A Day on the Commons

John J. Long, S.J., Athletic Center
University Commons
Scranton, Pennsylvania
On behalf of the entire University of Scranton family, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our annual Open House. Since you are faced with a wide variety of choices as you weigh your options for college, we would like to thank you for taking the time to visit our campus and take a closer look at all that Scranton has to offer. We are more honored than we can say by your presence in our midst.

During your all-too-brief visit, you will probably discover that the University is a student-centered institution that is wonderfully paradoxical. Although it was founded 115 years ago, most of its buildings are less than 20 years old. Although its educational philosophy is rooted in the 450-year-old tradition of Jesuit education, it is resolutely oriented toward the future. Although it is located at the crossroads of the Northeast (arguably the most exciting and sophisticated region in the nation), it retains the feel of what Thomas Jefferson would call “an academical village.” Although it works hard at creating and sustaining a nurturing environment for its students, it works equally hard at challenging its students to stretch themselves beyond the limitations they (wrongly) believe they have. Although it achieved university status more than 50 years ago, it has never lost its passion for undergraduate education. Although its faculty are active researchers, they have never lost their zest for the bracing give-and-take of classroom discussion.

These paradoxes have enriched the University and endowed it with its special “feel.” In fact, taken together, they make the University an exciting community of scholars, a community in which students are invited to develop the generous hearts and adventurous minds that have always been the hallmarks of the graduates of Jesuit schools. I should be honest, however, and tell you that Scranton has never been content merely to educate well-rounded men and women. Rather, like its sister Jesuit schools, it has always sought to educate leaders. Thus, it has always tried to educate men and women whose lives are marked by conscience, competence, compassion, and commitment to the service of the human family. Nor have our efforts been in vain. Our students have distinguished themselves equally in the pursuit of fellowships and in service to the poor. Our graduates may be found in settings as diverse as the boardrooms of Fortune 500 companies, inner city classrooms, Ivy League lecture halls, courtrooms, the executive offices of investment banks, and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. To all of their work they bring the habits of achievement, the restless creativity and the generosity of heart that they developed during their years at the University. Like Tennyson’s Ulysses, they all feel called “to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

For my part, I am convinced the University is an extraordinary place in which to study and to grow. Do not take my word for it, however. Use your time on campus to touch the University’s soul, to explore its offerings and to catch its spirit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to the many members of our faculty, staff and student body whom you will meet in the course of the day. Even if you do not decide to join us next year, please be assured of our prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.
President
At a Glance

Our students gain knowledge and experience that lead to a lifetime of achievement – one of the hallmarks of a Jesuit education.

A Community of Scholars

✦ Since 1972, 111 graduates of The University of Scranton have earned Fulbrights or other prestigious international fellowships.

✦ In the last three years alone, Scranton students earned a remarkable 11 Fulbright Fellowships, two Truman Scholarships, three NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarships, a Jack Kent Cooke Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarship, four Freeman Awards, two Rotary Ambassadorsial Scholarships, two State Farm Fellowships, and a DeRance Scholarship. Three students in two years were named to the USA Today All-USA College Academic Teams.

✦ In 2003-04, 102 students and 41 faculty members participated in the Faculty/Student Research Program. Students routinely present the outcomes of their research at professional conferences.

✦ In 2003, the University marked the 20th year of the annual World Premiere Composition. The series was inaugurated by renowned composer Vaclav Nelhybel as a unique program that enables student musicians to perform an original work under the baton of the composer.

Jesuit Excellence

✦ For the tenth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” edition ranked the University among the 10 finest master’s universities in the North. In the 2004 edition, Scranton ranked sixth and was spotlighted among schools in the north with the “Highest Graduate Rate.”

✦ The University is profiled in the 2004 edition of Kaplan Publishing’s The Unofficial, (Un)biased, Insider’s Guide to the 331 Most Interesting Colleges.

✦ The Princeton Review included Scranton among The Best 351 Colleges in the nation according to its 2004 edition. Princeton Review also ranked Scranton 30th among the nation’s most connected campuses in a listing published in Forbes magazine.

✦ The Washington Post Magazine included the University in a national list of just “100 Colleges Worth Considering.”

Real World Ready

✦ Over the past five years, the acceptance rate of Scranton applicants into medical and related schools has ranged from 80 - 100% – twice the national average.

✦ Through the Career Experience Program, students receive assistance in securing internships in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Students also benefit from the shared experiences of prominent alumni who return to campus as part of the Executive in Residence Program.

✦ Ninety-six percent of the Class of 2003 was employed, pursuing graduate or professional studies, or volunteering on a full-time basis within six months of graduation.

