A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

I often tell audiences that this is a great time in the life of a great university. I am sure that some listeners think that this is just my opinion. This semester, however, we have objective evidence for the claim from five different groups of experts. Our accrediting body visited this semester and confirmed that we meet all the standards for continued accreditation. Standard & Poor’s analyzed our financial position and awarded us a rating of A- with a positive outlook. Moody’s rated us as well and gave us an A2. The NCAA examined our athletic program and found us to be fully compliant with their standards. Finally, the IRS came on campus and gave us a clean audit.

It is a remarkable coincidence that all of these inspections came in the same semester, but no coincidence at all that they all reached positive conclusions. This really is a great time in the life of a great university.

Charles J. Dougherty, President

UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education has reaffirmed the accreditation of Duquesne University. For the past three years, the University has been involved in a Self Study which included all of the divisions of the University. This Self Study Report, entitled Education for the Mind, Heart and Spirit, was presented to the Middle States Commission in December, 2007; and in March, 2008, a Middle States evaluation team of eight representatives from a variety of colleges and universities visited campus for four days. The purpose of their visit was to insure that the Self Study Report was accurate by meeting with a wide variety of campus constituents including many students. The report of the Evaluation Team has been received and states that Duquesne University meets all eligibility requirements for continued accreditation. The Evaluation Team Report commended Duquesne for embracing the Spiritan mission and for its many successes at implementing that mission.

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INSTALLATION of NEW STUDENT LEADERS

On March 9, the Student Government Association, Duquesne Program Council, Residence Hall Association, and Commuter Council installed their new Executive Boards for the 2008-2009 academic year during a Mass followed by brunch, featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Casey Sanner, a 2004 graduate of the Mylan School of Pharmacy and a former Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association President.

The students installed included:
Student Government Officers: President Phillip Basciano, Vice President of Student Life Andrea Komanecy, Vice President of Academics Matthew Richardson, Vice President of Finance Andrew Hoover, and Vice President of Communications Victoria Byrd.
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**Student Government Senate:** Ed Alo, Brian Anderson, Andrea Arnold, Michael Bianco, Ernest Blackwell, Sarah Brett, Nick Campbell, Brandon Carson, Lindsay Close, Kristen Dominik, Chris Federenko, Zane Gray, Jari Halle, Kelly Horein, Stephen Hudak, Adam Krynicki, Shawn Lupi, Andrew May, Regina Pantaleo, Michael Passatore, Rachel Reeves, James Regar, Rachel Roney, Steven Singhaus, Caitlin Theobald and Adam Weller.

**Residence Hall Association Officers:** President Brandon Carson, Executive Vice President Daniel Althouse, Public Relations Vice President Scott McGearry, Finance Vice President Zane Gray and Membership Vice President Kristin Franks.

**Commuter Council Officers:** President Paul McGowan, Executive Vice President Sarah Locke, Finance Vice President Greg Waggett, Programs Vice President Ajit Singh, and Public Relations Vice President Jackie Cundra.

**Duquesne Program Council:** Executive Director Sarah Brett, Finance Director Tim Kleck, Outdoor Program Director Madeleine Swortwood, Comedy/Forum Director Anthony Ross, Entertainment Director Dan Polsky, Films Co-Directors Andrea Komanecy and Mary-Kaylor Hanger, Music Director Stephen Remai, Recreation Co-Directors Brandon Carson and Jon Paulus, Communications Co-Directors Amy Wargo and Megan Murray and Promotions Director Annie Bernier.

**ZIPCAR PROVIDES WHEELS WHEN YOU WANT THEM!**

Duquesne University has signed an agreement with Zipcar to offer its car sharing service to the campus community. Duquesne students ages 18 and over (as well as faculty and staff) can become part of the Zipcar network for a discounted rate of $35. Upon joining, individuals will also receive $35 driving credit. Members will be able to rent cars for rates as low as $7 per hour or $60 per day. This includes gas, insurance, maintenance, and parking!

University members can find two environmentally-friendly Zipcars directly on campus. A Honda Civic is located in the Bluff Street Lot between Towers and St. Martin Hall. A Toyota Prius is located at Locust Street and McAnulty Street. Members can also use any car in the Zipcar fleet, anywhere in Pittsburgh or other cities around the nation.

