Leaders in Political Transitions and Catholic Education to Speak at Commencement

One of the world's foremost authorities on the political and global transitions of nations, Ashraf Ghani, Ph.D., will be the principal speaker at Scranton's 2007 Undergraduate Commencement on May 27. Dr. Ghani helped set the course for Afghanistan's recovery after September 11th and post-conflict Afghanistan.

The principal speaker at the May 26 Commencement Ceremony for master's and doctoral students will be Sister Mary Frances Taymans, S.N.D., Ed.D., Executive Director of the Secondary Schools Department of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

With a distinguished career that spans more than three decades in international leadership positions, Dr. Ghani is an internationally recognized expert on effective state building, post-conflict reconstruction and global governance. He is the Chancellor of Kabul University in Afghanistan and Afghanistan's former finance minister. He was among the handful of those considered candidates to succeed Kofi Annan as secretary-general of the United Nations. Dr. Ghani also serves as a member of United Nation's Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor and chairs the Commission's working group on property.

"Dr. Ghani's perceptive vision for political and economic recovery of nations in transition demonstrates a keen understanding of the remarkably complex world of regional, national and international politics," said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President of the University. "His international leadership experience will demonstrate to Scranton's graduates the meaning of global citizenship and interdependence - crucial elements of their Jesuit education."

After September 11th, Dr. Ghani served the United Nations as a Special Adviser and was a key architect of the Bonn Agreement, which established Afghanistan's interim government. It is among of the few peace agreements ever created to include defined benchmarks for citizen participation and state authority.

In February of 2002, he became Afghanistan's National Security and National Economic Advisor and was later named Afghanistan's Minister of Finance in June of 2002, a position he held until December of 2004. As Chancellor of Kabul University, a position he has held since January of 2005, Dr. Kabul has promoted the model of shared governance between the student body and faculty that focuses on their mutual rights and obligations.

Sister Mary Frances is responsible for the comprehensive agenda of the NCEA's Secondary Schools Department, which serves 1,210 Catholic High Schools in the U.S. and U.S. territories. She focuses on the areas of faith development, leadership and advocacy. Sister Mary Frances is the author of Validating the Vision, which is a protocol for Catholic high schools for institutional strategic planning and accreditation.

"Sister Mary Frances is at the forefront of Catholic education in the United States, leading efforts for assessment, accreditation, advocacy and faith formation," said Fr. Pilarz. "Her insights and knowledge will be of great interest to our graduates and their guests, as well as the members of our Catholic and Jesuit community."

Sister Mary Frances represents Catholic and private education in the U.S. as a member of the National Assessment Governing Board. The 26-member board was established by Congress in 1988 to set policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. She was a member of the Mathematics Framework Committee for determining the mathematics assessment for grades 4, 8 and 12, which was introduced in 2004.

Sister Mary Frances also served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Commission on the High School Senior Year. She serves on the board of Sisters of Notre Dame and the International Confederation of Principals Council.

Applications Break Records for Sixth Consecutive Year

The University has set a record for undergraduate applications for the sixth consecutive year, receiving 7,575 applications for admission to the University's 60 full-time undergraduate programs for the fall of 2007.

This year's record marks the first time in the history of the University that applications broke the 7,000 mark. It was only three years ago that applications first surpassed 6,000 and five years ago when applications first broke 5,000.

This represents an increase of more than 10 percent above applications received by the same time last year and more than doubles the 2001 totals for applications received to date.

According to Joseph Roback, Associate Vice President for Admissions and Undergraduate Enrollment, the sustained increase stems from the collaborative effort of the entire University community.

"The University of Scranton has a solid academic reputation, a caring environment, a beautiful campus and a strong sense of community," said Mr. Roback. "We have a great story to tell and everyone tells it, including our students, admissions staff, faculty, deans, administrators and alumni. We have a lot to offer students. Our numbers prove it."

According to Mr. Roback, applications have increased across the school's primary geographic areas, including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and other east coast areas. Although he is still reviewing data regarding majors, Mr. Roback has noticed increases in students applying to the business programs offered through the Kania School of Management and to the nursing program.
Two to Receive Arrupe Awards on April 18

An advocate for AIDS orphans in Nairobi and a defender of the rights of legal immigrants in the United States will receive the Arrupe Award from the University during the University Assembly on April 18. All employees and students are encouraged to attend the Assembly and 12th Annual Award ceremony, which will begin at noon in Room 509 of the McShane Executive Center of Brennan Hall. A luncheon reception will follow.

The late Angelo D’Agostino, S.J., physician, psychiatrist and Jesuit, will be honored posthumously for his work as a fearless defender of HIV-infected children in Nairobi, Kenya. Rev. Timothy Brown, S.J., Provincial of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, will receive the Arrupe Award on Fr. D’Agostino’s behalf.

Donald Kerwin, Executive Director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) will receive the Arrupe Award for his work as a tireless advocate for the rights of legal immigrants.

