Partnership Announces Free Clinic for the Uninsured

The University of Scranton and the Lackawanna County Medical Society announced the opening of a free health clinic that will provide non-emergency health care to uninsured Lackawanna County residents who do not have and cannot afford private health insurance and who do not qualify for public health insurance. The announcement was made at a Feb. 19 news conference.

The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured: A Cooperative Project at The University of Scranton is the only free clinic in Lackawanna County. It provides services usually given by a primary care physician, such as treatment of fevers, influenza or respiratory infections.

The clinic, located in the University’s 4,000-square-foot Leahy Community Health and Family Center in the lower level of McGurrin Hall, is open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday afternoons and is capable of seeing between 20 and 24 patients each week.

“The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured fits well with the University's Jesuit mission by combining learning with service, and by engaging our resources, faculty and students with professional collaborators to meet a pressing community need,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of The University of Scranton.

“Leahy's center clinic for the uninsured will offer new opportunities for faculty and student teaching, learning research and service in the fields of health, human services and education.”

In his remarks at the news conference, Edward Leahy '68, who, together with his wife, Patricia, established the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Endowment at the University in honor of their late son, said that the clinic benefits all of Lackawanna County. “For, although your hands and your medical expertise will touch only a portion of our residents, that medical care will benefit the entire county by producing more healthy lifestyles, more productive workers, more sustainable families, a more robust economy, and, ultimately, hospital emergency rooms that are freed to perform their intended function — to treat patients who are truly in need of emergency care,” said Leahy.

Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured includes diagnosing and treatment of common illnesses and the identification and referral of chronic health problems, like high blood pressure and diabetes. Referrals will be made to community and University resources. The clinic can also provide referrals to pharmaceutical access programs.

Leadership in Jesuit Education to Speak at Commencement

A Jesuit priest who is responsible for the implementation of the educational ministry of the Jesuits worldwide and who was among the delegates who this year elected the new Superior General of the Society of Jesus will be the principal speaker at the University’s 2008 undergraduate commencement on May 25.

From the Jesuit headquarters in Rome, Thomas E. Roach, S.J., serves as secretary for education for the Society of Jesus.

“This is truly a time of transition for both The University of Scranton and the Society of Jesus worldwide,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University, regarding the selection of this year’s commencement speaker. “Father Roach was among those who this year elected the 30th Superior General of the Society of Jesus. His global perspective of the challenges faced by Jesuit education and its future course will be enlightening, as Scranton celebrates its 120th year and its graduating class of 2008.”

Father Roach was among the delegates of the 35th General Congregation who in January of this year elected Rev. Adolfo Nicolas, S.J., as the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. Since 2001, he has served as the Secretary for Education for the 3,730 Jesuit educational institutions worldwide, serving more than 2.5 million students.

Institutions include educational apostolates and technical and professional schools, as well as primary, secondary and higher educational schools.

Father Roach served for 25 years in various administrative positions, including principal of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School in Philadelphia, assistant for secondary education for the Maryland Province, and headmaster and president of Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Md.

Father Roach earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from St. Louis University, a Master’s of Divinity in Theology from Woodstock College in Maryland and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Woodstock College in New York.

In addition to giving the principal address, Father Roach will also receive an honorary degree at the undergraduate commencement ceremony.
Award-Winning Author, Scholar to Discuss Diversity and Multiculturalism

Ronald Takaki, Ph.D., professor of ethnic studies at UC Berkeley, will discuss “Why Diversity/ Multiculturalism Matters” at 7:30 p.m. in the fourth-floor auditorium of the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center, with a book-signing to follow. Both events are free and open to the public.

Dr. Takaki has been a member of UC Berkeley’s faculty for more than 30 years. His course, titled “The Making of Multicultural America: A Comparative Historical Perspective,” examines the racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. and its development and transformation since the 1600s. He is the author of 11 books, one of which, Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans (Little, Brown, 1989) was chosen as one of the best 100 non-fiction books of the 20th century by the San Francisco Chronicle. His 1993 book, A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America was chosen as an American Book Award winner in 1994.

