Three Scranton students have been selected for some of the nation’s most competitive and prestigious scholarships and academic accolades.

Kristy Gogick has been named a Goldwater Scholar; Vincent Solomeno has been selected as a Truman Scholar; and Tina Marie George has been named a USA Today Academic First Team Member.

Kristy Gogick, Goldwater Scholar
Ms. Gogick, a junior majoring in chemistry with a minor in mathematics, is among just 323 sophomores and junior undergraduates in the nation to be awarded a Goldwater Scholarship for the 2006/2007 academic year.

“The Goldwater Scholarship is considered to be the premier undergraduate scholarship for the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering,” said Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science and the University’s Director of Fellowship Programs.

Ms. Gogick is one of only eight Goldwater Scholars to be selected this year from six Jesuit schools (Georgetown, Holy Cross, St. Joseph’s, Loyola New Orleans, Loyola Maryland and Scranton).

Vincent Solomeno, Truman Scholar
Vincent Solomeno, a political science major and the student body president at Scranton, is one of only 75 students from across the country.

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Acclaimed jazz musician and educator Wynton Gordon will communicate through his music and perform the “principal address” at the University’s 2006 commencement ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students.

Mr. Gordon will also receive an honorary degree at the ceremony, which will begin at noon at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre, on Sunday, May 28.

“Wynton Gordon is equally gifted both in musical talent and in his passion to educate and inspire others through music,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University of Scranton president. “Wynton will perform New Orleans jazz music at our Commencement, and I can think of no better way for our community to stand in solidarity with the great city that gave birth to this entirely American art form. This promises to be among our most memorable and moving commencement ceremonies.”

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A frequently and welcome guest artist with the University of Scranton Performance Music Ensembles, Mr. Gordon has had an extraordinary career as a performer, conductor, composer, arranger and educator, receiving high praise from audiences and critics alike. As a solo artist and member of the Wynton Marsalis Septet, the Lincoln Jazz Orchestra, and the Gully Low Jazz Band, Mr. Gordon has toured the world performing jazz for audiences of all ages. His extensive performance experience includes recordings and concerts with many of the world’s greatest jazz musicians, past and present. His discography includes nine solo CDs, and an impressive list of recordings as a co-leader and/or sideman.

Praised by The New York Times for his “masterful” playing, Mr. Gordon has received the Jazz Journalists Association Award for Trombonist of the Year, the Jazz Journalists Association Critics’ Choice Award, and has been nominated for the Jazzpar Award.
The Royal Fund: A New Way of Giving

What was formerly known as Annual Giving Programs at Scranton will become The Royal Fund, effective June 1, 2006. The new name is more than a new name.

“The Royal Fund represents a whole new way of showing support for Scranton,” says Carol Maculloch, Director of The Royal Fund.

The Royal Fund recognizes both unrestricted giving, as well as donor-designated annual contributions. At the same time, the new name recognizes that many donors make gifts weekly, monthly and quarterly, as well as annually.

While the name is changing, the purpose and effects of the fund remain the same.

Increasing funds available for student financial aid is a crucial need and a priority as well as annually.

The Royal Fund, effective June 1, 2006.

Giving Programs at Scranton will become restricted giving, as well as donor-designated levels in the Young President's Circle are first 10 years after graduation. The giving levels and 3.4 percent are pursuing additional education. Only two percent report being unemployed.

The average (mean) salary for master's degree graduates is $50,494, based on the 83 graduates that provided salary information, an increase of 1.7 percent above last year. The highest average salary reported is $112,693 for graduates with master's degrees in nursing (mainly nurse anesthetists), followed by $63,500 for software engineering graduates and graduates with master's degrees in physical therapy at $54,139.

Sixty-seven percent of the master's degree graduates who are employed full-time are working in Pennsylvania, with 49.3 percent working in northeast Pennsylvania.

Of the 2005 graduates earning a bachelor's degree who responded to the survey, 60 percent are employed full-time, three percent are employed part-time, and 35 percent are pursuing additional education within six months of graduation.

The average salary reported is $37,572, a 6.2 percent increase over last year's average. The highest average salaries reported are in electrical engineering ($58,000), nursing ($57,930), and management ($51,000).

