

## duquesne reacts

How do you feel about the military's 'don't ask don't tell' policy?



"The policy should be overturned in favor of a completely gay-friendly policy," said Justin Adams, a freshman computer science and political science major.

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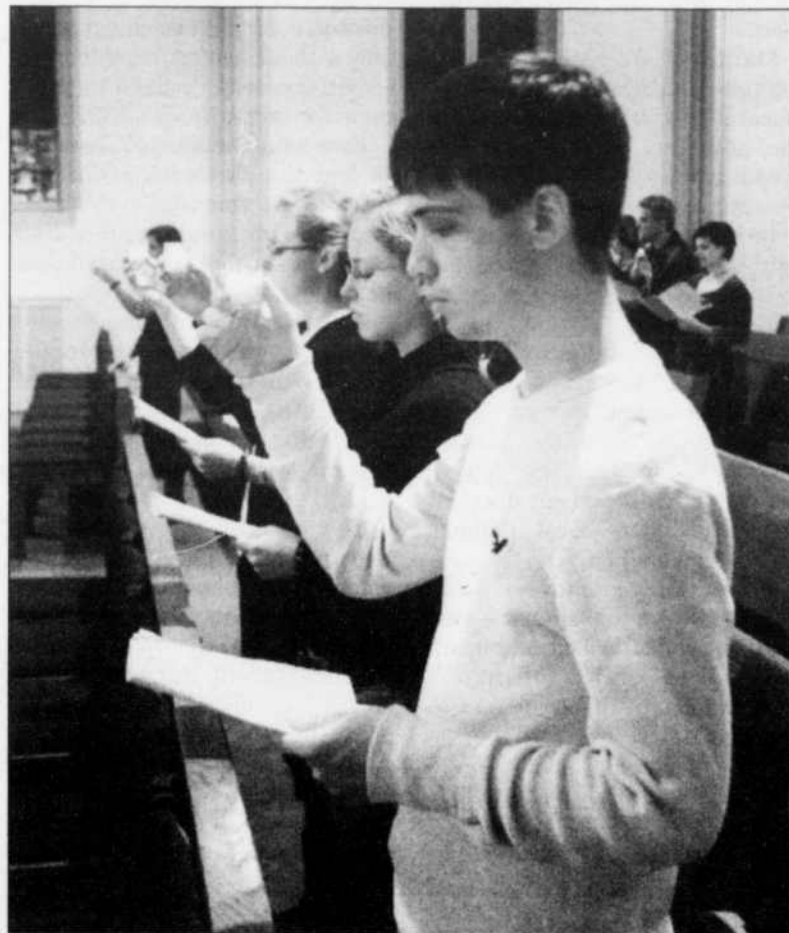
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## Prayers for Haiti



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Students hold candles at an interfaith prayer vigil for victims of the earthquake in Haiti on Wednesday night in the Duquesne University Chapel.

## Senate voices concern

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Several Duquesne University faculty members disagree with recent controversial administrative decisions and want more say in the process, the Faculty Senate president said in an email last Wednesday to University employees.

Paula Witt-Enderby, head of the Duquesne senate, sent the e-mail in the wake of the school's decisions to revise its tuition remission policy, sell NPR-affiliate WDUQ, discontinue its contract with Vincentian Academy and cut four men's sports teams.

All of the decisions were made without faculty input.

"There needs to be more exposure of faculty and student opinion outside the classroom," said Fred Evans, a philosophy professor and active member of the faculty senate. "There needs to be more of a venue on campus for discussing these views, one that all people in the University have equal access to."

For Evans, the University's decision to sell WDUQ exemplifies what he sees as a larger problem on campus: a lack of openness.

He said the expression of information across campus is too "constrained," and he said that, if there were a greater forum for discussion between the administration, faculty and students, WDUQ's future could have been further discussed before it was put up for sale.

Law professor Bruce Ledewitz has been one of the University's most vocal critics recently, criticizing the administration in a Jan. 22 letter to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

"I look around, and I see an institution shrinking, and I say it's due to a lack of long-term fundraising," Ledewitz said in an interview with *The Duke*. "To me, what's going on is an institution starving for large-scale investment. [With these cuts] we're less of a university than we were before."

In an e-mail sent to Duquesne faculty on Jan. 26, University Spokeswoman Bridget Fare called Ledewitz's claims "groundless," citing Duquesne's Advancing Our Legacy campaign, the University's current fundraising campaign that has raised \$98 million since 2003.

"These decisions were not made  
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## Program sends U.S. ideas to former Soviet nations