In 1997, Dr. Takaki engaged in debate with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and social critic Arthur Schlesinger Jr. at the opening plenary session of the conference on American Diversity and American Foreign Policy, sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations. Also in 1997, Dr. Takaki met with President Bill Clinton at the White House in an idea brainstorming session for Clinton’s speech, “One America in the 21st Century: The President’s Initiative on Race.”

On Thursday, April 10, Dr. Takaki will conduct a diversity training workshop on multiculturalism for university faculty members and members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium (NEPDEC). The topic will be “We Will All Be Minorities: A Curriculum for the 21st Century.” The workshop will take place from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in room 509, Brennan Hall, and a light lunch buffet will be served.

Reservations are requested for April 10 Faculty Workshop. To make reservations, or for more information, contact Jennifer Pennington in the Office of Equity and Diversity at 941-6645, or e-mail penningtonj2@scranton.edu.

Scranton Listed Among the Ivy League in Value

The University of Scranton, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Penn were among the only 50 universities in the nation listed in Kiplinger’s “Best Values in Private Colleges.” The list, published in the April edition of Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine, ranks only four universities in Pennsylvania: The University of Pennsylvania (10), Villanova (32), Carnegie Mellon (39) and Scranton (46).

In addition to Scranton, other Jesuit universities on the best values list are Georgetown (16), Boston College (21), Gonzaga (34), Santa Clara (37), Xavier (42) and Marquette (44).

Kiplinger’s rankings calculate academic quality, which accounts for two-thirds of the measure, and affordability. Kiplinger reviewed data on more than 1,000 colleges that included the percentage of the 2006/07 freshman class that scored 600 or better in the verbal and math components of the SAT or 24 or higher on ACT; the faculty to student ratio; and graduation rate. Financial measures considered included total cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board, and estimated expenses for books); cost after need-based assistance; aid from grants; cost after non-need based assistance; non-need based aid; and average debt after graduation.

Gelb Lecture to Feature UCLA Professor

Award-winning author Eric J. Sundquist, Ph.D., will discuss “The Holocaust in American Literature: Hard Cases” at the University’s 26th annual Morris and Mae Gelb Memorial Lecture. The lecture, presented free of charge, will begin at 8 p.m. on May 8 in the balcony of the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center.

Dr. Sundquist is a professor of ethnic and racial minorities in American literature and culture. He received the 2007 American Jewish Studies book award given by the Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute at The University of Scranton for Strangers in the Land: Blacks, Jews, Post Holocaust America (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press). He is the author or editor of eight books in his field, including To Wake the Nations: Race in the Making of American Literature (1993), winner of the James Russell Lowell Prize from the Modern Language Association for best book published during the year, the Christian Gauss Award from Phi Beta Kappa for the best book in the humanities, and the Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award.

Dr. Sundquist is the UCLA Foundation Professor of Literature and a member of the Department of English at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center Dedicated

Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of the Diocese of the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center, was the celebrant and homilist of the Mass of Dedication of the new Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center. A capacity crowd filled the ballroom of the DeNaples Center for the Feb. 29 Mass.

The Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center was dedicated during a Mass of Dedication on Feb. 29, Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, served as celebrant and homilist, Bishop Joseph Martino, Celebrant and Homilist at the Dedication Mass, said, “This is a joy for me. An event like this is something that is important to the life of the entire diocese.”

In his remarks, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., emphasized the importance of yet another milestone in the University’s history. “This campus center has been anticipated for a long time. Its completion marks the beginning of a new era in the University’s history,” he said. “Few other moments compare in terms of the difference made on this good ground. In addition to 1888, we acknowledge the arrival of the Jesuits in 1942 and the gift of the Estate by the Scranton family. We now add 2008 to that celebrated calendar of dates that made all the difference for Scranton.”

He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the recipient of the MELUS Distinguished Scholar Award and the UCLA College of Letters and Sciences Faculty Award. Dr. Sunquist was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1997 and was named a recipient of a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in 2007.

