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DC TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY TO EGYPT

Travel to Egypt with the McMaster School spring trip. Visit key sites, learn about another culture, its history,

DTO₀₈ Does Defy the Ordinary

[Pictures are on the website!](#) See the beginning pictorial record of Homecoming and relish in all the faces, both familiar and new. Over the next few weeks pictures will continue to be added as they come in from various sources.

Just a few of the highlights of Homecoming this year include:

- Tuesday night's Art Gallery opening with alumni art teachers exhibits and art work of their students.
- Thursday evening pep rally with fireworks followed by a great concert.
- Friday presentations to faculty, students, and alumni by all our Alumni Achievement and Hall of Fame Award recipients, in the first annual Alumni Leadership Conference.
- The Friday evening Celebrate DC Octoberfest Dinner attended by 325 people. We presented Alumni Achievement awards to [Marilyn Mallott](#), [Gary Dowler](#), [Mary Marvel](#), [Mary Morris](#), and the first Young Alumni Service Award to [Rebecca Sanford](#). The Schauffler Legacy Award winners Chuck Hobgood, and Dick and Mary Howard were honored, and Professor Don Knueve received a special recognition for his 20 years of service as an advisor to the Greek system on campus. Our Hall of Fame recipients were welcomed along with Mayor Bob Armstrong, and hosts of reunion and class anniversary groups. The dinner concluded with George Smart '67 leading

and spend time with DC students and faculty in this unique learning experience. A full brochure is available on line! Go to alumni.defiance.edu and click on the Egypt travel tab under the calendar of events listed in March.

REMEMBER WINTER TERM?

Did you participate in the Winter Term trip entitled "Botany & Geology of the Big Bend National Park" in January 1971 with Dr. Jim Birk and Dr. Mikula? Allan Peugeot '72 is interested in connecting with anyone who remembers the experience. If you were part of that unique trip, let the alumni office know the details. You can also drop a line to Allan at apeugeo@yahoo.com

DC Make A Difference Day

Defiance College was a force to be reckoned with on Saturday, October 25, 2008, as alumni and family members, current DC students and staff gathered in Columbus to participate in the second annual Defiance College, Columbus Area Make A Difference Day event. This year's project was assisting with the Ohio Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament, held at Holiday Lanes on Columbus' east side. Alumni, spanning the class years of 1978 through 2006, joined athletes from the DC men's

the announcement of the public phase of a \$26 million dollar campaign, "The Transforming Difference: A Campaign to Defy the Ordinary." (see more in related article).

- Following the Celebrate DC dinner, the Alumni Volleyball game took place in the McMaster gym with 60 spectators cheering them on, while the second annual DC Follies occurred in Schomburg Auditorium.
- Saturday morning, the Hall of Fame recognition breakfast honored [Marv Retcher](#), [Doug Murray](#), [George Stockman](#), and [Patricia Schwiebert](#).
- The all-years alumni baseball reunion had 40 former players in attendance with a special recognition going to the '61 team. They had to be dragged kicking and screaming from Craig Rutter Field in time to participate in the football festivities. The 40 baseball players and the 90-93 football teams, with 50 in attendance, were on the field with the Hall of Fame honorees for half time of the DC-Franklin Contest.
- The 2008 Homecoming Court was recognized with Alexander Orr and Justine Johnston crowned king and queen.
- On Sunday morning, the Rev. John Thomas, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ preached at the campus church, St. John UCC. Continuing the Homecoming theme, Rev. Thomas discussed how scriptures ably manifest the principle of Defying the Ordinary.

Don't delay. Get on the phone right now and talk with fellow alumni about attending next year's Homecoming. The theme for Homecoming '09 is "*We Are Family*", which is set for Monday October 5 through Sunday, October 11. Planning has already begun for another great week of activities.

CAMPAIGN ENTERS PUBLIC PHASE

basketball team and members of the soon to be chartered Alpha Phi Omega co-ed national service fraternity to assist the Olympians and to offer special words of encouragement to the athletes. The activity was planned by the Defiance College Columbus-area Alumni Network leadership team of Jeremy Ball '04, Leanne (Schlenker) Moninger '01, and Francine "Fran" Wahrman, '90, with support from Alumni Network Coordinator, Gretchen McGinley.

