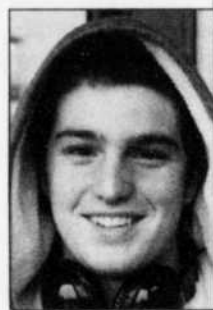


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"I'm going to the Dominican Republic because I just need to relax in the sun," said Steph Prasnal, a junior elementary education major.



"I'm packing all my stuff and going home because I can't wait for Christmas," said Jay Pettina, a freshman environmental science major.



"I'm going home and sleeping because I won't have slept for days," said senior biology major Mykim Pham.



"I'm going home to be with my friends," said freshman accounting major Matt Suhoski.

Compiled by Brad Morocco

Campus Ministry pushes fair trade

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This week marked Duquesne University's fifth annual celebration of Fair Trade Week, sponsored by the Spiritan Campus Ministry.

Fair trade, the idea that the international trading system can operate through just and sustainable means, has been identified as a prime area of focus for Campus Ministry. Each year, they collaborate with local fair trade organizations to demonstrate their efforts on campus during this week.

"The key is to raise awareness," said Campus Minister Matt Walsh. "Just like people want organic food products — well, this is about people. We want to promote the dignity of work."

Walsh stressed that, ideally, the ultimate goal is for economic success and fair trade practices to exist together.

"You can have an economically reliable company, but [also] a work environment that is safe, where workers have adequate breaks, lunch, just pay — basically, that it's not a sweatshop," he said.

Fair trade most specifically applies to underdeveloped nations that are often exploited through international economics.

As part of Fair Trade Week, Campus Ministry hosted various organizations for a fair-trade goods sale in the Student Union Monday through Wednesday this week.

At the sale, Kathleen Ganster



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Yasmin Flor arranges items at her table in the Student Union for Fair Trade Week. Flor sold items from countries including Peru, Ecuador and Chile.

represented BeadsforLife, a non-profit organization that supports beaders from Uganda. She said she was thrilled with Campus Ministry and their efforts to promote fair trade.

"The fact that Duquesne is helping their students become more globally aware is invaluable," Ganster said. "This helps students understand that there's other people outside their own comfort zone. I think it's fantastic."

Amy Sobkowiak, who sold jewelry at the fair-trade goods sale, shared Ganster's enthusiasm.

"Duquesne is a model for Pittsburgh universities," she said. "[The students] are the next generation, because collectively as a University, you have a lot of purchasing power."

Sobkowiak's organization is Women of the Cloud Forest. She

and her husband have opened an art center for women in rural Costa Rica who are dedicated to operating through fair trade practices.

According to Sobkowiak, Women of the Cloud Forest specifically seeks to establish long-term sustainable relationships. She said fair trade is not about short-term deals but consistent interaction, which is the most profitable for workers.

Campus Ministry also sponsored a Fair Trade Fashion Show Tuesday night in the Power Center Ballroom. Students from various Duquesne organizations modeled a variety of fair trade clothing items.

The evening opened with a talk from Carmen Iezzi, the executive director of the Fair Trade Federation, an organization based in

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Students take complaints to council

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this city not doing what they should do," Motznik said. "And the students are caught in the middle."

Motznik said the roughly \$1.6 million universities voluntarily contribute to the city each year is not enough.

"It's an insult," he said. "It's a slap in the face to city government."

After Hines spoke, Motznik asked that she share her salary. Pausing, Hines returned to the microphone and said she makes \$210,000.

Throughout the hearing, speakers were given three minutes at the podium. Repeatedly, students spoke about the financial difficulties they face.

Charles Schull, president elect of the University of Pittsburgh's Student Government Board, responded to Motznik's earlier request that Hines share her salary.

"I'll tell you what my salary is ... I make negative \$12,000 a year," Schull said. "That's who this tax is going to — me."

Referring to a conversation he

had with Council Member Theresa Smith the previous week, Shull said Smith told him she had approached universities asking for more donations. According to Shull, Smith said council would have to vote for the tax unless schools contribute more money.

"Your saying 'give us money freely, or we're gonna go after your students.' This is like mom and dad fighting with the students in the middle," Shull said.

According to the amended version of Pittsburgh's Act 47 recovery plan — which was adopted June 30, 2009 — tax exempt institutions made up 38 percent of the city's total assessed value in 2008.

The report cites nonprofits as a substantial asset to Pittsburgh's reputation as a world class city, but also notes that financial set backs resulting from nonprofits pose a problem for city funding.