The Morris and Mae Gelb Memorial Lecture is named in honor of the late Morris B. Gelb, Esq., and his wife, Mae Gelb, in tribute to their more than 50 years of community service and his role in the development of The University of Scranton’s Judaic Studies Program in 1979, now the Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute.

The institute fosters an understanding and appreciation of Judaism, Israel and their histories. It supports visits to the University by Jewish scholars, writers and leaders, and supports library acquisitions, publications, faculty research travel and other scholarly endeavors. The work of the Institute was further enhanced by a $1 million gift from the Weinberg Foundation in 1990.

For information on the Gelb Lecture, contact Marc B. Shapiro, Ph.D., associate professor, theology/religious studies, at (570) 941-7956.
Two to be Honored With Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award

The directors of two of the preeminent Jesuit ministries in the United States will be honored with the University's annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian Mission and Ministries. The awards will be presented at a University Assembly on Wednesday, April 23, at noon in the DeNaples Center theater. The Assembly and award presentations are part of ongoing celebrations of the University's 120th anniversary of its founding in 1888.

Arrupe Awards will be presented to Suzanne Geaney, executive director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and Rev. Kenneth Gavin, S.J., national director of the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA.

"Like the late Fr. Arrupe, Suzanne Geaney and Fr. Gavin are tirelessly devoted to serving the poor and the marginalized who seek and deserve a better life," said University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. "It is with great pleasure that The University of Scranton honors two individuals who fulfill Fr. Arrupe's vision of the promotion of justice."

Since joining the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) in 2003, Geaney has led a national organization that provides men and women age 50 and over the opportunity to serve the poor, to work for a more just society, and to reflect and pray in the Ignatian tradition. She came to IVC having served on its Board of Directors since 1995, just one year after the organization's founding. Today, IVC has approximately 260 full-time volunteers who serve 13 regions across the country.

Prior to joining IVC, Geaney served as director of Development and director of Social Ministries for the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. She earned a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross and a master's degree from Bryn Mawr College. She is actively involved in community and Church activities, and served for two years in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: East. Since 2003, Fr. Gavin has led the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, an organization established by Fr. Pedro Arrupe in response to the exile of Vietnamese following the Vietnam War. In coordination with the Jesuit Refugee Service's International Office in Rome, JRS/USA provides advocacy, financial and human resources for JRS regions throughout the world. In the United States, it serves as the major refugee outreach arm of American Jesuits and their institutional ministries. Fr. Gavin was previously the major superior, or provincial, of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, which serves 500 Jesuits. He also served as president of Regis High School and executive assistant to the provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, and was chair and a faculty member of the Department of Speech Pathology at Marquette University. He earned a bachelor's degree from Fordham University, a master's degree from the State University of New York, a master of divinity from Weston College School of Theology and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He has served on numerous boards of Jesuit colleges, high schools and organizations.

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.

2008 Book & Plant Sale
Saturday, April 26
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 27
Noon - 4:30 p.m.
Weinberg Memorial Library
Heritage Room (5th Floor)
Sponsored by the Friends of the Weinberg Library, The Weinberg Library Staff, and the Picconio Northeast Chapter of the University Alumni Society

11 to Receive O'Hara Awards at Reunion

Eleven individuals will be presented with the 2008 Frank O’Hara Award during Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 6-8 on campus. The O’Hara Award is the highest award bestowed jointly by the University and the Alumni Society for outstanding achievements in a particular field or endeavor. This year’s honorees and the categories for which they will receive their award are:

- Joseph T. Sebastianelli ’68, Philadelphia, president of the Jefferson Health System (Management)
- Joseph F. Gower, Ph.D., ’68, provost of Georgian Court University (Education)
- Louis J. Volpicelli ’48, Darien, Conn., retired television producer with the Wide World of Sports (Arts & Letters)
- Richard Bevilaqua, D.M.D., M.D., ’83 maxillofacial surgeon, Hartford, Conn. (Medicine)
- Edward R. Leahy ’68, Washington, D.C., attorney and former chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees (Law)
- John M. McInerney, Ph.D., professor of English (University Service)
- Brig Gen. John Gronski ’78, assistant adjunct general for the Pennsylvania National Guard (Government Service)
- Carole A. Sable, M.D., ’83, Ambler, chief medical officer for Novexel SA (Science & Technology)
- Anne Marie Collins ’88, Philadelphia, executive director of the Holy Redeemer Health Care System’s Drueding Center! Project Rainbow (Community Service)

