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New York Native Named Director Of Recreation

By Kimberly Saunders

William Gavin has been named director of recreation at Duquesne University, effective Oct. 29. The New York native will be responsible for all aspects of the campus recreation program in the University’s new Power Center, slated to open in January 2008. He will organize and lead programming and operations for intramural sports, club sports, fitness, wellness programs and special events for more than 10,000 students and nearly 2,800 employees. Before his appointment at Duquesne, he was director of campus recreation at St. John’s University in Queens, New York.

“Duquesne was a great fit for me professionally and personally,” Gavin said. “Being able to build a comprehensive program from the ground up and take the existing programs to the next level was a logical next step in my career path. On a personal level, I’m happy to be part of a Catholic university with a values-driven mission that fits the way I have lived and want to continue to live.”

Gavin has worked in the field of recreation management for more than a decade, beginning as a student worker for the recreational sports department at St. John’s. He served as assistant director, then director, of recreational sports there from 1996-2000. He joined New York Sports Clubs, where he was general manager for their Whitestone and Forest Hills Clubs, before returning to St. John’s in 2002 as the director of campus recreation.

Gavin’s first order of business will be to hire a full-time staff—an assistant director, coordinator of intramurals and an administrative assistant. The next step will be developing programs and schedules, and employing student workers.

“The Power Center will be open seven days a week, 100 plus hours each week, so we will be hiring lots and lots of student workers,” he added. “They will be key to our programming and operations.”

The Power Center will offer organized programming and events, as well as open recreation for staff and students. Gavin is collaborating with various departments and the Wellness Committee to pull together resources and knowledge to meet the needs of the campus community.

“If we can combine resources, we can reach a bigger audience with more diverse programming and also eliminate any duplication of effort. While there are a lot of things that can be done together, we recognize that specific audiences have different needs and interests,” he explained.

A wellness class on “Healthy Living” for example, would cover different topics for students compared to adult audiences.

Gavin holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from St. John’s University. He is also a Certified Recreation Sports Specialist. Gavin, his wife Gloria and 1-year-old daughter Destiny Lee are residing in Jefferson Hills.

Campus Community Risk Team Established To Intervene on Threats of Violence

A new, structured way to share information about threats of potential acts of violence—and to allow for intervention—is being instituted at Duquesne University.

In the last year, the entire nation was shocked and saddened by the tragedy at Virginia Tech. One lesson springing from that situation is that universities need to implement formal means for sharing information about potential acts of violence. In retrospect, some faculty and staff members at Virginia Tech had deep concerns about the student shooter but knew of no vehicle for sharing those concerns with officials who might have made a difference.

President Charles J. Dougherty has announced that Duquesne is taking the proactive step of establishing a Campus Community Risk Team. This team will be able to identify similar threats to our campus community from one or more of our own members—students, faculty, staff or administrators—so that intervention to prevent violence is possible.

The team will:

• Share information that appears to threaten violence against our campus
• Receive reports of behaviors that appear to threaten violence against our campus
• Assess the risk of violence suggested by the information received
• Recommend preventive intervention designed to avoid violence.

The team members include:

• Dr. Paul Richter, chair of the team, Department of Psychology
• Mary Ellen Baney, director of Human Resources
• Jim Caputo, director of Public Safety
• Linda Drago, University counsel
• The Rev. Ray French, C.S.Sp., director of Campus Ministry
• Barbara Galderise, director of Health Services
• Susan Monahan, director of Judicial Affairs
• Dr. Jack Nelson, director of University Counseling Center
• Sharon Oelschlager, director of Residence Life
• Dr. Helen Sobehart, associate academic vice president

Privacy concerns are intrinsic to the work of this team, and members are sensitive to these concerns and committed to the highest standards of confidentiality.

No committee can protect the Duquesne University community from every act of violence. However, establishing the Campus Community Risk Team increases the likelihood that risks of violence can be identified and reasonable, responsible steps can be taken to avoid it.

William Gavin, director of recreation, checks the view from the Third Floor Mezzanine of the Power Center.
Alia M. Pustorino, coordinator of Duquesne University Volunteers (DUV)

... on Volunteering through DUV

Q: What is DUV?
A: Duquesne University Volunteers seeks to make community service a vital part of the Duquesne experience by fostering a lifelong commitment to service, civic engagement and social justice.

Q: How does DUV reach these goals?
A: DUV accomplishes these goals by:
• Developing valuable volunteer opportunities through a diverse network of community partners
• Collaborating with University organizations to coordinate service and philanthropic events both on and off campus
• Supporting opportunities for innovative, student-led service initiatives
• Designing service experiences that support the University Mission and the dimensions of a Duquesne education.

Q: Is DUV an organization only for students or can employees find volunteer opportunities as well?
A: DUV is not an organization, so much as a program that provides information about and coordination for service opportunities throughout Pittsburgh for all members of the University community. I am always happy to provide information about volunteer opportunities to anyone who is interested.

Q: How long has DUV been in existence?
A: DUV began in 1989, so this is its 18th year.

