7:00 pm

**Mon., Jan. 22**  
Sorority Formal Spring Recruitment Begins

**Sat., Jan. 27**  
Super Sophomore Saturday, Mass, 5:30 pm Chapel, Dinner following

**Wed., Jan 31**  
SGA, RHA, CC Executive Elections, Union 3rd Floor Concourse

**Jan. 28-Feb. 2**  
Spiritan Founder’s Week

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**CHRISTMAS Comes EARLY @ Gumberg Library!**

Gumberg Library’s gift to you is FREE PRINTING during holiday hours!

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