Learn more or sign up for Zipcar at www.zipcar.com/duquesne. If you have any questions, you can contact member services at 866-4ZIPCAR or Pittsburgh General Manager, Jenna Cox at 412.475.5897 or jcox@zipcar.com.

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**CAMPUS RENOVATIONS**

**GUMBerg CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEGIN MAY 5**

- Front entrance of the library will be inaccessible so construction can begin on replacing the walkway bridge with a new plaza.
- First floor of the Gumberg Library will be closed for installation of compact shelving unit.
- Access to the library will be provided through the back loading dock doors on McAnulty Drive.
- Want to know more about library services during the construction call 412.396.6136 or visit the Library Web site.

**Second Floor Union Renovations**

With the transfer of the University bookstore to the Power Building on Forbes Avenue, the second floor of the Union is being completely renovated. Due to be completed in early July, it will have a large lounge designed to be a meeting place for groups of students and an Admissions reception room for parents and prospective students visiting the University. At the back of the old bookstore there will be an enlarged modern Health Service area with some extra rooms for the University Counseling Center.

The D.U. Card Center will occupy the area where the PNC Bank has been and the Bank will move into an enlarged space where the D.U. Card Center is now. There will also be a small store with Duquesne memorabilia and an Information Desk. Starbucks will, of course, remain in its current location.

**Rooney Field Construction**

Improvements to Rooney Field will include permanent bleachers on Bluff Street and Academic Walk. Bathrooms and a concession stand will also be constructed, and the bleachers will be handicap-accessible. A new carpet will be installed on the field. The renovations are due to be completed before the 2008 Football Season begins.
AMA STUDENTS PRESENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Four American Marketing Association students were selected to present a workshop on leadership at the Annual AMA International Collegiate Conference in New Orleans on April 5. In their presentation, “The Fourteen P’s of Marketing,” the Duquesne AMA officers shared their strategies for the various programs that Duquesne’s award-winning AMA chapter had sponsored throughout the year. This included the Scavenger Hunt, the Marketing Mix-er Networking Night, and the Dress for Success Fashion Show. Duquesne’s AMA chapter was honored to be one of the six universities chosen from over 200 student chapters. Over 1,200 students were in attendance at the conference. Dr. Audrey Guskey, the faculty advisor, also presented a paper at the conference.

MARKETING STUDENTS KICK IT WITH CRICKET

Seniors in Dr. Audrey Guskey’s Strategic Marketing class got some hands on experience as consultants for Cricket Communication and the Pittsburgh Steelers as they designed a marketing plan for the Cricket/Steelers partnership. Sam Sarnicke, a Duquesne graduate, and Grace Kane from Cricket Communication worked closely with students to guide them in the development of their strategic marketing plans. Jeff Reed, kicker for the Steelers, visited the students and offered assistance. Each of the six student teams had to design a complete marketing communication program including developing a product, a TV commercial, a magazine ad, an ad for the Jumbotron, posters, slogans, and a public relations event for a non-profit that would partner with Cricket. According to Sarnicke, each team scored a touchdown with their winning plans. The first place team members each received a free Cricket phone and six months of free service. The final presentation was made at Heinz Field on April 8. Don’t be surprised if you see some of Duquesne students’ marketing creations during a Steelers game this season!

INTERNATIONAL WEEK ISO NIGHT

More than 500 students, staff and friends of the Duquesne community attended this year’s ISO Night on Thursday, April 10. In its 27th year, the International Student Organization, in conjunction with the Office of International Programs, provided a variety of events throughout the week to showcase the various cultures represented on campus and the international issues that concern us all.
CARNIVAL

The annual Duquesne University Carnival, now in its 57th year, is one of the longest standing traditions at the University. This year’s event was held for the first time in the A.J. Palumbo Center from April 19-20 and was open to the entire campus community. Activities included fraternities and sororities, service and professional organizations, and other student organizations.