Commemoration 2008 Events

Friday, May 23
8 p.m.
Class Night
DeNaples Center, ballroom 407
Those who have been notified as award winners should report to the theatre (Room 401) by 7:00pm for pictures. Reception will follow in the first floor lobby

SATURDAY, MAY 24
10 a.m.
Nursing Pinning Ceremony
Long Center
Reception will follow in the Long Center Lobby

11 a.m.
College of Graduate and Continuing Education Commencement Ceremony
Byron Complex (Procession begins at 10:45 a.m.)
Reception for graduates and their families will follow on the Alumni Green
Service Trip Takes Nursing Students to Kentucky

“...I didn’t know this kind of thing happened in our country,” said Andrew Graham.

Still, many of the residents were too proud to turn to CAP. “They don’t want to be regarded as the poorest of the poor,” said Caitlin Boyle.

The students’ service to the communities included everything from health promotion with the elderly to home visits involving medication review, full physical assessments, and suggestions about vitamins and over-the-counter medications to treat certain health conditions.

For all that they gave, the students say they got even more in return.

“I’ve never felt such an appreciation in my life,” said Boyle.

McKeaney relays, “It was mentioned to us how much we did for them, but it’s also what they did for us.”

For Gloriarose Schmitt, the service trip kept her “focused on what the true meaning of nursing really is: to be compassionate.”

Maura Hayden offered a few words of advice for other students who might consider a service trip such as this in the future. “Be open-minded and be ready to be flexible,” she said, adding that the group had to adapt to very unstructured situations and still be able to promote health among local residents.

Scranton Hosts Governor’s Advisory Commission Meeting

The University of Scranton recently hosted a Business Exchange Breakfast, which was sponsored by the Governor’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs. Approximately 76 people attended. The event offered an opportunity for members of the African American business community, government officials and community leaders to meet and exchange ideas about issues that affect them. Speakers included Curtis Burwell, business enterprise analyst, Pennsylvania Department of General Services; and Diane Boone, The Melanian News; and Rick Wright, State Farm Insurance agent. A follow-up workshop on conducting business with the state is planned in the near future. Front row, from left are: Sonya Toler; Diane Boone; Curtis Burwell. Back row: Rick Wright, Sherman Wooden, Director of Multicultural Affairs, The University of Scranton.

S&P Gives Scranton an “A” Rating

Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services has assigned an ‘A’stable’ rating to The University of Scranton’s 2008 bond issue. This new rating improved on the University’s previous ‘A-’ rating.

The ‘A’ rating, issued by Standard & Poor’s on March 18, reflects the following:

• Favorable demand characteristics with increases in enrollment and freshman applications, as well as improved selectivity of students;
• Solid financial performance;
• Good levels of liquidity;
• A seasoned management team with success in achieving strategic initiatives.

“The rating from S&P speaks to the overall financial health of the University,” said David Christiansen, vice president for finance and treasurer of The University of Scranton. “This rating will reduce our cost of debt, resulting in savings to the University.”

In its rating announcement, Standard & Poor’s offered its expectation that the gains made by the University over the past several years will be maintained “...including improved selectivity and student quality.”

Standard & Poor’s, whose origins date back to 1860, is the world’s foremost provider of independent credit ratings, indices, investment research, risk evaluation and data.

Education for Justice Office Supports Educational Mission

The University has a long history of incorporating the principles and practice of the service of faith and promotion of justice in academic, civic and spiritual pursuits. Since 2000, the University has been engaged in conversations about how to best incorporate education for justice into its educational structure and community life. As a result of analysis by the Education for Justice Task Force in 2005, the Education for Justice Office was formed to support, coordinate and publicize efforts in this area by members of the University community.

