University Community Prays, Reflects

In classrooms, students discussed the war with Iraq. In Madonna della Strada Chapel, the University community gathered to pray for family and friends who are serving in the armed forces. In a special Eucharist held in the Byron Complex, the University family prayed for world peace.

University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J., invited all members of the University family to participate in a Day of Concern and Reflection on 20 March. "As members of a university community, we have a special responsibility to examine and reflect on the causes of the situation in which the world finds itself at this moment," Fr. M. McShane said in an 18 March memorandum to the campus community.

For example, in a course entitled "The American Presidency" taught by Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, students were encouraged to look at the broader issues surrounding the war as part of their full semester of study about the American presidency. "As students of a Catholic and Jesuit university, should we be looking only at defense strategies, or should we think about issues raised by our spiritual leadership?" questioned Dr. Van Dyke.

At a noontime Mass held 19 March, John J. Shea, S.J., Vice President for University Ministries, offered prayers for the family and friends of members of the University community who have been deployed to active service. (Visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/news to view photos of this event.) In keeping with all other Jesuit colleges and universities, Fr. Shea lit six candles that will burn throughout the war. The candles symbolize the University's solidarity with other Jesuit colleges and universities, Jesuit high schools and Jesuit ministries, with and for those serving in the military; and with and for the Iraqi people.

Approximately 800 students, faculty and staff members filled the Byron Complex for a Eucharist for World Peace on 20 March. Combining the hope for peace with support for our military, the Justice Club distributed white and yellow ribbons after the Mass.

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New Book Aligns Workplace Training with Corporate Performance

Peer Education Program Receives one of 10 National Awards

Web Applications Triple at the University

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The University has seen Web applications increase 33 percent in one year. As of March 1, the University received 1,752 Web applications for the fall of 2003, compared to 577 Web applications as of March 2002. The University received a total of 621 Web applications for 2002 and 121 Web applications for 2001. The complete count for the 2003 recruiting cycle will not be available until the fall.

In addition to the increase in The University of Scranton’s Web applications, common Web applications have increased as well. Common Web applications are used by students to apply to multiple schools. The schools then accept the common form. The University of Scranton’s common Web applications have risen from 150 in 2002 to 262 as of March 1.

“Students applying to college today are much more comfortable with computers and the Internet than ever before,” said Joseph Roback, Director of Undergraduate Admissions. “Using the Internet is a perfectly natural behavior for them.”

According to Mr. Roback, colleges are recognizing this and more are allowing students to apply on-line.

The University of Scranton has offered online application since May 2000. The application is available through the University’s award-winning Web site, www.scranton.edu. Students applying online also save money. The University of Scranton waives its $40 application fee for those applying on the Web.

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“Education for International Understanding” Explored by the University During Trustee Day

Trustee Day, held 24-25 February, provided a forum for students, faculty, staff and trustees to consider ways in which the University can foster international understanding through education. “To be able to explore and react to socio-political, economic, cultural and religious issues of today's global village is a gift and responsibility of our freedom,” Trustee Day Co-chairs Rev. Gerald Fogarty, S.J., and Jeanne Bovard stated in a message to the University community.

The breakfast meeting included presentations from faculty about The University of Scranton and Universidad Iberoamericana Cooperative Education Program, Thomas Collins, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Jacob, Ph.D., C.O.Directors of the program, made presentations about the collaborative educational program between The University of Scranton and Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, announced in the fall of 2002.

The luncheon meeting included discussions from four faculty members who explored the theological, economic and philosophical aspects of “Education for International Understanding.” Following are excerpts of remarks from some of the Trustee Day speakers.

WILLIAM ROWE, PH.D., PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

“Universities have a unique place in building interfaith dialogue. Universities are not analogs of the liberal democratic state; they are not intended as places where all views are given equal weight. The university, rather, is a place where conflicting views compete so that all parties may see things.”

MARTY ANN FOLEY, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

“How we view the world depends on where we stand.”

Dr. Foley went on to illustrate her point through personal experience. While living in Japan several years ago, she was surprised to see the view of the world as represented in a map in a book.

“The ‘problem,’ of course, was that Japan was in the center. I now realize that whenever you attempt to represent the spherical earth on a flat surface, you always get distortion; they say that to obtain the least amount of distortion of land masses, it's best to draw the map with Africa in the center. That would certainly provide a different view of the world.”