Geographically, of those employed, 38 percent of the respondents report working in Pennsylvania (21.5 percent in northeast Pennsylvania), 15 percent in New Jersey and 24 percent in New York.

A total of 86.8 percent of the respondents indicated that their full-time employment is related to their major. Another 4.5 percent indicate working for the military, and 3.5 percent are volunteering full-time.

Brennan Hall Marks Fifth Anniversary

The Kania School of Management celebrated the fifth anniversary of its location in Brennan Hall with a day of special events on April 6.

Benefactors after whom Brennan Hall and the Kania School of Management are named were honored during the anniversary celebration. John E. Brennan ’68 delivered the keynote address at a luncheon. Mr. Brennan discussed “Entrepreneurship.” Arthur J. Kania, Esq. ’53, a senior partner in the Bala Cynwyd firm of Kania, Lindner, Lasak & Feeney, was the keynote speaker at the dinner.

The day's events also included tours of Brennan Hall and the campus, visits to classes in Brennan Hall and a student poster display entitled “Past, Present, Future.”

Brennan Hall is the most technologically advanced building on the University's campus. It is home to the Kania School of Management, which earned accreditation from the prestigious AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
Scrnaton Celebrates Jesuit Heritage Week and the Jesuit Jubilee

The University of Scranton celebrated its Catholic and Jesuit identity during a special week of liturgy, lectures and events from March 27 - 31.

This year marks a Year of Jubilee for Jesuits worldwide to commemorate the lives and works of St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier and Bl. Peter Faber. The Jubilee year marks the 450th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius (July 31, 1556) and the 500th anniversary of the births of St. Francis Xavier (April 13, 1506) and Bl. Peter Faber (April 7, 1506).

Scrnaton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., was among the cast members of a staged reading, held March 27, of "Companions," a two-act play about St. Ignatius and the first Jesuits written by Ernest Ferlito, S.J.

On March 28, the Division of Mission and Ministries showcased "Faith in Action" through a panel presentation by students, faculty and staff who participated in the January service trips to New Orleans.

A highlight of the week's events occurred during the University Assembly on March 29, with the presentation of the annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian Mission and Ministries. Fr. Pilarz presented the award to Rev. George V. Coyne, S.J., Director of the Vatican Observatory and Adjunct Professor of Astronomy at the University of Arizona. Fr. Coyne has received numerous honors throughout his distinguished career, including having a comet named after him in 1991.

"In presenting the Arrupe Award to Fr. Coyne, the University honors someone who has dedicated a lifetime to developing a dialogue and understanding between science and faith," said Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., Vice President for Mission.

Pride, Passion, Promise: Shaping our Jesuit Tradition [ The Strategic Plan in Action ]

Strategy: Foster a Caring, Collegial and Diverse Campus Community

Complled by Catholic, Jesuit Ideals of Justice and Concern for Each Person

Three Appointed to Administrative Posts

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., has announced the appointment of Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., as Vice President for Mission; and Patrick Leahy as Vice President for University Relations.

The announcement was made following approval of the appointments from the Board of Trustees at its March 10 meeting. The appointments became effective immediately after the Board approval.

Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.

The selection of Dr. Baillie as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs was made following a national search. Dr. Baillie joined the Philosophy Department at the University in 1978 and earned a promotion to full Professor in 1993. He joined the University’s administration in 2004 as Interim Associate Provost and was later chosen to hold the position permanently following a national search. Since July 2005, he has held the position of Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

He is an affiliated faculty member in the Department of Public Health and Management of Tbilisi State Medical University in Georgia, and has been a visiting professor at the University of Trnava in the Republic of Slovakia.

Throughout his 27 years of service, Dr. Baillie has actively taken part in the community life and governance of the University. He served on the Board on Rank and Tenure for several terms, as Chair of the Philosophy Department, as first President of the Faculty Senate and as a member of the Faculty Handbook Committee.

Dr. Baillie earned his Bachelor's degree at Yale University and his Master's and Doctorate degrees at Boston College.

Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M.

Sr. Duross has spent more than 15 years assisting adults in faith formation. She joined the University in 2004 as Director of Ignatian Spiritual Formation and was named Interim Vice President for Mission and Ministries in 2005.