The promotion of justice includes:

• A concern for the rights and welfare of the less powerful in society: the poor, racial and other minorities, women, children, the unborn
• A concern for the welfare of less powerful nations and communities in an era of global competition, dominated by highly developed countries
• A concern for the equitable and sustainable use of the environment for the sake of present and future generations
• A commitment to the promotion of peaceful, nonviolent means of effecting change and resolving conflict

Headed by Sister Mary Anne Foley, C.N.D., Ph.D., the Education for Justice Office offers a variety of resources on justice issues. For example, the Office co-sponsored a lecture on Rwandan genocide on March 26. (See story on page 1.) According to University President Rev. Scott Pilarz S.J., under Sister Mary Anne Foley’s leadership “we will harness the work already under way by many individuals inside and outside of the classroom.”

As a special focus, the office will lead the University in the exploration of the theme of immigration throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, which will include public lectures, club activities, course assignments, informal conversation, and faculty and student research. Education for justice grants are also available, and proposals exploring the topic of immigration are encouraged.

For more information, contact the Office at 941-4051 or justice@scranton.edu. Faculty, students, and staff are also invited to visit the Education for Justice Office Web site at http://www.scranton.edu/edjustice.
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Thomas E. Baker, associate professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, has had his peer-reviewed article titled, "Criminal Analysis: A Synergistic and Consolidated Curriculum Model," published in the April issue of International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysis Journal. In addition, Prof. Baker published another peer-reviewed article, "The Universal and Systematic Design of Instruction as a Method for Accommodating Diverse Learning Styles in Criminal Justice," with Springer Link, an international Web site publishing company.

John R. Conway, Ph.D., associate professor, Biology, has had his article titled "Panama: More Than Just a Canal" published as the feature article in the January issue of Biology Digest (Vol. 34, Issue 5, pp. 10-19). The article focuses on the biological diversity of the Panamanian rainforest and coral reefs as observed during three of Dr. Conway’s Tropical Biology courses. His photographs were also printed with the article and on the inside cover.

Jonathan Kirby, assistant director, Financial Aid, received the Emerging Leader Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators at the association’s annual membership recognition luncheon held Oct. 23, 2007, in Seven Springs. The Emerging Leader award recognizes newer members of the association who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and interest in the association through their ongoing contributions and service to committees and projects.

New Staff
The following is a list of full-time staff hired in January, February and March:
Christopher R. Adams, Project Coordinator, President’s Office
Dawn Marie Benfatti, Custodian, Brennan Hall
Brian J. Crowley, Public Safety
Cheryl A. Demkosky, Lab Director, Exercise Science
Nancy W. Dolan, Staff Attorney
Donald E. Kirchner, Custodian
Catherine Mascelli, Wellness Program Coordinator
Donna Mazzetti, Public Services/Reference Librarian, Weinberg Memorial Library
George P. McAdara, Public Safety
Joseph C. Merrick, Custodian, Loyola Hall
Kyle Miller, Custodian, DeNaples Center
Colleen E. Murphy, Head Women’s Soccer Coach
James P. Williams, Manager, Mail Center
Adam Wontroski, Custodian, O’Hara Hall

Support for the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic
The Blue Ribbon Foundation of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania has contributed $55,000 in support of The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured: A Cooperative Project at The University of Scranton. From left, Cynthia Yevich, executive director of The Blue Ribbon Foundation; Greg Borowski, M.D., medical director of the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured and member of the Lackawanna County Medical Society; Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Margaret McNulty, director of corporate & foundation relations at Scranton; and Andrea Mantione, Msn, crnP, director of the University’s Leahy Community Health & Family Center.

Two area foundations have provided financial contributions to The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured. From left, Maria Pappa and Jeanne Bovard of the Scranton Area Foundation, and Bill Calpin of the Margaret Briggs Foundation, Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, and Greg Borowski, M.D., medical director of the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured and member of the Lackawanna County Medical Society.

Representatives from the Community Medical Center (CMC) Golf Tournament Committee recently donated $34,083 to the Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Center Clinic for the Uninsured. From left are: Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Patrick McMahon, CMC tournament co-chair; John Nilsson, interim president and CEO of CMC; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University; Margaret McNulty, University director of corporate and foundation relations and CMC board member; Bill Burkavage, tournament co-chair and CMC board member.