Carnival raised money to benefit both the Greek Life Book Endowment and the victims of Hurricane Katrina through the Spiritan Campus Ministry Spring Break trip to New Orleans. Student Government, Knights of Columbus, Delta Sigma Pi, Duquesne Program Council, Commuter Council, the Residence Hall Association, and many of the performing groups raised monies at booths selling t-shirts, funnel cakes, gumbo, Cajun chili, crepes, corn dogs, chili, beverages, etc. Some groups even had games and prizes adding to the atmosphere of Carnival reflecting a Mardi Gras, Cajun or New Orleans theme to go with this year’s philanthropy.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The A. J. Palumbo School of Business held its 27th Annual Senior/Alumni Luncheon at the new Power Center Ballroom on March 1. A near record number of 325 students and alumni were in attendance. Started by Bob Kollar and Tom Grealis, the Senior/Alumni Luncheon has become an annual tradition to honor the business school’s graduating seniors and give them a chance to network with Business School alumni.

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. Students cast their votes during the month of March in the Duquesne Union and Towers Living Learning Center. Dr. Mihaela-Rita Mihailescu, Assistant Professor in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, was selected as the 2007-08 Teacher of the Year and was honored at a reception on Monday, April 21.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS A HUGE SUCCESS

The American Marketing Association held its 18th Annual Dress for Success Fashion Show on April 1, co-sponsored by Career Services and moderated by marketing professors Audrey Guskey and Dorene Ciletti. It was no “April Fool” that over 120 students were in attendance at the new Power Center Ballroom. Students learned the do’s and don’ts of professional dress. Ann Taylor, Joseph A. Bank, Macy’s, and Jupe provided fashions for 25 student models and six business school faculty models. Students from the St. Anthony program also modeled and the proceeds went to this program. In addition to the fashions, food and fun, there was an auction with baskets of fragrances and gifts.
Three generations celebrate the blessing of their rings: Andrew Kaminsky, Class of 1950, his grandson Patrick Corcoran, Class of 2009, and Patrick’s mother, Chris Corcoran, Class of 1979.


HOW TO WEAR THE DU RING

If you are a current student, you should wear the ring so that when you look at it, the D is readable. Upon graduation, the ring should be turned so that the D is facing outward, so that when you shake hands, others can read the D.

MEANING OF THE RING

In terms of the symbolism, the coat of arms is depicted by a lion holding a book. The image of the dove represents the Holy Spirit and the faith upon which the University was founded. It soars upward as a reminder that the Spirit gives life. The words Pittsburgh, Duquesne, and University and the graduation year encircle the stone.

RED OR BLUE?

Though the ring was originally made with red or blue stone, the class of 1927 decided on the ruby red stone that remains today and makes our ring so recognizable around the world.

RING BLESSING CEREMONY

Duquesne University is a community rich with tradition which includes the newly developed and growing annual Ring Blessing Ceremony. This year’s event, sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and Division of Student Life, was held on April 12, 2008, and included a special Mass during which students and their families were called forward to have their rings blessed by a Spiritan Father. The Duquesne Ring symbolizes our pride in our University, pride in ourselves, and our special and lifelong tie to the Duquesne family.

Alum and Towers Resident Director Erik Trembulak invited his family to participate in the celebration as well. Erik’s grandfather, George Tkach, Class of 1954 passed away several years ago. Erik’s mother, Karen Trembulak, and grandmother, Elise Tkach, attended the ceremony and had Mr. Tkach’s class ring blessed.

It seems that most students and alums who wear a Duquesne class ring have a special story about their ring and the significance that it holds. We invite you to share your special “ring” story with us by writing to ringblessing@duq.edu.

We hope to see many of you at next year’s event!
SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

SPRING CLEANUP

Spiritan Campus Ministry’s Annual Spring Cleanup was held April 19. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members gathered to cleanup Duquesne’s neighboring communities in Uptown and South Side.

COOKOUT ON THE COMMONS

The Spiritan Campus Ministry, Office of Residence Life and RHA sponsored the annual Cook Out on the Commons on April 11. Campus Minister Matt Walsh (pictured) manned a grill and hundreds of students braved the weather for a free hotdog, burger, and smoothie and to listen to local band favorite, Good Brother Earl.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAKS

Spiritan Campus Ministry sponsored two trips over Spring Break. One group of students spent their time in Immokalee, Florida, an impoverished migrant farm worker community. Another group went to New Orleans to help in the rebuilding effort. The trip to New Orleans was made possible by a generous donation from the Duquesne University Women’s Guild.