Sr. Duross came to Scranton following almost ten years on the program staff of the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth at Wernersville. At Wernersville, she provided spiritual direction, offered the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in all formats, trained adults to give retreat programs, and supervised Jesuits and lay colleagues from several Jesuit universities in giving the Exercises.

Previously, she served for seven years as a Parish Social Minister at the Church of the Gesu, a Jesuit Parish in North Philadelphia. She also assisted homeless women and children for several years at Mercy Hospice in Philadelphia.

A member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sr. Duross 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.

Patrick Leahy

Mr. Leahy joined the University in 2004 as Executive Assistant to the President. In his position, he undertook a wide range of responsibilities including directing all of the University's federal, state and local government relations programs and initiatives. In July 2005, he was named Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Prior to joining Scranton, Mr. Leahy was Founder and President of The Graduates Club, a business learning community for business school alumni and other professionals. His career also includes work as an Investment Officer at Allied Capital Corporation, as an Account Executive with Deluxe Corporation and as an Associate Director in the Campus Ministry Office at Georgetown University.

Mr. Leahy earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Georgetown University and master’s degrees in business administration and industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

The Division of Mission and Ministries hosted a panel discussion by students, faculty and staff who participated in January service trips to New Orleans. From left: Anne Marie Stamford, Assistant to the Provost, and students Jonathan Musyt and Jaclyn Newns.
Scranton’s Director of Multicultural Affairs Honored by Governor Rendell

Sherman F. Wooden, Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University (center), receives congratulations from Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, First Lady of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell at a Black History Month luncheon held Feb. 13.

Sherman F. Wooden, Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University, was honored at a Black History Month luncheon held Feb. 13, at the residence of Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell and his wife, First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

Mr. Wooden and four others were honored for their contributions to the African-American community.

Mr. Wooden was instrumental in founding the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies, Inc., the goal of which is to inform the public about the history of the Underground Railroad and abolition in northeastern Pennsylvania. He is the current President of its Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Blind Association of Lackawanna County, the Council for Community Affairs, Inc., the boards of directors of Friendship House, Old Mill Village, and Lincoln University, and the Black History Advisory Committee for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Mr. Wooden serves as a Commissioner on the Governor’s Commission for African American Affairs.

He is a former board member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

Mr. Wooden is a graduate of Howard University, where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in psychology and speech and a Master’s degree in communications.

The University of Scranton, Lackawanna College Renew Transfer Agreement

Representatives from The University of Scranton and Lackawanna College recently renewed an articulation agreement between the two schools, allowing Lackawanna College graduates to transfer credits to The University of Scranton. From left: Harold W. Bailey, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President, The University of Scranton; Raymond S. Angeli, President, and Francis M. Goskowski, Academic Dean, Lackawanna College.

Thanks to a renewed partnership offering greater accessibility and expanded opportunities, Lackawanna College graduates can complete a University of Scranton bachelor’s degree in as little as two years. Representatives from The University of Scranton and Lackawanna College recently renewed a transfer agreement between the two institutions. Lackawanna College graduates will be able to transfer up to 60 credits to The University of Scranton, gaining junior standing.

University of Scranton President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., and Raymond S. Angeli ’74, President of Lackawanna College, signed the formal agreement, effective immediately.

Features of the updated agreement include 120 courses transferable from Lackawanna to Scranton as well as a Liberal Studies option for adult learners. Under the terms of the articulation agreement, Lackawanna graduates must earn a minimum of 63 credits at Scranton toward their bachelor’s degree.

Colorectal Surgeon to Speak at Symposium

One of the nation’s leading colorectal surgeons in the United States will be the featured speaker at the 22nd annual Boland Surgical Symposium sponsored by The University of Scranton and Mercy Health Partners. The event will take place Friday, May 5, in the Eagen Auditorium of the Gunster Student Center.

Gerald J. Marks, M.D., Chairman of Marks Colorectal Surgical Foundation, Co-director of the Lankenau Hospital Comprehensive Rectal Cancer Center, and Director of the International Network of Comprehensive Rectal Cancer Centers, will be the featured speaker.

The Boland Surgical Symposium is a cooperative educational endeavor sponsored by the Surgical Department of Mercy Hospital, Scranton, and The University of Scranton to honor the memory of Francis P. Boland, M.D., a prominent urologist and native of Scranton, who began the series in 1984.

