Three University of Scranton students have been named among a select group of students to receive two of the nation’s most prestigious scholarships.

**Tina Marie George**, a Biology and Philosophy major, is one of only 75 students from 65 colleges in the nation to be named Goldwater Scholars for the 2005/2006 academic year. University of Scranton students have been awarded Goldwater Scholarships for three consecutive years.

**Truman Scholar**

A native of Avoca, Ms. George is the sixth University of Scranton student to be named a Truman Scholar.

“I am in shock,” said Ms. George about becoming a Truman Scholar. “Other finalists traveled all around the world on service projects. I can’t believe a painter’s daughter from Avoca was selected. I am honored.”

“The Truman Scholarship is widely regarded as one of the most competitive and prestigious scholarship programs in America,” said Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science and the University’s faculty representative for the Truman Scholarship. “Tina has a long-standing record of creating a wide range of service activities to address and alleviate health concerns facing her community, which makes her an exemplary Truman Scholar.”

Ms. George is currently working on a research project with Rev. Timothy Cadigan, S.J., Assistant Professor of Biology, to monitor the effects of chemicals, including creosote, on the Lackawanna River.

Last year, Ms. George organized a series of presentations on issues related to women’s health and a panel discussion of women physicians from northeastern Pennsylvania to discuss current local issues in the field of medicine.

A stellar student, Ms. George is a member of the University’s Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, the National Jesuit Honor Society (Alpha Sigma Nu), and the Philosophy Honor Society. She has received numerous honors and scholarships for academic merit.

**Goldwater Scholars**

“The Goldwater Scholarship is among the most prestigious and competitive programs in the nation,” said Mary Engel, Ph.D., Director of the University’s Office of Fellowship Programs. “Many recipients go on to the most esteemed doctoral programs in research science.

As a student in the University’s Dexter Hanley College for adult learners, Mr. Sechler, Scranton, has worked as a research assistant with John Deák, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, in a groundbreaking research study about how heat energy is created at the molecular level. Their research, which was published in the October 15, 2004, issue of Science, could have far reaching implications for developing nano-devices.

For two consecutive years, Mr. Sechler was a member of the team that placed first at American Chemical Society’s Chemvention competition. The University of Scranton team won first place in the national competition in 2003 and 2004.

“Tim is a rare type of individual who has come along only occasionally during my 30-year teaching career,” said Michael Cann, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry.

A native of Brookhaven, Mr. Sechler currently serves as secretary of the University’s Chemistry and Biochemistry Club, and he has previously served on its executive committee. He is a member of the University’s Undergraduate Honors Program and has been a dean’s list student for all terms of his studies at the University.

Ms. McGuigan, Hauppauge, N.Y., has been involved in research since her freshman year at the University. Through the University’s Faculty Student Research Program, she has worked with Joe Vinson, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, to test the antioxidant levels in different coffees.

“She has lofty ambitions and the Goldwater Scholarship affirms what I already know: that Karen is special and will be a bright star in the scientific community in the future,” said Dr. Vinson. In 2004, she participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program sponsored by the National Science Foundation at the University of Connecticut.

A member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, a Presidential Scholar and a dean’s list student, she is a member of the Chemistry Honor Society, the National Jesuit Honor Society and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

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**Commencement Speaker Announced**

Jay Parini, Ph.D., an award-winning poet, biographer, fiction writer and educator, will give the principal address at the University of Scranton’s 2005 Commencement ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students on Sunday, May 29.

A native of Scranton, Dr. Parini will receive an honorary degree at the ceremony, which will begin at noon at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre.

“Passionate about teaching, Dr. Parini will deliver a message sure to both inspire and challenge us to even greater success as the University fulfills its Jesuit mission of education,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President.

“Although less known among the student body, he is a speaker with a message that our graduates will surely identify with and remember. We are delighted that Dr. Parini will speak at our commencement.”


A versatile writer, Dr. Parini has published poetry and acclaimed biographies, as well as essays on the New York Knicks. He has published four biographies, including Robert Frost: A Life, which won the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award for the best non-fiction work in 2000.

A university professor for 30 years, Dr. Parini serves as the Director of the Creative Writing Program and the Axinn Professor of English at Middlebury College, Vt.

A graduate of West Scranton High School, Dr. Parini earned a bachelor’s degree from Lafayette College and a Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.
Applications Break Record for Fourth Year

The University of Scranton has set a record for undergraduate applications for the fourth consecutive year, receiving 6,276 applications for admission to the University’s 57 full-time undergraduate programs for the fall of 2005.

This represents an increase of 3.2 percent over applications received by the same time last year and an increase of 64 percent above 2001 totals.

Last year’s record of 6,126 applications marked the first time that applications broke the 6,000 mark in the history of the University. It was only three years ago when applications to the University first broke 5,000.

For 2003, The University of Scranton received a record 5,649 applications. For 2002, the University received 5,123 applications, which broke the 1989 record of 4,871.

The complete count for the 2004 recruiting cycle will not be available until the fall. The application deadline for full-time undergraduate students was March 1; however, applications for adult, part-time, and graduate students will continue to be accepted.

Applications have increased from all primary areas served by the University, including Scranton and northeast Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and other areas on the east coast. Applications have also increased throughout nearly all of the undergraduate programs of study offered at the University.

Despite the increase in applications, the university anticipates an incoming class of about 950 students.