Q: What kinds of volunteer opportunities are available?
A: A wide variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For students, we have been able to identify volunteer opportunities that relate directly to every field of study the University offers. Some of the more popular projects involve tutoring and mentoring children, providing companionship to senior citizens, preparing and serving meals at soup kitchens, and remodeling homes in low-income communities. The DUV Web site lists a wide variety of information about upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities at www.duv.duq.edu.

Q: Is there a major time commitment to volunteer or can I find short-term ways to help?
A: On the DUV Web site, we differentiate service projects in two ways. Ongoing Service Projects are the type of experience that is sustained and frequently requires an ongoing commitment. Upcoming Projects tend to be opportunities for a one-time engagement, frequently scheduled for a Saturday or a weekday evening.

Q: How do I get involved?
A: You can get involved in a variety of ways. First, anyone is welcome to visit the DUV Office to discuss their specific volunteer interests and needs. Second, if you visit the DUV Web site and see a project of particular interest, you may contact the DUV Office for all project details. Lastly, anyone who reports their service hours into the DUV Office is considered a Duquesne University Volunteer.

Q: I already volunteer with my church and other organizations. Why is it important that I use DUV’s resources and volunteer with the University?
A: DUV is fully supportive of people volunteering in their local communities and churches. We do ask all community members to report their service hours to our office, via the online form at www.duv.duq.edu/individualform.htm. DUV actively collects this information from all community members to accurately describe the breadth and amount of service performed by all entities of the University community.

Q: If I want to stop in for more information, where is the DUV office located?
A: The DUV Office is located in Room 305 of the Union, across from the Information Center.

Fair Trade Awareness Week, Sale Scheduled

A Fair Trade Awareness Week and Sale will be held from Monday, Dec. 3, to Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the PNC Atrium of the Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. New this year is a free fair trade fashion show, which will be held on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Duquesne Room.

Single Sign-on Expands in DORI

Now you can use more of the online tools you use every day directly through DORI.

Your DU WebMail inbox can be accessed by clicking on the new e-mail icon in the upper right hand corner, near the logout arrow. Because you will have logged into DORI with your MultiPass, your identity is confirmed so you do not need to put in any additional passwords. This easy access is called single sign-on.

Soon, Meeting Maker will also be enabled for single sign-on through DORI. Blackboard currently requires an additional log-in when you link to it from DORI. In January, that will change and Blackboard’s academic resources and communities will be single sign-on as well.

Your Tabs Match Your Roles

Recently, the Learning tab was re-oriented to focus on students and is no longer available to staff. This will allow us to promote academic channels from the library, registrar’s office and student activities directly to students. If you would like to see these channels, you can add them onto any other tab. The Personalize Your Portal channel on DORI’s Help tab has instructions on how to add channels.

Grades, Registration on Self Service Banner

Students are now able to view their transcripts and grades online in Self Service Banner. The switch occurred on Nov. 5, as WebAdvisor was discontinued. If you work with students, you can instruct them to go to the Self-Service Banner tab, then Student Information, then Student Records to find their transcripts and their grades.

The Registrar’s Office channel in DORI provides the schedule for Spring 2008 registration in Banner and links to updated PDFs of the course listings.

We are working to add channels for student and faculty who interact with Banner files to display an individual’s class schedule, teaching schedule, academic status and grades.

Channels in Development

Do you have news, events and announcements to share? Are your e-mails being ignored? Your department, school or program could maintain a channel in DORI to communicate with students, staff or faculty. Contact Alison Conte at contea@duq.edu, 412.396.1396 to learn more and get the process started.
Pollock Team Creates World’s First Regenerative Medicine Digital Dome Show for Health Literacy

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

The Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education and premiered the planetarium show, Our Cells, Our Selves, a story about juvenile diabetes with an accompanying immunology-based videogame, Immun-ologee, on Nov. 9.

The health literacy film has been added as a 4 p.m. daily showing at Buhl Planetarium at the Carnegie Science Center and by request to schools and other groups. Told through the eyes of 7-year-old Sylvia, who has just learned that she has juvenile diabetes, the animated show explains the biology behind the condition and highlights current biomedical research, especially regenerative medicine, with scientific accuracy and stunning visuals.

As project director, Dr. John Pollock, associate professor of biology, led the interdisciplinary venture which crossed fields within and beyond Duquesne. The project was made possible by $1.3 million in funding through the Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA), from the National Center for Research Resources, a part of the National Institutes on Health.

Though Pollock and his teams have been involved in creating three previous science education planetarium projects—Tissue Engineering for Life, 2000-2005; Grey Matters: The Brain Movie, 1997-2000; and Journey into the Living Cell, 1996—Our Cells, Our Selves is the first digital dome planetarium show in a new series that will expand the visual experience of exploring the biology of regenerative medicine.

The goal is to develop scientifically accurate content rich in biology for young learners. All films will highlight biomedical research, specifically regenerative medicine, focusing on:

• Basic biology
• What goes wrong with disease or trauma
• Current medical therapy
• How the body heals itself through regenerative medicine.

“This is a new style of educational video presentation, with a new level of scientific accuracy,” Pollock said. “We are creating a show very content rich, but it is something that should be very accessible to young learners, even 7-year-olds. There certainly is more in this show than anybody could take home after one viewing, though visitors will come away with awareness of the immune system, basic biology and regenerative medicine.”