At the symposium, the Francis P. Boland, M.D., Memorial Scholarship will be presented to Daniel Ostermayer, Moscow, ’07, a biochemistry student at Scranton.
Cura Personalis Program Fosters a Sense of Community for Freshmen

A college freshmen’s first year away from home can be challenging. The list of things to which freshmen must adapt can seem endless: new faces and friends, difficult classes, and an unfamiliar campus, to name just a few.

But several resident advisors in Scranton’s McCourt Hall are actively striving to help students adjust to those challenges through the Cura Personalis Community Program, the first of its kind on the Scranton campus.

“One of our biggest goals is simply to provide a community for freshmen in which they can feel comfortable, practice their faith and serve others, as well as promote social justice,” says junior Adam Rosinski.

Mr. Rosinski, along with fellow resident assistant Bridget Lally, a senior, helped develop the Cura Personalis Program, which was proposed by senior Sarah Hayes and Edward Waheesh, a former Residence Life area coordinator, and began in the fall 2005 semester. Cura Personalis, which means “care of the whole person,” has its roots in the Jesuit ideal Personalis, which means “care of the whole person,” has its roots in the Jesuit ideal of faith, service, peace and justice, so we try and foster a desire in the freshmen to live around these ideals in order to promote the whole individual.

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Community service is a large part of the program. Most recently, members of the program conducted an Easter egg hunt for 45 children in the Central City Head Start program in Scranton.

According to Mr. Rosinski, the biggest undertaking of the fall 2005 semester was the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which was coordinated by the Center for Social Action and Service Initiatives, under the direction of Patricia Vaccaro, Director of the Center. Program members collected donations from students, faculty and staff totaling $3,500, and provided Thanksgiving dinner baskets for approximately 125 families.

They also conducted a weekend retreat at Scranton’s Retreat Center at Chapman Lake just before Finals Week in the fall semester.

Smaller events held included an open house for faculty and staff members who expressed interest in the program, discussions on faith issues, and movies dealing with issues of social justice, such as Romero.

Plans for the future include another weekend retreat, service projects and the expansion of the program. Three additional RAs have been hired to continue the program during the 2005-2006 academic year. Also, all of the residents in the program have expressed interest in continuing participation in their sophomore year, according to Mr. Rosinski.

“We are extremely pleased that the program will continue and are confident that it is in the right hands,” he says.

Reunion 2006 Events Announced

Scranton will hold its annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, Friday, June 16, through Sunday, June 18. Honored classes are those ending in “1” and “6” from the class of 1956 through the class of 2001, and all “golden gradiant” classes from the classes of the years before 1956. Weekend activities are open to all Scranton alumni and their families.

Reunion Weekend begins on Friday with registration at the McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts from noon to 10 p.m.

“Our alumni have organized themselves into volunteer committees and are reaching out to their classmates to encourage attendance,” said Robert P. Zelno, 66, G77, Director of Alumni Relations. “We are getting a very enthusiastic response from our alumni, who are looking forward to their reunion.”

The Frank J. O’Hara Awards, recognizing alumni and others who have achieved distinction in their professions or personal endeavors, will be presented at a ceremony in Brennan Hall at 8 p.m. The ceremony is open to the public and will be preceded by a dinner for honorees and their guests.

An All-Class Welcoming Reception is scheduled from 8:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday. Saturday’s events begin at 8 a.m. with a morning Mass at St. Ignatius Chapel, St. Thomas Hall, as well as a golf outing. Registration will continue on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the McDade Center.

A Reunion Run-Walk is also scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., alumni may tour their old residence halls, or take their children to an Open Swim for Kids, which will continue until noon. Alumni parents with college-bound students are invited to attend an Admissions Open House in the Admissions Visitor’s Center at Rupert Mayer House from noon to 1 p.m.

Environmentalist to Speak on Earth Day

The University will celebrate Earth Day with a luncheon and lecture by Sister Gail Worcelo, C.P., on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in College Hall, Redington Hall. The event is free and open to members of the University community.

Sister Worcelo is a leader in environmental theology, the founder of the Green Mountain Monastery, North Chittenden, Vt., and a member of the Congregation of the Passion (Passionists). She will speak on the formation of Green Mountain and sustainability of natural resources in everyday life.