For additional information contact The University of Scranton Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON, or by e-mail at admissions@scranton.edu.

Harvard Professor to Deliver Ethics Lecture

The University’s Center for Ethics Studies will sponsor its annual spring lecture on April 28 at 8 p.m. Henry Louis Gates, W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University, and Chair of the Department of African and African American Studies, is this year’s featured speaker.

The lecture, offered free of charge and open to the public, will be held in Eagen Auditorium in the Gunster Student Center on campus.

Dr. Gates will discuss “W.E.B. Du Bois and the Encyclopedia Africana.”

Dr. Gates is the author of several works of literary criticism, including Figures in Black: Words, Signs and the “Racial” Self, The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism, which won the 1989 American Book Award, and Louie Canows: Notes on the Culture Wars. He also authored Colored People: A Memoir, which traces his childhood experiences in a small West Virginia town, as well as two other books.

Among his many honors are a MacArthur Foundation “Genius Grant” in 1981, the George Polk Award for Social Commentary (1993), Chicago Tribune Heartland Award (1994), Time magazine’s “25 Most Influential Americans” list in 1997.

For further information, about the lecture call (570) 941-4302.

Orthodox Rabbinical Students Visit the University

In February, a group of Orthodox rabbinical students from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, New York City, visited The University of Scranton, where they participated in lectures and discussions concerning aspects of Judaism and Christianity with William V. Rowe, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, Scott Bader-Saye, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology/Religious Studies, and John W. McGinley, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy.

This event marked the first time that Orthodox rabbinical students traveled to a Catholic university to learn firsthand about Christian understandings of Judaism.

Senior Named to USA-Today’s Academic Team

University of Scranton senior Han Li, Clarks Summit, became the fourth University of Scranton student in three years to be named to USA Today’s All-USA College Academic Teams. A double major in biochemistry and biomathematics, Ms. Li was named to the second academic team, listing her nationally among USA Today’s top 40 undergraduate students.

A total of 60 students comprise USA Today’s three academic teams representing some of the nation’s most prestigious schools including Yale, Harvard, Stanford, and Princeton. The University of Scranton is one of only three colleges in Pennsylvania and one of only three Jesuit universities in the nation to have students listed.

The University of Scranton is honored to have our students so consistently listed among USA Today’s All-USA College Academic Teams,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President. “We are privileged to serve students of Han’s caliber. This is wonderful recognition that she so richly deserves.”

“I feel so lucky to be here at the university; without all my professors’ and friends’ encouragement and support, I would have not been where I am now,” said Ms. Li.

In 2004, Ms. Li was among the 310 sophomore and junior undergraduates in the nation to be awarded the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship.

Passionate about research, Ms. Li has also won two competitive summer research positions. In 2003, she was awarded a spot in the Howard Hughes Medical Summer Undergraduate Research program at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2004, she worked in the Undergraduate Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program at Washington University in St. Louis.

After graduation, she intends to pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical science and conduct research through the National Institutes of Health or teach at the university level. She has already been accepted to Ph.D. programs at Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, The University of Pennsylvania and Washington University in St. Louis.

Survey Shows Strong Employment

The results of a University of Scranton post-graduation survey reveal that 96 percent of its undergraduate class of 2004 graduates are either employed or pursuing additional education within six months of graduation.

The survey is based on responses reported for graduates in Pennsylvania was $33,123 and $28,845 for northeastern New York, New Jersey and other areas on the east coast. Applications have also increased throughout nearly all of the undergraduate programs of study offered at the University.

The survey shows strong employment:

Geographically, of those employed, 85 percent of the respondents were working in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, with 12 percent working in northeast Pennsylvania. A total of 86.4 percent of the respondents indicated that their full-time employment was related to their major. Another 3.5 percent indicated working for the military, 2.5 percent were volunteering full-time and 7.7 percent indicated working in an unrelated field.

Detailed information for the University’s class of 2005 will not be available until next year. The University conducts an annual post graduation survey six months after commencement, the results of which are published the following spring.

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Four to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement 2005

The University will present four Honorary Degrees during its 2005 Commencement ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students on May 29 at Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza.

Honorary Degrees of Humane Letters will be presented to Jay Parini, Ph.D., an award winning poet, biographer, fiction writer and educator; Patricia Talone, R.S.M., Ph.D., Vice President of Mission Services, Catholic Health Association of the United States; Harry M. Jansen Kraemer Jr., former Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Baxter International Inc.; and Louis DeNaples, banker, businessman and former Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees.

The University will present an Honorary Degree posthumously to John E. Garety, who will be posthumously honored for his outstanding contributions to the University and to Scranton.


A university professor for 30 years, Dr. Parini serves as the director of the creative writing program and the Azinn Professor of English at Middlebury College, Vt., where he has taught since 1982. In addition to receiving an honorary degree from the University, Dr. Parini will deliver the principal address at the University’s 2005 Commencement ceremony.

Patricia Talone, a Sister of Mercy of the Merion, Pa., regional community, has served as Vice President of Mission Services at the Catholic Health Association (CHA), St. Louis, Mo., since 1993. She was previously Senior Director of Ethics at CHA. Prior to joining CHA, Sr. Patricia was Vice President for Mission Services and Ethicist for Unity Health, a subsidiary of the Sisters of Mercy Health System. She has taught at every academic level, from grade three through college, including nine years as Associate Professor of Humanities at Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Pa. Sr. Patricia serves on the Board of Directors of the National Catholic AIDS Network and Mid-America Transplant Services, as well as on the Institutional Review Board of the American College of Radiology. She is the author of “Feeling the Dying: Religion and End of Life Decisions.”