To accompany the movies, the Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education team has developed free, interactive Web activities, teacher/student workbooks and activities for the classroom and homeschoolers at www.sepa.duq.edu/education. The show and the workbooks are written with curriculum and assessment standards in mind, Pollock said.

The computer game, Immun-ologee, at www.sepa.duq.edu/games/, teaches that the human immune system is a complex constellation of cells and tissues working together to patrol the entire body. Players travel through tissue as it encounters unknown particles and students learn how the immune system handles them. Immun-ologee was designed for short sessions, ideally at science centers and online.

The biology-oriented package is welcomed by Mark Percy, director of the Williamsville Space Lab Planetarium in Williamsville, N.Y., who previewed part of the show last month. “I was actively shopping for content,” said Percy, who plans to bring the show to his Buffalo-area planetarium. “I was very impressed with the work. I think it’s a great example of how the dome theater can go beyond traditional astronomy to teach other areas of science.”

Involving graphic artists, musicians and educators as well as scientists, the Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education collaborators include:

• Department of Journalism and Interactive Media of McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts at Duquesne University
• School of Education at Duquesne University
• Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University
• Studio for Creative Inquiry at Carnegie Mellon University
• Carnegie Science Center Buhl Planetarium/Digital Dome
• McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine
• Additional scientists, artists and physicians from other key Pittsburgh institutions.

Duquesne University: Making a Community Impact

By Kimberly Saunders

At Duquesne University, service to others is a key pillar of our identity, exemplified in a campus-wide commitment to volunteerism, service-learning and shared resources.

In the last academic year, nearly 8,000 campus community members—all part of the Duquesne University Volunteers Network—volunteered more than 200,000 hours to help others. The value of this service exceeded $3.7 million. During the same time period, the Office of Service-Learning placed more than 750 students who provided more than 8,300 service hours valued at over $150,000. As part of their coursework, the students engaged in collaborative projects coordinated by faculty members and community partners to meet community-identified needs.

Duquesne is sending the strong message that we are continuing our proud tradition of sharing knowledge and resources with those who are most in need.

To learn more about the University’s outreach and advocacy efforts, read the 2006-07 Community Impact Report online at www.newsroom.duq.edu, then clicking on Impact Report.

Call for Staff Award Nominations

The annual Staff Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19. To nominate a Duquesne employee who consistently goes above and beyond, lives the mission to serve God by serving students and is a role model to all of us, visit www.staffawards.duq.edu/nominations.html.

The criteria are listed for each of the awards, which include the President’s Award, the Innovation Award, the Teamwork Award, the Consumer Service Award and the Immediate Recognition Award. Nominations are due by Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Staff Awards Luncheon will include a short program announcing the winners, and all employees who have dedicated five, 10, 15 and 25 years of service to Duquesne will be recognized. Employees serving 25 or more years will be given a special honor. A luncheon will be served following the program.

R.S.V.P. online by Friday, Dec. 14, at www.duq.edu/invitations/holidayawards07.html.

Light-Up Night Greets Holiday Season

Spread a little Christmas cheer at the 11th annual Light-Up Night sponsored by the Student Government Association. All members of the Duquesne community and their families are invited to help bring the Christmas season to Duquesne.

The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29, beginning with Christmas carols at 4:30 p.m. and the official lighting of campus at 5:15 p.m. A Christmas celebration that includes crafts, desserts, karaoke and pictures with Santa will follow in the Duquesne Union Ballroom until 7 p.m. Guests can also enjoy a holiday dinner (meal plan or cash only) in Options Cafe from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Additionally, the Admissions Office will host its first Twilight Tour in conjunction with Light-Up Night. An admissions presentation will begin at 6 p.m. in the Duquesne Room, with campus tours leaving from there at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required and is available online by clicking on the Events button at www.admissions.duq.edu.
SBDC Conference to Highlight Technology Tools for Businesses

By Randy Cole

The Internet isn’t just for broadcasting your funny foibles on YouTube anymore. It’s a strategic tool that can make or break a business.

That’s the focus of this year’s second annual Pennsylvania Business Technology Conference, presented by Duquesne University’s Donahue Graduate School of Business and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Slated to take place Thursday, Dec. 6, on campus, the conference aims to help small business owners and entrepreneurs grow their businesses through the purposeful and implementation of technology.

“We’ve known for years that today’s businesses need to think globally—technology enables this,” said Dr. Mary McKinney, director of the SBDC. “We live in a world that runs 24/7. Those businesses with the most up-to-date technological tools are more productive, efficient and competitive.”

The full day of sessions starts with registration at 7:45 a.m. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Events will feature sessions highlighting how blogs and podcasts can drive business along with sessions on improving customer experience, e-marketing, network virtualization and Web design, among other topics. The day’s events will kick off with a roundtable discussion, featuring industry panelists who will address emerging business technologies. Followed by a morning technology showcase, the session will continue with breakout workshops.