The Earth Day luncheon will feature organic and free trade foods, which is food produced by countries that can produce those foods most efficiently, which trade their surpluses for goods they cannot produce.

The University’s Sustainability Committee will announce a call for proposals for projects focusing on sustainability. The proposals will be discussed and considered at the committee’s summer meeting.

Following the luncheon, participants will proceed to the Scranton Area Garden Exchange (SAGE), in the 300 block of North Irving Avenue at Mulberry Street, where Sister Worcelo will give a blessing to open the gardening season. SAGE’s mission is to provide organic produce to be distributed to food banks and kitchens.

To make reservations for the Earth Day events, contact Catherine Murphy in the Provost’s Office at (570) 941-7520.

Funding Cut for NYSF

Funding has been cut from the 2006 federal budget for the National Youth Sports Program (NYSF), a federal program that has provided a free summer sports camp to children from low income families each year since 1969. The budget was proposed by President Bush and approved by Congress.

As a result, the NYSF will not operate this summer on the more than 200 colleges that usually participate, including The University of Scranton.

“We were disappointed when we received the official notice from NYSF that our 2006 application was denied due to the federal budget cuts,” said Paul Catrufoello, NYSF activity director at Scranton. The University has participated in the program nearly every year since the program began.

Metropolitan Life Foundation Donates to University of Success

Representatives of the Metropolitan Life Foundation recently presented a check in the amount of $10,000 to Scranton in support of its University of Success mentoring program for middle and high school students. Shown at the check presentation are, from left: From Metropolitan Life, Lynn McGinty, Vice President; Michael Reilly, Human Resources Director; Joseph B. Manley, Jr., Financial Services Representative; Christine Chamberlain, Assistant Vice President; Paul McNulty, Vice President. From The University of Scranton, Bonnie Oldham, University of Success Director; and Charles E. Kratz, Dean of Library and Information Fluency.

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Mellody, Matt Earn All-America Honors

For the second straight year, Taryn Mellody (Dunmore/Bishop O’Hara), a junior guard on women’s basketball team, has been named first-team all-American by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. Teammate Allison Matt (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic) was an honorable mention selection.

The announcement was made at a banquet at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., on Thursday, March 16, to honor the Lady Royals and the three other teams that advanced to the Final Four of the 2006 NCAA Division III championships.

Mellody has earned a number of accolades this season after leading the 3rd-ranked Lady Royals of veteran head coach Mike Strong in scoring (17.2) and free throw percentage (.818). She was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Year for the second straight year and was selected the player of the year for the Mid-Atlantic region by D3hoops.com.

Mellody has scored in double-figures 29 times this season, including a season-high 27 points in the Lady Royals’ 78-55 victory over Marymount University (Va.) in a first-round game of the NCAA tournament. In six NCAA games, she averaged 18.6 points and 4.3 rebounds. Her 569 points this year is the fourth highest single-season total in Scranton history. She joins three-time all-American Jen Nish as the only players in Lady Royals’ history to score more than 500 points in back-to-back seasons.

Her trademark, however, is her consistency. She has started 93 of 95 career games and is currently the seventh all-time leading scorer in Scranton history with 1,382 points. Mellody is also the Lady Royals’ all-time leader in free throw accuracy (.857) and is third in 3-point field goals attempted (374), fourth in 3-point field goals made (124) and tied for 3-point field goal percentage (.892). She started all 33 games this past season and scored in double-figures 24 times, including a career-high 24-point performance in Scranton’s 86-68 victory over King’s College on January 18 at the Long Center. She also scored at least 20 points on five other occasions.

Matt has started 65 out of 93 games in her career and enters her senior year with 892 points, 185 assists and 161 steals. She becomes the 16th player in Scranton history to earn all-America honors.

Royals Honored for Academics

Keeping things in perspective has never been a problem for many University of Scranton student-athletes. Recently, 30 Royal winter sport student-athletes were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference Academy Honor Roll, which honors student-athletes who are at least a sophomore and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2-or-higher.

