

duquesne
reacts

Do you prefer
Thanksgiving
or Christmas?



"I like Christmas better because I like getting and giving presents," said freshman environmental science major Liz Roeske.



"I dunno if it's weird, but I like Thanksgiving more. On top of the food and the family, it's also my birthday. So, it's sort of a special day for me," said Michael Kolonay, a sophomore history and psychology major.



"I like Christmas more because I'm from Buffalo, so we have about four feet of snow during Christmas time; and I love it," freshman Criminal Justice major Alex Jaehn said. "You get to be so cozy and open all your gifts while it's snowing outside."



"I like Christmas a lot more because I'm from Florida, and it's the only time we get coldness. So, it's not like 103 degrees, and because everyone's together, I think it's just the prettiest time of year," freshman Legal Studies major Marli Stinson said.

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SGA poised to take on issues

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Although the Duquesne University Student Government Association has spent the past few months planning for its annual "Light Up Night," SGA President D. James Regar said the group has its sights set on more pressing issues.

According to Regar, SGA currently is focusing on promoting environmental sustainability on campus, improving food services and rallying opposition to Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's proposed 1 percent tuition tax.

In opposition to the tuition tax, which SGA Vice President of Student Life Adam Krynicki said the organization refers to as the "Ravenstahl tax," SGA has created Facebook.com groups, met with Resident Directors in each Living Learning Center and organized petitions against the tax. SGA representatives will deliver the petitions to City Council at their public meeting on Nov. 30, and they also are encouraging students to petition City Council members on their own.

Regar said SGA's main focus on campus is environmental sustainability. Recently, SGA helped to get recycling bins in St. Ann Hall. They also plan to meet with other student groups to organize a campus-wide green movement in spring 2010.

"The more voices we have, the

more we'll get heard," Regar said.

Regar said he also thinks the University should try harder to promote itself as a "green university."

"Eighty-five percent of the University's electricity is produced on campus and the Power Center is pretty green, as well," Regar said. "The University should get that image out there."

In addition to promoting the heating and cooling system and the Power Center's silver LEED certification, the University hosted its third annual sustainability-focused Beard Symposium, at which it presented its new "Green to Gold" award to Cisco Systems, [story page 2]. The University also published a sustainability report outlining its environmental agenda in 2009.

The University's food services are another major focus, according to Regar. He said he often hears student complaints about the quality of the food served in the University's dining halls.

"Going through our [student] suggestions, food is usually the biggest complaint," he said.

SGA's food services committee occasionally meets with representatives from Aramark and the chefs who create the dining halls' menus.

"We can't just say 'improve the food.' We have to give them specific ideas," Regar said.

He said SGA also is working to change the varieties of meal plans that the University offers.

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Paramount hearing delayed



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A City Council hearing to determine whether the Paramount Film Exchange building in Uptown would be designated a historic landmark was postponed until January. According to Dan Holland, CEO of Pittsburgh's Young Preservationists Association, the hearing was postponed because five of the City Council's nine members had issued letters supporting the historical designation of the building, making them unable to vote.

South Side commuter shuttle, which would transport students who live on the South Side to campus, Regar said.

"Out of the three major universities in Pittsburgh, we're the only one without a public transportation system," Regar said. "The loop bus is great, but it's nothing that commuters can use."

Although many students on campus said they did not know about SGA, the ones who did said they had a positive opinion of their representation.

Mikhael Rasner, a junior economics major, said he liked most of what

SGA does, with few exceptions.

"I really appreciate them trying to improve the food, but I don't mind the tax," Rasner said.

Gered Coleman, a freshman pre-med major, said he thought SGA is doing great work.

"It sounds like they are on the right track," Coleman said.

Despite a general lack of awareness among students about SGA's agenda, Krynicki said he is optimistic about student involvement in the future.

"We're looking for good ideas, if anyone has any," Krynicki said. "And we're more than willing to listen."

DU presents 'Green to Gold' award

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After spending the past few years working to be recognized as an environmentally friendly campus, Duquesne University is now the one giving recognition.

Last Tuesday, Nov. 10, the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business presented Cisco Systems, Inc. with the first Duquesne University Green to Gold Award. The presentation occurred at the Beard Symposium, an annual conference on sustainability.

The award is the latest of many efforts the Donahue School has taken to promote sustainability in the business world, a community that, according to business school Dean Alan Miciak, plays an enormous role in today's global environmental effort.

"Going green is not just a philanthropic activity, but a business one as well," Miciak said. "We want to embrace the notion of sustainable business."

The award is designed to recognize a public United States business that demonstrates commercial success while implementing sustainable practices. For the school, this twofold notion is crucial.

"It's not just about sustainability," said Tom

Nist, Donahue Chair in Investment Management. "It's about financial success, too."

After a lengthy evaluation process, Cisco was deemed the winner of the award. Cisco

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Systems, Inc. is a multinational corporation headquartered in San Jose, Calif., that designs and sells networking services.

"Cisco has really integrated sustainability into their language process," said Nist. "They're an

awesome company — These guys just blow you away. If I were 25 years old, I'd be looking to get a job with Cisco."

Miciak and Nist specifically referenced Cisco's efforts to reengineer the North American electrical grid towards more sustainable means, as well as their identification with the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.

According to its Web site, Cisco has provided funding and used their networking capabilities to monitor the progress of the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals around the world.