The afternoon will also feature workshops in addition to a technology showcase, which will include demonstrations of the latest off-the-shelf and customizable business-building tools. A luncheon keynote address, The 10 Greatest Myths of the Internet, will be delivered by John Clinton, partnership manager of Homestead Technologies. Since 1996, the California-based Homestead Technologies has helped more than 12 million businesses establish a Web presence.

Clinton will cut through the myths surrounding the Web and global audiences that local businesses can reach. Cost for registration is $150, and the deadline to register for the event is Thursday, Nov. 29. Meals are included. For more information, visit www.conference.duq.edu or call 412.396.6253.

Bayer School Announces New Program, Master of Science in Biotechnology

By Emily Goossen

The Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (BSNES) has received approval from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to offer a program of instruction leading to a Master of Science in Biotechnology. Dr. Alan W. Seadler, the Edward V. Fritzky Chair in Biotechnology Leadership, has been named as the program director during this inaugural period.

The program is designed to provide specific training in laboratory sciences, along with advanced instruction in management and communications skills. Ideally, the first students will begin in Spring 2008.

“The M.S. in Biotechnology offers our graduate students a new dimension of learning. By increasing their scientific knowledge and by learning fundamental business and communication skills, they will be better equipped in this competitive job market,” said Dean David Seybert of BSNES. “The appointment of Dr. Seadler as the program director will ensure the program’s success.”

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Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences

In the Spotlight

Curriculum Center

In the Spotlight focus on the variety of centers and clinics operating from campus, and sharing information about their accomplishments in the University community and beyond.

To help spread the word about other outstanding work being carried out by clinics and centers at Duquesne, please e-mail In the Spotlight suggestions to ferricken-mank@duq.edu.

What: Maureen P. Sullivan Curriculum Center, a unique resource center for students, student teachers, faculty and staff of the School of Education and the University.

Location: Fifth Floor of Gumberg Library.

Director/Staff: Danielle Buck, M. Ed., Curriculum Center coordinator

Services: The center specializes in providing users with elementary and secondary school teaching resources for all subject areas. Materials range from textbook kits to activity and lesson plan books, children’s and young adult literature, big books, audiovisual materials, software, Praxis exam study materials, math manipulatives and puppets. A popular feature is the Ellison Die-Cut Machine, which has a wide variety of dies, allowing users to create cut-outs for stencils, bulletin boards and scrapbooks. Laminating and plastic comb binding services are available for a minimal fee.

The materials in the Curriculum Center can be checked out at the fourth-floor Circulation Desk.

Notable/Quotable: The Curriculum Center will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, Nov. 26, to Thursday, Nov. 29. Additionally, the center boasts a newly expanded and renovated space that includes an expanded children’s literature collection, more seating and new tools for education students, faculty and alumni to use.

Contact Information: For more information on the Maureen P. Sullivan Curriculum Center, contact Coordinator Danielle Buck at 412.396.1858 or e-mail buck@duq.edu.

Duquesne University School of Law Announces Bar Exam Results

Duquesne University’s School of Law announced a historic high score for its students taking the Pennsylvania Bar Exam.

The school reported a 91.39 percent pass rate among first-time takers of the July exam. This historic high score for Duquesne places the school second in the state among nine law schools.
Jordanoff Prepares Voices of Spirit for Three-City European Tour

By Richard Tourtellott

Christine Jordanoff, director of choral organizations in the Mary Pappert School of Music, will lead a group of 28 students on a trip to Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic, Nov. 16–24.

The students, members of the Voices of Spirit, the most selective of the Music School’s choral groups, will perform at historic churches in the three nations, including Budapest’s St. Matthias Church, St. Nicholas Cathedral in Prague and Karlskirche in Vienna. In addition, the Voices of Spirit will perform in Vienna during the American Celebration of Music, an annual festival of music and dance organized by the mayors of Austria’s four major cities: Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck and Graz.

Budapest, Prague and Vienna, in addition to being three of the most important cities in the history of music, are venues coveted by American musicians performing European tours, according to Jordanoff.

The travel itinerary also includes cultural tourism. In Vienna the group will see the Ringstrasse, the city’s most famous boulevard; the Volksoper, its opera house; Schönbrunn Palace, the home of the imperial Hapsburgs; and the Mozart Museum. The group also hopes to meet in Vienna with Olive Moorefield Mach, a native Pittsburgher and former soprano Volksoper star.

Jordanoff, who spent a year studying in Hungary after receiving her master’s degree, will lead the students on a trip to the birthplace of Zoltán Kodály, one of Hungary’s most famous composers. In addition to performing there, they plan to visit a local music magnet school for teaching demonstrations. At the Kodály Pedagogical Institute, where a number of Duquesne alumni have studied, they will take part in a master class with the institute’s director, Peter Erdei, an internationally acclaimed choral conductor and Jordanoff’s former teacher.

The trip has been planned for more than a year, and Jordanoff said that members of the Voices of Spirit have diligently laid the groundwork for success, devoting six hours each week to rehearsal in addition to individual practice time. Concerts during the trip feature a repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets to American spirituals, a cappella in various languages, including Latin, French, German, Hungarian, Church Slavonic and English.