The following were named to the honor roll:

Men’s Basketball
Tom Bicknell (Melbourne, Australia/St. Bede’s College)
Bill Burke (West Pittston/Seton Catholic)
Darren Cannon (Pauapack/Wallenpaupack Area)
Ryan Kirk (Lansdale, Pa./LaSalle College)
Women’s Basketball
Julie Brophy (Exton/Downingtown East)
Kathleen Daly (Bryn Mawr/Merion Mercy Academy)
Erin Healy (Drexel Hill/Archbishop Prendergast)
Marisa Healy (Philadelphia/Saint Basil Academy)
Kelly Lewandowski (Willow Grove/Archbishop Wood)
Allison Matt (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic)
Taryn Mellody (Dunmore/Bishop O’Hara)
Casey Thran (Dalton/Abington Heights)
Men’s & Women’s Swimming
Steve Bane (Bel Air, Md./C. Milton Wright)
Annie Bostwick (Chalfont/Gwynedd Mercy Academy)
Angela Buren (Livingston, N.J./Livingston)
Kristin Donohue (Warrington/Mt. St. Joseph’s Academy)
Michelle Kline (Lansdale/North Penn)
Anthony Lentini (Cortland Manor, N.Y./Walter Panas)
Lauren Liberatti (Ossining, N.Y./Good Counsel Academy)
Stephanie Mallick (Harrisburg/Bishop McDevitt)

A Royal Send-off

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. (far right), joined the Lady Royals at the base of the Commons for a University-wide send-off as the team advanced to the NCAA Division III championships for the 21st time in school history. The Lady Royals capped off a 31-2 season by finishing third overall. They also earned a third-place national ranking in the final polls conducted by ESPN/USA Today and D3hoops.com.

Katie Martino (Hummelstown/Lower Dauphin)
Katie McKenna (Drexel Hill/Merion Mercy Academy)
Gina Miller (Secane/Cardinal O’Hara)
Rosie Moran (West Chester/Unionville)
Jill Palmiotto (Brookfield, Conn./Brookfield)
Amanda Tryon (Syosset, N.Y./Walt Whitman)

Wrestling
Trevor Needham (Doylestown/La Salle College)
Matt Pastore (Tarrytown, N.Y./Irvington)
Neil Slocum (Scranton/Scranton Preparatory)
Steve Tatun (Mickleton, N.J./Kingsway Regional)

Editor’s Note: The Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation does not sponsor a championship for men’s ice hockey. Therefore, members of The University of Scranton men’s ice hockey team are ineligible for the academic honor roll.

Nominations Being Accepted for Wall of Fame: Deadline, July 1

Kevin Southard, Assistant Athletics Director/Sports Information Director, has announced that the athletics department is accepting nomination for its Wall of Fame. The deadline to submit a nomination is Saturday, July 1.

To receive a nomination form, please contact the Sports Information Office at (570) 941-7571, or by e-mail at southardk2@scranton.edu. Nomination forms can be also downloaded from the Internet at http://matrix.scranton.edu/athletics/at_wol_nomination.shtml. The Class of 2006 will be formally inducted on Dec. 2 in the John J. Long, S.J., Center.

In 1970, the Wall of Fame was founded to honor former student-athletes, coaches, administrator and those in the community who have been instrumental in the overall development of the University’s athletics program. The University annually honors those who have distinguished themselves in the areas of intercollegiate competition, coaching, administration and promotion of the athletics department by induction to the Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame is comprised of two parts: the first is for those nominees who have completed their athletic eligibility and/or have been a coach or administrator at the University within the last 20 years. The second is an Old Timers’ ballot for those whose athletic eligibility and/or contributions to the athletics program occurred more than 20 years ago.

For those who qualify in the first category, nominees must have completed their athletic eligibility ten years prior to the year of the class that is being inducted. For example, a student-athlete whose athletic eligibility expired in 1995 is eligible. A student-athlete does not have to have graduated from The University of Scranton in order to be eligible. A coach and/or administrator must have been employed at The University of Scranton for at least ten years to meet the eligibility standards for induction. For those classified for their contributions as community members, there are no specific eligibility requirements.

In order to be eligible for the Old Timers’ ballot, a former student-athlete’s athletic eligibility must be completed by 20 years prior to the year of the class that is being inducted. Therefore, a student-athlete whose athletic eligibility expired in 1985 is eligible. Again, a student-athlete does not have to have graduated from The University of Scranton in order to be eligible. The 10-year eligibility standard for a coach and/or administrator for the first part of the Wall of Fame ballot is waved if the coach and/or contributor to the athletics program occurred more than 20 years ago.

