Wall of Fame Class of 2006

The Class of 2006 was formally inducted into the University’s Wall of Fame in December at the Long Center. The Wall of Fame was founded in 1970 to honor former student-athletes, coaches, administrators and those in the community who have been instrumental in the overall development of the University’s athletics program. First row, from left: Dawn (Ennis) Rasmussen ’96, a four-time all-conference selection in women’s soccer; Domenick Colangelo ’52, an honorable mention all-American in football; Erin Kenney ’96, a dominating swimmer on two conference championship teams. Second row, from left: Hugh O’Neill ’86, an all-American in men’s soccer; Kathy (McCaughey) Leimkuhler ’81, a career .400 hitter on the softball team; and tennis standout Clay Yeager ’96.

O’Connor, Veselovsky Win Individual Titles at MAC Swimming Championships

Sophomores Erin O’Connor (Scotch Plains, N.J./Union Catholic Regional) and Joseph Veselovsky (Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park) won individual titles at the 2007 Middle Atlantic Conference swim championships in February. For the second straight year, O’Connor won the 500 freestyle (5:16.39) and 400 individual medley (4:46.02), while Veselovsky set a new University of Scranton and MAC record by capturing the 400 individual medley in 4:13.02.

Young Earns Spot in NCAA Division III Championships

Senior Donell Young (Scranton/West Scranton) accepts congratulations from Royals’ head coach Al Russomano (left) and assistant Greg Banks (right) for his contributions to the wrestling program on Senior Day. After finishing runner-up in the 149-pound weight class at the Metropolitan Wrestling Championships, Young was selected as a wild card entry to the NCAA Division III championships, which were held at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa, in March. He became the 12th wrestler in Scranton history to compete at nationals.
Arnold, Bicknell Continue Royals’ Tradition of Success

The Royals’ men’s basketball team posted its third straight winning season under head coach Carl Danzig and the 58th in the program’s history, thanks, in part, to the play of first-team all-Freedom Conference selections Randy Arnold (Doylestown/Central Bucks West) and Tom Bicknell (Melbourne, Australia/St. Bede’s College) this past season. Arnold (left) earned first-team honors for the second straight year after leading the Royals in scoring, assists and steals. A finalist for the 2007 Cousy Award, which is presented annually to the top point-guard in NCAA Division III, Arnold is now one of 35 players in Scranton history with more than 1000 career points. Bicknell, who was also named District II all-Academic, along with senior guard Darren Cannon (Paupack/Wallenpaupack Area), by ESPN The Magazine, led the Royals in rebounding and field goal percentage.

MAT, MELLODY, WILLIAMS LEAD LADY ROYALS TO FOURTH STRAIGHT FREEDOM CONFERENCE TITLE

Seniors Allison Matt (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic), Taryn Mellody (Dunmore/Bishop O’Hara) and Tiffany Williams (Scranton/Scranton) were selected all-Freedom Conference in a ballot conducted among the league’s eight head coaches. This trio led the Lady Royals to their fourth straight conference title and 19th overall. Matt was named first-team for the second consecutive year and Mellody for the third successive season, while Williams was named second-team for the first time in her career. The Lady Royals ended their season with a 27-3 record, which was the 16th consecutive year that Scranton won at least 20 games and 25th time in the program’s 32-year history. Veteran head coach Mike Strong was selected the league’s coach of the year for the eighth time in his career.

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For the third straight year, senior Dan Stallone (S. Plainfield, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen) was named to the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECH) all-star team. A two-time first-team selection (2006, 2007) and third-team pick (2005), he led the Ice Royals in total points this past season as a defenseman. He finishes his career as the sixth all-time leading scorer in Scranton history with 94 total points.