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## LENT: A TIME FOR ASSESSMENT – “NOTHING GREAT IS DONE WITHOUT SUFFERING.”

– VENERABLE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

In the Lenten season, we turn our minds to the sufferings of Christ on the cross and look forward to celebrating the joy of the Resurrection at Easter. It is a time to assess our own lives as we reflect on the events in the life of Christ. Our hope is that, through our acts of love, self denial and prayer we can draw nearer to the heart of God whose spirit gives us life. Our ultimate hope is that we can make a positive change in ourselves and make a difference in the world where we live.



Fr. Sean Hogan and Fr. Peter Osuji

### THINGS WE CAN DO:

- Consider how well we are living in response to God’s call.
- Incorporate small acts of charity and increased prayer into your schedule.
- Consider going to daily mass.
- Begin to act more generously and reach out to those in need.
- Target the excesses in your life and begin to focus on needs rather than wants.

Embrace this sacred time of assessment and renewal with the whole church, so that moving forward from this Lent we are renewed in body and spirit and strengthened by God’s merciful love!

## LENTEN RULES

- The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. In the United States, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- The law of fast obliges all those from ages 18 through 59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day.

## HOW TO HANDLE STRESS

Take a break from stress. Visit [the Counseling Center](#) for relaxation exercises, quizzes and games to help you manage your stress.

## ALTERNATIVE SPRING AND SUMMER BREAK

This coming spring and summer break, Spiritan Campus Ministry will be taking nearly 100 students on five Cross-Cultural Mission Experiences. The trips will include opportunities to work with migrant farm workers in Immokalee, Fla., explore and work with communities in Pittsburgh’s urban neighborhoods, assist in rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, repair homes and develop a greater understanding of the culture of rural Appalachia in West Virginia, and run a day camp at a Spiritan Mission in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic. [Read more on page 2.](#)



*Duquesne students, staff and community members in New Orleans working with Habitat for Humanity.*

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## ALTERNATIVE SPRING AND SUMMER BREAK

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In each of the Cross-Cultural Mission Experiences students will be encouraged to engage in conversation with community members and fully immerse themselves in the culture of each community. By beginning to understand each community, the students will be able look at the systemic causes of injustices, the assets of each community, and how they can work with each community for a better future.



## “SPRING BREAK SAVVY” TIPS FOR A FUN IN THE SUN ADVENTURE

**PACK LIGHT:** Plan ahead so you can satisfy clothing needs with the fewest number of items possible. Comfortable shoes are a must! Don't get bogged down with too much.

**SUNSCREEN:** Soaking up the sun can be “just what the doctor ordered.” But don't end up in the doctor's office for an otherwise avoidable burn. Use plenty of sunscreen. Pink skin is painful. Medications can make you sensitive to sunlight. Protect yourself with sunscreen, clothing and sunglasses.

**FOOD AND WATER:** Do a little reading before you go. Prep for water and food concerns. Don't get needlessly sick. Bottled water is a good choice. Make sure food is prepared adequately – cleaned, cooked and prepared in a sanitary way.

**ALCOHOL:** Spring Break tends to be a time of gluttony for many when it comes to the use of alcohol. But this can be dangerous. Know the law about legal age limits. Know where you are going, who you are with, and your limits. There are no “free passes.” Too much alcohol can cause a lot of hurt in many ways. Be wise, be smart, and be safe!



*SGA Senators at SORC (l-r): Lauren Turkovich, Kirstie Yocolano, Anissa Gilbert.*

## DUQUESNE SGA OPENS STUDENT ORGANIZATION RESOURCE CENTER

Many universities around the United States have already implemented organization resource spaces. These areas provide constructive places where student organization leaders can find tools necessary to complete successful projects. At Duquesne, the Student Government Association noticed a need for such a space, and after careful planning, polling, and research, SGA opened the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC) in January – located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union. The SORC contains supplies necessary for students to make posters, print color copies, create flyers using state-of-the-art computer software, and much more. Organizations are also encouraged to post flyers about their events. All registered student organizations are able to apply for access to the SORC and use the supplies. Use of the room and supplies is currently free. [Learn more.](#)



*The new Student Organization Resource Center*

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TEA HOUR

A new Student Government initiative has been a Tea Hour Discussion Series. The first tea hour featured Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., Executive Vice President for Student Life, and on Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Student Government Association Tea Hour guest was President Charles Dougherty. Topics ranged from school spirit to plans for the newly-acquired Libermann Hall. President Dougherty answered these topics respectfully and diligently and offered to find further information for students and their concerns.

Tea Hour is an opportunity for students to directly voice their concerns, ask questions, or make suggestions to the university's administration and staff. The administration has followed up with these discussions, and the Student Government Association hopes to continue to use the tea hours to raise awareness for student issues on campus in order to continue improving Duquesne University.