EARTH DAY

Evergreen held its annual Earth Day fair on April 14 on Academic Walk.
ROWING
The Women’s Rowing team stroked the new “Hogan boat” to victory for its first race at the Murphy Cup Regatta in Philadelphia, PA, on March 29, 2008. The slick, fresh on the market, V1 Vesperi 8 is currently one of the top racing boats. Head Coach Joe Setting referred to the boat as the “Ferrari of racing sculls.” With the help of Father Hogan’s gracious donation, the Women’s Rowing team is enjoying its time racing and practicing in the beautiful new boat. Pictured (from left) are team members Betsy Mills, Jenna Vanaski, Kristina Powell, Lauren Thorpe, Andrea Komanecyk, Mary Deet, Joanna Rodriguez, Halyna Tarnawskyj and Katie Hodnik.

The 52-member team is looking toward a strong season containing many more victories. At the ever competitive A-10s regatta in Cherry Hill, N.J., the team is looking to improve on its 2007 third place finish, which was a team best-ever placing.

BASEBALL
The Diamond Dukes are off to their best Atlantic 10 start in school history as the Red and Blue are in first place through the first 12 league games with a record of 10-2. They are led in hitting by junior Mike Carroll who is batting .402 with a team-best 10 doubles, three home runs and 22 RBIs. On the mound, the Red and Blue are led by junior Ryan Juran with a 4-4 record and 23 strikeouts.

LACROSSE
The lacrosse team is boasting a 7-7 record through its first 14 contests and needs just one more Atlantic 10 victory to qualify for the A-10 Championship. They are led by junior Kathleen McNish who has a team-best 59 points on 24 goals and 35 assists.

MEN’S TENNIS
The men’s tennis team wrapped up its season with a 17-7 record and a sixth place showing at the Atlantic 10 Championship. Sophomore Mark Maciuch led the Dukes with 44 victories, going 20-10 in singles play and 24-6 in doubles action.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
The women’s tennis team finished its regular season with a 12-5 record and was the fourth seed in the Atlantic 10 Championship. They were led by freshman Zena Williams who posted 40 wins on the season.

WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD
The women’s outdoor track and field team is kicking into high gear after a successful indoor season. Sophomore Melissa Miller recently broke a school record in the 200 meter run with a time of 24.92 at Bucknell’s Bison Outdoor Classic.

MEN’S TRACK & FIELD
The Dukes are again off to a fine start to the outdoor season. Senior Tom Slosky, a 2007 NCAA Championship participant, already qualified for the NCAA Regionals with his first place showing in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Raleigh Relays. He along with juniors Derek Duttle and Josh Eddy and freshman Mike Stolar have all qualified for the IC4A Championships.

GOLF
The golfers have competed in three tournaments so far this spring and have turned in a fifth place finish at the Cincinnati Invitational and a sixth place showing at the IUP Invite. Junior Brendan Madden has led the Dukes in all three events this spring, averaging 74.5 strokes per round.

Duquesne University VOLUNTEERS
The DUV office is excited to announce the recipients of three scholarships focused upon dedicated service to the community. This year’s recipients embrace the virtues of each scholarship and also the mission of Duquesne University.

Ashleigh Munko received the Harry L. McCloskey Memorial Award, given annually to a freshman or sophomore student who exemplifies a commitment to service both on and off campus.

Judy Williams received the Coalhouse Scholarship for her commitment to making the world fair for others through community service, volunteerism, or activism.

Trisha Oefinger received the James V. Donatelli Endowed Scholarship (established in 2007 to honor the memory of Mr. Donatelli, who was committed to the mission of Duquesne University and its emphasis upon service and volunteerism. Trish was honored for outstanding community engagement and superior scholastic achievement.
STUDENTS HONORED

Each spring, Duquesne holds award ceremonies to honor its many outstanding students for academic excellence, leadership and service.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs celebrated diversity and academic excellence among Duquesne’s community of scholars at the 2nd Annual Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit. The event consisted of a reception, dinner and keynote speaker Dr. Michael Eric Dyson. A prolific scholar, author, and media commentator, Dyson addressed the importance of building a sense of community across both gender and racial borders. Dyson is known for intellectually addressing social and cultural issues in a contemporary vein.

The Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit recognized these University students for their academic and leadership accomplishments:

President Charles Dougherty and Dr. Helen Sobehart, Associate Provost and associate academic vice president, attended the Unity Banquet.

