GOLDEN KEY INDUCTS SCHOLARS

On February 10, the Duquesne Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society held an induction ceremony for 170 juniors and seniors with a 3.4 or above grade point average. Golden Key members, pictured left to right with Bishop David Zubik, Jennifer L. Milko, Andrea N. Arnold and Kelly M. Horein were among the 65 students who attended the induction ceremony, along with their families and other guests.

Golden Key members select honorary members who are distinguished in their field and exemplify the values of scholarship, leadership and service. Honorary members included Dr. Douglas Bricker, dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy; Dr. Sarah MacMillen, assistant professor of Sociology; Dr. Jack Nelson, director of the University Counseling Center; Rev. Peter Osuji, C.S.Sp., campus minister; and the Most Reverend David Zubik, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. In addition to officiating at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, Bishop Zubik was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony and luncheon.

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION UPDATE

From March 2 through March 5 a very important group of visitors was on campus. The visiting team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education held meetings with all campus constituencies including students, faculty and staff to focus on the University’s Self-Study report. This self-evaluation process is completed every ten years by the University in order to renew accreditation from the Middle States Commission.

SENIOR CELEBRATION 2008

In 1993, the Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., Executive Vice President for Student Life, challenged the members of the Duquesne Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, to begin a new event at the University to honor graduating seniors and their families. Senior Celebration is the result of that challenge.

Senior Celebration, now in its 15th year, will take place on Saturday, March 29. The event brings the entire campus community together to congratulate our graduating seniors and their families. The event begins with Mass in the Chapel followed by Deans’ Receptions at various locations in the Union, and dinner in the Union Ballroom. The featured speaker will be P. David Pappert, Duquesne alumnus and Chairman of the Board at Duquesne University. Mr. Pappert is the Founder, Chairman, and CEO (retired) of ViON Corporation in Washington, DC.

The Eugene P. Beard Award for Leadership in Ethics and the Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership will be presented at Senior Celebration.

REMINDER: Weather Emergency Information Line

Class delays or cancellations at Duquesne due to weather are announced on the automated weather emergency information line: 412.396.1700. Updated weather emergency and closing information may also be obtained from local television stations KDKA, WTAE, WPXI and their Web sites, from major local radio stations and on the DU Daily.
It is difficult not to notice the major changes in progress in the Duquesne Union. The second floor of the Union is undergoing a total renovation, with the exception of Starbucks. The major attraction of the newly renovated space will be a large, comfortable lounge which will face the Library and have mostly glass walls. This lounge will have soft furniture for reading and relaxation, and tables for studying. The second floor will also house renovated office suites for Health Services, University Counseling Center, Computer Store, DU Card Center and PNC Bank. The renovated area is expected to be completed in time for Fall semester 2008.

As a result of the construction on the 2nd floor of the Union several services have moved to temporary locations:

- The Computer Store has moved to Union, Room 301, the Art Gallery space
- The DU Card Center has moved to Fisher Hall, Room 217
- PNC Bank and their ATMs have moved to the PNC Atrium on the Union 2nd floor, next to the entrance of the old bookstore.

All of these services will return to the 2nd floor of the Union after construction is completed.

‘POWER’FUL NEW ADDITION

In January, Duquesne dedicated the Power Center, its new, five-level, 130,000-square-foot multipurpose facility named for Duquesne’s first president, the Rev. William Patrick Power, C.S.Sp. The center features three retail services open to the public: a 2-story Barnes & Noble; the Red Ring full-service restaurant, and Jamba Juice and Marketplace, a juice bar and convenience store offering grab-and-go foods and sundry items. The building also houses the University’s new Power Ballroom on the 5th floor and a comprehensive Recreation Center for students and employees. For more information, visit www.duq.edu/powercenter.
ONE-STOP for FITNESS and RECREATION

The Power Recreation Center includes 80,000 square feet devoted to fitness and recreation on three floors (plus a walking track on the Mezzanine level). Students and staff alike are enjoying the benefits of the new facility and all it has to offer. In addition to courts for basketball, volleyball and racquetball, the Power Recreation Center includes a free weight room with a full line of Nautilus Explode equipment, several studios that host more than 50 fitness classes each week, a spinning room and a large work out area that includes 34 pieces of cardiovascular equipment, a full line of Nautilus Nitro Circuit equipment, and a variety of accessories – stability balls, medicine balls, hand weights and mats – to allow for other types of exercises, such as core strengthening and flexibility training. The center is also the hub of the extensive Intramural and club sport programs.

Finishing touches to the facility have been added in the past month. These include the installation of automated external defibrillators (AED’s), addition of mini lockers and cubbies in various locations (to supplement the full-size locker rooms), and plans for additional carpeting.

For more information on hours and equipment, visit the Recreation Department web site at www.recreation.duq.edu. For a current schedule of fitness classes or Intramural sports, check the RECREATION channel on the DORI LIVING tab.