THOMAS COLLINS, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, COUNSELING & HUMAN SERVICES

“Father Kolvenbach (Superior General of the Society of Jesus) called upon Jesuit universities to be faithful to both the noun ‘university’ and to the adjective ‘Jesuit.' To be a university requires dedication to research, teaching and the various forms of service that correspond to its cultural mission. To be Jesuit, requires that the university act in harmony with the demands of the service of faith and promotion of justice…”

RAZI HUSSAIN, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ECONOMICS/FINANCE

“W hat can we learn from this terrible tragedy (11 September)? The terrorists hate the basic American values. America is a nation built on diversity. Its strength lies in its modern economic system. Its government is rooted in democracy. If the terrorist groups hate diversity, or democracy, should we respond hatred with hatred? Is violence the only answer to unprovoked violence? Let me talk about Islam for a minute. The word Islam literally means peace. It means security. It means submission to the will of God. It does not mean violence, hatred, or injustice. There is a difference between true Islam and Islamism. A recently coined phrase, Islamism means the radical, intolerant, extremist form of Islam.”

Jeanne Bovard, (right) Co-chair of 2003 Trustee Day, speaks with lunchtime presenters seated, from right: Mary Ann Foley, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology, William Rowe, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Philosophy Department, and Riaz Hussain, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Economics/Finance. Standing is John J. Shea, S.J., Vice President for University Ministries.

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Weinberg Library to Hold Book Sale

The University’s Weinberg Memorial Library will hold its annual book and plant sale on Saturday, 26 April, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 27 April, from noon to 4 p.m. The sale will be held in the Scranton Heritage Room on the fifth floor of the library. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library Endowment that supports library collections and services. For additional information call 941-7816. Priced, from left, are Terrence Tolan, S.J., Director of the Center for Mission Reflection and “friend” of the Weinberg Memorial Library; Diane Murray, President of Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library; and Charles Krazt, Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library.

Real World Ready

An outcomes-based education that produces leaders

One percent indicated working for the military and two percent were volunteering full-time. Of the 32 percent of 2002 graduates pursuing additional education, 27 percent were enrolled in therapy-related programs. Seventeen percent were enrolled in medicine and related programs, and eight percent in law programs - three percent increases in both areas of study over last year.

Geographically, of those employed, 51 percent of the respondents were working in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The state with the highest average salary for the recent graduates was Maryland at $41,703, followed by New York at $40,200. The lowest state salary average reported was $33,637 for Pennsylvania. The average salary reported for the Northeast Pennsylvania was $30,569, an increase of approximately 3.6 percent from the $29,481 reported in 2001.

Detailed information for the University’s class of 2002 will not be available until next year. The University’s post-graduation survey revealed that 95 percent of its undergraduate class of 2002 are either employed or pursuing additional education within six months of graduation. The survey is based on responses received from 73 percent (603) of the 829 students who received undergraduate degrees from the University in 2002. Of the respondents to the survey, 60.4 percent are employed full-time, 2.3 percent are employed part-time, and 32.3 percent are pursuing additional education.

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Search Continues for New University President

Members of the Presidential Search Committee continue their work to help identify a successor to University President Joseph M. M. Shater, S.J.

Fr. M. Shane will be leaving the University on 30 June to become President of Fordham University, effective 1 July.

Through a series of Trustee Day meetings held 24 February, the Committee received valuable input from students, faculty and staff about the qualities that members of the University are looking for in the new University President.

"Trustee Day was a wonderful opportunity for Board members to hear first hand about those traits and characteristics hoped for in the next President of the University," said Mgr. Joseph G. Quinn '72, a member of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee.

Students, faculty and staff expressed an interest in having a President who is a community-builder, an advocate of the University's Jesuit and Catholic identity, a visionary and a good fund-raiser. They also said that they are looking for someone who is friendly, accessible and interested in building diversity on campus.

Committee members are reviewing applications and resumes of presidential candidates. In the weeks ahead, the committee will conduct on-campus interviews with a select number of candidates.

The committee also received feedback from the Board of Regents, an advisory body consisting of members of the greater Scranton community.

Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to discuss "Qualities Looked for in the New University President" during a series of Trustee Day meetings held 24 February. The discussion with this group of resident students was led by Trustees Robert Bednar '89, Rev. Scott Pilzar, S.J., and Louis DeNaples, M.D., '89.

Outlined in the guidelines for the search, the committee will also consult the University community through the governance bodies of the University (namely, the Faculty Senate, the University Council and the Student Senate). The Search Committee will then make its final recommendations to the Board of Trustees who will appoint the new President.

Medical Alumni Council Names New Chairman

Lawrence F. Gallagher, D.M.D., Scranton, has been named Chairman of The Medical Alumni Council at The University of Scranton. He succeeds Richard Bevilacqua, M.D., D.D.S.