While the Act 47 coordinator agreed with City Council that the \$1.6 million in contributions from nonprofits was insufficient, the coordinator recommended the council approve the contribution agreement, which will expire at the end

of 2010. According to the coordinator, negotiating a new system for nonprofit contributions would be too difficult a task to undertake before then.

Some council members, including Motznik, said they would consider scrapping the tuition tax if universities increased their annual contributions.

But MacKenzie Farone, a graduate student and program assistant for research and administration in the provost's office at Point Park University, defended universities and students, saying they are a vital source of city revenue.

"We are not a burden or a scapegoat," Farone said. "We are an asset."

Farone said that, whether targeting universities or students, the city is unfair in looking for additional revenue from higher education.

"This is not an issue of how our universities are spending money," she said. "This is an issue of how our city is spending money."

— Jenny Wagner contributed reporting to this story.

Students,
professors
redefine
ladies' night

JENNY WAGNER
opinions editor

The scene at a typical bar on ladies' night might consist of women enjoying free cocktails, eating sweet deserts and mingling with other patrons. But on the first Wednesday of each month at the Red Ring restaurant, a group of Duquesne University professors and students instead are filling up on academia.

Philosophy and Women's and Gender Studies Center Professor Lanei Rodemeyer, and history and WGS Professor Elaine Parsons organized the monthly event last year in response to the Red Ring's Ladies' Night event, which takes place from 4 to 10 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

Rodemeyer said that, from a feminist perspective, the traditional idea of ladies' night — when women drink for free or reduced prices — often puts women at risk.

"It's meant to draw men in ... like honey for the bees to come," said Rodemeyer, who currently serves as director of the WGS program. "Often times, the women drink a lot because it's free and they can get themselves into dangerous situations."

Red Ring Assistant Manager Chris Mageras said the restaurant started its Ladies' Night, which features half-priced dessert specials and in-house bar specials for women, in order to attract customers.

"Everyone pretty much enjoys the fact that they can get dessert for half price," Mageras said.

Parsons, who served as co-director of the program last year, said the WGS event was designed to re-establish ladies' night from a traditional "hookup scene," to a time when faculty and students from many different disciplines can "catch up."

"It's nice when people can get together outside the classroom and the institutional context and really get to know other people on a personal basis," Parsons said. "We talk about work and teaching, and it's a great time for having conversations that could lead to collaborations."

Attendees are usually female WGS faculty and graduate students, but both Parsons and Rodemeyer said undergraduates and students from other programs of study are invited to come and enjoy a soda. And despite the title Ladies' Night, the group also welcomes men.

"It's usually just people who tend to have a critical eye for the

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Public Safety in top three

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"Duquesne University and the smallest departments we have accredited ... met the exact same standards that the state police met," Hammon said. "We have 131 standards. If you make 130, you better figure out how to meet the last one."

The next step, Hammon said, is training the officers on the updated policies so that they are aware of what to do.

Duquesne's department required its officers to review the list of standards — which was posted on Public Safety's Blackboard website — and take a quiz on each one.

"They were great in all of this," Caputo said of the officers. "They worked right along with us."

As proof that a department's facilities, policies and operations meet these standards, they must submit photographs, videos from department vehicles and reports, Hammon said.

The formal assessment begins with a walk-through of the facility, followed by the detailed review of the files and some interaction between assessors and officers, Hammon said.

"I think they did everything but look under my blotter on my desk," Caputo said jokingly.



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Duquesne University Police Sgt. Jason McLaughlin patrols campus Wednesday evening. Public Safety recently received state accreditation.

"Duquesne did a great job," Hammon said. "We have had agencies that, when we go in, it's a lot of work for the assessors. Duquesne was not like that at all."

It took the University's department about two years to complete the program, which is the length of time suggested — but not required — by the PCAP.

Duquesne's public safety department will maintain its accredited status for three years before hosting another formal assessment. The time in between is an ongoing process of upholding the

program's standards and keeping up with the paperwork necessary for the required annual report and future assessments, Caputo said.

Caputo said the department is proud to be able to offer the highest standard of service to the university and looks forward to maintaining its status.

"When prospective students and their parents come to the University, they have questions about safety," he said. "We can tell them that we're here, and we can also tell them that we're accredited by the Pennsylvania chiefs of police. Ev-

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13th Annual Light-Up Night

Duquesne and SGA host the annual Light-Up Night celebration on Thursday, Dec. 3, starting at 4:30 p.m. Events include musical performances, Christmas carols, seasonal arts and crafts, desserts, pictures with Santa and more.