Students RAISE MONEY for CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The student organization Dukes for CFF has been helping the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation raise funding and awareness of this disease for nearly a decade. This year, the chapter raised over $1,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis foundation through its annual Vanity Flair Mirror Auction and Casino Night. A Night in the Tropics, held on February 23 in the Duquesne Ballroom, was headlined by Duquesne alumni and comedian Jesse Joyce. The evening included a night of table games and chances to trade in table winnings for raffle tickets to win a variety of prizes. Students, faculty, staff and friends of the University attended.

Gumberg NUMBERS TELL the STORY

How many visitors did the Gumberg Library have in January 2008? More than January 2007? Yes, 31.4% more!

- 42,299 people visited the library in January 2008
- Record setting days - January 28 and 29 more than 3,000 visitors each day
- You count!
The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Black Student Union collaborated on a variety of events for Black History Month which included the play Dr. Goddess Goes To Jail, a relationship forum and a panel discussion about the State of Black America. The programming also included a student networking event, movie discussion, talent show and a community service project. Black History Month concluded with the Black History Bowl event which tested the knowledge of students from various colleges and universities throughout Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas.

**SPRING into BOOKS!**

**50% OFF SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE**

During National Library Week, stop in and see the great selection of children’s and young adult literature, board books, multicultural titles, Spanish titles, software, teacher resources, cookbooks and much more!

**APRIL 7-10, 10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**GUMBERG LIBRARY, POPULAR READING AREA, 4TH FLOOR**

All major credit cards accepted. All proceeds benefit the Maureen Sullivan Curriculum Center. If you would like more information, please contact Danielle Buck at 412.396.1858.
If you missed the opportunity last year don’t miss it this year! For the second year, the Gumberg Library will participate in the Allegheny County Library Association’s One Book, One Community program. The One Book program was designed to create an informed, involved, and more connected community through the reading of “one book.”

The 2008 One Book selection is *I’m So Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan. The book shares stories of friendship between the two men and the support they gave each other. Mark your calendars to meet the author on April 15th at a book signing in downtown Pittsburgh.

The Gumberg Library encourages students to take advantage of this opportunity to read the book, participate in discussion groups, and become part of the One Book reader community during the month of March. The new Barnes & Noble will provide discounted copies of the book for those who wish to participate.

In this year of Pittsburgh’s 250th birthday, let’s celebrate those individuals like Mister Rogers, who have given this region its strength and character. Watch for more details about book groups and related activities in the coming weeks. We hope to see you and a friend!

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**SUPER SOPHOMORE SATURDAY**

The Office of Residence Life and the Division of Student Life hosted the third annual Super Sophomore Saturday on February 16. Ninety-seven sophomore students and their families participated in a day of activities including a special brunch in the Hogan Student Dining Center and a Super Sophomore Fair. Representatives from Residence Life, Commuter Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Career Services, International Study Abroad, Health Services, Greek Life, Duquesne University Volunteers and the Power Recreation Center shared upcoming events and were able to address any parent/student concerns, followed by an Information Session with Residence Life and Commuter Affairs.

**SWIMMING RECAPS**

The Women’s swimming team turned in the most successful season in Duquesne history, finishing an all-time best third at the 2008 Atlantic 10 Championship. The Dukes were led by senior Melissa Johnson who captured seven medals (three gold, three silver, one bronze) at the event. She won gold in the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle and took silver in the 200-yard individual medley while winning four medals as part of relay teams. She set new Duquesne records in all seven events.

Also swimming well for the Red and Blue were senior Kyla Favret who set school records in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke and fellow senior Katie McHugh who broke DU standards in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes. Junior Katrina Streiner also won medals at A-10’s, claiming a silver in the 50-yard freestyle and bronze in the 100-yard freestyle.

The Dukes won 12 medals and set 14 school records.

The Men’s swimming team used the strength of eight medal performances to capture fourth place at the Atlantic 10 Championship. Leading the way for the Dukes was freshman Edward LeBlanc who was named the meet’s Most Outstanding Rookie. Le Blanc had a hand in six medals, winning two individual gold medals, three relay golds and one silver relay. He set school records in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle.

Also winning hardware for DU was freshman Jim O’Hara who took second in the 200-yard freestyle and sophomore Ian P. Walsh who captured third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Walsh also set two long-standing school records at A-10’s in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes.

The Red and Blue won 8 medals at the championship including five gold and set six school records, four individual and two relay.
**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

The men’s basketball team recently secured its first winning season in 14 years and is having one of its best campaigns in decades. With their 63-61 victory at Dayton on February 13, the Dukes guaranteed a winning season for the first time since the 1993-94 team went 17-13 and received a National Invitation Tournament (NIT) bid.

The Red and Blue are off to their best start since 1980-81 and have posted just the second winning season in the past 22 years at Duquesne. As of March 5, the Dukes stand at 16-11 with two regular season games remaining and are vying for a spot in the Atlantic 10 Tournament which begins March 12 in Atlantic City, N.J.