Dr. Gallagher is a 1982 graduate of the University where he was vice-president of his senior class. He graduated from the Boston University School of Dentistry in 1986. Engaged in the general practice of dentistry in Scranton, he is a member of the American Dental Association and past President of the Scranton District Dental Society.

and his wife, the former Jennifer Barrett, have three children.

He is the Medical Alumni Council (M.A.C.), an affiliate of The University of Scranton Alumni Society, was established in 1994 to foster interaction among Scranton alumni in the health professions and to provide career assistance to students and graduates of the University's Health Professions Program. It sponsors a variety of events aimed at showcasing the University's health professions curriculum, assists students in their application to medical and dental schools, and endorses community service projects among its membership, including periodic medical missions to Haiti.

Campus School Students to Produce Literary Magazine

It's never too early to learn about literature, poetry and art. This spring, 15 students at The University of Scranton Campus School (USCS) are creating a literary magazine with the help of members of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. The USCS Literary Magazine will include artwork by children in the preschool program and first and second grades, as well as literature and poetry by children in fifth and sixth grade classes taught by Megan Wolfe, and seventh and eighth grade classes taught by Lou Guzzi and Jennifer Brady.

"Vince Rizzo, Director of the Campus School, suggested that we do a project with some kind of outcome," says Rebecca Beal, Ph.D., Professor of English at The University of Scranton. "He said that it would not be in the students' best interests to think they can just submit something and see it published. We would need standards of excellence and the students would need to learn how to apply them. The project really has two purposes: The outcome (the magazine itself), and students will be able to write more and better and will be learning to think more deeply about poetry and how to evaluate it."

Arthur Posocco, an English major who plans to graduate in 2004, Natali Fusillo, a senior communication major, Kathleen Harrigan, a senior English/communications major, Kelly O'Connor, a senior English/pyschology major, met with USCS students in fall 2002. In workshops conducted by Mr. Posocco, they discussed the nature of poetry and literature, and "what makes them work," said Dr. Beal.

In October, Dr. Beal and Mr. Posocco applied for a Sigma Tau Delta project grant for "The 'My World and Myself' Creative Writing competition at The University of Scranton Campus School. The project was funded with $200 and a Sigma Tau Delta project grant for " 'My World and Myself' - A Literary Competition and Magazine for University students." Recently, they were notified that they received one of only two awards distributed nationally. The $200 grant be used toward printing costs for the magazine.

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Campus School students will make final selections for the magazine with help from Mr. Posocco and his colleagues. M.R. Posocco became interested in the project through his work with Esprit, The University of Scranton's literary magazine.

He enjoys working with the students at the Campus School and was really the "main man" of the project, says Dr. Beal. "He was there almost weekly," Mr. Posocco says he enjoyed his involvement with the students.

"I may pursue an education degree in the future. Working with younger people is definitely something I'd like to do again, he said.

Natali Fusillo says the project gave her the opportunity to help the students foster a love of literature and a means of expressing themselves through writing.

"Not only does this project allow for University students to get involved in the community, but it also exposes the Campus School students to literature which they might not otherwise have encountered until high school," she said. "We helped them see that writing is more than just a bunch of words in a book. It is a means of communicating complex ideas and feelings."

Copies of the USCS Literary Magazine will be available in April or May. They will be distributed to members of the Campus School community and those who helped the students work on the project.
20th World Premiere Composition to be Presented 2 May

On an early spring day in 1984, an event took place at The University of Scranton that would begin a new era of outstanding performance music for the institution and its students. May 4 was the date of the first World Premiere Composition Series concert on campus, the only series of its kind in the nation. The series has provided University students with opportunities to work and interact with internationally renowned composers and conductors, and has made significant contributions to wind and choral repertoires.

Although this year will feature the 20th Annual World Premiere Composition Series, there were no plans in 1984 for more than one World Premiere. Director of Performance Music Cheryl Y. Boga remembers, “We said, ‘We participated in the birth of a piece of music.’ It was such an amazing experience for everyone involved that we knew we had to do it again.”

Since then, approximately 50 works have been commissioned as part of the series, many of which are being performed worldwide, according to Ms. Boga.

“The University’s name is on every piece of that music,” she says. “And the works performed around the world is The University’s first commission, entitled “Agon.” It was written by composer VACLAV NELHYBEL, who died in 1996, and whose collection of published and unpublished compositions, personal papers, manuscript scores and other materials now resides at the University as part of The Nelhybel Collection.

The first performance took place in Egan Auditorium of the O’Henter Student Center, and the corporate sponsor for the event was Mutual of New York.