She holds a bachelor’s degree from Gwynedd-Mercy College, a master’s degree from St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia, and a Ph.D. from Marquette University, Milwaukee.

Mr. Kraemer was named Chief Executive of Baxter International, a $9 billion global health-care company headquartered in Illinois, in 1999. During his 22-year career with Baxter International, he held several senior positions in both domestic and international operations.

Before joining Baxter, he worked for Bank of America in corporate banking, and for Northeast Industries in planning and business development.

Currently, Mr. Kraemer serves as an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, Ill. He serves on the Board of Directors of Science Applications International Corporation, the Board of Trustees of Lawrence University, Northwestern University, on the Conference Board and Evanston Northwestern Healthcare.

Mr. DeNaples is President of DeNaples Auto Parts Corp., Dunmore, and Owner and Operator of Keystone Landfill Corp., and F & L Realty Corp. He is Chairman of the Board of First National Community Bank of Dunmore.

The University of Scranton’s Board of Trustees. He has also served on the boards of many other educational, civic and charitable organizations, including Allied Health Care Services, Goodwill Industries, the Salvation Army, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Pennsylvania State University Worthington Campus, and Scranton Preparatory School.

Diversity Symposium to Explore “Diversity: More Than Black and White”

The University of Scranton will sponsor a Diversity Symposium entitled “Diversity: More Than Black and White” from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. on Friday, May 6, in Brennan Hall. The symposium is part of the University’s speaker series on diversity, “All in Every Part.”

The conference is designed for business, corporate, student and community leaders, human resources professionals, healthcare service providers, mental health practitioners, human services and rehab counselors, diversity and multicultural coordinators, and organizational change agents. It will offer a forum for the intellectual exchange of ideas and cross-cultural dialogue about the challenges and opportunities related to diversity in the workplace, on the college campus and in the community.

Keynote speakers of the conference will be Frank H. Wu, Dean of Wayne State University Law School, and attorney, teacher and lecturer Angela E. Oh, Esq. Dean Frank H. Wu is the author of “Race in America Beyond Black and White” and co-author of “Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment.” His writing has appeared on a professional basis in such periodicals as the Washington Post, Detroit Free Press, Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun, Chronicle of Higher Education, Legal Times and Asian Week.

In 2004, he became the ninth Dean of Wayne State University Law School in his hometown of Detroit. From 1995 to 2004, Dean Wu served on the law faculty of Howard University, including two years as Clinic Director. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan.

Dean Wu was named among the top twenty scholars in the nation by “Race in Higher Education” in its 20th anniversary issue. Prior to his academic career, Dean Wu held a clerkship with the late U.S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti in Cleveland. He then joined the law firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco.

Angela Oh serves on several commissions and boards, including the California Commission on Access to Justice, the Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations and the 9th Circuit Judicial Conference. She currently serves on the board of Women’s Policy, Inc., and is also a member of the Board of Directors for Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company.

In June 1997, Ms. Oh was appointed by former President Bill Clinton to the President’s Initiative on Race. She served as part of a seven-member Advisory Board to the President in an effort directed at examining how race, racial and cultural differences have affected the development of this nation.

Ms. Oh practices law with the firm of Oh & Barrera, LLP, Los Angeles.

The conference registration fee is $35 per person, or $25 for University of Scranton faculty and staff. Corporate registrations for 10 people or more are available for $300 for 10 tickets. Registration deadline is Saturday, April 30. The fee includes attendance at an awards luncheon, as well as a continental breakfast.

For further information, contact the University’s Office of Equity & Diversity at (570) 941-6645, or visit www.scranton.edu/diversity.

Commencement 2005

Saturday, May 28
9:30 a.m. ROTC Commissioning
McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts

11:30 a.m. ROTC Reception, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor

1:00 p.m., Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Gunster Center, Eagen Auditorium. Followed by Reception, Gunster Center, Trophy Room

4:00 p.m., Baccalaureate Mass
Byron Complex

6:00 p.m., Dinner for Graduates and Parents, Gunster Center. Tickets are required; please call (570) 941-7456.

8:00 p.m., Class Night and Reception, Byron Complex. Those who have been notified as award winners should report to the Byron Complex by 7 p.m. for pictures.

Sunday, May 29
10:45 a.m., Commencement Assembly, Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Students should report in full academic attire and with numbered placement card.

Noon, Academic Procession and Commencement
University of Scranton Provides Update on Strategic Plan 2005-2010

Over the past 18 months, members of the University community have been working to develop a new Strategic Plan 2005-2010. The new Strategic Plan will build on the University’s current: Strategic Plan 2000-2005: A Community of Scholars, A Culture of Excellence, and will position the University for the strategic challenges and opportunities on its horizon.

The new Strategic Plan will differ from the old in that there will be fewer themes, and the plan will be more focused, according to Jerome P. DeSanto, Vice President for Planning and Chief Information Officer.

“The detail about how to meet the goals of the plan will be captured in the development of divisional tactical plans, which are currently being developed,” said Mr. DeSanto.

The new planning model includes three levels of planning: strategic, tactical and operational, with assessment being a key ingredient in measuring the progress in meeting goals.