The Arrupe Award is named in honor of the late Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus from 1965 to 1983. The University of Scranton instituted the award in 1995 to further its namesake’s vision by recognizing men and women for outstanding contributions in a wide variety of Ignatian-inspired ministries.

“The Ignatian mission of social justice is embodied in Fr. D’Agostino and Mr. Kerwin, who have dedicated their lives to defending the rights of the marginalized,” said Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., Assistant Vice President for University Ministries. In 1992, Fr. D’Agostino founded the Nyumbani Children’s Home, one of Kenya’s first orphanages for abandoned HIV-positive children. Kenya has an estimated 1.5 million AIDS orphans. He went on to establish a diagnostic laboratory, community outreach program and self-sustaining community at Nyumbani.

Fr. D’Agostino was also known internationally for his determined efforts to make AIDS drugs affordable to the poor, even if it meant challenging those in authority. He ultimately succeeded in making Nyumbani the first place in Africa to import deeply discounted AIDS drugs.

Fr. D’Agostino served for two years as Chief of Urology in a U.S. Air Force base before entering the Society of Jesus in 1955. He was ordained in 1966 and was one of the first American Jesuits to be trained as a psychiatrist. He taught at Georgetown University and George Washington University, and had a private practice in psychiatry before accepting a position as Medical Director of a refugee camp in Thailand, a job that ultimately led him to Nairobi.

As Executive Director of CLINIC, Donald Kerwin works with more than 160 charitable legal programs for immigrants in over 260 locations, including the Diocese of Scranton. CLINIC is a subsidiary of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Before joining CLINIC in 1992, Mr. Kerwin was an associate in a Washington, D.C., law firm. He was named CLINIC’s Executive Director in 1993. Under his leadership, the organization has coordinated a large affirmative asylum project and has advanced the organization’s mission of offering the nation’s most extensive training and legal support programs for community-based legal agencies.

Mr. Kerwin writes and speaks on issues affecting at-risk and low-income immigrants, serves as an advisor of the USCCB’s Committee on Migration and is a member of the American Bar Association’s Commission on Immigration.

Jewish Scholar to Present Gelb Lecture

Jeffrey Shandler, Ph.D., author and scholar of modern Jewish culture, and Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University, will deliver the University’s 25th annual Morris Gelb Lecture on Thursday, May 10. The lecture, presented free of charge, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Eagen Auditorium of the Gunster Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Shandler will discuss “American Jewish Popular Culture.” He is an expert on modern Yiddish culture, American responses to the Holocaust, and the role that broadcasting, film, photography, and other media play in modern Jewish life.

Dr. Shandler is the author of *While America Watches: Televising the Holocaust* (Oxford University Press, 1999), which won the Saul Viener Prize by the American Jewish Historical Society as the work that made the most significant contribution to the field of American Jewish history during the years 1999-2000. He is the editor of *Awakening Lives: Autobiographies of Jewish Youth in Poland before the Holocaust* (Yale University Press, 2002), which was a Koret Jewish Book Award finalist. His most recent work is *Adventures in Yiddishland: Postvernacular Language and Culture, A Study of contemporary Yiddish culture* (University of California Press, 2005).

Dr. Shandler is also the co-author and co-editor of several works, including *Entertaining America: Jews, Movies, and Broadcasting* (Princeton University Press, 2003). He has translated several works of Yiddish literature into English, and has curated exhibitions for Jewish museums.

Dr. Shandler earned a Ph.D. in Yiddish Studies from Columbia University, and has been a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School for Communication and the Center for Judaic Studies; a Dorot Teaching Fellow in the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University; and a visiting scholar at the Center for Religion and Media at NYU.

The Morris Gelb Memorial Lecture is named in honor of the late Morris B. Gelb, Esq., in tribute to his more than 50 years of community service and his role in the development of the University of Scranton’s Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute. Mr. Gelb’s wife, Mae, continued the family’s civic and charitable endeavors until her passing in March 2007.

For information on the Gelb Lecture, contact Marc B. Shapiro, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Theology/Religious Studies, at (570) 941-7956.
Honorary Degrees to be Conferred to Five at Commencement

Five people will receive honorary degrees during The University of Scranton’s 2007 Commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students on May 26 and 27, respectively.

Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters will be presented to Asaf Ghani, Ph.D., one of the world’s foremost authorities on the political and global transitions of nations; Mary Frances Taymans, S.N.D., Ed.D., Executive Director of the Secondary Schools Department of the National Catholic Educational Association; Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chair of the American Ireland Fund; Rev. Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O., a Passionist Priest and osteopathic physician; and Vladimír Krcméry, M.D., D.Sc., Rector of St. Elizabeth University and Dean at the University of Trnava School of Public Health, Bratislava.

In addition to receiving an honorary degree, Dr. Ghani will deliver the principal address at the Commencement ceremony for undergraduate students being held May 27 at the Wachovia Arena, Wilkes-Barre. (See story on page 1.)