After that, Ms. Boga says, “Things began to take off,” and the second World Premiere featured the work of internationally-acclaimed composer/conductor Robert Kapilow, a regular on the National Public Radio program, Performance Today. Among World Premiere veterans are such renowned composers as T.erry James, whose score for the movie “Jonathan Livingston Seagull” won a Grammy Award and a Gold Record; Robert Starer, whose many works have been premiered, recorded and performed here and abroad; and Brett W. Dietz, whose Scranton commission, “Pandora’s Box,” recently received its Carnegie Hall premiere.

The 2003 performance, which is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 May, in the Hoilihian-Holan Center, will feature The University of Scranton Concert Band and Choir with guest composer/conductors Wycoff Gordon and Lawrence Wolfe. The corporate sponsor is Pennstar Bank, and the performance is free and open to the public.

Both Mr. Gordon, a member of the faculty at The Juilliard School and acclaimed jazz trombonist, whose new score to the movie “Body and Soul” opened the jazz season at Lincoln Center last year, and Mr. Wolfe, who is a member of The Boston Symphony Orchestra and The Boston Pops, and has written for members of both orchestras, have debuted pieces at the World Premiere in the past and have been invited back to commemorate and celebrate the anniversary of the series.

The concert will open with “Agon,” and the musicians will be working from Nelhybel’s original manuscript.

Mr. Wolfe will present his composition for band, “Cadences,” and will join the ensemble on bass during the premiere performance of Mr. Gordon’s choral piece, “Prayer, Acknowledgement and Celebration.” Mr. Gordon will play trombone during the premiere performance of Mr. Gordon’s choral piece, “Prayer, Acknowledgement and Celebration.” Ms. Boga stresses that the World Premiere presents wonderful opportunities for learning — and not just for the students. “The composers learn things from them,” she said. “There’s a give and take that’s pretty remarkable. I’ve had composers say they’ve learned as much from the kids as the kids have learned from them.”

Ms. Boga looks back at the inaugural World Premiere with genuine fondness and joy. “When VACLAV came in, after we’d rehearsed, everything was electric,” she says with a smile. “It’s been a blast.”

PENNSTAR BANK PRESENTS $3,500 TO UNIVERSITY

Pennstar Bank presented a check in the amount of $3,500 to the University as corporate sponsor of the 20th World Premiere Composition Series. Shown at the presentation are, from left: Karen L. Thomas, Vice President, Marketing Manager, Pennstar Bank; David E. Raven, President and Chief Operating Officer, Pennstar; Cheryl Y. Boga, Director of Performance Music at the University; Margaret McNulty, the University’s Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations; and University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J.

Consortium to Host Job Fair on 27 March

The Northeast Pennsylvania Employment Consortium will hold a job fair at The First Union Arena, Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, 27 March, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The University of Scranton, Wilkes University, King’s College, Marywood University and College Misericordia make up the consortium. The fair will be open to students and alumni of these schools.


Opportunities will be available for full-time positions and internships in the fields of health care, education, business, government and human services.

Students attending should dress professionally and bring several copies of their resume. For additional information, contact the career service office of any of the participating schools.
University Art Gallery Features Work of Noted Women Artists

The University of Scranton Art Gallery is featuring the work of two women artists during the month of April. "Sunday in Tlacolula: Recent Works by Arlene Love," a native of Philadelphia, will continue through 11 April. Ms. Love's exhibit features a variety of drawings and photographs of rural Mexico. Her 1992 bronze sculpture, "Jacob Wrestling with the Angel," rests atop the University's Commons. A sculptor for much of her adult life, she turned to drawing and photography as a means of expressing the curious fusion of past and present found in Tlacolula. Ms. Love is a graduate of the Tyler School of Art.

In conjunction with "Sunday in Tlacolula," The University Art Gallery is offering a Figure Drawing Workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Fridays, 28 March, and 4 April. The workshop will explore basic contour and gesture techniques. Students will work with models and mirrors to produce figure drawings and portraits in conte crayon. Beginning 27 April, New York based artist Berenice D'Vorzon will present "In Nature: Recent Works by Berenice D'Vorzon," featuring paintings and mixed media works that explore our spiritual and biological connections to the environment. The show will continue through 30 May.

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The Stearing Committee is chaired by Dr. Donna Naravage-Held and includes Dr. Ellen Miller Casey, Ms. Robyn L. Dickinson, Dr. Trudy A. Dickneide, Dr. Daniel P. Mahoney, Dr. John M. Mchrey, Mt. Paul Petachi, Dr. Virginia C. Schwalm, Rev. John J. Shea, S.J., Dr. E. Springs Stedel, and Dr. Janice Volkbro.