To date, plan development has included both internal and external analysis. Internally, the University developed the Periodic Review Report for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (2003) and conducted the Campus Climate Study (2004). Externally, 13 environmental scans were undertaken by the Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research Office and were subsequently reviewed by the University Planning Committee. In November nearly 50 members of the University community gathered at Planning Day to conduct an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in preparation for the development of the themes for the new plan.

Four draft themes and accompanying strategies have been developed for the Strategic Plan 2005-2010. A focus on the University’s mission will be incorporated into each theme.

- Educational Excellence
- Campus Community
- Economic Strength
- Civic Engagement

In the months leading up to the September launch of the new Strategic Plan, the University will engage in several initiatives.

- Distribution of draft themes and strategies to the campus community through presentations and the Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research Office Web site, www.scranton.edu/planning.
- Feedback is encouraged.
- Development of three-year tactical plans by divisions
- Review of and revisions to the University’s vision statement
- Additional review and revisions of the draft plan by the University Planning Committee
- Presentation of the final strategic plan to the Board of Trustees in May 2005.
- Launch of the new plan in September.

For additional information about the Strategic Planning Process visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/planning.

University to Eliminate Use of Social Security Numbers for Royal Card Identification

Beginning this summer, the University will eliminate the use of Social Security Numbers as an identification for students, faculty and staff. Social Security Number identifications will be replaced with University-assigned “Royal ID” numbers as part of a proactive initiative to secure confidential information.

The University’s decision is based on escalating nationwide concerns about identity theft, and is in keeping with efforts across the country to protect confidential information. Pennsylvania has not yet enacted legislation that prohibits universities and colleges from using Social Security Numbers (SSNs) as their student and constituent identification number. Several states, however, including New York and New Jersey, have passed legislation to or banned the use and display of SSN’s to identify students. This would include class lists given to teachers or ID cards, except where required by applicable state and federal law.

“Rather than waiting for a legislative mandate, the University has chosen to eliminate the use of SSNs as identification numbers in the interest of upholding the integrity and confidentiality of personal student and employee information,” said Helen Stager, Registrar and Chair of the 23-member SSN Conversion Task Force.

New eight-digit Royal ID numbers will be assigned to all currently enrolled students, and to all full- and part-time faculty and staff this summer. New students will be assigned Royal ID numbers when they enroll.

As part of the conversion process, students, faculty and staff will be issued new Royal Cards bearing their Royal ID. Once this conversion is complete, old Royal Cards will no longer work, and SSNs will no longer be accepted as a form of University identification.

Faculty and staff who wish to have new photographs taken for their Royal Cards can do so until June 17. The Royal Card Office is available to take new photographs in St. Thomas Hall, Room 102, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The University will still need to collect Social Security Numbers for mandated reporting in areas such as financial aid and human resources. Where Social Security Numbers continue to be used for regulatory reasons, electronic access will be limited to essential operations.

Additional information will be sent to students, faculty and staff in the months leading up to the summer conversion.

National Institute of Justice Fellow to Speak on Sexual Assault, April 26

Martin D. Schwartz, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and Presidential Research Scholar at Ohio University, and Visiting Fellow at the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, will speak on “Sexual Assault on the College Campus” at the University of Scranton.

Dr. Schwartz has authored and co-authored or edited numerous books and journal articles on sexual assault and domestic violence. He is the co-author of Sexual Assault on the College Campus (Sage, 1997) and Women Abuse on Campus (Sage, 1998), and the editor of Researching Sexual Violence Against Women (Sage, 1997).

He has been active in the battered women’s shelter movement since the 1970s. Among his other honors as a teacher and scholar, he received the 2004 Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology’s Division on Women and Crime and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Society of Criminology’s Division on Critical Criminology.

Dr. Schwartz earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

He is working on a project on police investigation of sexual assault at the National Institute of Justice.

Dr. Schwartz’s lecture is part of activities scheduled during Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which is April 25-29, and is co-sponsored by Sexual Awareness and the Jane Kopas Women’s Center at The University of Scranton.

For additional information about Dr. Schwartz’s lecture, contact David Friedrichs, Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice at the University, at (570) 941-7467.

J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture Held

The literary genius of Flannery O’Connor and the devoted teaching and scholarly of a beloved Jesuit will provide the inspiration for the first J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture Celebrating the Catholic Intellectual Tradition on Tuesday, April 5.

Distinguished professor and author Ralph C. Wood, Ph.D., University Professor of Theology and Literature at Baylor University, will present “Flannery O’Connor’s Enduring Witness: A Celebration of the Legacy of J.J. Quinn, S.J.”

The late J.J. Quinn, S.J., served as a Professor of English at The University of Scranton for more than four decades. Participating in the unveiling of a bronze “bust” of J.J. Quinn, from left: Tom Quinn, nephew of J.J. Quinn; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President; Ralph C. Wood, Ph.D., lecturer; Tom Trainor, nephew of J.J. Quinn; and Mark Webber, artist commissioned to produce the “bust.”
Interim Administrators Appointed

The University has appointed two administrators to interim posts.

**Sister Bernadette Duross, R.S.M.**, has been appointed as the Interim Vice President for Mission and Ministries at The University of Scranton, effective June 1. In this capacity, she will have overall supervisory responsibility for Campus Ministry and the university’s Center for Social Action and Service Initiatives, and will also continue to work with faculty and staff in Ignatian Spiritual Formation. A member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sister Bernadette earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from The University of Scranton, and a master’s degree in pastoral counseling and certification in spiritual direction from Neumann College. She joined the University in summer 2004 as Director of Ignatian Spiritual Formation. Previously, Sister Bernadette served for almost 10 years on the program staff of the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth at Wernersville.

**Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.**, Associate Provost, will serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the 2005-06 academic year. Dr. Baillie joined the faculty in the Philosophy Department at the University in 1978. He is an affiliated faculty member in the Department of Public Health and Management of Tbilisi Sate Medical University in Georgia, and has been a visiting professor at the University of Trnava in the Republic of Slovakia. In addition, he has been a visiting professor at Yale University, and has held posts as teaching fellow and lecturer at Boston College and Stonehill College. He earned his bachelor's degree at Yale University and his master's and doctorate degrees at Boston College. He has also served as the Interim Provost at Neumann College.

**Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John R. Conway, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology, has had his article titled "Wild, wonderful, windy Patagonia: land of glaciers, towering peaks, estancias, and unique animals and plants" published as the feature article in the December 2004 issue of *Biology Digest* (Vol. 31, No. 4; pp. 10-25). Dr. Conway’s photographs illustrated the article and appeared on the cover and inside cover. The article was based on two trips Dr. Conway took to the Patagonian region of Chile in 2002 and Argentina in 2004. This is the 10th feature article he has published in *Biology Digest* since 1991.

Dr. Conway was also asked to identify and provide background information on a photograph of Australian honey ants that appeared in the December 2004/January 2005 issue of *Natural History* Magazine, and received a contract to write a future article on honey ants in that publication.

Irene Goll, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Marketing/Management, and Abdul Rahheed (University of Texas – Arlington) co-authored a paper that will be published in an upcoming issue of *Organization Studies*. The paper is entitled "The Relationships Between Top Management Demographic Characteristics, Rational Decision Making, Environmental Munificence, and Firm Performance."

**New Staff**

The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in January and February 2005.

- **Joseph A. Baron**, General Mechanic
- **Kym B. Fetsko**, Administrative Assistant, Weinberg Memorial Library
- **Jeffrey L. Gainey**, Director, University Press
- **Corey S. Henfling**, Area Coordinator, Residence Life
- **Norman J. Klas**, Custodian
- **Mary B. Sanchez**, Secretary, Office of Equity & Diversity
- **Ernest J. Scramuzza**, Custodian
- **Lynn A. Springer**, Faculty Secretary/English Department, Theatre Box Office Manager
- **Kateryna Zhuravska**, Research Assistant, Small Business Development Center

**Chemistry Professor Introduces “Personal Response Device” as Teaching Tool**

University of Scranton Chemistry Professor Trudy Dickneider, Ph.D., has found the “missing link” needed to help college students learn organic chemistry—a remote control device.

What she calls a “clicker” is actually a “personal response device” similar to a remote control for a TV or VCR, but with fewer buttons. The “clicker” allows every student in the class to respond to the professor’s question by pointing a remote control to a sensor and pushing a button.

Within seconds, the professor knows who and, more importantly, how many students answered correctly. The device allows individual responses to remain anonymous. The students only see the percentage responding to each selection.

Dr. Dickneider used the technology in the fall semester of 2004 and assessed the students’ acceptance of the device through a survey at the end of the semester.

“Today’s technology allows students to participate in active learning throughout the class period,” said Dr. Dickneider. “The students find it to be a more positive learning experience. It is also making me a better teacher because I am focused on using this new technology in constructing new learning experiences for our students. After 21 years of teaching, everything is new again.”

She presented her methods of using the clicker and the results of the student assessment, which is overwhelmingly favorable, at the American Chemical Society’s national spring conference in San Diego on March 15. Her presentation was entitled “Personal Response Devices: The Missing Link in Teaching and Learning Organic Chemistry.”

Dr. Dickneider is not the only University professor pleased with the results. David Marx, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of the Chemistry Department at the University, used the tool in his general chemistry class last semester as well. “I no longer have to guess as to whether or not the students understand. I now know immediately and can adjust my lecture as needed,” said Dr. Marx.

“In every class there are students that just do not answer questions aloud, perhaps because they are afraid to be wrong. The system forces every student to participate and even the reluctant responders become engaged.”

Students purchase a “clicker” at the University Book Store, which is registered to them by name and costs about $25. They can then use the device in any class equipped with radio response pad technology.

Dr. Dickneider is using the device again this semester in her organic chemistry class.

**Director of University Press Named**

Jeffrey L. Gainey has joined The University of Scranton as Director of the University Press. Prior to joining the University, Mr. Gainey served as Associate Director of the University of Notre Dame Press and an instructor of psychology there.

Mr. Gainey earned both a bachelor’s degree in Theology and an M.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He also completed intensive studies in Japanese language, culture and history at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan.

The University of Scranton Press is the scholarly publishing division of the University. Its titles focus on the humanities, especially theology, philosophy, ethics, political science, and history. It publishes books that chronicle and analyze the major national and international trends in Catholic thought and life.

The University Press is a member of the Association of Jesuit University Presses.
LADY ROYALS' MARCH TO FINAL FOUR HIGHLIGHTS WINTER SPORTS SCENE

The momentum continued to build with each and every victory, and in the first week of February, the Lady Royals reached the pinnacle with a number one-ranking by USA Today/ESPN/WBCA, which was solidified weeks later with another top ranking by D3hoops.com.