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St. Mary Frances will receive an honorary degree and will deliver the principal address at the Commencement ceremony for graduate and doctoral students being held May 26 in the Byron Complex on campus. (See story on page 1.) St. Mary Frances is responsible for the comprehensive agenda of the NCEAs Secondary Schools Department, which serves 1,210 Catholic High Schools in the U.S. and U.S. Territories. She is a member of the National Assessment Governing Board, established by Congress to set policy for the National Assessment of Educational Program, and serves on the board of Sisters of Notre Dame and the International Confederation of Principals Council.

Ms. Brennan Glucksman is a noted philanthropist who, together with her late husband, Lewis, has raised millions for Ireland. She has served as Chairman of the American Ireland Fund since 1995 and spearheaded the Fund’s successful “Hope & History” $100 million campaign. She is Co-Chair of the Glucksman Ireland House, which she and her late husband founded in 1993 at the Center for Irish Studies at New York University. She serves on numerous boards, including the Board of the Industrial Development Agency, The National Gallery of Ireland, Trinity College, University College Cork and the Royal College of Surgeons.

Fr. Frechette established an orphanage and clinic-hospital for orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti in 1987. He has also served as a Passionist Priest in Haiti for the past 20 years. In Haiti, Fr. Frechette has established and maintained a 200-bed hospital for children; has overseen an orphanage, complete with its own school, for 530 children; and implemented a variety of outreach projects for at least 5,000 youths and the destitute sick. Prior to his work in Haiti, Fr. Frechette worked with Cuban refugees in the United States, and worked with colleagues to establish missions for orphaned children in Mexico and Honduras.

Dr. Krcméry was named Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Trnava in 1994 and has served as a Professor of Medicine since 1996. He is also Professor of Pharmacology, University of Brno, Czech Republic. From 1998-2001, he served as Professor of Health Management and Administration at The University of Scranton through a Health Management Education Partnership with the University of Trnava. Board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology and infectious diseases, Dr. Krcméry has received numerous international awards in recognition of his scientific research.

Survey: Career Outcomes Remain Strong

Frank Gilmartin, Assistant Director and Information Resources Specialist of Career Services (left) assisted seniors who attended a resume-writing workshop hosted by Career Services. A recently released post-graduation survey reveals that 98 percent of Scranton’s 2006 undergraduate class members and 97 percent of its 2006 graduate class are either employed or pursuing additional education within six months of graduation. Of the 2006 graduates earning a bachelor’s degree who responded to the survey, 55 percent are employed full-time, four percent are employed part-time, and 39 percent are pursuing additional education. The average salary reported is $39,301, a 6.2 percent increase over last year’s average. For the master’s degree graduates of the class of 2006, 91 percent of respondents are employed full-time, four percent are employed part-time and two percent are pursuing additional education. Complete results of the survey are available on the Web at www.scranton.edu/careers.

Student-Athlete Receives NCAA Scholarship

Senior cross-country athlete John Mercuri, Moscow, was among just 29 male recipients in the nation to be awarded an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship for a fall sport. Students from Division I, II, and III schools are chosen based on academic merit and demonstrated athletic performance during their final season of eligibility. Mr. Mercuri is the 12th University of Scranton student to receive this award. A participant in the University’s prestigious Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, Mr. Mercuri maintained a G.P.A. of 3.97 while achieving national recognition for his performance on the varsity cross-country team.

Mr. Mercuri was selected to ESPN Magazine’s Academic All-America First Team in 2006 and to the magazine’s second team in 2005.

Commencement Activities 2007

Commencement Week Activities Announced

The University will celebrate the graduating classes of 2007 with numerous events beginning Sunday, May 20, and culminating with the noon commencement on Sunday, May 27, at the Wachovia Arena, Wilkes-Barre.

This year marks the first time in five years that the university’s graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies will be conducted separately.

Undergraduate Schedule

Scranton’s commencement week activities will begin May 20 with a Mass for Seniors, which will be held in the Madonna della Strada Chapel, Monroe Avenue.

Events planned for graduating seniors during the week include a registration brunch, a trip to Yankee Stadium, a luau and a Senior Formal at Split Rock Resort.

On Friday, May 25, achievement awards for undergraduates will be given during Class Night at 8 p.m. in the Eagen Auditorium of the Gunser Student Center.

On Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m., the University will conduct a Nursing Pinning Ceremony for nursing graduates in the Long Center. A reception for families and friends will follow.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, ROTC Army Cadets will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army during a ceremony to be held in the Royal Theater, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. A reception will follow.

At 4 p.m., the annual Baccalaureate Mass will be held in the Byron Recreation Complex. University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., will serve as celebrant.

At 8:30 p.m., a reception for graduates and parents will be held in the Byron Recreation Complex.

On Sunday, May 27, The University of Scranton will confer bachelor’s and associate’s degrees during its noon commencement ceremony.

Graduate Schedule

At 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, the Commencement ceremony for master’s and doctoral degree candidates will take place in the Byron Recreation Complex. Awards will be presented to the top students from the College of Graduate and Continuing Education during the Commencement ceremony.

At 1 p.m., a reception for master’s and doctoral degree recipients will be held on the Alumni Memorial Green.