Bioethics Chairman Delivers Lecture

The Center for Ethics Studies at The University sponsored a lecture by Leon R. Kass, Chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics on 26 March. In his lecture entitled, "A Chaim and Its Limits: Why Not Immortality?", Dr. Kass discussed the effort to increase, through gene therapy and cloning, the maximum lifespan of a human being and even to overcome mortality.

Dr. Kass is a physician and biochemist who, for more than 30 years, has focused on the human meaning of science and especially on ethical and philosophical issues raised by biomedical research. In August 2001, President George W. Bush appointed Dr. Kass Chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics. Dr. Kass is the Alice Lask Harding Professor in the Committee on Social Thought and the College at the University of Chicago, where he has taught since 1976. Dr. Kass completed research in molecular biology at the National Institutes of Health, while serving in the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Kass is a Founding Fellow of the Hastings Center, of which he has been a board member for 26 years, and a Senior Fellow of the McLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago. He has served as a surgeon for the U.S. Public Health Service and has held positions in the field of medical ethics at the National Academy of Sciences, St. John's College, and the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University. He is the author of numerous articles and books.

Steering Committee Seeks Input on Periodic Review Report

As part of the re-accreditation process, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education requires the submission of a Periodic Review Report (PRR) five years after the completion of the Institutional Self-Study. The University's last self-study was in 1998.

The PRR is a retrospective, current and prospective analysis of the institution. The retrospective and current portions detail the University's response to the recommendations made by the Middle States Evaluation Team and the Self-Study.

A draft report, released to the University community in March, is now available for feedback from the University community. Accordingly, University employees and students are invited to attend a University Forum to be held on 28 March in the Egan Auditorium of the Under Center from 3 - 4 p.m. Hard copies of the report are available in all departments on campus or can be downloaded from the Assessment and Institutional Research Office Web page (http://www.scranton.edu/AIRO/).

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Planners Announce Financing Incentives for Housing Initiative

Four local banks have announced incentives to support a community initiative aimed at redeveloping Scranton’s Historic Hill District.

The banks, Citizens Savings Association, Pennsylvania Security Bank, Trust Co., Community Bank, Trust Co., and PNC Bank, N.A., will offer incentives to the University of Scranton’s Historic Hill District Community Partnership to support the development of affordable housing in the Historic Hill District.

The incentives include an interest rate rebate on mortgage loans for low- and moderate-income families, and a 30-year mortgage with a reduced interest rate. The banks will also offer a 1% federal income tax credit for homeowners who purchase homes in the Historic Hill District.

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The University Receives Education Grant for Math Program

The University of Scranton’s Education Department has received a $50,000 grant from M (Mid-Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory) Directors and Superintendents Network (M DSN), to assist and support teachers in the Scranton School District in the implementation of a collaborative mathematics program launched in 2002.

The three-year partnership grant between The University of Scranton and the Scranton School District will be used to support teachers in the implementation of a problem-based mathematics program. The grant will also be used to identify ways to raise Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) standardized test scores in grades 3, 5, and 8 in three Scranton District schools that have a high concentration of learners who come from economically disadvantaged families and who have limited proficiency in English.

“Both the Eisenhower and the M DSN grant programs are based on the concept of improving students’ understanding of mathematics by developing the skills of educators and parents,” said John R. Williams, Ed.D., Superintendent of the Scranton School District. “The programs use professional development as a means to an end. By improving how mathematics is taught, we hope to improve how it is learned by our students.”

Local professionals will be invited to participate in the SHARE Institute, a “think tank” of university professors, researchers, in-service and pre-service teacher, school administrators, parents and business people. SHARE, the acronym for Students’ High-level of Achievement through Research in Education, uses a research-based Lesson Study Model that grew out of collabora- tive work with the U.S. Department of Education.

“While the Eisenhower grant involved a summer academy and parent forums to teach math concepts to educators and parents, the MDSN grant program will use a much broader and longer-term approach to evaluate how effectively these math concepts are being implemented in the classroom,” explained Dr. Cozza.

“The long-term objective of these collaborative programs is to improve student achievement in mathematics, using standardized State tests as a baseline,” said John R. Williams, Ed.D., Superintendent of the Scranton School District. “The programs use professional development as a means to an end. By improving how mathematics is taught, we hope to improve how it is learned by our students.”

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Nursing Professor to Deliver Keynote Address

Sharon Hudacek, RN, C5, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Nursing at the University, has been invited to deliver the keynote address at “The Great 100 Nurses Celebration” hosted by American Nursing Services, Inc., on 30 April in New Orleans.

