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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"I would like to welcome all new students who have joined the Douglas family during this fall semester. I'm excited to work with you as you begin your journey on the road to a successful and fulfilling career. I would also like to congratulate the existing Douglas students for taking the initiative and devoting the time to creating this student-produced newsletter. I am very impressed with their efforts and look forward to future issues. Keep up the good work!" -Jeffrey D. Imbrescia, President

SOULSTER KING

By Heather Cleary

Come one, come all, to the Haunted Hills Hayride and see local band Soulster King rock your socks off. Soulster King, a classic rock and blues band which includes Douglas Education Center faculty and staff, will play Saturday, October 27 at the Haunted Hills Hayride, located on Route 48, North Versailles, PA, ½ mile north of the intersection of Route 30 and Route 48. The eighth annual hayride is partnered with the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Spectrum Charter School as designated charities for the event. Persons who dare ride through the dark woods of the Haunted Hills Hayride and the Valley of Darkness Trail, will travel through the confines on a hay wagon pulled by an old fashioned tractor. Campfires, snacks and refreshments are part of the attraction and admission is \$10 for one attraction or \$15 for both. Parking is free. Open October 24-30, Friday and Saturday 7 pm-11 pm and Sunday and weekdays 7 pm-10 pm. Soulster King is made up of Stan Houston (Lead Vocals/Guitar), Kevin Fear, Marketing Director at DEC (Guitar/Vocals), Will Ritter, faculty member and alum of DEC (Lead Guitar), Walter Earl Levergood (Bass) and Nate Auria (Drums). "On Saturday nights over 1,200 people show up, so the exposure will be good," said Fear. Fear started playing guitar with his grandfather, uncles and cousins at a young age.



"I've been playing for over 20 years," he said. Ritter, who has played guitar since the age of 16 said he is excited for a good turn out. "I love outdoor gigs." For more information on the Haunt or Soulster King, visit www.hauntedhillshayride.com or www.soulsterking.com.



ZOMBIE FEST

By Heather Cleary

When the dead walk the earth, it's time to party! October 27 and 28, the *It's Alive* show will be held at the Monroeville Expo Mart during Zombie Fest 2007. Saturday starts off with the Zombie Fest Dealer and Art Show in the Expo Mart East and South Wings from 10 am - 8 pm. The Zombie Fest is a convention of sorts, featuring vendor exhibit areas, live demonstrations and seminars, including Douglas Education Center students' film and video presentations. It will also highlight works of local and national artists with emphasis on horror and the macabre. Visitors will enjoy movies, music and merchandise. The Zombie Ball will be held Saturday night in the Expo Mart South Wing from 10 pm - 2 am. It will be transformed into a huge zombie discotheque with a midnight performance by the band DEATHMOBILE. The Zombie Walk will be held Sunday, October 28 at the Monroeville Mall from 9 am - 11 am. A follow up to break the Guinness World Record for the largest Zombie Walk,

which was set last year, when 894 people dressed as zombies and shuffled through Monroeville Mall. Registration will begin at 9:00 am. All participants will receive a coupon good for \$5 off a Sunday single admission to Zombie Fest. Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The Zombie Fest Dealer and Art Show will continue at the Expo Mart East and South Wings from 12 pm - 6 pm, October 28. Price at the door will be \$35. Single day Zombie Fest passes will be available at the door for \$15 and do not include admission to the Saturday night Zombie Ball. Tickets to the Zombie Ball will be available at the door for \$15.

For more information, please contact zombiefest2007@verizon.net.

UPCOMING MOVIE NIGHT

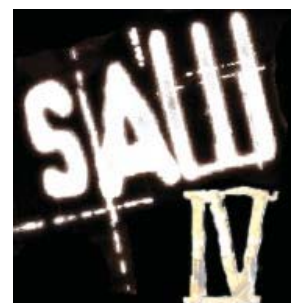
October 25: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Vincent*

Chris Patrick's movie night for any and all DEC students takes place every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, in the Van Keulen Complex.