At 4 p.m., the annual Baccalaureate Mass will be held in the Byron Recreation Complex. University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., will serve as celebrant.
Honorary Reunion Giving Chair Named

Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn ’72 has been named Honorary Reunion Giving Chair for Reunion 2007, which will be held on campus June 8-10.

Msgr. Quinn is Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, and St. Pius X Church at the foot of Elk Mountain. He is a former University Trustee who has held many leadership roles at Scranton and in the broader community. At Scranton, he served on the Board of Trustees from 1972 – 1977 and 1994 – 2003, and was Chair of the Search Committee for the 24th President of the University. He was a keynote speaker of the Alumni Society’s Leadership Conference in 2006 and has served on numerous committees with his alma mater.

As Honorary Reunion Giving Chair, Msgr. Quinn is leading an initiative to encourage gifts from alumni celebrating their reunion year.

“Giving to the University is an important way of creating an alumni connection while working to sustain our beloved alma mater in the ongoing fulfillment of its mission,” said Msgr. Quinn, who is celebrating his 35th reunion this year.

Healthcare Professionals, Students Invited to MAC Symposium and Boland Lecture

The Medical Alumni Council of The University of Scranton Alumni Society will present its second Medical Alumni Symposium, May 4-5 on campus.

The Symposium will feature presentations from Scranton alumni, faculty and nationally known experts on selected topics in the medical profession and health care industry.

The Symposium is open to local physicians, dentists, health care professionals and all medical students, as well as Scranton alumni.

The Symposium begins with a keynote address, followed by a Friday evening dinner reception and a lecture by Charles J. Yeo, M.D., the Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University’s Medical College. The lecture coincides with the annual Francis P. Boland M.D. ’29 Memorial Symposium co-sponsored by the University and Scranton’s Mercy Hospital. Dr. Yeo will speak on the genealogy of the Department of Surgery; addressing the history of medicine at Jefferson and how it affected medicine worldwide.

Featured topics on Saturday will include: “Pay for Performance, Quality Care and Information Technology,” which will offer insight into specific, current national trends in the health care industry; the Medical College of Northeastern Pennsylvania; a review of the “teaching and learning process” and the American Medical Association’s newly proposed Initiative for Transforming Medical Education. Other sessions will address community service initiatives and their impact on international medicine and the development of a vaccine against malaria, referenced in President Bush’s latest State of the Union message.

Speakers and program panelists will include Alice Stollenwerk Petrusi, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of KePRO and Adjunct Professor of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University; Robert E. Wright, M.D. ’59 of the Medical Education Development Consortium, Scranton; Daniel J. West, Ph.D., Chairman of the Health and Human Resources Department at the University; Gregory J. Lynch, D.O., FACOS ’79, General Vascular Surgeon and Chairman of the Medical Alumni Council, Philadelphia; Carl E. Barbecho, M.D. ’60 Internal Medicine Specialist practicing in Pueblo, Colorado; and author of the recent book, A Doctor’s Vietnam Journal; Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D., Dean of the University’s College of Arts and Sciences; William B. Jeffries, Ph.D. ’80, Associate Dean of the School of Medicine and Associate Professor, Creighton University; Lt. Col. James F. Cummings ’88, Chief of the Department of Clinical and Field trials, Division of Malaria Vaccine Development, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.; Gerald P. Tracy, M.D. ’63 is chairman of the symposium.

The University of Scranton boasts nearly 2,000 alumni in medical professions, including more than 200 alumni currently enrolled in medical schools.

Further information on the Medical Alumni Symposium or to register, call the Alumni Office at 941-7660, 1-800-SCRANTON. To register online, visit www.scranton.edu/alumnievents

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Thomas E. Baker, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, has published an article entitled, “High-Quality Supervision: Building the Leadership Climate,” in The Chief of Police (Vol. XX, No. 5, pp. 41-44).

John R. Conway, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology, has published a feature article titled, “Travel to Ecuador Past and Present: Diversity in the Andes and Amazon” in the January 2007 issue of Biology Digest (Vol. 33, Issue 5, pp. 10-19). Dr. Conway’s photographs were used to illustrate the inside front cover and the article.

Roy P. Domenico, Ph.D., Professor, History, presented a paper titled, “John Paul and the Jews” at the American Historical Association annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., on Jan. 5, 2007. At the same meeting, he served as Chair, and provided comments for a panel on “The Politics and Culture of Trans-Mission: American International Religion in the Cold War.” Dr. Domenico was also elected to a two-year term as President of the Society for Italian Historical Studies, the national association of historians of Italy.

New Staff

The following is a list of full-time staff hired in January:

Michael J. Olivette, Associate Dean for Educational Services, Panuska College of Professional Studies
Cyrus P. Olsen, Faculty, Theology
Nicholas J. Sweeton, Associate Director, Residence Life

Alumni, Faculty Will Reunite During Reunion

Bob McGrorty ’67 is celebrating his 40th Reunion this year. He’s one of hundreds of alumni who are planning to return to Scranton for Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 8-10.