✦ The University’s Collegiate Volunteers program has a roster of 2,300 students who perform well over 159,000 service hours each year.
Schedule of Events

9:30 a.m.
ONGOING EVENTS
✦ Complimentary brunch in the Gunster Student Center will be served until 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon in the Byron Recreation Complex.
✦ Campus tours leave from the lobby of the Byron Recreation Complex until 3:00 p.m. (except during welcome session)
✦ The Bookstore, on the first floor of Hyland Hall, will be open until 4:00 p.m. Present this program and receive a 10% discount.

10:30 a.m.
EXHIBIT HALL
Byron Recreation Complex
The exhibit hall in the Byron Complex will be open until 3:00 p.m. (except during the Welcome Session, from noon to 12:45 p.m.) for you to meet with representatives from Admissions and Financial Aid, members of faculty, and staff and students from other activities and services. A light lunch will be available in the afternoon.

12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
WELCOME SESSION
John J. Long, S.J., Center
At the Welcome Session, the official opening of Open House, you will hear from University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., and Director of Admissions Joseph Roback. At this time you will also have the opportunity to listen to current students speak about their experiences at The University of Scranton.

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
INFORMATION SESSIONS
(presented by faculty)
Business ........................................ 228 Brennan Hall
Chemistry/Pharmacy/Phys. Tech........ 300 Loyola Hall
Education ..................................... 134 McGurrin Hall
Exercise Science ......................... 150 Long Center
Human Resources Studies .............. 406 McGurrin Hall
Nursing ....................................... 202 McGurrin Hall
Occupational Therapy .................. 1007 Leahy Hall
Physical Therapy ......................... 102 Hyland Hall
Pre-Medical Program .................. 509 Brennan Hall
Pre-Law Program ......................... Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Student Center
The Undecided Student ............... Redington Hall
Health Administration ................. 402 McGurrin Hall

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
DEPARTMENT VISITS
(discussions/demonstrations/tours by faculty and students)
Biology .............................. 119 Loyola Hall
Chemistry ....................... 300 Loyola Hall
Communication ................. 412 St. Thomas Hall
Computing Sciences .......... 488 St. Thomas Hall
Engineering and Physics ..... 291 St. Thomas Hall
Library Open House .......... Ground floor, Weinberg Memorial Library
Psychology ......................... 211 Alumni Memorial Hall
Theatre ................................. McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.
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3:30 p.m.
MASS
Madonna della Strada Chapel
Departments, Activities and Services

Representatives from the following academic majors, minors, student services, men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic teams and clubs, as well as representatives from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Byron Recreation Complex for open discussion and to answer your questions.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Academic Advising
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomathematics
Biophysics
Chemistry
Chemistry/Business
Chemistry/Computers
Classical Languages
Communication
Computer Engineering
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Economics (Social Science)
Electrical Engineering
Electronics/Business
English
Environmental Science
Gerontology
History
International Language/Business
International Studies
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Media and Information Technology
Medical Technology
Modern Languages
Music History
Neuroscience
Pastoral Studies
Peace and Justice Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Engineering
Psychology
Sociology
Theatre
Theology/Religious Studies
Women’s Studies
Writing

KANIA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
Academic Advising
Accounting
Accounting Information Systems
Business Administration
Economics (Business)
Electronic Commerce
Finance
International Business
Management
Marketing
Operations Management

PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Academic Advising
Counseling and Human Services
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Exercise Science
Health Administration
Human Resources Studies
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Pastoral Studies
Physical Therapy
Secondary Education
Special Education

PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE
Business Leadership
Faculty-Student Research Program
Freshman Honor Society
Honors Program
Pre-Law
Pre-Medical
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program
Study Abroad

ADMISSIONS

FINANCIAL AID

STUDENT SERVICES
Alumni Society
Campus Ministry
Career Services
Center for Social Action Service Initiatives
Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence
Counseling Center
Dining Services
Health Education and Wellness
Jane Kopas Women’s Center
Multicultural Affairs
Office of Equity and Diversity
Performance Music
Public Safety
Residence Computer Services (ResNet)
Residence Life
Royal Card/Telephone
Student Health Services
Student Activities and Orientation
Student Government
Student Life
Student Publications
University Players

ATHLETICS
Baseball
Basketball (Men’s and Women’s)
Cheerleading
Cross Country (Men’s and Women’s)
Field Hockey
Golf (Men’s)
Ice Hockey (Men’s)
Intramural/Recreational Sports (Men’s and Women’s)
Lacrosse (Men’s and Women’s)
Soccer (Men’s and Women’s)
Softball
Swimming (Men’s and Women’s)
Tennis (Men’s and Women’s)
Volleyball (Women’s)
Wrestling

ROTC