*The Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp., vice president for mission and identity, and President Charles J. Dougherty presided over the dedication of Libermann Hall.*

# BUILDING DEDICATIONS

In a sign of continual growth, Duquesne dedicated several new buildings in the month of February. A formal blessing ceremony was held Feb. 2 for [Francis Libermann, C.S.Sp. Hall](#), the new academic building on 600 Fifth Avenue named in honor of the Spiritan co-founder. On Feb. 11, the University honored the legacy of alumnus Chuck Cooper, the first African-American player ever to be drafted by the NBA, by naming the building at 916 Fifth Ave in his honor. On Feb. 18, The Center for Pharmacy Services in the Hill District was dedicated to Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A.

# DU RADIO STATION UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Duquesne reached an agreement to sell its historic radio station, WDUQ 90.5 FM, to a new local ownership and operating entity, Essential Public Media (EPM), for \$6 million. Proceeds of the sale will support the new academic initiatives. [Read more.](#)

# POWER CENTER ADDS EQUIPMENT

The Power Center recently refurbished the Spinning Room with thirty-one new magnetic resistance bikes. The new bikes offer a significantly better experience during a workout, which is more comparable to road biking. In addition, two upright bikes will be arriving soon for the Main Fitness Area. It's not too late to start your New Year's resolution...please come to the Power Center for all of your workout needs!

# COME BACK TO DUQUESNE AND GET AHEAD!

We invite you to take advantage of a special cost-savings opportunity for current Duquesne students and recent graduates – a 25% tuition discount on select graduate degrees!

Nineteen of Duquesne's graduate programs are offering a 25% tuition discount if you:

- **Completed an undergraduate degree at Duquesne in December, 2010; or**
- **Will receive an undergraduate degree from Duquesne in May or August 2011**

To be eligible, you must apply, be accepted and enroll for at least six credits per semester, beginning in Fall, 2011. To learn more, visit [www.duq.edu/graduate-studies/tuition-discount.cfm](http://www.duq.edu/graduate-studies/tuition-discount.cfm).

# GREEK RECRUITMENT

Formal Recruitment for the seven social sororities wrapped up on Monday, January 24. Over one hundred new members were welcomed into their chapters on Bid Night in the Ballroom. Congratulations to Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Kappa, Zeta Tau Alpha and to all of the new members. For more information about Greek Life, visit [www.duq.edu/greeklife](http://www.duq.edu/greeklife) or the Panhellenic at Duquesne University Facebook page. We are excited to announce the following events sponsored by Greek organizations for the upcoming weeks:

- February 21** Grab a Greek sponsored by Alpha Gamma Delta
- February 24** Deal or No Deal sponsored by Delta Zeta
- March 12** Miss Duquesne sponsored by Alpha Sigma Tau



*New members pose with their bid cards before being welcomed by their new chapters.*



*Delta Zeta and their new members gather together for a photo on Bid Night.*



*Sigma Kappa members educated new members about their philanthropy.*

# COUNTDOWN TO COMMENCEMENT

For Duquesne seniors, graduation is fast approaching. While it is an exciting time, it is also a time of transition. Student Life and Alumni Relations are partnering to launch **Countdown to Commencement**, an initiative designed to provide programs and resources to help students prepare for graduation, the job search, and life after college. Starting in mid-February with the Graduation Fair and ending with Commencement on May 6, Countdown to

Commencement will feature several Duquesne traditions as well as new programs including:

- **Job Fairs**
- **Professional Etiquette Dinner**
- **Interviewing and Transitions workshops**
- **Senior Celebration**
- **“Becoming the Tradition” an Alumni Networking Celebration**
- **And more!**

Look for details about these events and more as Duquesne University recognizes your achievements and welcomes you into the ranks of its distinguished alumni.

# SENIOR CELEBRATION

Senior Celebration, a University event that recognizes and congratulates our graduating seniors and their families, is sponsored by the Duquesne Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. Senior Celebration will take place on Saturday, April 2, beginning with Mass in the Power Center Ballroom at 4 p.m. followed by individual Dean's Receptions and dinner in the Duquesne Union Ballroom. The featured speakers will be Ralph A. Gigliotti and Colleen N. McDonough both former Presidents of the Student Government Association. The Eugene P. Beard Award for Leadership in Ethics and the Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership will be presented at dinner.

# CHALLENGES OF REFUGEES EXPLORED

The struggles of refugees and immigrants were revealed during Founders Week 2011: *Refugees, Migrants and The Spiritan Tradition*. Through powerful multi-media presentations and in-depth stories, the featured speakers illustrated the challenges and hopes of the thousands of people displaced from their homelands because of political, cultural or religious persecution, economic hardships, wars or natural disasters. [Read more.](#)

# QUEST FOR QUIET STUDY

It's late night, and you need to find a quiet place to study other than the comfort of your residence hall room. Each Living Learning Center has space available for 24 hour, quiet study.

- **St. Martin's** – each floor has a study lounge in addition to the first floor lounge
- **St. Ann's** – most floors have a lounge in addition to the 1st floor recreation room, Katherine King Study Lounge on 1 West and the study lounge on Ground East
- **Assumption** – Floors S, 1 and 2 have lounges
- **Towers** – each floor has a study lounge
- **Vickroy** – each floor has a lounge
- **Brottier** – 1st floor study lounge, recreation room and lobby sitting area

In addition, Towers Multipurpose Room is available to all students, 24 hours per day. Students can access the room on the left side of Towers, next to St. Martin's Living Learning Center, by swiping their DU ID.