“Reunion is a chance to see old friends and faculty who made a difference during the four years we spent together,” says Mr. McGrorty. “I am looking forward to reconnecting with those people and mingle with alumni, it’s great to see you again this year.

The good times are met with great satisfaction from alumni. In fact, nine out of ten alumni who participated in Reunion 2006 were either very satisfied (60%) or satisfied (29%).

Milestone years being celebrated this years are classes ending in “2” and “7.” The weekend-long events on campus will include the Frank O’Hara Awards and an All-Class Welcoming Reception on Friday evening; a Golf outing and Family Picnic on Saturday; Class Dinners on Saturday evening; and Alumni Reunion Mass and Farewell Brunch on Sunday morning.

Faculty are encouraged to join former students for a leisurely afternoon on Founder’s Green during the Family Picnic, as well as for Class Dinners that will be held on various locations throughout campus on Saturday evening.

For more information, or to register online, visit www.scranton.edu/reunion. You can see who has registered for Reunion by clicking on the “See Who’s Coming” on the Web. Additional information is also available by contacting Alumni Relations at alumni@scranton.edu or at 941-7660.

Library Dean Named to ALA Executive Board

Charles E. Kratz, Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library and Information Fluency at the University, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board.

Election to the ALA Executive Board recognizes significant contributions to and experience within the profession. Dean Kratz will begin his term in June.

The ALA currently has more than 66,075 members. The 13-member ALA Executive Board manages the affairs of the association founded in 1876. Dean Kratz is serving his third term on the ALA Council and is Chair of the ALA Nominating Committee for the 2007 election. Dean Kratz has been an active ALA member for more than 30 years.
Got Green? Res. Halls Participate in Sustainability Competition

Students and Physical Plant employees check a meter reading as part of the Sustainability in Scranton Residence Hall Competition. From left: Jackie Jahn, Tim Crowley, Zone Supervisor, Brian Tran, and Mark Murphy, Assistant Director of Utilities and Plant Engineer.

Students in six Scranton residence halls are vying to see which hall has gone the greenest.

The "Sustainability in Scranton Residence Hall Competition" is a 60-day effort that began at the start of the spring semester. Residents of Blair, Gavigan, Gonzalez, Luzerne, McGowan and Redington halls are competing to reduce electricity, natural gas and water usage, and to increase the amount of material they recycle.

Entering the competition, students in Redington were recycling the most. McGowan used the least amount of electricity, and Gavigan conserved the most natural gas. Gavigan, McGowan, Blair, Gonzalez and Luzerne were tops on water conversation; overall, participating halls are using half the water they used prior to the 2005 water conservation project.

Data from the four categories being measured will be analyzed on a per-student basis and converted to points to allow for discrepancies in population among the halls. Each hall may be awarded a maximum of 25 points per category. The results of the competition will be announced during the University’s Earth Week in April.

Dan Foster, a student member of the University’s Sustainability Task Force, presented the idea for the competition. Overseeing it is Mark Murphy, Assistant Director of Utilities and Plant Engineer, with assistance from Residence Life, the Sustainability Task Force, Physical Plant and Student Government. The students themselves are collecting meter readings and promoting interest in the competition in addition to engaging in the sustainability activities.

"The competition isn’t what’s most important," said Mr. Murphy. "It’s more about raising awareness about how we can impact sustainability on the individual level and getting the entire University involved – students, faculty and staff at all levels.

That effort seems to be succeeding. According to Mr. Murphy, dozens of students and staff have exchanged e-mails about the competition, links to informative Web sites and helpful hints about conservation, recycling and more. As an offshoot of the competition, students have established a Residence Life Sustainability Committee that meets monthly.

Students interested in renewing the competition in the fall are encouraged to contact Mr. Murphy at murphym1@scranton.edu.

“There’s been quite a buzz,” he said. “If we can continue to do it this fall, that buzz will continue.”

Proposal for Changes in Governance Structure

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the University conducted a formal assessment of its governance system. The Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research Office (PAIRO) has shared the results of this assessment with the University community. Last fall, the President organized a subcommittee of the Administrators’ Conference to discuss the assessment’s findings and suggest possible next steps for how the University can develop a “...more clearly defined and better understood governance structure.”

In addition to reviewing the key findings of the governance assessment, the group considered contemporary scholarship on governance in colleges and universities, and studied the structures and processes in place at other institutions, all with a careful eye to the University’s unique mission, character and community. "The subcommittee conducted spirited and fruitful discussions regarding alternatives for better clarifying and improving governance systems at the University," according to Jerry DeSanto, Vice President for Planning and Chief Information Officer, and convener of the subcommittee on University governance.

The group has prepared a proposal for revisions to the current governance structure, which has been shared with the Administrators’ Conference, and the leadership of the Faculty Senate, Student Senate, and University Council. Throughout the spring, each of these groups will discuss the proposal, and the representative governing bodies will present the feedback of their constituencies to the governance subcommittee. To view the proposal, visit: http://academic.scranton.edu/department/pairo/governance.shtml. Feedback to the proposal will be collected through the end of April. To share your thoughts, contact your Faculty Senate, Student Senate, or University Council representative, or e-mail governance@scranton.edu.