For those who classify in the second category, nominees must have completed their athletic eligibility ten years prior to the year of the class that is being inducted. Therefore, a student-athlete whose athletic eligibility expired in 1995 is eligible. A student-athlete does not have to have graduated from The University of Scranton in order to be eligible. A coach and/or administrator must have been employed at The University of Scranton for at least ten years to meet the eligibility standards for induction. For those classified for their contributions as community members, there are no specific eligibility requirements.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

April
Exhibit: “The 19th Annual Juried Student Exhibition,” on display through May 6th, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall

11 1 p.m. Golf hosts FDU Florham and Misericordia, Glenmara National

12 3 p.m. Softball hosts King’s, Tripp Park
4 p.m. Men’s Lacrosse hosts Susquehanna, Fitzpatrick Field
7 p.m. Graduate School MBA Information Session, Room 500, Brennan Hall

15 1 p.m. Baseball hosts FDU Florham, Connell Park

16 Easter Sunday

19 7 p.m. Information Session for certificate, associate and baccalaureate programs for adult learners, Room 228, Brennan Hall

20 1 p.m. Women’s Lacrosse hosts Moravian, Fitzpatrick Field
7 p.m. Softball hosts Misericordia, Tripp Park

22 1 p.m. Baseball hosts Kings, Connell Park
1 p.m. Women’s Lacrosse hosts Susquehanna, Fitzpatrick Field
1 p.m. Softball hosts College of Staten Island, Tripp Park

24 8 a.m. Golf hosts Collegiate Tournament, Glenmara National

25 11:30 a.m. Earth Day Celebration, lecture and luncheon, with Sister Gail Worcelo, C.P., speaking on “The Formation of the Green Mountain Monastery and the Sustainability of Natural Resources in Everyday Life,” Collegiate Hall, Redington Hall.
7 p.m. Softball hosts Marywood, Tripp Park


28 7:30 p.m. The University String Orchestra “In Concert,” Houlihan-McLean Center

1 p.m. Baseball hosts Wilkes, Connell Park
3 p.m. Men’s Lacrosse hosts Keuka, Fitzpatrick Field

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8 p.m. The University of Scranton’s Concert Band and Choir present “The 23rd Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert”

23 11 a.m. Golf hosts Glenmara National
2 p.m. Public Reception for “The 19th Annual Juried Student Exhibition,” including an Awards Presentation at 2:30 p.m., Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall

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Exhibit: Examples of scholarly endeavors submitted by University faculty will be on display throughout May, Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library.

2 The University of Scranton will hold its Sixth Annual Celebration of Student Scholars, featuring work through either a physical display of posters or oral presentations, Eagen/Trophy Room, Gunster Student Center

5 8 p.m. The University of Scranton Players present “The New Director’s Workshop,” today through May 6th, Royal Theater, McDade Center

10 8 p.m. The University Reading Series presents Award-winning Poet Cate Marvin, Studio Theatre, McDade Center

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13 SJLA Reunion, Various Campus Locations

28 Noon Commencement, Wachovia Arena

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World Premiere Concert to be Held April 22

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For additional information, contact Cheryl Boga, Director, or call 941-7624, or visit the Web at www.scranton.edu/music.

Commencement: May 26 – 28, 2006
Schedule of Events

Friday, May 26
8:00 p.m. Outstanding Graduate Student Awards Ceremony, Eagen Auditorium

Saturday, May 27
10:00 a.m. Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Byron Center
(Reception will follow in the Long Center Lobby)
1:00 p.m. ROTC Commissioning, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts
(Reception will follow)
3:15 p.m. Robing for Mass, St. Thomas Hall
2nd, 3rd and 4th floor classrooms
Academic robe only (no cap or hood).
4:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass, Byron Complex

6:00 p.m. Outstanding Graduate Student Awards Ceremony, Eagen Auditorium
6:30 p.m. Reception for Master’s Degree Recipients and Guests, Eagen Auditorium
8:30 p.m. Reception for Undergraduate Students and Parents, Byron Complex

Sunday, May 28
11:00 a.m. Commencement Assembly, Wachovia Arena
Students should report in full academic attire (robe, cap with tassel and hood) with numbered placement card.
Noon Academic Procession and Commencement

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Irish Step Dancer from Scranton Ranked 7th in the World

When Meghan Reilly was six years old, her grandmother, Marjorie Finnegan, asked her if she wanted to try Irish dancing to become better acquainted with her Irish heritage.