For long-time followers of the University's highly successful program, the comparison to the 1985 team, which, coincidentally, was honored on the 20th anniversary of its national championship in January, was inevitable.

Both teams lost early in the season before going on long winning streaks, both teams went undefeated in conference play, and each team featured an all-American who not only took on a leadership role but flourished in crucial game situations.

Sophomore guard Taryn Mellody's (Dunmore/Bishop O'Hara) role mirrored that of current assistant coach Deanna (Kyla) Klingman, the 1985 Division III player of the year who averaged nearly 20 points in five NCAA games to lead Scranton to its first-ever championship in women's basketball.

Mellody earned a number of accolades this past season, including the Freedom Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern region player of the year awards and first-team all-American by Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). It was, however, her uncanny ability to hit clutch shots that will be long-remembered by Lady Royal fans.

In an 80-74 victory in double overtime against DeSales at the Long Center on January 24, she hit a 3-pointer in the closing seconds as Scranton overcame an 8-point deficit with less than four minutes remaining. Two weeks later, in a 63-59 win at DeSales, she hit another 3-pointer in the closing minutes to end a Lady Bulldog rally and present veteran head coach Mike Strong with the 600th win of his storied career. Strong is now one of only three coaches in NCAA Division III history to earn all-America honors this past season. She was also named the Freedom Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Player of the Year.

Photo by Rick Voight

Mellody came to the forefront again in a 72-69 victory over McDaniel College in the second round of the NCAA tournament by giving the Lady Royals the lead for good with a jump shot in the final minute of play. She finished with 27 points, which is tied for the fifth highest scoring output by a Scranton player in an NCAA tournament game.

Her most memorable basket of the season, however, may have been a 3-pointer with 22 seconds remaining as Scranton held off Bowdoin College, 49-43, in an NCAA sectional championship on March 12 at the Long Center. Her 18-point performance not only avenged a 71-58 loss to Bowdoin in the 2004 NCAA tournament, but propelled Scranton to its seventh Final Four appearance and first since 2000. The team's bid, however, for another national championship fell short with a 70-65 loss to Randolph-Macon in the semifinals at the Jane P. Batten Center on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Nevertheless, the Lady Royals accomplished a number of significant milestones, including a 29-game winning streak, the second longest in school history.

The team also captured its 17th Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference title and made its 20th appearance in the NCAA championships, which is the second most in Division III women's basketball history. This year also marked the 14th consecutive season that the Lady Royals won at least 20 games.

Mellody was far from the only player to make significant contributions this season. Senior forward Tara Gemmel (Catasauqua/Catasauqua) and sophomore guard Allison Matt (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic) were named second-team all-Freedom Conference. In January, Gemmel became the 22nd player in Lady Royals' history to score 1,000 career points, while Matt earned the first-ever most valuable player (MVP) of the Freedom Conference tournament after scoring 16 points in the championship game.

Senior center Eileen Webster (Wilmington, Del./Urslina Academy) also wrapped up her career in style, finishing second in Lady Royals' history with 181 blocked shots. Junior Erin Healy (Drexel Hill/Archbishop Prendergast) came back after missing the entire 2004 season with a knee injury to be the Lady Royals' top defensive player, while seniors Maura Kane (Wenonah, N.J./Gateway Regional) and Megan McMurdo (Doylestown/Central Bucks West) and junior Kelly Lewandowski (Willow Grove/Archbishop Wood) provided a much-needed spark off the bench.

Even though graduation will claim the services of Gemmel, Kane, McMurdo and Webster, the freshman class of Julia Brophy (Exton/Downtown East), Kathleen Daly (Bryn Mawr/Merion Mercy Academy), Michelle Fabio (Brick, N.J./St. Rose), Marisa Healy (Philadelphia/Saint Basil Academy) and Stephanie Remington (Catasauqua/Catasauqua) appears ready to continue Scranton's tradition of success.

While the Lady Royals grabbed most of the headlines — deservedly so! — a number of other teams added to the rich history of University of Scranton athletics this past winter.

The men's basketball team, led by two-time first-team all-Freedom Conference selection Brian O'Donnell (Mahopac, N.Y./John F. Kennedy) and sophomore guard Darren Cannon (Paupack/Wallenpaupack Area), a second-team all-conference performer, finished with a 20-7 overall record, a 15-game turnaround in the win column from the previous season. The Royals also advanced to the semifinals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern region tournament under the guidance of fourth-year head coach Carl Danzig.

O'Donnell, who finished his career second all-time in rebounding (952) and 14th in scoring (1,560 points) in Scranton history, was also named second-team all-Mid Atlantic region by D3hoops.com and by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Coach Tomm Evans' men's and women's swim teams placed second and fifth, respectively, at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships in February. The Royals produced two conference champions in sophomore Rosalie Moran (West Chester/Unionville), who won the 500 (5:18.80) and 1650 (18:08.57) freestyle events, and fellow sophomore Jill Palmiotto (Brookfield, Conn./Brookfield), who defended her title in the 200 backstroke with a first-place time of 2:11.48.

Junior Patrick McKenzie (Plymouth Meeting/St. Joseph's Preparatory) was the men's top finisher with a second-place showing in the 1650 freestyle (16:51.41).