That preparation, not to mention the invaluable experience of the four performances in Europe, Jordanoff claimed, will benefit the student musicians immensely. “We expect to be in top form when we return in time for O Come All Ye Faithful the following week,” Jordanoff said.

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Going Green

Environmentally Conscious Campus

Facilities Management not only manages Duquesne University’s “green campus” efforts, but also leads the charge. This new feature will highlight the University’s efforts to conserve, preserve and protect resources and promote environmentally sound practices across campus.

Duquesne University takes extra steps to make sure the air stays a little cleaner while tending the trees that beautify the campus. Spraying chemicals into the air to tend to the landscape can be bothersome to campus residents. To avoid any inconvenience, Duquesne has licensed and trained staff members who visually inspect plants and lawns during their everyday work, reserving chemicals to be used only when there is concern of the life of the plant.

Another contribution to a cleaner atmosphere is a tree micro-injection system currently in use on campus. This procedure allows staff to treat trees systematically rather than spraying chemicals into the air. When needed, the procedure allows Facilities Management workers to apply treatment to individual trees in smaller, concentrated doses, so this method is more effective. As a doctor gives a patient a healing shot instead of hosing him or her down with antibiotics, this method heals the tree without threatening to cloud its surroundings.

Acting Army Surgeon General to Discuss Trauma Advances and Health Careers

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, the first nurse and first woman to serve in the position of acting U.S. Army Surgeon General, will address how the military has helped to lead developments in trauma care worldwide when she visits Duquesne on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Her formal presentation, Advances in Trauma Medicine Developed by the Army Medical Department, is free and open to the public, and will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, in the Pappert Lecture Hall of the Bayer Learning Center at Duquesne. The event will be hosted by the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with the Rangos School of Health Sciences, the School of Nursing and the Mylan School of Pharmacy.

“Over the years, as the military has handled many severe cases of trauma and injuries in the field, medical officers have served as innovators for new techniques,” said Dr. David W. Seybert, dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. “These practices have been shared with civilian hospitals and helped to improve care for patients worldwide. With such a significant health-care industry in the Pittsburgh area, Maj. Gen. Pollock’s observations should attract professionals and students alike.”

Pollock is acting Army Surgeon General and, as chief of the Army Nurse Corps, is in charge of the Army’s entire nursing staff worldwide. She will discuss some of the contributions of the military to emergency medical care advances. While meeting informally at 3 p.m. with students, she will also discuss health care opportunities, both in and outside the military. Her dream to be a nurse was accomplished through a military scholarship. She obtained her BSN from the University of Maryland and received her MBA from Boston University, a master’s in healthcare administration from Baylor University and a master’s in National Security and Strategy from the national Defense University. She also is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and a fellow in The American College of Healthcare Executives.

Pollock’s career started as a staff nurse in a coronary intensive care unit at Fort Dix, N.J., and has led her to cut a new path, including being the chief of hospitals while holding a nursing degree, a position usually held by medical doctors. She has served as commander of the Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu and commanding general of the Pacific Regional Medical Command. She wears the Parachutist Badge as well as the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge and has received many other military honors.

She is a cousin of Dr. John Pollock, associate professor of biology in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences.

25 Year Awards

Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty honored faculty and staff at the annual 25-year dinner on Oct. 24. Honorees who have served the University for the last 25 years include, left to right, George Staggen, printing and graphics; Margaret Patterson, associate professor of journalism and multimedia arts; Robert Barket, Duquesne University Distinguished Professor of Law; President Dougherty; Sister Donna Marie Beck, professor and chair of music therapy; Donald Didonato, residence life; Janet Soulimbre, McAnulty College dean’s office; and Frank D’Amico, professor of mathematics. Not pictured, Priscilla Austin, assistant professor of accounting; Dave Hanson, associate professor of international business; and Rick McGowan, professor of education.

25 Year Awards

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Below is a sampling of recent news coverage:

**DU In The News**

**Duquesne Announces Renovations and Field Renovation**

On Oct. 2, SCOUT.com and CSTV.com announced that the first phase of the renovation of Arthur J. Rooney Athletic Field will begin at the conclusion of this football season. The Post-Gazette and Tribune-Review reported news of the renovations on Oct. 3.

**Halo Award Dinner**

The Tribune-Review reported on Oct. 2 that Duquesne University Chancellor Dr. John Murray would be among the recipients of the Halo Award Dinner sponsored by Angela’s Place Inc., an agency benefiting at-risk families and children.

**Nuisance in the Neighborhood**

On Oct. 2, the Tribune-Review featured an article on neighborhood disputes and quoted Jamie Hendri Fritz, associate professor of communication of rhetorical studies and an expert on interpersonal relationships.

**WSO States Exhilarating Opening Night**

In an Oct. 2 article about an upcoming concert by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra (WSO), the Morning Telegraph, Ohio, Times Leader announced Rachel Stegeman, adjunct professor of violin at Duquesne, is the concertmaster of the WSO, associate concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Opera and Ballet Orchestras, and assistant concertmaster of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.