The University of Scranton junior remembers saying, “Sure! That sounds cool!” but at the time, she had no idea what Irish step-dancing looked like. She’d been taking ballet lessons for about a year and was interested in trying something different.

Now, 15 years later, Ms. Reilly has twice earned the title of best in the nation, and is ranked seventh in the world. Dancing has given her a purpose in life.

“Getting ranked seventh in the world has been my greatest accomplishment so far,” says the 21-year-old from Bridgewater, N.J., who is majoring in marketing and minoring in management. “Being ranked as a world medalist is something I will cherish forever. I am very proud to have reached that rank.”

Ms. Reilly’s next competition is the Irish Dancing World Championships, which will be held on Easter Sunday in Belfast, Ireland. Dancers are judged on several points, including appearance (a confident, smiling look is best), agility, posture and technique (which includes not only the dancer’s execution, but the complexity of her choreography). But her accomplishments have not come easily. As Ms. Reilly puts it, “There is no down time in this sport.”

From ages 6 through 18, she practiced 10 hours a week with dancing coaches and other dancers. Here at the University, she practices for an hour and a half three days a week in the Byron Recreation Complex. And every other weekend, she returns home for private lessons lasting two hours each from her coaches.

“The most difficult part about dancing is the practicing and perfecting of each of my routines,” she says. “Sometimes what I feel is ‘good enough’ isn’t anywhere near to where my coaches want me to be in stamina and technique.

“Being away at college, I find it a little more difficult to motivate myself, but I just say to myself, ‘The only way to improve is to drill.’”

To qualify for her World Champion title, she won the title of Eastern Region Champion eight times, and National Champion twice, and has competed in numerous smaller competitions.

“We compete for the love of the dance,” she says.

Ms. Reilly’s future plans include finding a job in pharmaceutical marketing after graduation, and continuing her Irish dancing by obtaining her teacher’s license by age 22. She’d also like to tour with Riverdance.

CTLE Receives Grant from Verizon Foundation

Scranton’s Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) recently received a grant in the amount of $14,000 from the Verizon Foundation. Monies from the grant, which is entitled “Fostering Excellence in Literacy for Students Regardless of Learning Style or Disability,” will be used to purchase electronic equipment in support of the Center’s goal of promoting and improving literacy for all students.

Through the grant, the Center will purchase new hardware and software to help students improve their reading and writing skills. Equipment will include text reading programs and a portable word processor.

Shown at the check presentation (above) from left: From Verizon, Ray Totten, Service Manager, and Anna Cervenak, Director of External Affairs; and from The University of Scranton, Andre Oberte, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence; and Charles E. Kratz, Dean of Library and Information Fluency.

Conference Explores ‘Modern’ Orthodoxy

The Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute at the University will sponsor an international conference entitled “(Modern) Orthodoxy in the 20th Century” from June 13 to 15 on campus.

Speakers will include Alan Brill, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Judaic Studies at Yeshiva University; Professor Daniel Statman, Professor of Philosophy at Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Rabbi Dr. Adam Ferziger, Gnendolyn and Joseph Straus Fellow in Jewish Studies and Lecturer in the Graduate Program in Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University; Lawrence Kaplan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Jewish studies at McGill University; and Jonathan D. Sarna, Ph.D., Chairman of the Academic Advisory and Editorial Board of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives at Brandeis University and Chief Historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History and of the 350th commemoration of Jewish life in America from 1654-2004.

The Judaic Studies Institute, which was created in 1979 through an endowment funded by the local Jewish community, fosters an understanding and appreciation of Judaism, Israel and their histories. The work of the institute was further enhanced by a $1 million gift from the Weinberg Foundation in 1990.

For further information on the conference, contact Marc B. Shapiro, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Theology/Religious Studies, at (570) 941-7956.