HORROR AT THE MOVIES

Now Playing
Rob Zombie's *Halloween*
30 Days of Night
The Nightmare Before Christmas in 3D
(In select theaters)

October 26
Saw IV



LOCAL FOLKLORE HAUNTING IN THE BURGH

By Sandee Cupp

The steel mills of the Mon Valley were a sight to see. In the boom times, plants like Homestead, Clairton, Duquesne, Edgar Thomason and Irvin lit up the night sky throughout the valley. During the 40s and 50s, the dirt produced by the steel mills hung heavy in the air, causing the street lamps to come on during the daylight hours. The mills employed thousands of local residents who worked in sweltering, hazardous situations. As a result, many lost their lives in these plants and, consequently, ghost stories sprang to life. According to one such story, the spirit of a steel worker, incinerated in a ladle of molten steel, was said to haunt Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation's Two Shop at the Southside mill complex from 1922 until its demolition in 1960.

As the story goes, Jim Grabowski tripped over a rigger's hose and fell to his death in the ladle. Afterwards, his painful cries for help could be heard throughout the shop late at night, followed by haunting laughter. The following poem summed up the sentiments of the workers in Two Shop:

When you're walking up through
Two Shop
You'll know someone is around.
If you hear a sort of clanking
And a hollow moaning sound.
For the ghost of Jim Grabowski
Who was killed in "22"
Must forever walk through Two Shop
Which I will explain to you.
Jim fell into a ladle,
And they couldn't find a trace,
So they couldn't take the body
To a final resting place...
Yes, there is a ghost in Two Shop,
I have seen this specter twice,
And you'll stay away from there at night
If you heed my advice.

It was said that once a worker fell into a ladle, he was immediately liquefied, and the polluted steel had to be buried on a vacant lot nearby. Eventually, so they say, rather than waste an entire ladle, workers would commemorate the dead man by skimming a small portion of steel from the ladle and presenting it to his family in a nugget form. No telling how many "liquefied workers" still roam the streets late at night on the Southside or lay to rest under the Cheesecake Factory! 🕷️

LOCAL HAUNTS

By Sandee Cupp

For your own "haunting" adventures, check out the following Web sites for times, prices and directions:

Kennywood's Phantom Fright Nights
Haunted walk through Death Valley, Haunted Ghost Town, Captain Skuly's Curse in 3D, Mortem Manor, Gory Park, Haunted Ark, Villa of the Vampires, Kennyville Cemetery, Fear Festival and Fort Despair. Not recommended for children under 13 years of age.
www.phantomfrightnights.com

Haunted Hills Estate in Uniontown
Escaping the grounds of the Estate is not as easy as to enter. You will face ten distinct challenges that will decide your fate.
www.adventureacres.com/splashpage.html

Monongahela's Demon House
"One by one all seven men went into the mansion. The door slammed shut. The mansion began to rumble with a noise that could be heard from town. I could hear one of the men scream. Then, silence."
--Joan Millington Synge, Nov. 13, 1894
www.demonhouse.com

And for the "faint of heart", like myself, there's always the ZooBoo for Kids' Sake at the Pittsburgh Zoo. 11 am - 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28. Sponsored by KDKA for Kids' Sake, Pittsburgh's CW-TV, McDonalds, Bob FM (96.9) and Lite Rock (92.9). Lastly, if you need help putting together your Halloween ensemble, Spirit Halloween Superstores have opened up shop at most of the local malls and Costume World on Smallman Street in the Strip District is definitely worth a trip. 🕷️

HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS

Allen's Haunted Hayrides
Smock, PA
www.allenshayrides.com

Castle Blood
Bealsville, PA
www.castleblood.com

Cheeseman's Fright Farm
Portersville, PA
<http://cheesemanfrightfarm.com>

Haunted Hills Hayride
North Versailles, PA
www.hauntedhillshayride.com/

Hundred Acres Manor
South Park, PA
www.hundredacresmanor.com

Rich's Fright Farm
Smithfield, PA
www.frightfarm.com

Terrors by the Lake
Hampton Township, PA
www.terrorsbythelake.org

COSMETOLOGY ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to The Cosmetology Academy for their success at the **2007 Total Look Team Competition** sponsored by the PA Barber and Cosmetology Association. It was held October 20 and 21 in Williamsport, Pa. The theme was "A Semi-Formal High School Prom" and our students placed first in the following categories:

Kelsey Galbraith: hair design and men's cutting
Adrienne Hapchuk: make-up
Amanda Stephen: nail design
Model was Megan Pogyor



FAVORITE HORROR MOVIES

Survey of DEC students and faculty

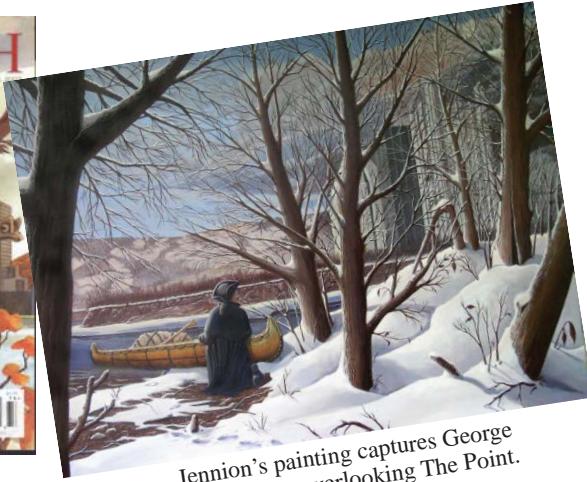
1. **The Exorcist (1973)**
2. **Halloween (1978)**
3. **Dawn of the Dead (1978)**
4. **Friday the 13th (1980)**
and **The Shining (1980)**
5. **The Thing (1982) and Evil Dead II (1987)**

Thank you to everyone that participated.

CRAIG JENNION

By Heather Cleary

Congratulations to Craig Jennion, Douglas Education Center instructor, on being a featured artist for the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators for his interpretation of a piece of Pittsburgh history. Featured in *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, a publication covering Pittsburgh's most vibrant, evocative and sophisticated photography, illustrations and writing, Jennion went up against some of the best in the area. His work will be displayed at the Heinz History museum beginning November 17 and could even move on to the Smithsonian.



Jennion's painting captures George Washington overlooking The Point.

Douglas Student Specials

MONDAYS:
The Pasta Shoppe
Quesadilla (chicken or veggie)
with drink
\$5.25
Burger & Fries with drink
\$4.99

TUESDAYS:
Anna Marie's
Buffet:
All You Can Eat & Drink
\$4.99

WEDNESDAYS:
Luigino's Pizza
Medium Pizza,
One Topping & a 2-Liter of Soda
\$4.99

- Pasta Shoppe - 509 Donner Ave Monessen, PA 15062 (724) 684-3903
- Anna Marie's - 325 Schoonmaker Ave Monessen, PA 15062 (724) 684-5044
- Luigino's - 544 Donner Ave Monessen, PA 15062 (724) 684-6235

HALLOWEEN PARTY
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST
DETAILS TO COME!

If you are interested in any current job opportunities, please contact Career Services.

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Or stop in Career Services at the Van Keulen Complex
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm.

USE YOUR STUDENT ID

Cosmetology Academy 25% OFF
Monessen Subway 10% OFF
Felicia's Restaurant 10% OFF
Belle Vernon Ponderosa 20% OFF
China Wok Buffet 10% OFF
Club House Grill 10% OFF
Dominic's of New York Lowe's Parking Lot 25% OFF
Hoss's Steak and Sea House 10% OFF
Double M's Pizza 10% OFF

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