**Camps Mix Hoops, Health For Children with Asthma**

The Oct. 3 Post-Gazette featured an article on a program that includes asthma medical screenings provided by Duquesne University School of Pharmacy students, as well as question-and-answer sessions with doctors and other medical tests.

**Newsmaker: Tammy Hughes**

The Oct. 3 Tribune-Review featured a Newsmaker profile of Tammy Hughes, associate professor in the Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education. She recently was named president of the American Psychological Association’s Division of School Psychology.

**Man of Music Named Teacher of the Year**

On Oct. 3, The Allegheny Morning Call, Lancasteronline and the Indiana Gazette announced that North Allegheny middle school teacher Duquesne University alumnus David Wolen was named Pennsylvania’s 2008 Teacher of the Year. He dramatically increased student participation in his school’s music program during his career. He will represent Pennsylvania in the national Teacher of the Year competition in Washington, D.C., in the spring.

**Sukkot Celebrated on the Bluff**

As Hillel Opens at Duquesne University

On Oct. 4, the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle reported that Hillel International has found a new home with the establishment of a chapter at Duquesne University.

**Lessons from a Teacher**

The Oct. 4 Post-Gazette featured an article about Duquesne University alumnus Julia Scheib Martin, a South Fayette educator, being honored as social studies Teacher of the Year.

**Catholic Charities to Open Free Health Clinic Downtown**

The Oct. 4 Post-Gazette featured an article on Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh adding medical and dental care to help people in need. Students from Duquesne University’s School of Nursing will administer the flu vaccine there.

**Housing Market Solid in Pittsburgh Region**

On Oct. 4, the Beaver County Times quoted Dr. Matthew Marlin, economics professor, on housing markets in the Pittsburgh region.

**Project Green: The Power of the Sun**

An Oct. 8 Newsweek article about green jobs and training included the new MFA for Sustainability at Duquesne. Student Chris Togni, who is part of a team consulting with a local retailer on how to reduce the waste created by plastic bags, was quoted.

**Newsmaker: Jeffry Madura**

On Oct. 9, the Tribune-Review profiled Dr. Jeffry Madura, chair and professor of chemistry and biochemistry in Duquesne’s Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, who was recognized with Duquesne University’s Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship at the University’s annual convocation.

**Orpheus in Uptown**

The Oct. 9 Post-Gazette previewed the upcoming Orpheus concert by the Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble, led by composer and Music Professor David Cutler.

**Crime Stats Should Reassure A-K Valley**

The Oct. 9 Valley News Dispatch quoted Sociology Professor Dr. Norm Cornflint on violent crime statistics in a report about crime in the area.

**Mayoral Candidates**

**Debate Nonprofits, Privatizing**

The Oct. 10 Tribune-Review reported that mayoral candidates Luke Choppy and Mark DeSantis will square off at a mayoral candidate’s forum to be hosted at Duquesne. The Tribune-Review featured an article about the debate on Oct. 11.

**Duquesne University Dedicates $3M School, Continues Work on $30M Power Center**

On Oct. 13, Pop City Media reported Duquesne University has dedicated its $3 million School of Business, named for Florence Sklar, University benefactors.

**Dateline Pittsburgh: Awards/Honors**

The Oct. 10 Post-Gazette reported that Dennis Woytek, assistant professor in the journalism and multimedia arts department, has received a Telly Award for his work in documentary film.

**Music Preview**

The Oct. 11 Post-Gazette reported that Donald Maue, an instructor in studio engineering and a founder of the classical Guitar Society of Fine Art, was given the baton to instruct the Pittsburgh Mandolin Orchestra. Maue also is assistant director of Computing and Technology Services.

**Business News Briefs**

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**Pharmacy School Provides Demonstration, Training to FDA**

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Faculty and graduate students of the Mylan School of Pharmacy recently provided three days of technical demonstrations to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) employees, geared toward raising the quality and efficiency of pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Thirty-six FDA reviewers, who evaluate new drug applications from pharmaceutical manufacturers, and inspectors who evaluate the quality of manufacturing facilities and operations, participated in the Duquesne program Sept. 18-20, receiving practical experience in modern process development and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Duquesne, which has previously provided national and international technical leadership to the FDA and the pharmaceutical industry, is one of only a few universities to offer such advanced experiences to FDA personnel, said Dr. James K. Drennen III, Mylan School of Pharmacy Associate Dean.

“The program provided practical and laboratory-based, hands-on experience that is difficult to emulate elsewhere,” Drennen said.

The training session utilized a state-of-the-art control system, which was recently donated to the Mylan School of Pharmacy by Emerston Process Management and installed by Emerson’s local representative, the Pittsburgh-based Equipment and Controls Inc.

Mylan School of Pharmacy Dean J. Douglas Bricker commented that “the new control system will enhance the research of the Duquesne University Center for Pharmaceutical Technology in the areas of process control and manufacturing efficiency in both primary and secondary pharmaceutical manufacturing operations.”

“For both Equipment and Controls, and Emerson, this step was important in forging a strategic alliance with Duquesne University, allowing all parties to share strategies and explore new areas,” said Jeff Scott, president of Equipment and Controls.

