BluffStuff

SURVEY WINNERS

Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., Executive Vice President for Student Life, presents Duquesne watches to the BluffStuff survey winners Bobby Barnes and Shelly Lukon.

FOUNDERS WEEK

STUDENTS INVITED TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS WEEK
January 28 – February 2, 2007

Please join the Duquesne University community as we remember the Venerable Francis Libermann, cofounder of the Spiritan Congregation, and celebrate our Spiritan heritage with these special events, designed with students in mind.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – KICK-OFF
11 a.m. Mass in the University Chapel
Noon Brunch in the Duquesne Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – FEAST OF VENERABLE FR. FRANCIS LIBERMAN
Noon Mass in the University Chapel
12:30 p.m. Luncheon in the Duquesne Room
Student Essay Award Winners Announced
4:30 p.m. Vespers-Evening Prayer Service in the University Chapel

Every event is free of charge, but an RSVP is required. Please respond to mission@duq.edu.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR MultiPass?
CAN’T REGISTER WITHOUT IT!

MultiPass is the new identity management system for online resources at Duquesne. MultiPass will eventually provide everyone with one username and password for access to multiple computing resources.

Students will need to initialize their MultiPass accounts in order to complete online course registration for Fall 2007. This quick and easy process verifies your identity and then directs you to set one strong password that will work with DuqNet, the DORI portal and the Banner data management system which is replacing WebAdvisor. The strong password requirements are designed to increase our campus’ digital security.

Don’t be caught without your MultiPass when registration time comes around. It takes less than five minutes, so sign up today at www.duq.edu/multipass. If you need help to initialize your account, call the CTS Help Desk at X4357.

Note: Summer 2007 course registration will be completed with WebAdvisor.

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After finally being ordained 14 years later in 1841, Libermann was asked by Rome to join another much older religious community, The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, which had fallen on hard times by the mid-1800s.

Libermann joined the Spiritan Congregation and recruited and educated missionaries, both lay and clerical. He negotiated with Rome and with the French government over the placement and support of his personnel.

Francis Libermann was a pioneer of strategies now recognized as a blueprint for modern missionary activity. He urged the Spiritans to “become one with the people” so that each group received and understood the Gospel in the context of their own traditions.

He exhausted himself in the process of leading his great enterprise, and died on Feb. 2, 1852, before his 50th birthday. Surprisingly, Libermann himself never went overseas, yet he inspired and empowered literally thousands of missionaries around the globe.

UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT –
NEW FORMAT

The 2007 Commencement will be different this year. President Charles J. Dougherty will confer ALL degrees to graduates during a SINGLE ceremony on Friday, May 4 at 5 p.m. in the A.J. Palumbo Center. General Michael Hayden, ‘67 BA, ‘69 MA, Director of the CIA, will be the keynote speaker.

With the cooperation of the Student Government Association and in order to accommodate the entire graduating class, each student can obtain four tickets for the Commencement Ceremony at the Information Center in the Duquesne Union before Friday, April 27. Any remaining tickets will be distributed on a ‘first come, first served basis’ beginning Monday, April 30 at 9 a.m. Individuals without tickets will be directed to other areas on campus where closed circuit monitors will carry the ceremony.

On Saturday, May 5, individual ceremonies will personally recognize the graduating students. There will be no limit on tickets for the individual school ceremonies. More information will be provided in the upcoming months.

The detailed schedule for the University Commencement, Baccalaureate Mass, and the individual school ceremonies follows:

FRIDAY, MAY 4
3 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass - Union Ballroom
5 p.m. University Commencement - Palumbo Center
Reception immediately following - Academic Walk

SATURDAY, MAY 5
9 a.m. Liberal Arts - Palumbo Center
Music - Union Ballroom
12 noon Business - Palumbo Center
Nursing - Union Ballroom
3 p.m. Education - Palumbo Center
BSNES - Union Ballroom
6 p.m. Health Sciences - Palumbo Center

SATURDAY, MAY 19
10:30 a.m. Pharmacy Commencement - Palumbo Center

SUNDAY JUNE 3
11 a.m. Law Commencement - Palumbo Center

LLC ROOM SELECTION

It’s that time of year! Room Selection for the Living Learning Centers is approaching for the 2007-08 academic year. Here is some important information for resident students:

- Each student will be required to make a non-refundable $300 deposit.
- Deposits will be collected and lottery numbers will be selected in the Assumption Hall Lobby the week of February 19 – 23.
- Room selection will occur the night of February 26, 2007.
- The buildings available for selection are Assumption Hall, Brottier Hall, Duquesne Towers, and Vickroy Hall.


2007 SGA ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2007 Executive Board of the Student Government Association will commence on January 31, and the 2007 Senatorial Elections will follow on February 21.