Lauren Thomas, Monica Harold, Serina Griffin, Alaina Fairley, Ami Bavishi, Gernia Ballard, Jari Haile were among the guests.

Katie Chengery, Senior Journalism and Multimedia Arts major, Pittsburgh, PA

Jason Dorsey, Junior Finance major, North Versailles, PA

Serina Griffin, Senior Finance, International Business and Spanish major, Philadelphia, PA

Jari Haile, Junior Athletic Training and Physical Therapy major, Gaithersburg, MD

Aishwarya Nagarajan, Fourth year Pharmacy student, Lusaka, Zambia

Clifford Viaud, Junior Accounting and Accounting Information System major, Boston, MA
STUDENTS HONORED

The University joined the Office of Freshman Development and Special Student Services on Monday, March 24, 2008, to honor 251 freshmen who earned a 3.5 QPA or higher in their first semester at Duquesne and were inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. During this ceremony, an Honorary membership was also given to Rev. Naos McCool, C.S.Sp., Assistant Dean for Student Formation in the School of Education, for his exceptional caring and rapport with students.

Senior Celebration

This event recognizes the Eugene P. Beard Award for Ethics in Leadership recipient along with outstanding seniors who have been nominated by the Student Life staff for a Student Life Leadership Award. The students are evaluated on their dedication to the Mission Statement, leadership positions, service, academic achievements and their presence on campus. This year, five extraordinary students were recognized:

Dr. Frederick Lorensen with Phi Eta Sigma officers Katie Paunovic, Vice-President; Matt Sinclair, Secretary; Rev. Naos McCool, C.S.Sp.; Anthony Istik, President; and Kelly Krahe, Treasurer/Historian

Derek Jones, Accounting and Legal Studies, Eighty Four, PA, received the 2008 Eugene P. Beard Student Award for Ethics in Leadership at the ceremony. He was selected based upon his commitment to moral and spiritual values and outstanding leadership in the area of ethics in campus life, in family life and in the community.

PHI ETA SIGMA HONORS OUTSTANDING FRESHMEN

Katie Chengery, Journalism and Multimedia Arts major, Pittsburgh, PA

Colleen N. McDonough, Speech-Language Pathology major, Langhorne, PA

Jackie R. McDermott, Psychology and Sociology major, Holland, PA

Julie N.P. Wong Chong, Biochemistry major, Curepipe, Maritius

Megan N. Calvin, Marketing major, Gibsonia, PA
ORIENTATION 2008: Your Music. Your Song. YOU’RE ON!

The stage is set. The staff has been selected. Orientation 2008 is ready to put all of the incoming students in the middle of their own concert tour at their biggest performance to date: our Bluff! Here are some of the highlights of changes being made for this year’s program:

- One day of New Student Move-in: Tuesday, Aug. 19
- All-day Parent Orientation: Wednesday, Aug. 20
- Team Leaders will serve as semester-long contacts for the students on their team.

All the fun and excitement of the Orientation you know and love, but with exciting new surprises in store! For more information, or if you are interested in assisting with Move-In, please contact the Orientation Office at 412.396.6641. YOU’RE ON!

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MAJOR SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS

President Charles Dougherty will confer degrees upon nearly 1,500 graduating students at a University Commencement ceremony at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2008 in the A.J. Palumbo Center. The Baccalaureate Mass will precede this ceremony at 3 p.m. in the A.J. Palumbo Center. Retired Steelers superstar Jerome Bettis, now a sportscaster and philanthropist, will address the graduating class. A reception for all graduates and their guests will follow immediately on Academic Walk.

On Saturday, May 3, individual schools will host recognition ceremonies to personally recognize each graduating student with the traditional distribution of diploma jackets. The schedule follows:

- McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
  9:00 a.m.
  A.J. Palumbo Center
- Mary Pappert School of Music
  9:00 a.m.
  Union Ballroom
- A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration
  12:00 noon
  A.J. Palumbo Center
- School of Nursing
  12:00 noon
  Union Ballroom
- School of Education
  3:00 p.m.
  A.J. Palumbo Center
- Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences
  3:00 p.m.
  Union Ballroom
- John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences
  6:00 p.m.
  A.J. Palumbo Center
- The Mylan School of Pharmacy and the Law School will hold separate commencement events later this spring because of their different academic calendars.

For more information, visit www.duq.edu/graduation.