Coach Bill Fitzgerald's ice hockey team barely missed out qualifying for the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHLA) post-season tournament, but senior forward Tim Polcari (Wayne, N.J./Don Bosco Prep) and sophomore defenseman Dan Stallone (S. Plainfield, N.J./St. Joseph's Metuchen) did earn third-team all-conference honors. Polari finished his career third all-time in total points (116) and assists (66) and fifth in goals (50) in Ice Royals' history.

The wrestling team continued its steady progress under the leadership of head coach Brett Owen. The Royals posted their first winning record since 1989 and had five wrestlers win 20-or-more matches during the season. Sophomore Donnell Young (Scranton/Scranton) led the way with 26 wins and was followed by freshman Nick Barber (Livingston, N.J./Livingston) with 23, junior Trevor Needham (Doylestown/La Salle College) with 22, and freshmen Stephen Tatton (Mickleton, N.J./Kingway Regional) and Nick Barber (Mickleton, N.J./Kingway Regional) with 21 and 20, respectively.

Sophomore Taryn Mellody became the 15th player in Lady Royals' history to earn all-America honors this past season.
CAMPUS CALENDAR

April
15 3:30 p.m., Baseball hosts Drew University, Connell Park
7:30 p.m., The University Small Ensembles and Chamber Choir, “In Concert,” Houlihan-McLean Center.
16 10 a.m., Men’s Tennis hosts Lycoming College, Poly-Hi Courts
Noon, Softball hosts John Jay, Tripp Park
2 p.m., Men’s Lacrosse hosts Moravian, Fitzpatrick Field
17 1 p.m., Men’s Tennis hosts Moravian College, Poly-Hi Courts
Softball hosts Drew University, Tripp Park
19 4 p.m., Men’s Tennis hosts Wilkes, Poly-Hi Courts
6:30 p.m., Softball hosts Baptist Bible, Tripp Park
20 1 p.m., Golf hosts Wilkes/Baptist Bible, Glennena National
6 p.m., Scranton Club of NEPA Business Planning Meeting, Colatusso’s Restaurant, Jessup
7 p.m., Men’s Lacrosse hosts Drew University, Fitzpatrick Field
21 7 p.m., Dexter Hanley College Adult Student General Information Session, Fifth Floor, Brennan Hall. Registration is required.
9 p.m., Coffeehouse Series, Jon Fredrick’s Band, Second Floor Cafeteria, Gunster Student Center.
22 3:30 p.m., Baseball hosts Delaware Valley, Connell Park
8 p.m., University Players present “Strange Snow” today through April 24, Royal Theater, McDade Center.
9 p.m., Comedian Joel Chasnoff, Second Floor Cafeteria, Gunster Student Center.
23 10 a.m., Alumni Board of Governors Quarterly Meeting, PNC Board Room, Brennan Hall.
11 a.m., Dexter Hanley College Adult Student General Information Session, Fifth Floor, Brennan Hall. Registration is required.
1 p.m., Baseball hosts Delaware Valley, Connell Park
Scranton Club of NEPA Wine Tour of New York State, Seneca Lake, N.Y.
Women’s Lacrosse hosts Widener University, Fitzpatrick Field
24 Passover
Noon, Softball hosts DeSales, Tripp Park
Exhibit: “Juried Student Exhibition,” through May 6, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall.
2-4 p.m., Exhibit: “Juried Student Exhibition,” “Opening Reception, with 2:30 Awards Presentation, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall.
6 p.m., Band, Something Corporate Concert, Long Center, doors open at 5 p.m.
7:30 p.m., The University String Orchestra, “In Concert,” Houlihan-McLean Center.
25 11 a.m., Grad Finale, today and Tuesday, Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Student Center.
26 8 a.m., 20th Annual Psychology Conference, Brennan Hall.
Scranton Club of New York Speakers Forum featuring Chris Lowney, New York City.
5:30 p.m, “Sexual Assault on the College Campus,” presented by Martin D. Schwartz, Ph.D., Brennan Hall, Room 228.
27 Professional Secretaries Day
4 p.m., Men’s Lacrosse hosts King’s College, Fitzpatrick Field
6:30 p.m., Softball hosts Marywood, Tripp Park
28 8 a.m., Kane Competition for high school physics/engineering students, byron Complex.
3 p.m., Softball hosts Hunter College, Tripp Park
6:30 p.m., Scranton Club of Philadelphia Inaugural Gathering of the President’s Circle, The Union League, Center City.
29 4 p.m., Baseball hosts DeSales, Connell Park
8 p.m., University Players present “Strange Snow” through May 1, Royal Theater, McDade Center.
30 3 p.m., Men’s Lacrosse hosts Centenary College, Fitzpatrick Field
8 p.m., 22nd Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert with guest composer/conductor Jumaine Smith, Houlihan-McLean Center
May
Exhibit: “Juried Student Exhibition,” through May 6, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall.
1 Exhibit: Faculty Scholarship Exhibit, through May 31, Heritage Room, Weinberg Library.
3 Fifth Annual Celebration of Student Scholars, Long Center.
5 7 p.m., Alumni Induction Reception, Class of 2005, Radisson Hotel
6 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Diversity Symposium, Brennan Hall
8 Mother’s Day
9 7:30 p.m., The Civic Symphony, “In Concert,” Houlihan-McLean Center
10 7 p.m., Scranton Club of New Jersey Business Planning Meeting
12 8 p.m., University Players present, “The New Director’s Workshop,” through May 14, Royal Theater, McDade Center.
14 7:30 p.m., The University Singers with Organ, “In Concert,” Houlihan-McLean Center
16 Last day of class
17 Final exams and semester ends
18 6 p.m., Scranton Club of NEPA Business Planning Meeting, Room 526, O’Hara Hall
21 Armed Forces Day
2 p.m., Scranton Club of New Jersey Belmar Social, Bar A, South Belmont, New Jersey.
22 Noon, University housing closes
5 p.m., Final exams and semester end.
23 5 p.m., Final grades due
28 9:30 a.m., ROTC Commissioning, McDade Center, followed by a reception in the Trophy Room.
4 p.m., Baccalaureate Mass, byron Complex.
5 p.m., Alumni Parent Photo with Graduating Seniors, On Campus
7 p.m., Award Ceremony for Graduate Students, Room 228, Brennan Hall.
8 p.m., Class Night Awards, byron Complex, followed by a reception in the lobby of the Long Center.