Variety of Activities To Mark Earth Day

Interest in sustainability and conservation has grown so large among students, faculty and staff that the University has added a variety of programming to supplement its celebration of Earth Day.

Events this month include:

April 12: Sustainability Fair, Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Students from the philosophy course Environmental Ethics, as well as other campus organizations will host displays and presentations on such topics as water, food, animals, energy, population and recreation.

April 14: Community Garden, 300 block of North Irving Avenue, 10 a.m.

Members of the University community are invited to participate in a spring clean-up and to expand the garden’s growing space by shaping new beds.

April 18: Lecture on organic gardening, Trophy Room, Gunster Center, 7:30 p.m.

Sandra Guzikowski will present “Eat This,” a lecture sponsored by the University’s Programming Board.

April 23: Screening of “An Inconvenient Truth,” Brennan Auditorium, Room 228, 7 p.m.

The Sustainability Task Force will show former Vice President Al Gore’s Oscar-winning documentary. Dr. Michael Cann, a Professor of Chemistry and member of the Sustainability Task Force, will moderate a discussion after the film.

Under Scranton President Scott Pilarski, S.J., the University has launched sustainability programs in a variety of areas.

In academic affairs, a major in environmental science and interdisciplinary concentrations in environmental studies and peace and justice have been established, and sustainability issues have been included across the curriculum. A Sustainability Workshop is now in its third year, under the direction of Michael Cann, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, and Sharon Meagher, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy.

The guidebook, being released in April, gives high school students and parents the information they need to plan successful trips to college campuses. The universities profiled are selected based on academic reputation and the level of interest from students as indicated by visits to online profiles from The Princeton Review’s Web site. These two criteria are balanced by a goal of including a wide representation of colleges, including public, private and military schools, and everything from small to large universities.

This edition marks a new and complete revamped approach to the topic of campus tours based on trends in college visits and enrollment observed by The Princeton Review. With many students choosing a school within a 100-mile radius of their hometown, quality of life issues are important in making final enrollment decisions.

As a result, the Guide to College Visits is organized by geographic region, and each school’s profile includes information about the quality of life, both on campus and off. The guidebook is divided into four sections: Northeast Colleges, Southeast Colleges, Midwest Colleges and Western Colleges. Each section is preceded by a regional map, a suggested itinerary, and information about the region’s landscape and culture.
By Kevin Southard
Assistant Athletics Director

WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

Men's Basketball
Led by first-team all-Freedom Conference selections Randy Arnold (Doylestown/Central Bucks West) and Tom Bicknell (Melbourne, Australia/St. Bede's College), the Royals posted a 19-7 record under the guidance of sixth-year head coach Carl Danzig. Arnold joined some exclusive company when he became the 35th player in Scranton history to score the 1000th point of his career against DeSales University in the semifinals of the Freedom Conference tournament on Wednesday, February 21, at the Long Center. Senior Darren Cannon (Paupack/Wallenpaupack Area) received the John 'Les' Dickman Award as the Royals' most valuable player (MVP). This award has been presented annually since 1954.

Women's Basketball
Even though the Lady Royals' bid to win their second Division III championship fell short with a 48-45 loss to the University of Mary Washington (Va.) in an NCAA Sweet 16 game, Scranton finished another successful season under veteran head coach Mike Strong. The Lady Royals won 27 games and ended the year ranked in the top 10 in two national polls. Senior guard Taryn Mellody (Dunmore/Bishop O'Hara) was named first-team all-American by the Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCHA) for the third consecutive year, while senior guard Allison Matt (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic) was honorable mention all-American for the second straight season. Strong also picked up two prestigious honors, the Freedom Conference and WBCHA Region 4 coach of the year awards.

Ice Hockey
Coach Bill Fitzgerald's Ice Royals played one of the most competitive schedules in the program's 22-year history, taking on eight teams ranked in the top 20 by the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The highlight of the season came on October 28 when the Ice Royals defeated 13th-ranked West Virginia University, 6-2, at the Ice Box Sports Complex in downtown Scranton. Senior defenseman Dan Stallone (South Plainfield, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen), a two-time first-team Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECH-A) all-star selection, ended his career as the sixth all-time leading scorer in Scranton history.

Men's Swimming
Sophomore Joseph Veselovsky (Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park) became the third male swimmer in Royals' history to win a Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championship on Saturday, February 10, when he captured the 400 individual medley title in an MAC record-breaking time of 4:13.02 at the Catholic Youth Center (CYC) in Wilkes-Barre. He also placed second in the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly to help the Royals of head coach Tom Evans to a fourth-place finish in the 10-team field with 420 points. Former Royal standout and Wall of Fame inductee Tim DiMarco, Class of 1989, won three MAC individual championships (the 200 freestyle in 1988 and 1989 and the 200 individual medley), and Brendan Connors, Class of 2005, won a MAC title in the 200 butterfly in 2004.