The event, which is expected to draw 3,200 nurses, physicians, legislators, families, and patients, will include the presentation of awards to the top 100 nurses in the state of Louisiana. Nurses are nominated by their peers based on three qualities: demonstrated concern for humanity, significant contribution to the nursing profession; and recognition as a mentor or role model for others.

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Ignatian Week Events Announced

The University will celebrate its Ignatian identity (Ignatian Week, 6-12 April).

The week’s events will begin with a special Mass as well as be held the evening of 6 April in the Byron Complex. Principal celebrant will be University President Joseph M. M. G有趣, S.J. The homily will be delivered by Ronald McKinney, S.J.

Lunchtime discussions about Jesuit and faculty as campus colleagues will be held on 8 and 10 April. The week will also include sessions on The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

A highlight of the week’s events will occur during the University’s Obesity 9 April with the presentation of the annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian Mission and Ministry. The University Assembly will be held in the Executive Center (5th floor) of Brennan Hall beginning at 3 p.m. The University community is encouraged to attend the Assembly.

For the first time in the Award’s seven-year history, it will be presented to two people. This year’s recipients are Maureen A. Fay, O.P., Ph.D., President of the University of Detroit Mercy, and David O’Brien, Ph.D., Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies and Past Director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at the College of the Holy Cross.

The Arrupe Award is named in honor of the late Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus from 1965 to 1983. The University instituted the award in 1996 to further its namesake’s vision by recognizing men and women for outstanding contributions in a wide variety of Ignatian-inspired ministries.

Sr. Maureen Fay’s accomplished career in education spans more than 30 years at leading educational institutions. Prior to being named President of the University of Detroit Mercy, she served as President of Mercy College of Detroit. She held various posts at Saint Xavier College in Chicago, including Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Continuing Education.

Sr. Maureen earned her doctorate in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago, her master’s degree from the University of Detroit, and her bachelor’s degree from Siena Heights College in Adrian, Mich. She has received the American Council on Education Fellowship in Academic Administration and the Carnegie Fellowship for Doctoral Studies in Higher Education and the Adult Learner. She is past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

She serves on numerous boards, including the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan and the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

Since 1969, Dr. O’Brien has held several distinguished positions at the College of the Holy Cross. He has served as Speaker of the Faculty, Director of Peace and Conflict Studies, and Director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture. He also served as a Research Consultant to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on the Celebration of the Bicentennial in 1976. Dr. O’Brien has received several awards, including the President’s Bicentennial Award for Distinguished Contribution to Historical Study of American Catholicism from Boston College, and the Theodore M. Heuberg Award for Distinguished Contribution to Catholic Higher Education from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in 1992. He has served on the boards and committees of numerous organizations, including the American Catholic Historical Association, the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dr. O’Brien is the author of six books, and his articles have appeared in many scholarly and popular publications.

For additional information about Ignatian Week, contact Terrence Toland, S.J., Director of the Center for Mission Reflection, at tolandt2@scranton.edu.

Campus explores the Culture, Cuisine and Crises of Africa

Africa became the focus of the campus on 27 February as the University’s International Center sponsored a series of events to spotlight the continent’s art, dance, music, food and challenges.

Leon Fu e rth, the former National Security Advisor to Vice President Al Gore, spoke to students and faculty about the AIDS crisis in Africa and other emerging threats to American foreign policy.

Dr. Fu e rth gave a behind the scenes look at the inner workings of diplomacy when he described the way in which the AIDS crisis in Africa was presented to world leaders, many of whom had limited knowledge of the disease.

In addition to the lecture, the International Center sponsored a Global Food Edit for university students and invited guests featuring African cuisine. Menu items included peanut soup, dora wat (vegetable with garlic and ginger).

The International Center also sponsored a performance by the Kulu Mele African American Dance Ensemble. The dancers were authentically costumed and the dances included the authentic drumming of the African societies from which the traditions came.

Throughout the day, dozens of authentic African artifacts were on display.
ROYALS ADVANCE TO SWEET 16' OF NCAA TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1992-1993

The University of Scranton men's basketball team won its 16th overall Middie Atlantic/ Freedom Conference title on Saturday, March 2, with a 72-65 victory over DeSales University before packed house at the Long Center. In the process, the Royals earned their 19th trip to the NCAA Division III championships, where Scranton advanced to the "Sweet 16" for the first time since 1992-1993 with nailing victories over Asbury College, 85-62, in the championship.

Senior Darren Buseman (Mullica H. Ill, N.J./Kingsway Regional) finished seventh in the 157-pound weight class at the 2003 NCAA Division III championships at Ohio Northern University to become the second wrestler in University of Scranton history to garner all-America honors.

