SPEAKERS AND LECTURERS


Joseph Stiglitz, Ph.D., recipient of the 2001 Nobel Prize in economics, gave a public lecture discussing a range of macro and micro economic issues relevant to the November election and beyond, including the deficit, healthcare costs and retirement benefits. The lecture, entitled, “Recent Economic Performance and Lessons for the Future” was held Oct. 8.

Sharon H. Kneiss ’77, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for the American Forest & Paper Association, was the featured speaker at the University’s President’s Breakfast on Sept. 14. Ms. Kneiss discussed “Common Sense Environmentalism: Recycling is Good for Business.”

James D. Walsh ’69, Diplomat and former U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, was the featured speaker at the University’s President’s Breakfast Nov. 9. Mr. Walsh discussed “American Foreign Policy: A Personal Perspective.”

THE ARTS

University Players

The University was the first Jesuit college on the East Coast to perform “Dead Man Walking,” a play by Tim Robbins based on the book written by Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J., ’H 01. The University Players performed the play in October.

Sophomore Jeffrey Trainor (left) played Matthew Poncelet and senior Stephanie King played Sr. Helen Prejean, ‘H 01.

Performance Music

Loren Schoenberg and the Jazz Museum in Harlem All-Stars performed at the University on Sept. 24, as part of Performance Music’s “In Concert” series.

Library Exhibit

An exhibit of rare Arkham House “horror fiction” books from the Edward R. Leahy ’68 Collection is on display in the University’s Weinberg Memorial Library through Feb. 27, 2005. The exhibit, which opened in October, marks the first time that Mr. Leahy’s private collection of Arkham Books will be on public display.

Hope Horn Galley

The Hope Horn Gallery was one of four regional sites to host a concurrent exhibit of the third annual “Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Art 2004” in October and November.

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President’s Business Council Conducts Annual Dinner

Approximately 530 alumni/ae, parents and friends attended this year’s President’s Business Council Annual Award Dinner. This was the largest crowd in the three-year history of the black-tie event, which was held at The Pierre in Manhattan. William H. “Bill” Finn ’67 was honored posthumously with the President’s Medal. Bill’s wife, Michele Rees Finn, his daughter, Kate, his son, Will, and son-in-law, Chip Goetzinger, were present to accept the medal in Bill’s honor.

Dinner co-chairs, Thomas P. Lynch ’86, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank Securities, and James F. Mullery, Jr. ’86, Chief Sales Officer, AXA Distributors, LLC, announced that this year’s event raised over $640,000 for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among the top students accepted to the University each year and are selected for their academic excellence, leadership ability and character. A Presidential Scholarship provides full-tuition coverage for its recipient from freshman through senior year. Each year, the University typically disburses nearly 40 Presidential Scholarships. The first three dinners have now generated enough money to endow four Presidential Scholarships for the life of the University.

The President’s Business Council was formed in January 2001 by a prominent group of metropolitan New York-based alumni and friends whose purpose is to advance the mission of the University. While based in New York City, membership extends from Boston to Washington, D.C. The Council is chaired by Christopher M. “Kip” Condon ’70, President and Chief Executive Officer, AXA Financial, Inc., and Chair of the President’s Business Council; and James F. Mullery, Jr., Chief Sales Officer, AXA Distributors, LLC, and dinner co-chair.

Proceeds from the annual black-tie dinner help to fund Presidential Scholarships for talented students at The University of Scranton. Presidential Scholars from the Class of 2005 attending the dinner are: Matthew Horejs, Lauren Zefran, Sandra Van Blarcom, Lori Bentler, Jennifer Rugletic and Daniel Marvin.
at The Pierre. He was responsible for providing equity sales coverage to some of the firm's most prestigious clients. Bill joined Bear Stearns in 1978 and worked there until his death in October 2003. During his tenure, the research analysts in one of Wall Street's most prominent equity sales firms rated him the company's number one salesperson year after year. He is credited by colleagues as being a huge contributor to Institutional Investor's 2003 ranking of the Bear Stearns' Institutional Equity Sales force as the number one sales force in the country among sales and research departments in the industry.

Bill was a faithful Trustee of The University of Scranton from 1998 until 2003. From his immediate post-graduation days to his service as a Trustee, he was a champion for Scranton in New York and beyond. He was a catalyst for the creation of the New York Metropolitan Alumni Chapter (now the Scranton Club of New York), and he was a founding member of the Executive Committee of the President's Business Council. Bill was a true example of the personal and professional qualities that the University hopes for all its graduates. As the awarding of the President's Medal recognizes, he strived for excellence in all that he did and remained compassionate to those whom he met.

For more information on the President's Business Council, please contact Peter Galbraith, Executive Director of Development, at 570-941-7661 or e-mail galbraithp2@scranton.edu.

Appropriations Chief Staffer Honored at Dinner

More than 400 congressional, government and business leaders, and alumni and friends of the University honored Scranton alumnus James W. Dyer '66, Clerk and Staff Director, Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives, at a dinner hosted by the President's Council of Washington, D.C., on Sept. 8.

The President's Council presented Mr. Dyer with its first Magis Award, which honors those who have achieved excellence in their professions and who have demonstrated extraordinary compassion for others. As Clerk and Staff Director of the Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Dyer supervises the activities of 150 staff members in discharging the committee's responsibility to produce 13 annual appropriations bills. He also is the principal committee liaison to the Republican leadership and assists leadership staff in planning the House of Representatives' agenda.

"Jim Dyer's distinguished career in public service and his concern for the well-being of all Americans merit this special recognition," said Jordan Clark '67 of the President's Council, a group established in 2001 by the University's Washington alumni chapter and other alumni and friends who are leaders in government and business. Mr. Clark and Sharon Hurst Kneiss '77 served as co-chairs of the Sept. 8 event.

Among the dignitaries who offered remarks at the dinner were U.S. Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski, 11th Congressional District of Pennsylvania; Congressman Don Sherwood, 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania; former Congressman Joseph M. McDade, 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania; and Congressman David R. Obey, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee.

The dinner raised $100,000 to establish the Scully Scholars Program, an endowment that will provide University of Scranton students with financial assistance to pursue internships in government service and public policy. The Program is named after the late Professor Timothy H. Scully, a faculty member who helped nurture and mentor Jim Dyer and many other individuals who have chosen public service as their careers. Himedes V. Chicas '05 was presented the 2004 Scully Scholarship by Timothy H. Scully, Jr. '74 at the dinner.

For additional information about the President's Council of Washington or the Scully Scholars Program, contact the University's Development office at (570) 941-7661.

Himedes V. Chicas '05 was presented the 2004 Scully Scholarship at a dinner held in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 8. From left: Jose Chicas, Maria Chicas and Himedes Chicas; University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.; and T. Matt Scully, Kathleen Scully Chickson, Anne Scully Wettengel '77, and Tim Scully Jr. '74, family of the late Prof. Scully.