SGA leaders Eric Polinar, D. James Regar, Stephanie Arntz, Jacob George help distribute midnight snacks.

# STUDY BREAKS LIBRARY 24 HOUR STUDY SUCCESSFUL

The Gumberg Library staff extends thanks to all snack sponsors and all who made the study pilot a success as well as thanks to student groups that distributed the midnight snacks.

# WHAT ARE YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS SAYING ABOUT THE GUMBERG LIBRARY?

Listen to [feedback](#) on services, the building and general comments about studying in the library.



Largest SGA break ever! Six tables of food!

# DUKES COURT HISTORY

The women's basketball team is off to its best start in school history and the men's team has posted its best start in 40 years as both programs have been receiving votes in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today weekly Top 25 polls.

The women's team currently sits at 19-5 overall and is 6-3 in Atlantic 10 play. Coach Suzie McConnell-Serio's Dukes have had a pair of seven-game winning streaks this season and are currently riding a program best 12-game road winning streak, which included a victory at then #12-ranked Ohio State on Dec. 28. The Dukes wrap up the regular season at home on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. vs. Rhode Island, then will head to Lowell, Mass., for the 2011 Atlantic 10 Championship March 4-7.

The men's team recently rattled off an 11-game winning streak, jumping to a 16-7 record and an 8-2 mark in the Atlantic 10. During the streak, the Red and Blue knocked off nationally-ranked Temple as well as annual power Dayton.

The Dukes are led in scoring by senior Bill Clark who fills the hoop with 17.5 points per game. He is followed by fellow senior Damian Saunders at 12.9 ppg, junior B.J. Monteiro at 12.0 ppg and five-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week T.J. McConnell at 11.2 ppg.

The Red and Blue complete their 2010-11 season on March 5 at Richmond before competing in the Atlantic 10 Championship in Atlantic City, N.J., March 11-13.



Alex Gensler



T. J. McConnell



Wumi Agunbiade

# THE WEDDING SINGER

Spotlight Musical Theatre Company is proud to present *The Wedding Singer*. This full-scale musical is based on the Adam Sandler comedy film and features the singing, acting, and dancing talents of Duquesne University students. The production will run March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 at 8 p.m. All performances will take place in Peter Mills Auditorium on the Ground Floor of Rockwell Hall. Tickets are \$6 for Students, Faculty, and Seniors, and \$10 general admission and can be purchased in advance for a discounted rate. Please contact us at [spotlight.tix@gmail.com](mailto:spotlight.tix@gmail.com) or 412.396.5380.

## CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH FAMED IRISH POET DESMOND EGAN AND SOME GREAT IRISH MUSIC

Desmond Egan will again visit Duquesne during St. Patrick's Day week. Desmond is the foremost expert on Irish poet Gerard Manley Hopkins whose interests included music, painting, the arts, and even conservation. He will be visiting classes during the week of March 14 and reading his poetry on campus. Fliers detailing exact times and locations will be posted closer to his arrival. The main event will be from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 in the Power Center. Desmond will share the stage with a local Irish band so please mark your calendars early. Often poetry may seem a little too esoteric but Desmond's poetry is very accessible, and he has something to say to all of us. As an example, here is an excerpt from his work.



Desmond Egan

### NEEDING THE SEA

*in September maybe most that time  
when earth begins to take over again  
something in me gets bogged down and  
cries out for the grace of water*

# UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

Monday	February 21	Grab-A-Greek Auction, Union Ballroom
Thursday	February 24	DPC Open Mic Night, The Red Ring, 7 p.m.
Monday	February 28	Spring Break Begins
Wednesday	March 9	Ash Wednesday
Friday	March 11	Lenten Fish Fry, Union, 11 a.m. (Each Friday)
Friday	March 11	Miss Duquesne Pageant, Union Ballroom
Saturday	March 13	Student Leader Installations, Duquesne Chapel, 11 a.m.
Wednesday	March 16	DPC Entertainment, Union Ballroom, 8 p.m.
Wednesday	March 16	DPC Comedian, Union Ballroom, 9 p.m.
Friday	March 18	DPC Presents: Cello Fury, The Red Ring, 7 p.m.
Wednesday	March 23	DPC Open Mic Night, The Red Ring, 7 p.m.
Friday	March 25	Rock the Cure, Union Ballroom, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	March 26	Monte Carlo Night, Union Ballroom, 8 p.m.
Monday	March 28	ISO Week Begins
Thursday	March 31	ISO Night, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.
Sunday	April 3	Greek Week Begins
Wednesday	April 13	Student Organization Awards, Union Ballroom, 12 p.m.
Friday	April 15	Unity Banquet, Power Center Ballroom, 6 p.m.
Thursday	April 21	Holy Thursday
Friday	April 22	Good Friday
Saturday	April 23	Easter Saturday
Sunday	April 24	Easter Day
Wednesday	April 27	Final Exams Begin