According to Nist, Duquesne has a green reputation that qualifies them to give this sort of award.

"We've been working in the area of sustainability for a long time," Nist said. "We're known in the business school community [for that]."

In 2007, Aspen Institute ranked the Donahue School 18th worldwide and second amongst schools its size, based on graduate business programs that integrate social and environmental issues into their agenda. Miciak and Nist saw awarding Cisco with the Green to Gold Award as a way to build upon their school's resume.

"[The award] will serve as a visible element

Recipes as easy as 1-2-3

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Dinner side:
stuffing cups

What You need:

- 1 6-oz. package stuffing mix
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper
- Large skillet
- Muffin sheet with at least eight cups

Make it:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet, melt the butter on medium heat; add chopped celery and onion, and stir for about five minutes. Stir in water and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in stuffing mix, cranberries, nuts and thyme. Add only 1 cup of cheese and the egg, and mix lightly. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Scoop the mixture into eight greased muffin cups.

Sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

Bake for 10 minutes or until cheese is completely melted.

Dessert:

frozen pumpkin pie

What you need:

- 1 16 oz. can of pumpkin
- 1 pre-made 9-inch graham cracker pie crust
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can of whipped cream
- 1 quart of vanilla ice cream
- Large mixing bowl
- Pie pan and lid

Make it:

Separate and remove the yolks from the two eggs. Combine the egg whites with the pie filling, sugar, cinnamon and lime juice in a mixing bowl and beat with a whisk for about 10 minutes. Gently fold in about a cup of whipped cream. Pour the mixture into the crust, and cover with a plastic lid and place in your freezer overnight. Remove from the freezer about ten minutes before serving, and serve with vanilla ice cream.

Drink:

hot apple cider

What you need:

- 1/2 gallon apple cider
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 8 whole cloves
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 lemon peel, cut into strips (or 1/2 cup lemon juice)
- Large saucepan

Make it:

Simmer but do not boil the apple cider in a large saucepan for 5 minutes. Add all other ingredients, and simmer for at least 20 minutes.

Makes about 12 servings.

Crosby carries torch



AP PHOTO

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, of Canada, carries the Olympic flame in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics torch relay. The 106-day relay will visit more than a thousand communities in its trip across Canada's provinces and territories by the time it reaches the opening ceremony for the Vancouver Games on Feb. 12, 2010.

Environmental, financial strengths are criteria for DU award

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that will capture many of the good things we're doing at Duquesne University while recognizing others," Miciak said.

The Green to Gold Award is a source of pride for some outside the Donahue School, too. Dr. Stanley Kabala, the associate director of the Center for Environmental Research and Education at Duquesne, said the award "endorses a lot of the activities that have been done [at Duquesne]."

Kabala also acknowledges that the Green to Gold Award

has huge implications for the business community in general. He is pleased that it recognizes the increasing lack of "tension between going green and being profitable."

"I like to say, it's not Ben & Jerry's [that is being recognized]. It's corporations that might have a tough time going green," he said.

Despite the accomplishments that come along with the Green to Gold Award, Miciak said he reminds himself that Duquesne's environmental effort has only just begun.

"To bring meaning to our award, we have to build on our own credibility," he said.



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horoscopes

Aries // 3.21 - 4.19

Don't be a fool, my friend: grab one of those colorful cans of diabetes-inducing Coca-Cola with the Santa Claus on it ... Lord knows it will be the closest thing to Kris Kringle you'll see this year, you naughty scalawag.



Taurus // 4.20 - 5.20

If you look hard enough at the stars in the sky tomorrow night, you may see the likeness of the famed Mustafha. And if that doesn't work, just dance around for a few hours with Rafiki. Second best is better than nothing.

Gemini // 5.21 - 6.20



You win some. You lose some. Other times, you wind up soaking your tired joints in a salt-water bath, sipping on plum brandy, and pondering the term "wii elbow" because you spent the previous evening dominating the world of electronic sports. Heavy is the head that wears the crown.



Cancer // 6.21 - 7.22

If you keep eating that potato salad from the small plastic container, you're going to turn into one. (Transmogrifying into a semi-solid, mayonnaise-heavy deli treat isn't such a nice thought, is it?)

Leo // 7.23 - 8.22

Tag. You're it.



Virgo // 8.23 - 9.22

There's only one thing better than a cuddly, floppy-eared basset hound, and that's a legion of cuddly, floppy-eared basset hounds.

Libra // 9.23 - 10.22

You could have a great day. Or you could step in an unusually large puddle of mud. Deal with it.



Scorpio // 10.23 - 11.21

Schweppes ginger ale, or a comforting Orange Crush soda? Choose wisely.

Sagittarius // 11.22 - 12.21

If you become a famous writer, or have the desire to do so, you have one of three life paths: 1) to blow all your money on whiskey and gin; 2) to move to a foreign country and blow all your money on whiskey and gin; or 3) to drink alot and, consequently, prevent yourself from having any money to blow on whiskey and gin.



Capricorn // 12.22 - 1.19

A gerbil is a nice house pet. A half-deranged marsupial hopped-up on caffeine and dark chocolate is not.

Aquarius // 1.20 - 2.18

Wow, you look like hell.



Pisces // 2.19 - 3.20

Something is happening here, but you don't know what it is. Do with that what you will.

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