JORDAN POWER  
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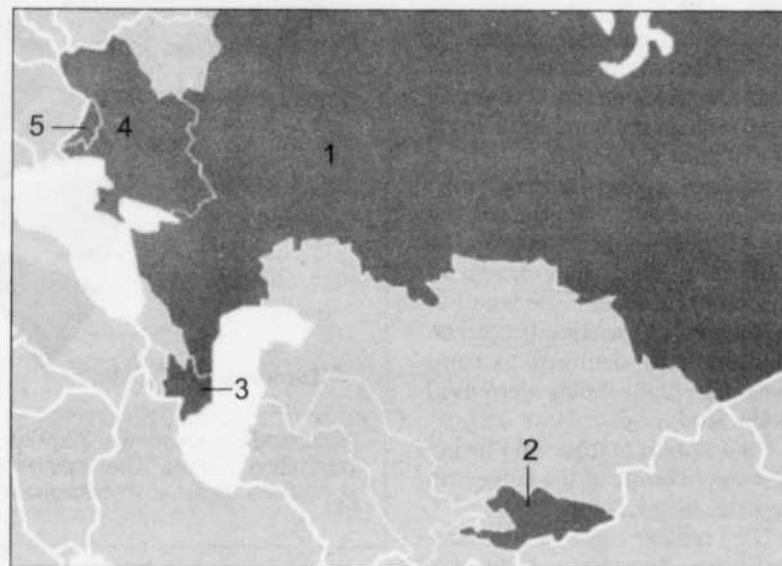
Few students find themselves working toward a master's degree at a school they did not choose, especially if that school is more than 5,000 miles away from home.

But for Svetlana Doni, a fellow in Duquesne University's Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, the move to Pittsburgh from her home in Moldova was a smooth one.

"I'm very happy with Duquesne," Doni said. "I think they made a good decision to send me here."

Doni came to Duquesne through the Muskie Fellows program, which U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, founded in 1992 with the goal of educating students from former Soviet Union nations about U.S. economic and political systems.

The U.S. Department of State, which operates the program, selects colleges and universities to partner with the program and chooses which



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Five Muskie Fellows attend Duquesne University. They are from: (1) Russia, (2) Kyrgyzstan, (3) Azerbaijan, (4) Ukraine and (5) Moldova.

schools Muskie fellows will attend. Duquesne University began participating in the program in 1997.

The Muskie Fellows program was

implemented the year after the Soviet Union dismantled, and according to Thomas McCue, director of graduate programs in Duquesne's

Donahue Graduate School of Business, that is not a coincidence.

"This was a response, to some extent, to a country who was our enemy during the Cold War," McCue said.

McCue said that the program is partly an American attempt to influence the direction of foreign policies in countries formerly dominated by communism and anti-American sentiments.

"It was obviously directed at the old Soviet Union, because you have to be from a country that was in the Soviet Union to get [a fellowship]," he said. "I think it will influence foreign policy, but I think it's a very positive influence."

Joseph Yenerall, director of the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, agreed that the program was an attempt to broadcast American ideas.

"Bringing international students here is a way to showcase American

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## Seven-day forecast

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HI: 35° LOW: 28°	HI: 35° LOW: 28°	HI: 30° LOW: 14°	HI: 23° LOW: 11°	HI: 24° LOW: 20°	HI: 25° LOW: 21°	HI: 26° LOW: 25°



## Real reform needed

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desperately needed. In the last census in 2004, the U.S. Census Bureau found that the average cost of attending a public university had risen 87 percent since 1990. Private colleges saw a 93 percent increase.

Not surprisingly, debt has steadily increased since the census report. According to the Project on Student Debt, 1.4 million college students graduated with debt in 2008, a 27 percent increase from the 1.1 million who graduated with debt in 2004. Likewise, the amount of debt increased 24 percent to \$23,000, an average that takes into account students at public, private nonprofit universities and private for-profit universities. For students at private nonprofit universities, the average was \$27,650.

No Duquesne University student is a stranger to high tuition rates. But even looking back four years, it is hard to believe the change. In the 2004-2005 academic year, basic tuition was \$20,360. Now, it is nearly 17 percent more expensive at \$24,385.

Of course, it could be worse. In fact, the 3.9 percent tuition increase Duquesne implemented in the 2009-2010 year is the smallest in 30 years. Not surprisingly, no one

is cheering. But no one is rallying, either. Students have become conditioned to accept ever-increasing tuition rates and a couple decades of debt as a part of life.

To revisit an earlier point — when businesses need money, they cut costs; when colleges need money, they bring in more students who take out additional loans.

Only an ardent disciple of Ayn Rand would believe that the value of knowledge has the potential to increase 93 percent in 14 years. Only an absolute idiot would say that the increase is relative to inflation. Only a president with too many issues to juggle would think forgiving debt after 20 years is a way out of this mess.

Luckily, it seems as though at least one school realizes the need to cut costs. With putting the license to a radio station up for sale, cutting back on a tuition remission policy, ending a partnership with a local college preparatory school and axing four sports programs from their athletics department, Duquesne should have at least a little cash lying around.

Who wants to bet students won't see any of it?

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## Equality a concern

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decided that working with a consultant to make sure this decision would be in its best interest. The consultant was a nationally recognized Title IX gender equity expert who has worked with numerous universities.

Pearson said many of these consultants are former gender activists who have a reputation for cutting men's sports teams, but Racicot said the consultant that the University employed did not have this reputation. The consultant, Racicot said, was a strong proponent of "athletics in general."

Athletes whose sports were cut disagreed.

"I would have rather [the department] look into other reasons or show us that [they] looked into other reasons and tell us why they wouldn't have worked," said Tony Clark, a sophomore on the wrestling team.

Clark said the athletic department never explained its reasons for the cuts.

Jim O'Hara, a junior on the swim team, said he felt Duquesne made a bad decision.

"I think [the department] took the easy way out," O'Hara said.

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