All are encouraged to learn as much about the candidates as possible and to vote in both of the elections. This is the student body’s greatest opportunity to impact SGA policy and financial expenditures for the 2007-08 academic year. Remember, the representatives that you elect will serve as your primary voice to the University Board of Directors, Administration, and Faculty. From the curriculum to parking, to governing student-run organizations, to tuition rates, to special campus-wide events, the SGA is always at the heart of Student Life.

All polling will be conducted in the common area on the third floor of the Duquesne Union. On January 31, polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. On February 21, polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.
In recognition of Black History Month, the Black Student Union, along with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, is coordinating a number of great programs for February. We would appreciate faculty and staff support of these efforts by encouraging attendance. If you have any questions please, don’t hesitate to contact Rahmon Hart at X1117. All of the events are open to the entire Duquesne campus community. Among the featured programs are:

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**
**The Production of “The Meeting” and “Buses”**
PNC Recital Hall, 7 p.m.
This evening features two plays performed and directed by Duquesne students. “The Meeting” is a hypothetical encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. “Buses” will feature Rosa Parks and Mary Ellen Pleasant, considered “the mother of Civil Rights in California” from work begun in the 1860s.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
**State of Black America Panel Discussion**
Duquesne Room, 7:30 p.m.
A panel of professionals and community leaders will share their diverse perspectives pertaining to issues that impact Black America. A student moderator will guide the discussion and the audience will be encouraged to participate.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
**African Dance Performance**
Duquesne Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.
Performers from the Umoja African Arts Company will share their talents on the Bluff. The event will feature traditional and neo-traditional African dance and drumming. Those in attendance will be encouraged to participate.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**
**Financial Success and Security**
Duquesne Union, Room 613, 6 p.m.
This program will feature financial expert and author Jesse Brown. Mr. Brown will engage the audience in a dialogue pertaining to financial success and security. He will also participate in a question and answer session and autograph his books for participants.

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**What's NEW at DU**

**Celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**OMA Relocates**
The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) has relocated to Duquesne Union, Rooms 105 and 106. The newly renovated space provides students with an environment that can accommodate larger numbers of students and serve as a “home away from home.” Please feel free to stop by when you are in the area. Rahmon Hart, director of Multicultural Affairs, looks forward to a great year and hopes that you will continue to support the OMA.

**News from the Gumberg Library**

**BOX OFFICE!**

What do the films *It’s a Wonderful Life* (1946), *Field of Dreams* (1989), and *A Beautiful Mind* (2001) have in common?

- They are part of Gumberg Library’s new collection of 100 Inspirational Films.
- Look for films on the 5th floor of the library, in AV Materials
- Check them out and keep them up to 1 week with 1 week renewal.

Get the popcorn ready. Invite friends for movie night. Be inspired!

**Academic Walk**

**THEN AND NOW**

1969

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Brottier Commons, former site of Citiline Garage.

**Director of Multicultural Affairs Rahmon Hart, third row, second from left, with some members of the Black Student Union.**

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Sororities Serve Others

Duquesne University’s sororities participate in a variety of philanthropies and community service projects that benefit worthy causes. Every chapter at Duquesne holds an annual philanthropic fundraiser. Examples include a 5K run/walk to help the Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh, a “big man on campus” contest to benefit the Duquesne Speech/Language/Hearing Clinic, and a Soccer Tournament that raises funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Philanthropies at Duquesne University are FANTASTIC! Below is a list of Duquesne’s seven National Sororities and their philanthropies:

- Alpha Gamma Delta-Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation: Juvenile Diabetes
- Alpha Phi-Alpha Phi Foundation: Women’s Cardiac Care
- Alpha Sigma Tau: Pine Mountain Settle Schools
- Delta Zeta: Speech and Hearing Impaired and The Painted Turtle
- Gamma Phi Beta: Camp Fire USA for Girls
- Sigma Kappa: Gerontology, Alzheimer’s Association, and the Main Sea Coast Mission
- Zeta Tau Alpha: Breast Cancer Education and Awareness

Greek students at DU are also active in a variety of community service projects including a partnership with the Brashear Association on the South Side. At any time, you can find a Greek student participating in the Big Brother-Big Sister program or playing bingo at the local nursing homes. Many chapters on campus volunteer in numerous programs and social services throughout the city of Pittsburgh. Greeks are always active in organizing numerous campus wide annual blood and food drives.

For more information, visit www.greeklife.duq.edu.

VALENTINE’S DAY BALL 2007

One of the oldest traditions and events on the University social calendar, the annual Valentine’s Day Ball will be held this year on Friday, February 9 at 8 p.m. in the Duquesne Ballroom. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend this charity event that will benefit the ALS Association (Lou Gehrig’s Disease). Great food, dancing, and the traditional crowning of the Valentine’s Day Ball Queen are all a part of this annual campus tradition. For more information, please contact the Office of Greek Life at X6651. We hope to see you there!