:lexicon release party

Duquesne University's literary and arts journal :lexicon will hold a release party for its Fall 2009 issue at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, in room 613 of the Student Union. Contributors will share their work with those in attendance, and free copies of the issue will be available. Food and drink also will be available for attendees.

Mind, Heart and Spirit Awards

Duquesne awarded the 2010 Mind, Heart and Spirit Awards to six alumni who live the University's Mission in their day-to-day lives on Sunday, Nov. 22. Kate Fletcher was recognized for exemplifying all five pillars of the mission, Dr. Cynthia F. Muehlbauer for academic excellence, attorney Jon R. Perry for moral and spiritual values, Dr. Marie Martin for ecumenism, attorney Barbara M. Carlin for service and Dr. Yvonne E. Kearns for world concerns.

Breakfast with Santa

The Office of Residence Life and Alumni Relations present Breakfast with Santa, from 9 a.m.-11a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Duquesne Union Ballroom. Faculty and staff are invited to bring children and grandchildren ages 10 and younger. Additional adults are welcome to attend for

\$8 a person. Encore Show Choir and Spotlight Musical Theater Company will perform special Christmas carols. Crafts will also be available.

Opera Workshop

On Friday, Dec. 4, the Duquesne University Opera Workshop will provide an introduction to opera for anyone who is interested in the PNC Recital Hall at 8 p.m. It provides a different way to look at an ensemble and how both music and theater are created on the stage by young performers. The workshop will feature opera scenes from Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern musical eras that will be performed in English, Italian and German. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

Pharmacy program receives national recognition

Duquesne University has been selected as one of 11 leading pharmaceutical science and engineering schools nationwide to participate in the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education's grant program. NIPTE was given a two-year, \$652 million contract by the FDA to help ensure that its reviewers are current in state-of-the-art pharmaceutical manufacturing and technology.

Annual Spanish Mass

Phi Sigma Iota, an international foreign language honors society, The Center for International Relations, Campus Ministry and The Order of Malta/American Association invite the DU Community to the Annual Spanish Mass on Monday, Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Duquesne Chapel.

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They say Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful, and guess what Uncle PB was thankful for — a week off.

The old man is getting tired of telling you kids off, but he just can't help himself to a little post-turkey day complaining.

Our first two criminals both displayed thievery to the highest degree. The first removed an entire computer and monitor from a lecture hall in Maurice Falk lecture hall. Uncle PB doesn't think Santa will treat this rascal well. But then again, the crook already made off with some fancy gear.

The victim of another theft left a camera in the bathroom during a football game, and it was gone when he came back. Sounds like the thief was thankful for a free camera.

Another subject, who happened to be underage, consumed excess amounts of alcohol and was transported back to campus and handed over to the Duquesne staff. Uncle PB thinks this drunkard should be thankful that the Duquesne staff is more forgiving than the City Police.

Now, on a more serious note, Uncle PB has come to find that some legitimate criminal offenses have occurred in the last few days.

One victim claims they were assaulted and had a laptop taken during an argument with a friend, but the property has since been returned. Criminal charges are pending.

The final victim, a female, claimed that a male guest raped her. A Duquesne Police investigation is underway.

correction

A portion of the review "Ohio mayor's book immature, perverse," which ran in the Arts & Entertainment section in the Nov. 19, 2009 issue misstated the scope of Seven Hills, Ohio Mayor David Bentkowski's travels. As mayor, Bentkowski issued proclamations to celebrities who visited Ohio.

DU sets up shop for fair trade

TRADE — from page 2

Washington, D.C., that promotes North American organizations that practice fair trade.

Iezzi discussed the basics of fair trade and gave personal accounts of instances where fair trade benefitted a family she knew. She stressed that fair trade must be integrated into our daily, instinctive thought process in order for it to have an impact.

Fair trade activists believe that being FTF certified gives a corporation more credibility, thus attracting more customers and boosting revenue. Iezzi, Walsh, Ganster and Sobkowiak referenced the Starbucks in the Student Union, which is FTF certified.

The fair trade movement has evolved into not only an economic practice, but a social concern as well. Walsh said he sees Campus Ministry's Fair Trade Week as a way to merge the two spectrums.

"We're the catalyst for bringing [everything] together," he said.

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