Performance Music at the University will present the 22nd Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert on Saturday, April 30, featuring The University of Scranton Concert Band and Concert Choir, with guest composer/conductor Jumaine Smith of the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra. The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Houlihan-McLean Center on campus. The corporate sponsor is Pennstar Bank, and the performance is free and open to the public. Pennstar recently presented a check to the University in support of its sponsorship. From left: Pennstar representatives Karen L. Thomas, Vice President and Marketing Manager, and David E. Raven, President and Chief Operating Officer; and Cheryl Y. Boga, Director, Performance Music, and Paul Strunk, Vice President, Institutional Advancement, The University of Scranton.

For additional information, visit the WEB EVENTS CALENDAR www.scranton.edu/events
Research and Scholarly Work to be Celebrated

The University will hold its Fifth Annual Celebration of Student Scholars on May 3. This all-day event will celebrate the research and scholarly work of approximately 75 undergraduate and graduate students.

In addition to the traditional display of posters, this year’s presentation format has been expanded to include oral and creative presentations that are better suited to non-science disciplines.

Scholarly work being presented will include thesis research; research conducted as part of the Faculty-Student Research Program or resulting from a Faculty-Directed Student Summer Research Grant; and undergraduate or graduate research or other scholarly projects carried out as independent study. The students’ scholarly and research efforts are supported by approximately 30 faculty members.

The poster display will be held in the lobby of Long Center; oral presentations will take place in nearby classrooms.

For additional information, contact the Office of Research Services at 941-6301.

Students, Businesses Partner to Help Tsunami Victims

University students have partnered with Scranton Tomorrow for a Tsunami Relief effort involving the city’s downtown merchants. University students placed “Tsunami Relief Buckets” at participating downtown businesses for customers wishing to make a donation. Funds raised will be combined with collections made at the University’s church services during the Lenten season and will be sent to Jesuit Refugee Services, who will provide services and materials for the families most affected by the Tsunami. Organizers include, seated from left, Matt Yousef, Dan Nelson, Student Government President, Paul Colaiacozzi, Executive Director of Scranton Tomorrow, and Maria Hundermark. Standing from left are Greg Kershaw, Kristin Reil, Chris Mannion, Student Government Vice President, Lauren Hughes, Will Dennis, Lindsay Webby, and Laura Strubeck.

Education Major Receives Presidential Service Award

Amber Rugletic, a junior Education major at the University, has been presented the bronze level of the President’s Volunteer Service Award for her volunteer service with the Pocono Equestrian Center.

Established in 2003, this new award is given by the President of the United States and honors individuals, families and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over the course of 12 months.

“Run For Others” Slated

The University’s student government will hold a “Run For Others,” a 5K fun-run for students and area residents to benefit local, national, and international charities. The run will be held on April 30, at 10 a.m., in Nay Aug Park.

The proceeds of the race will be divided among three charitable organizations: the United Neighborhood Center in Scranton; Boys Hope Girls Hope, a Jesuit organization dedicated to helping youths realize their potential; and The University of Scranton’s International Service Program.

Participants can register in advance or on race day between 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the park. The entry fee is $10 for students. Prizes will be awarded to each of the top three males and female finishers and the top finisher in five age categories. To pre-register, or for additional information, call 941-7462 or e-mail at run-for-others@scranton.edu.

Take Back the Night Pre-rally Scheduled

The University’s Jane Kopas Women’s Center will host the Take Back the Night pre-rally on the University’s Royal Way from 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 28. The event will precede the Scranton community’s rally at the Lackawanna County Courthouse Square, which is co-sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center and the Jane Kopas Women’s Center.

The pre-rally, which is open to the general public, will include musical entertainment by a disc jockey, refreshments, and information on sexual assault and violence against women, non-profit jobs/internships for people who wish to get involved in combating violence against women, and student-sponsored petitions urging legislators to support bills that protect women’s health, safety, and rights.

The University’s chapter of the National Clothesline Project will also be displayed at the pre-rally. The Clothesline Project is a display of T-shirts that gives testament to violence against women.

After the pre-rally, participants will march to the community’s main rally at 7 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square. The march will begin at the Covenant Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. and proceed to the University for 7:45 p.m. From there the march will continue to Courthouse Square.

Take Back the Night is organized to heighten awareness about violence against women, children and families.

For more information about the pre-rally, call the Jane Kopas Women’s Center at (570) 941-6194.

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