Be Part Of The One Book Community Program

- The Gumberg Library joins with the Allegheny County Library to bring this new opportunity to Duquesne University.
- One Book One Community brings together communities for stimulating discussions, to challenge stereotypes, and to generate ideas through reading.
- The One Book selection for 2006/07 is The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls. The author tells about growing up in a family that is transient and often homeless.
- We want to know what you think of the book. The library plans discussion groups in the Living Learning Centers on campus.
- Want to lead a book discussion group or participate in a program event? Contact Dr. Laverna Saunders, University Librarian at lsaunders@duq.edu.

SUPER SOPHOMORE SATURDAY

On January 27, the Office of Residence Life and the Division of Student Life will host the 2nd annual Super Sophomore Saturday for sophomore students and their families. The events for this day begin at 3:00 p.m. with tours of Brottier Hall and Vickroy Hall. There will be a special Mass at the University Chapel at 4:00 p.m. followed at 5:30 p.m. by the “Tastes of Pittsburgh” dinner in the Sean Hogan Dining Center. Families are also invited to cheer on the Men’s Basketball Team as they take on the Temple University Owls at 7 p.m. in the A.J. Palumbo Center. For additional information, please contact the Office of Residence Life at X6655 or orl@duq.edu.
**FRESHMEN HONORED**

For Scholarship

The Director’s Circle was originated in order to acknowledge and honor the academic achievements of first-year students at Duquesne University. In the 17 years since its inception, the Director’s Circle honored more than 5,500 freshmen who have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better. This year, more than 435 freshmen will receive the honor at a program and reception on February 6.

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**MAJOR SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

24  IFC Open House Recruitment, Duquesne Room, 8 p.m.
25-26  Formal Sorority Recruitment, Various Locations
27  Super Sophomore Saturday, Various Locations on campus
31  SGA, RHA, CC Elections, Union, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

2  Libermann Day
6  Black History Forum, Duquesne Room, 7 p.m.
9  Valentine Ball, Ballroom, 8 p.m.
13  Black History Dance Performance, Duquesne Room, 7 p.m.
16  Black History Fashion Show, Ballroom, 9 p.m.
19  Grab-a-Greek Fundraiser, Ballroom, 9 p.m.
22-24  Carnival in the Bubble, 5 p.m. to Midnight
20  Black History Poetry Slam, Duquesne Room, 8 p.m.

**MARCH**

5-11  Spring Break
18  Installation of Officers for Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association, Commuter Council and Duquesne Program Council
24  Senior Celebration
31  Dukes for CFF Casino Night

**Every Friday and Saturday**

DPC Film Series, Mellon Hall, 7 p.m.

**Every Tuesday through Saturday**

NiteSpot Programs, 9 p.m.

**Every Thursday**

DPC Destinta Movie Theater Bus Trips, 8 p.m.

For more details on any of the above events, see the Student Life Activities Calendar.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARDS ROLLING IN**

Before the season was half over, the 2006-07 Dukes basketball team had already been honored by the Atlantic 10 Conference a school record total of seven times. The team was named Player of the Week (POW) on Nov. 19. **Aaron Jackson** was co-Player of the Week on Dec. 24 and Player of the Week Dec. 31; **Robert Mitchell** was Rookie of the Week (ROW) Nov. 26, Dec. 4 & Dec. 10; and **Scott Grote** was Rookie of the Week Dec. 31.

The previous school record for most Atlantic 10 honors in a season was six, set by the 1993-94 NIT Dukes. That season, Derrick Alston was named POW twice and Tom Pipkins was ROW four times. No other DU team has been honored more than five times.

Jackson (pictured left) is just the seventh player in school history to be named A-10 POW twice in the same season. Only one DU player, Mark Stevenson, has earned the honor more than twice in a season.

Mitchell is the first player to be named A-10 ROW in three consecutive weeks since George Washington’s Sir Valiant Brown turned the trick in 1999-2000. In the history of the league, just five other players have strung together three or more Rookies of the Week. All five went on to be named A-10 Rookie of the Year that season. Mitchell, who has led DU in scoring a team-high nine times in the first 15 games, is the nation’s third-leading freshman scorer, with 17.6 points per game.

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**Duquesne RANKS IN TOP-20 Small Research Universities**

Duquesne University is ranked among the top 20 small research universities (those with fewer than 15 doctoral programs) in a new index designed to gauge faculty productivity in U.S. doctoral programs. As reported in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index ranked Duquesne at No. 16 nationwide among the 61 peer institutions. The index, based on 2005 figures, looked at the number of books and journal articles published by faculty members; the journal citations, awards and honors they received; and the federal grants received. The most weight was given to published books and articles, with grants counting as second-most important. Awards that are considered more prestigious, such as the Fulbright, were weighted more heavily than other awards.

“To be listed as among the top 20 small research universities shows the quality and dedication of our faculty, particularly our doctoral faculty, at Duquesne,” said Provost and Vice President of Academics Dr. Ralph Pearson.