Other business partners collaborating with Duquesne University were Omal Industrial Automation, Control Development Inc. and Eigenvector.

“Duquesne researchers continue to work with the pharmaceutical industry on funded research that seeks to improve process and product development,” Drennen said. “Integrating this equipment into the systems already in place has enhanced our ability to work with the pharmaceutical industry on process development issues. Our continuing relationship with the FDA and the industry’s growing need for advanced process control systems should provide additional opportunities for Duquesne to play a role in bringing safer drugs to the U.S. and international markets more quickly.”

**Regional Service-Learning Network Receives Additional Funding, Support**

By Rose Ravasio

For the second consecutive year, the Office of Service-Learning has received a grant from Learn and Serve America to fund its Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Network for the Growth of Service-Learning (SPRING) service-learning network. In addition to the $25,000 grant from Learn and Serve America, the Office of Service-Learning also received $15,000 in funding toward the SPRING project from the Grable Foundation.

The SPRING service-learning network awards course development mini-grants; offers faculty and community development workshops and provides opportunities for faculty, community-based organization staff and higher education administrators to discuss the role of service-learning in the region.

Last year, SPRING distributed 16 course development mini-grants to member institutions, co-hosted with the University a successful regional symposium attended by representatives from nearly 20 colleges and universities, and produced a course planning toolkit.

“This new funding will allow us to continue these activities and expand on them by holding a course showcase for all mini-grant recipients, creating a toolkit for community partners and bringing more institutions into the network,” explained Lina Dotstillo, director of the Office of Service-Learning.

The Grable Foundation funding will be used to partially support a program manager for the project, regional workshops and events, and a number of course development mini-grants, according to Dotstillo.

The SPRING service-learning network promotes service-learning among institutions of higher education in southwestern Pennsylvania. The network is coordinated by Duquesne and includes the University of Pittsburgh, Waynesburg University, Robert Morris University and the Collegiate YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh.
**Cesareo Inaugurated as President of Assumption College**

Many friends from Duquesne University were in Worcester, Mass., on Oct. 12 to witness the inauguration ceremony of Dr. Francesco C. Cesareo as the 16th president of Assumption College.

Cesareo, who had served as dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts since 2004, began his new position at Assumption in July.

Dr. James Swindal, associate professor and chair of philosophy at Duquesne, delivered the keynote address at the inauguration. Swindal was a colleague of Cesareo at John Carroll University and also worked with him at Duquesne.

The new president posed with his Duquesne friends in top photo, from left, front row: Dr. Carla Lucente, Dr. Albert Labriola, Leri Guter, Cesareo, Dr. Dorothy Bassett and Janet Sculimbene. Second row: Swindal, Bill Klewien, Donald Guter, J.D. Douglas, Dr. Gregory Frazer, Dr. Dan Donnelly, Mike Clark, Linda Rendulic, Sr. Alice Gotti, Michael Sculimbene and Dr. Ralph Pearson.

**DU Spin-Off Receives Additional Funding to Develop New Products**

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Applied Isotope Technologies (AIT), a spin-off company from Duquesne University that measures the toxicity of small amounts of metals, has received additional funding from the Pittsburgh Life Science Greenhouse (PLSG).

The PLSG has invested $150,000 in AIT, which uses a technology and method approved by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection to successfully measure toxicity levels of metals in soil, urine and other biological samples.

The method to accurately determine measurements of minute samples was developed by one of AIT’s founders, Dr. Howard M. “Skip” Kingston, a chemistry professor at Duquesne. The new investment will partially fund work that continues to be done in laboratories at Duquesne and at other locations.

Through this investment, AIT will work to launch new products to larger markets, with the eventual goal of developing test kits and complete testing systems for clinical diagnostics.

“This funding will allow AIT to further develop testing kits that could be used in cases ranging from health concerns to security issues, virtually in any field that deals with biomedical or environmental samples,” said Dr. Alan W. Seadler, associate academic vice president for research at Duquesne.

Accurate, adaptable and simple testing kits, such as those being formulated by AIT, have the potential to revolutionize the laboratory work environment, according to John W. Manzetti, president and chief executive officer of the PLSG.

“Today, there is significant focus on environmental health and the thousands of chemicals to which human beings are being exposed,” Manzetti said. “AIT is helping by making products that will permit accurate measurement of how the human body deals with exposure to poisons and facilitate finding new chemimarkers and/or biomarkers that result in better diagnostic tools.”

**Contemporary Ensemble Concert Joins Art Music, Pop Culture**

The Duquesne University Contemporary Ensemble will present Pop Culture, a concert program that integrates musical works with acting, dancing and lighting effects to express elements of pop culture.

The program includes Heartbreaker’s by Jacob Ter Veldhuis, performed by a jazz sextet with video, actors and recorded quotes from the Jerry Springer show. Dead Elvis by Michael Daugherty features Pittsburgh Symphony bassoonist David Sogg costumed as Elvis Presley. John Zorn’s For Your Eyes Only could be called avant-garde cartoon music, while The Speed of Light by David Drumm combines pop vocals and chamber orchestra.