Womens Swimming
Sophomore Erin O'Connor (Scrutch Plains, N.J./Union Catholic Regional) repeated as Middle Atlantic Conference champion in the 400 individual medley (4:46.02) and the 500 freestyle (5:16.39) to spark the Royals to their third straight runner-up finish. Senior Jill Palmiot (Brookfield, Conn./Brookfield) placed second in the 100 and 200 backstroke, and sophomore Lauren Hosko (Stroudsburg/Stroudsburg) finished runner-up in the 100 butterfly as Scranton posted 648 points, its highest total since winning its third conference championship with 721 points in 2004.

Wrestling
Senior Donnell Young (Scranton/West Scranton) became the 12th wrestler in Royals' history to compete in the NCAA Division III championships this past season. He was selected as a wild card entry after finishing runner-up in the 149-pound weight class at the Metropolitan Wrestling Conference tournament. Young's bid to join Michael Grandchamp (1999) and Darren Buseman (2003) as all-Americans from The University of Scranton fell short with a pair of losses at nationals, which were staged at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Young finished his career fourth on the Royals' all-time list with 69 victories.

ROYALS LAND 20 ON WINTER SPORTS ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

The Royals were well represented with 20 student-athletes earning a spot on the Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll this past winter. In order to qualify, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2-or-higher.

Those named include:

Men's Basketball
Tom Bicknell (Melbourne, Australia/St. Bede's College)
Darren Cannon (Paupack/Wallenpaupack Area)
Brendan Fuller (Alexandria, Va./Bishop Ireton)
Paul Hawk (Aubudon/Methacton)
Ryan Kir (Lansdale/LaSalle College)

Women's Basketball
Julie Brophy (Exton/Downingtown East)
Kathleen Daly (Bryn Mawr/Merion Mercy Academy)
Claire Davis (Havertourn/Merion Mercy Academy)
Michelle Fabio (Brick, N.J./Saint Rose)
Marisa Healy (Columbus, N.J./St. Basil Academy-Pa.)
Allison Matt (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic)
Taryn Mellody (Dunmore/Bishop O'Hara)
Casy Thran (Dalton/Abington Heights)

Men's Swimming
Anthony Lentini (Cortland Manor, N.Y./Walter Panas)
Jack Cook (Springfield/Springfield)

Women's Swimming
Annie Bostwick (Challion/Gwynedd Mercy Academy)
Angie Buren (Livingston, N.J./Livingston)
Gina Miller (Secane/Cardinal O'Hara)
Rosie Moran (West Chester/Unionville)
Jill Palmiot (Brookfield, Conn./Brookfield)

WALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 1

Kevin Southard, Assistant Athletics Director, has announced that the athletics department is accepting nominations for the Wall of Fame. The deadline to submit a nomination is Sunday, July 1, 2007.
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 also be downloaded off the Internet at http://matrix.scranton.edu/athletics/at_wof_nomination.shtml. The Class of 2007 will be formally inducted on Saturday, December 1, at the Long 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 Wall of Fame is comprised of two parts: the first is for those nominees who have completed their athletic eligibility at least ten years ago 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 1997 or before is eligible. A student-athlete does not need to have graduated from the University in order to be eligible, while a coach and/or an administrator must have been employed at the University for at least ten years. For those classified for their contributions as community members, there are no specific eligibility requirements.

For the Old Timers’ ballot, a nominee's athletic eligibility must be completed at least 20 years prior to the year of the class that is being inducted. Therefore, a nominee whose athletic eligibility expired in 1987 is eligible. Again, a nominee does not have to have graduated from the University 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 for the Old Timers’ ballot, again, for those classified as community service, there are no specific eligibility requirements.

Additional Athletics Information is available on the Web at www.scranton.edu/athletics.
April


12 8:30 a.m. Fourth Annual Kane Competition, Byron Complex.

13 11 a.m. Grad Finale 2007, Gunster Center, Eagen Auditorium.

14 8 a.m. Scranton Club of Philadelphia, Walk Against Hunger, Ben Franklin Parkway.


16 Noon Schemel Forum Spring Luncheon Lecture Series, Weinberg Memorial Library, Fifth Floor.

17 1 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Gunster Center, Eagen Auditorium.

18 Noon Arrupe Award Celebration, Brennan Hall, Room 509.

19 11:30 a.m. University Liturgy celebrating Ignatian Heritage Week, Madonna della Strada Chapel

20 8 a.m. University of Scranton Players Present: "Bus Stop," McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts.

21 9 a.m. University of Scranton's 22nd Annual Psychology Conference, Brennan Hall.

22 1 p.m. Scranton Club of Northern California San Francisco Giants Game.

23 11 a.m. Grad Finale 2007, Gunster Center, Eagen Auditorium.

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26 11:45 a.m. "Viruses Out There" – IEEE Lunch Break Lecture Series, St. Thomas Hall, Room 292.