[Click here to see the fun!](#)

DC TEAMS WITH UNITED WAY IN PURPLE & GOLD SCRIMMAGE

Basketball season is officially here. The Yellow Jackets have partnered with the Defiance County United Way to increase awareness and support of the pioneer organization's mission to Live United by joining forces in staging the season opening intrasquad scrimmage.

The men's basketball team will be hosting a Purple & Gold Scrimmage on Saturday, November 1, at 3:00. Held at the Karl H. Weaner Center on DC's campus, free will donations will be accepted at the door that will benefit the United Way's 2008-2009 campaign.

The Yellow Jackets welcome you to check out this preview of the upcoming basketball season while generating proceeds for the United Way. Fans will be invited to participate in a half court shot contest and will be treated to a slam dunk

The big announcement at Friday night's Celebrate DC dinner was the launch of the public phase of *The Transforming Difference: A Campaign to Defy the Ordinary*. This \$26 million comprehensive capital campaign is the largest campaign in the college's history, and it was announced that a total of \$13.5 million, more than fifty percent, has been received or pledged after an intensive advanced gifts phase.

Focusing on capital projects, endowment, and the Annual Fund, the largest projects of the campaign are a \$10.9 million Wellness and Fitness Center/Field House and \$5 million in endowed student scholarships.

Annual Fund priorities will focus \$5.9 million on strategic academic program development and creating a twenty-first century environment that makes Defiance College a first-choice decision for students.

In 2009, regional campaign kick-offs will be held around the country to provide details of this exciting venture to all alumni. For now, anyone who would like a copy of the brochure detailing *The Transforming Difference: A Campaign to Defy the Ordinary* can contact the alumni office by e-mail dplant@defiance.edu or by phoning 419-783-2572.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT....

Please Take a Seat! Any alumnus who graduated from DC after the early 1960's likely has numerous memories of the uncomfortable seats in the Schomburg Auditorium. At last, as part of the Schomburg Auditorium renovation, those lumpy old seats are being replaced with brand-new, comfortable seats. **We invite you to take your place as part of Defiance College's history, and its future, by funding a seat in the Schomburg Auditorium as part of our "Take a Seat" Chair Naming Campaign.**

competition among members of the team during half time.

For more information about the scrimmage or to read about the [Yellow Jackets](#)

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When you fund a seat, a nameplate bearing your name or a name in memory or honor of another, will be affixed to the back of the chair. **You can name a seat now for \$300.** Each nameplate has space for 3 lines with a maximum 30 characters per line - allowing plenty of space for your message. Seating installation is scheduled for December 2008, so we encourage prompt payment - credit card payment is available, as is monthly payment completed by June 30, 2009. Contributions are tax deductible - an order form can be found by [clicking here](#)

MENTORING STUDENTS INTO THEIR CAREERS

You read in the last Stinger about the new CollegeCentral.com site and its availability to alumni for building resumes and reviewing 100,000+ national job postings. Now, alumni may also use the site to help mentor students as they explore career options.

To access the site, go to the [Defiance College Website](#), and using the quick links box, link on the *Jacket Jobline*. When the page appears, click on the *College Central* icon, click the *Alumni* tab, and then the underlined words Mentoring Network in the explanation. It will ask for a password, which is *JACKETS*. Complete your form indicating your areas of interest and sign up to help review resumes, offer job shadowing experiences, develop internships, and more. All alumni who volunteer have complete control over how much information they release to students or fellow alumni using the system. Inquiries can be routed through the Career Development Office or you can give permission for people to contact you directly.

If you have any questions contact Lisa Marsalek at the Career Development Office at 419-783-2366 or lmarsalek@defiance.edu. Your alumni office is very pleased to be to be partnering with Lisa in the development of this option. It is a way we can meet your needs, and a way for you to help your alma mater meet the needs of its students and fellow alumni.

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***Thanks for staying
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We are sorry to see you go! If you wish to no longer received any Defiance College e-mail, please [click-here](#). Remember, you can come back and opt-in any time you wish.