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LADY ROYALS CONTINUE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The best goes on for steady head coach M.K. Strong and his Lady Royal women's basketball team. For the second straight year and for the 11th time in the last 12 seasons, Scranton advanced to the NCAA Division III championships, where the Lady Royals defeated St. Lawrence, 66-61, on Wednesday, 5 March, at the Long Center, before putting the wraps on a 23-5 season with a 59-45 loss to the University of Rochester.

Juniorguard Kate Pierangeli (Springfield, Mass./Springfield/Frederick Springs) came off the bench to lift the Royals to victory with 17 points in Scranton's 72-65 win over DeSales University Saturday, March 2.

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7:45 a.m. Luzerne Alumni Chapter President’s Breakfast, Westmoreland Club, 59 S. Franklin St. Wilkes-Barre. The Alumni Achievement Award will be presented to Donald A. M. Andrews. 48. R.S.V.P. by 21 M arch. 1-800-SCRANTON or e-mail alumni@scranton.edu

3 p.m. Softball hosts Baptist Bible, Tripp Park

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3 p.m. Baseball hosts FDU-Florham, Connell Park

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1 p.m. Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Retreat, Dominican Retreat House, Eikis Park. 1-800-SCRANTON

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APRIL

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4 p.m. Women’s Lacrosse hosts Wilkes, Fitzpatrick Field

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11:45 a.m. Hartford Area Alumni President’s Luncheon, The Goodwin Hotel, 941-3100. R.S.V.P. by 30 March. Free and open to the public. 941-6323

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3:30 p.m. Baseball hosts Mianus, Connell Park

5
P.M. The American College of Healthcare Executives Student Chapter annual Spring Symposium, Eagen Auditorium. 941-4217

3
6 p.m. The Greater Pittsburgh Area Jesuit Alumni speakers program lecture, "Is Tough to Be Catholic." The speaker is the Most Rev. Dr. David V. Vieux, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Field Club, Fox Chapel, Pittsburgh. R.S.V.P. 1-800-SCRANTON

3
7:30 p.m. The University Film Festival, sponsored by The University’s Italian Studies Program, presents a screening of, "Il mio ostro," Room 509, Brennan Hall. 941-7520

4
2 & 8 p.m. The University Players present the "High Society" today through 6 April. Royal Theater, M.C. Dade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. 941-4318

5
Graduate School Comprehensive Exams

1 p.m. Baseball hosts King’s, Connell Park

1 p.m. Softball hosts Lycoming, Tripp Park

1 p.m. Women’s Lacrosse hosts Lycoming, Fitzpatrick Field

4 p.m. Softball hosts Bishops, Tripp Park

6
7:30 p.m. The University Players present "In Concert," Houlihan-M-Clean Center. Free and open to the public. 941-4214

8
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Art Gallery Lecture, "The Art of Berenice D’Vorzon," Jennifer Shen, University Honors Student, Room 509, Brennan Hall. 941-4214

9
1-3 p.m. The University Players present "High Society," for students in grades Kindergarten-4 and their teachers. Houlihan-M-Clean Center. Pre-registration requested call 941-7624 or e-mail music@scranton.edu

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2 & 8 p.m. The University Players present "High Society" today through 13 April, Royal Theater, M.C. Dade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. 941-4318

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4 p.m. Softball hosts DeSales, Connell Park

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12:30 a.m. Medical Alumni Council Meeting, Room 627, O’Hara Hall. 1-800-SCRANTON

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12:30 a.m. Women’s Tennis hosts Wilkes, Polyc-Hi Courts

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9:30 a.m. The University Jazz Ensemble presents an "Informal," on display through 13 April, Royal Theater, M.C. Dade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. 941-4318

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10 a.m. Softball hosts Bishops, Tripp Park

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11 a.m. Good Friday, Staff Holiday

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1 p.m. Baseball hosts Wilkes, Connell Park

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4 p.m. Men’s Lacrosse hosts Drew, Fitzpatrick Field

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1 p.m. Softball hosts FDU-Florham, Connell Park

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9 a.m. Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library will host a Book & Plant Sale today and Sunday, Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library. 941-4006

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4 p.m. Softball hosts Bishops, Connell Park

28
7:30 p.m. The University Chamber Music Ensemble presents a recital, "In Concert," Houlihan-M-Clean Center. Free and open to the public. 941-7624

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MAY

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8 p.m. The University Players present a New Director’s Workshop today through 3 May. Royal Theater, M.C. Dade Center. 941-4318