27 2 p.m. University Relay for Life, Long Center.

May


3 8 a.m. University of Scranton Players New Director's Workshop, McDade Center for Literary & Performing Arts, through May 5.

4 7:30 p.m. In Concert: "The University of Scranton Singers, Houlihan-McLean Center.

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6 8 p.m. Morris Gelb Lecture featuring Jeffrey Shandler, Ph.D., Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Center.

12 12:30 p.m. Master's of Health Administration Alumni Council Captain & Crew Golf Tournament, Paupack Hills Country Club, Greentown.

15 7:30 p.m. Wyoming Seminary PAI Civic Symphony Concert, Houlihan-McLean Center.

22nd Annual Psychology Conference Slated

"Materialism and its Alternatives" will be the topic of the keynote address at The University of Scranton's 22nd annual Psychology Conference on Saturday, April 21, in Brennan Hall on campus. The event will take place from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

This year’s keynote speaker is Tim Kasser, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at Knox College, author of The High Price of Materialism and co-editor of Psychology and Consumer Culture: The Struggle for a Good Life in a Materialistic World.

Two workshops are scheduled to occur simultaneously in the morning, Dr. Kass will attend the workshop on "Materialism," while Steven Specht, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Utica College of Syracuse University, will host a workshop on "Writing Personal Statements for Graduate School."

For additional information call Dr. Kass at (607) 753-2978.

For additional information call J. Timothy Cannon, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Scranton, at 941-4266, or e-mail cannon@scranton.edu.
Scranton to Host Conference on Catholic and Georgist Economic Views of Social Justice

Distinguished presenters from across the United States and Canada will come to Scranton to compare Catholic views to those of the 19th century American economist and social reformer Henry George on a variety of social justice topics. Presenters will examine topics such as the causes of war, immigration, wealth and community development, during a four-day conference.

Sponsored by the Council of Georgist Organizations, the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, and The University of Scranton, the conference, entitled “Two Views of Social Justice: A Catholic/Georgist Dialogue,” will be held from July 24 to July 27 at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum and The University of Scranton.

Among the presenters are University of Pennsylvania Professor John Dilulio, Jr., Ph.D., and Joshua Vincent of Philadelphia’s Center for the Study of Economics, who will discuss neighborhood revitalization. Catholic and Georgist perspectives on immigration will be presented by Rev. William O’Neill, S.J., Associate Professor of Social Ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., and John Beck, Ph.D., Professor of Economics at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. A comparison of the perspectives on human nature will be presented by the Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy at Forham University, N.Y., and James Dawsey, Ph.D., Chair of the Religion Department at Emory and Henry College, Va. University of Scranton professors presenting at the conference include William Parente, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, and Brian Benestad, Ph.D., Professor of Theology.

The conference will begin on July 24 with several presentations on local history, including “The Molly Maguires and Catholic Condemnation of Secret Societies” and “Henry George on Coal Mining in Pennsylvania.” The presentations will be held at the Anthracite Heritage Museum and will include a tour of the museum and the Lackawanna Coal Mine. The sessions on July 25 to July 27 will be held in Brennan Hall on the campus of The University of Scranton.

The conference follows the Council of Georgist Organization’s annual meeting, which will be held at the Hilton Conference Center and The University of Scranton on July 22 and July 23.

Registrations fees vary. Registration is available for daily or individual sessions and dinners. The deadline for registration is July 17.

For additional information, visit www.progress.org/cgo.

Grant Funds Research on OptiBerry Extract

Two University professors have received a grant in the amount of $15,032 from InterHealth, Inc., for research on OptiBerry, a product promoted for its optimum antioxidant and anti-aging potency.

J. Timothy Cannon, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, and Joseph A. Vinson, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, are conducting an animal study with the OptiBerry extract, which contains a combination of wild blueberries, strawberries, cranberries, wild blueberries, elderberries and raspberries. InterHealth is looking for evidence that their extract, which is high in antioxidants, can slow or reverse the cognition decline associated with aging.

According to Dr. Vinson, the research is based on a study from the USDA Lab at Tufts University, which showed that blueberry and strawberry supplements improved the cognitive ability of aged rats.

Several University of Scranton psychology students are also assisting Dr. Vinson and Dr. Cannon in their biochemical research by analyzing the results, including senior Brentt Swetter, Uniondale; junior Emily Zelinka, Mountaintop; and junior Alex Krupka, of Allentown.

Dr. Vinson has previously been nationally cited for papers that demonstrated the added antioxidant value of certain foods, including coffee and tea. He joined the faculty of the University in 1974. He earned his bachelor’s of science degree from The University of California at Berkeley and his master’s and doctorate from Iowa State University.

Dr. Cannon earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from The University of Scranton in 1971. He earned a doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Maine, completed post-doctoral research at UCLA, and joined Scranton’s faculty in 1981.

InterHealth researches, develops, manufactures, markets and distributes specialty nutritional ingredients, which are sold worldwide to manufacturers of dietary supplements and food and beverage products.