Pop Culture takes place Thursday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. in the Mary Pappert School of Music’s PNC Recital Hall. Suggested donation is $10. For more information, visit www.music.duq.edu or contact Anoush Tchakarian, 412.396.6085, tchakarian@duq.edu.
DU Community Calendar
November & December 2007

Friday, Nov. 16
University Reception
Hosted by the Spiritans
Duquesne Room, Duquesne Union
4-6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29
Light Up Night
Sponsored by Student Government Association
4:30-7:30 p.m.
(Dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m., also available at Options.
Call SGA, 412.396.6617, for information)

Thursday, Nov. 29
The Duquesne Contemporary Ensemble
Pop Culture
David Cutler, conductor
8 p.m./PNC Recital Hall
$10 Suggested Donation

Friday, Nov. 30
Duquesne University Opera Workshop
Mavra by Igor Stravinsky & opera scenes
Guenko Guechev, director
8 p.m./PNC Recital Hall
$10 Suggested Donation

Saturday, Dec. 1
Duquesne University Opera Workshop
Mavra by Igor Stravinsky & opera scenes
Guenko Guechev, director
8 p.m./PNC Recital Hall
$10 Suggested Donation

Sunday, Dec. 2
O Come All Ye Faithful
Voices of Spirit, Pappert Men’s and Women’s Chorales
Christine Jordanoff, director of choral organizations and professor of music education in the Mary Pappert School of Music, serves as artistic director for the concert.

Saturday, Dec. 8
Midnight Mass
11:30 p.m./Chapel

Sunday, Dec. 9
Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra
Sidney Harth, music director
8 p.m./Camagie Music Hall, Oakland
$10 Suggested Donation

Wednesday, Dec. 19
Staff Awards/Christmas Luncheon
Noon/Union Ballroom

Thursday, Dec. 20
Baccalaureate Mass
9 a.m./University Chapel

Monday, Dec. 3
Duquesne Classical Guitar Ensemble
Michael Chapman, director

Thursday, Dec. 20
December Commencement Ceremony
11 a.m./A.J. Palumbo Center

Calendar Notice: Please submit information for the December/January DU Community Calendar by 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3. Please include event title, name and title of speaker(s), date, time(s) and location(s). Send information to mccues@duq.edu.

O Come All Ye Faithful Advent Concert Shares Sounds Of the Holiday Season

By Richard Tourtellott
The Mary Pappert School of Music and Spiritan Campus Ministry are joining forces to present O Come All Ye Faithful, an annual concert that celebrates the season of Advent through music and sacred readings chosen to prepare the hearts of the faithful for the Christmas season.

The concert takes place Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. in St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland. It is free and open to the public.

More than 100 performers from the Mary Pappert School of Music, including vocalists in the Voices of Spirit and the Pappert Men’s Chorale and Pappert Women’s Chorale, a brass ensemble and other musicians will take part in the concert.

Christine Jordanoff, director of choral organizations and professor of music education in the Mary Pappert School of Music, serves as artistic director for the concert.

The Rev. Ray French, C.S.Sp., University chaplain and director of Spiritan Campus Ministry; Stephen Steinbeiser, the liturgy director for Spiritan Campus Ministry; and Dr. Edward Kocher, dean of the Music School, are helping to organize the event.

Advent is the traditional time for spiritual preparation in anticipation of the birth of the Savior, and the program of O Come All Ye Faithful is an amalgam of musical styles and compositions, ranging from hymns and carols from the Renaissance to American Spirituals to works by Handel, Gregor, Rachmamninoff and other composers.

This year’s presentation of O Come All Ye Faithful marks the third performance of the concert in St. Paul Cathedral. According to Kocher, the event has been a much-appreciated musical gift to the community from Duquesne.

“In its first two seasons, O Come All Ye Faithful proved to be an afternoon of inspiring readings and glorious music performed in a gorgeous setting,” Kocher said. “The crowds practically filled St. Paul Cathedral, and this year the performance promises to be even better.”

For information about O Come All Ye Faithful and other Mary Pappert School of Music performances, visit www.music.duq.edu or call 412.396.4632.

New Music Therapy Program Offers Research, Internship Opportunities

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
The music therapy department at Duquesne has been instrumental in helping to obtain a grant that will start a music therapy program at Villa St. Joseph, a long-term residential care facility in Baden, simultaneously obtaining services for clients and opportunities for research.

In October, a $100,000 grant from the Staunton Farm Foundation was received through the collaborative efforts of Raymond Neidenberger, director of music therapy sessions. Director of the program is Brigitte Sutton, who received her bachelor’s in music therapy from Duquesne in 2004.

Besides facilitating opportunities for interns, the program will provide a chance to initiate research from the program’s beginnings. The Duquesne School of Nursing will measure the effects of music therapy at three month intervals. A video depicting music therapy group dynamics and individual session gains will be made, allowing the program to be replicated in other locations.

Meanwhile, the program will deliver quality services to many of the residents at the Villa, according to Beck. The focus of the music therapy will be to increase social interaction and reduce symptoms of depression among the facility’s 120 residents. The program is expected to have a positive effect on residents with Alzheimer’s disease, as well as those who show other physical, cognitive or social deficits.