**DU** is led in scoring by junior Shawn James who averages 13.2 points per game. He is followed by junior Kojo Mensah’s 12.5 ppg and senior Kieron Achara’s 10.5 ppg. James also leads the Dukes with 7.1 rebounds per game and 4.1 blocked shots per contest. His blocked shots total leads the Atlantic 10 and is good for fourth best in the country.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

The women’s basketball team wrapped up its regular season with a 15-14 record under first year head coach Suzie McConnell-Serio. The Dukes finished ninth out of 14 teams in the Atlantic 10 and have qualified for the Atlantic 10 Tournament which begins on March 7. The Red and Blue will face Richmond at noon.

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**GET INVOLVED — GIVE BACK — GO GREEK!**

Service is one of the pillars that Greeks have built their foundation upon. Thousands of dollars are raised every year on Duquesne’s campus through philanthropic events hosted by Greek organizations. Each chapter makes regular donations to their philanthropies and causes as well as to other groups through their attendance and participation at events. In addition, hundreds of hours of community service are provided for the Duquesne community and the greater Pittsburgh region, including some national service projects.

The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils attended a conference sponsored by the Northeastern Greek Leadership Association which recognizes those campuses where the Greek community is fulfilling and exceeding programming expectations. The conference was held in Hartford, Connecticut, February 21-24. The Panhellenic Council received four Programming Excellence Awards in the areas of Recruitment, Continuous Open Bidding, Academics, and Community Service/Philanthropy.

**CARNIVAL**, a 57-year-old tradition at Duquesne, will take place in the A.J. Palumbo Center on April 19-20. The shows are open to the public! So come on out, we would love to see you there!

As you can see, there are unlimited opportunities and possibilities that can be yours as part of Greek Life here at Duquesne. For more information, please feel free to contact the Office of Greek Life at X6651 or at panhel@duq.edu (for women interested in a sorority) or at ifc@duq.edu (for men interested in a fraternity). You can Get Involved and Give Back by Going Greek!

The 2008 APD Valentine’s Day Ball raised $8,000 for the ALS Association (Lou Gehrig’s disease) in memory of Dr. Michael Cahill, chapter advisor. Presenting the check to ALS rep Mark Simpson are APD brother Rob Klein and Mrs. Diane Cahill.

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SGA-RIDESHAKE
ON BLACKBOARD

NEED A RIDE home for Spring Break? Or maybe you can drive someone else? What about sharing your daily commute with another student? Check out Student Government Association’s Rideshare e-board available on Blackboard. Read posts or add one of your own to make traveling a little easier for everyone!

To access the Rideshare page:
1. Log into your Blackboard Account at www.blackboard.duq.edu.
2. Click on the MY COMMUNITIES tab at the top of the page.
3. Under the Organization catalog, select University Services.
4. Then select SGA-Rideshare Board.
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STUDENT DISCIPLINARY RECORDS... CAN THEY IMPACT FUTURE PURSUITS?

Have you considered what effect a disciplinary record can have on your future endeavors?

A disciplinary record is an educational record and, therefore, is confidential. However, if you transfer to another institution, apply to graduate or law school, or seek employment (particularly in a government agency), you may be asked to sign a waiver allowing them to inquire about your record.

If there is one violation that is not too serious, it may not have an impact. One FBI agent doing a background check stated that several violations which show a pattern may hurt your chances of getting that perfect job or being admitted to the graduate or law school of your choice.

Keep in mind that your actions today CAN impact your hopes and dreams for tomorrow. Make decisions wisely!

THE ‘BUS’ STOPS at DUQUESNE for GRADUATION

Former Steelers superstar Jerome Bettis, now a successful sportscaster, will address Duquesne University’s graduating class at the May 2008 commencement.

Bettis, the former Steelers’ running back and six-time Pro Bowl player, ended his accolade-filled football days playing on the winning Super Bowl XL team in his hometown of Detroit. But some of his biggest wins have been acknowledged off the playing field as he stepped up his philanthropic efforts.

The Bus Stops Here Foundation, started by Bettis in 1997, has helped to raise money for troubled and underprivileged children. His other charitable pursuits included giving thousands of football cleats to Detroit high schools, funding scholarships, providing Thanksgiving turkey dinners and rebuilding recreation centers and parks. The Cyber Bus Computer Literacy Program, initiated here at Duquesne during the 2007-08 academic year, addresses technology issues and shrinks the growing digital divide by providing free computers and computer literacy training to inner-city school children.

The all-University Commencement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m., in the A.J. Palumbo Center, followed by a reception on Academic Walk. Before the ceremony, a Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated in the Union Ballroom at 3:00 p.m. For the Diploma Ceremony schedule and more information, visit: www.registrar.duq.edu/graduation/index.html.