2
10 a.m.-2 p.m. The University Art Gallery and NEIU #19 workshop for elementary and high school students, teachers and/or parents, "In Nature," Workshops in landscape abstraction, Fridays through 30 May, Fourth Floor, Hyland Hall. 941-4214

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10 a.m. Third Annual Celebration of Student Scholars, Long Center. 941-6180

The University Players will present "High Society," 4-6 April and 11-13 April in the Mc...
The University and Moses Taylor Hospital Partner Across Globe

The University of Scranton received $100,000 to lead an initiative to train top administrators of a state-of-the-art hospital in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the American International Health Alliance, Inc. (AIHA), the initiative forms a partnership between The University of Scranton, Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, Methodist Brothers Hospital in Slovakia, the National Health Management Center of Georgia and the Gudushauri National Medical Center in Georgia. 

"The purpose of this initiative is to establish a community collaboration among international partners in health management. Our plan is to develop and implement a sustainable program with results supported by evidence-based management competencies," said Daniel West, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Health Administration and Human Resources. Dr. West is the lead investigator of the grant proposal. The initiative uses evidence-based management training – procedures that can be verified by quantitative data – to develop a customized program for senior management of Gudushauri National Medical Center. Senior administrators from the hospital will work with University of Scranton faculty and experienced administrators of Moses Taylor Hospital to develop techniques and programs that will work for them. The plans adopted will then be tracked to ensure that the expected results are achieved and maintained.

"This program is a unique opportunity for us to exchange knowledge, information and ideas," said Harold E. Anderson, President & CEO, Moses Taylor Hospital. "Although the health systems of Georgia and the United States are very different, at the personal and operational level we have much in common. Moses Taylor Hospital is pleased to be a partner in this initiative."

The program involves exchanges of faculty and administrators from all partners. Marina Gudushauri, M.D., General Director of Gudushauri National Medical Center, was in Scranton the week of 16 March as part of this initiative. She spent time on the University's campus and at Moses Taylor Hospital. The hospital in Tbilisi is named after her father. This partnership builds on the experiences of The University of Scranton has with former Soviet Union countries. The University of Scranton first formed a partnership with the National Health Management Center and Ministry of Health in Georgia in 1999 through a grant from AIHA, with support from USAID. The University of Scranton received another grant in 2000 from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, to develop the partnership between The University of Scranton and Tbilisi State Medical University for rehabilitation and special education. Georgia is one of the independent countries formed after the collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union in 1992.

The Student Senate Reports on its First Year of Activities

In its first year of operation, the Student Senate provided input on a number of issues of interest to students. Throughout the academic year, the Student Senate has met on a bi-monthly basis to discuss bills and resolutions. The Senate has also had full representation at meetings of the University's Board of Trustees and Board of Regents, and have had representation at all University-wide and division-wide committees. For example, Frank Salfi, President of the Student Senate, was named to the Search Committee to help identify a successor to University President Joseph M. C'Shane, S.J., and was able to meet President George W. Bush during his visit to campus on 16 January.

The Student Senate has also provided input into the Commencement planning process and has provided feedback about town/gown relationships between the University and the community of Scranton.

The Student Senate has also met with student groups to address their concerns. Two forums were held with commuter students to discuss parking and dining services.

The Student Senate was established in 2002 as the legislative branch of Student Government. It is one of three primary representative bodies that are consulted in the University's governance system. The purpose of Student Senate is to participate in the discussion of policies and regulations regarding areas of primary interest to student members of the University community.

In previous years, Student Government included the programming body. With the formation of the Student Senate, that function was separated out into the Programming Board. This separation has allowed the Student Senate to focus on accomplishing several tasks during its first year of operation.

The Student Senate is responsible for the allocation of $60,000 annually to student clubs. The funds, which are generated through a student activity fee, are allocated each semester through an extensive deliberative process. A key component of the process is determining whether a club has met the requirement of three service projects a semester.

The 2002-2003 Student Senate officers are as follows: Frank Salfi, President; Tim Gabrielli, Vice President; Matt Ross, Treasurer; and Christine Frawley, Secretary. For additional information, visit the Website at http://academic.uofs.edu/organization/stugov.

Students Participate in Band Festival

Four University students qualified for and participated in the 56th annual Pennsylvania State Intercollegiate Band Festival. This year's festival, hosted by Mansfield University, was held 28 February - 2 March and included 120 students representing 30 colleges and universities from throughout Pennsylvania. Students participated in an intensive three days of sheet auditions, rehearsals and performances. Pictured, from left: Sarah Martin, senior clarinetist; Karen McGuigan, freshman clarinetist; Dan Hymen, sophomore trumpeter; and Jamie Homburger, junior trumpeter.

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