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"I tried to get my car unstuck and failed," said graduate student Josh Bryant.

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Record snowfall puts the freeze on University classes



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Facilities Management employees shovel snow on the plaza Monday outside of Duquesne University's Student Union. Friday's storm dumped more than 20 inches of snow on the Pittsburgh region, and Tuesday's added almost 10 more, setting a local record for the snowiest February in history. Facilities Management employees worked through the week to clear roads and sidewalks while the University was closed through Wednesday.

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After the fourth largest snow storm in the Pittsburgh region's history, Duquesne University students received a five-day weekend, with cancelled classes and closed offices from Monday to Wednesday.

But while students enjoyed the snow days, Facilities Management employees weren't as lucky.

"People think that when campus is closed, everything is shut down and the doors are locked. But [Facilities Management] is just as open as when we have class," said Bill Zilcosky, assistant director of Facilities Management for building services and grounds.

According to the National Weather Service, Allegheny County received more than 20 inches of snow Feb. 6 and 7, and almost 10 more Feb. 9, setting the record for the snowiest February in Pittsburgh's history. The storms left thousands of residents without power and forced hundreds of businesses to close.

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WDUQ forms nonprofit to bid for station license

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The staff at WDUQ knows that their radio station is up for sale, but they plan on keeping it in good hands.

Pittsburgh Public Media, a nonprofit organization partially staffed by WDUQ employees, hopes to become the next owner and operator of the radio station. The organization was formed last month after Duquesne University, the current owner of WDUQ, announced its intentions to sell the station's license.

Scott Hanley, the general manager of WDUQ and head of Pittsburgh Public Media, said the organization is ready to assume full responsibility of the radio station's operation if the University decides to sell its license to Pittsburgh Public Media.

"Preparing a business case and model for making the station viable will rest on the shoulders of Pittsburgh Public Media," Hanley said.

Pittsburgh Public Media consists of six board members, three of which are current WDUQ employees. Hanley said the organization hopes to expand.

Pittsburgh Public Media is a client of Public Radio Capital, an organization based in Boulder, Colo., that works with public radio stations nationwide.

According to PRC Director of Acquisitions Erik Langner, forming Pittsburgh Public Media was a "good idea."

Langner said having current employees around in the radio station's future "will continue the excellent tradition in WDUQ," which

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DU mourns student whose 'presence was always felt'

JOHN BOJARSKI
staff writer

Despite canceled classes and treacherous winter weather, the Duquesne University Chapel was full Tuesday evening for a requiem mass for a sophomore who was found dead in his Towers dorm room Saturday afternoon.

Brennen Donahue, 19, was a psychology major and member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

ATO member Mike Anderson said Donahue, whose friends called him "B-Don," was a "simple kid" who was loved by his fraternity brothers.

"His presence was always felt," Anderson said. "It was always good to hang out with Brennen because you knew he had something good to say."

Donahue grew up in Reinholds, Pa., and attended Cocalico High

School, where he played lacrosse. He is survived by his mother, Rebecca; his sister, Mackenna; his grandmother, Pauline Kline; and two uncles, Russ and Mike Kline.

University spokeswoman Bridget Fare said Duquesne Police received an emergency call at 12:37 p.m. Saturday.

Duquesne officers arrived first and found Donahue lying in his bed without a heartbeat. The officers used a portable defibrillator to attempt to revive him, Fare said.

Pittsburgh emergency responders arrived about 10 minutes later but were unable to revive Donahue, Fare said.

According to the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, the cause and manner of Donahue's death is pending a toxicology

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Seven-day forecast

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| | | | | | | |
| HI: 27° LOW: 21° | HI: 26° LOW: 18° | HI: 24° LOW: 19° | HI: 25° LOW: 12° | HI: 28° LOW: 22° | HI: 27° LOW: 23° | HI: 29° LOW: 25° |

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Cattle Battle: New Zealand has more cows than kiwis

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealanders who for decades have endured jokes about being outnumbered 20-to-1 by sheep have a new farm animal majority to worry about: cows.

A record 5.8 million dairy cattle were counted in the year ending June 2009, Statistics New Zealand said Tuesday — well more than one animal for each of the country's 4.3 million citizens.

In contrast, sheep numbers declined to some 32 million in 2009, less than half the peak of 70 million reported in 1982. "Increased numbers in the milking herd have resulted in there

being one milking cow for every New Zealander," farm statistics manager Gary Dunnet said. "In 2009, New Zealand had fewer than eight sheep per person."

The new figures are unlikely to do much to discourage the ribbing New Zealanders often get on the topic get when they travel abroad.

Australians in particular tease their near neighbors in the Pacific Ocean about the popularity of sheep in New Zealand, usually in jokes of questionable taste.

In the popular HBO series *Flight of the Conchords* about two New Zealand musicians living in New York, a tourism poster hangs in an office of

the country's consulate showing a flock of sheep staring out and the slogan: New Zealand Ewe Should Come. The 2006 movie "Black Sheep" made fun of the disparity in a dark comedy about genetically mutated sheep who turn on their owners on a New Zealand farm.

Statistics New Zealand said cow numbers last year were 4 percent higher than in 2008 and up 76 percent from 3.3 million in 1989.

The dairy herd's expansion was due to the conversion of sheep and other farms to the more lucrative dairy industry and to the growth in the number of milking cows in existing herds.

Nonprofit hopes to buy WDUQ

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was Pittsburgh's first public radio station.

WDUQ was founded in 1949 as a student radio station at Duquesne and became a National Public Radio affiliate in 1970. The station is the region's only daily jazz station, and it continues to be the region's primary carrier of NPR programming.

PRC and Pittsburgh Public Media are working together to help prepare WDUQ for survival as a public radio station if it becomes independent of Duquesne.

Hanley admitted that the transition would not be easy.

"We [WDUQ] are successful at what we do," Hanley said. "But if we are going to make it as an independent station, we are going to need to make more money than we are now."

According to Hanley, WDUQ generates approximately \$2 million in revenue each year, with 5 to 7 percent coming from Duquesne. According to the station's Web site, more than 50 percent of WDUQ's funding comes from listener support, with additional support coming from underwriters, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and various local and national foundations.

WDUQ has an upcoming pledge

drive that will begin Feb. 17 and last through Feb. 29. Although this is one of several WDUQ fundraisers, Hanley said the event has additional significance in the wake of the past month's events.

Normally, Hanley said, each WDUQ pledge drive raises approximately \$250,000. But this time, the station hopes to raise "substantially more."

According to Hanley, Pittsburgh Public Media is not directly involved with the pledge drive but hopes to see an increase in listener contributions, which would indicate that the station would be able to thrive on its own.

Despite the visions Pittsburgh Public Media has for WDUQ, the station's future depends on the University's sale.

Bridget Fare, Director of Public Affairs at Duquesne said the University "won't be commenting on any of the parties that have expressed interest in the station" and that "negotiations will be kept confidential."

Hanley stressed that WDUQ is Pittsburgh's most listened-to public radio station and said he is optimistic about what lies ahead.

"To say the future is uncertain — that's not unusual," he said. "We're on a growth curve; there's more for us to do. The people at the station are hopeful that we can make this transition successful."



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