Noted Veterans to Speak at Conference on disAbility

An Iraq war veteran who is helping disabled veterans find jobs, and a Vietnam war hero whose true story is the subject of the award-winning film Music Within, will be keynote speakers at The University of Scranton’s seventh annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility.

Ryan Kules, an Army captain stationed in Iraq, was returning from a patrol when he was injured by an improvised explosive device, losing an arm and leg. When he awoke from a coma, he received a Wounded Warrior Backpack filled with clothing, toiletries, a CD player, and other items that would help him with the transition following his disabling injuries.

The backpack proved to be the beginning of Kules’ affiliation with the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that helps disabled veterans find employment. Through his work with the Wounded Warrior Project, Kules, now 26, helps veterans with a wide range of disabilities to find jobs that they would have sought before their injury, but didn’t think possible afterwards.

Richard Pimentel was pronounced dead at birth, but, through a miraculous turn of events, lived. He was left an orphan and led a troubled childhood before being drafted to Vietnam. During his service, Pimentel survived a volunteer suicide mission, only to be hit by a stray bomb that resulted in severe loss of hearing.

The film Music Within, released in 2007, tells the story of how Pimentel, with the help of his friends, became a tireless advocate on behalf of the disabled and one of the key supporters of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The former chairperson of the Department of Veterans Affairs Civilian Advisory Committee for Rehabilitation and a senior partner in a law firm, Pimentel is a nationally renowned expert on disability management, job recruitment, job retention the Americans with Disabilities Act and attitude change.

The conference, entitled “Veterans, Vocations and Values: Rehabilitation Rallies for Results,” is being presented by The University’s J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies under the leadership of Dean Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., and the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Endowment. Honorary chairpersons are Edward R. Leahy ’68 and Patricia Leahy, director of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy and interim executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association.

“Whether it is raising awareness of the epidemic of Autism or aiding our armies of wounded warriors returning home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, The University of Scranton has been – and continues to be – a leader in providing outreach and opportunity on disability awareness to the Scranton community and beyond,” said Patricia Leahy.

The conference co-chairs are Lori Bruch, Ed.D., associate professor of Counseling and Human Services at the University, and Ralph Pacinelli, D.Ed., CRC, LPC, retired regional commissioner for the United States Department of Education, and a Leahy Faculty Fellow at the University.

The conference, which will be held in the University’s Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center, will include sessions on a range of veterans’ issues, including health and wellness, psychological and social, vocational, educational and school counseling. Additional information and conference registration will be available this summer. For further information, visit www.scranton.edu/disabilityconference

IN MEMORY

Francis X. Jordan, Ph.D., ’60

Francis X. Jordan, Ph.D., ’60, associate professor of English, died Feb. 14, 2008. Dr. Jordan was born in Scranton and graduated from Scranton Preparatory School in 1952. He received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from The University of Scranton and a Ph.D. in English Literature from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

He joined the English Department faculty of the University in 1966 and taught a range of subjects, with a focus on poetry, until November 2007. He served four three-year terms as chair of the English Department and was elected multiple times a Chairman of the University Senate and University Council.

He was an officer of the faculty union and one of the founding members of the Faculty Handbook Committee.

Dr. Jordan’s service to the University was recognized with the John L. Earl III Award and the Frank J. O’Hara Award.
By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director

Scranton Wins Three Landmark Conference Winter Sport Team Championships

There were plenty of reasons to celebrate this winter.

It started in February, when the women’s swim team won the first Landmark Conference swimming and diving championships in Kings Point, New York. The Royals posted a three-day total of 599.5 points to easily out-distance runner-up Catholic University.

Junior Erin O’Connor (Scotch Plains, N.J./Union Catholic Regional) was named the conference’s female swimmer of the year after winning three individual events – the 500 freestyle, 400 individual medley, and the 200 butterfly – along with being a member of the first-place 800 freestyle relay team. Freshman Allison Sampson (Sugarloaf/Hazleton Area) was also recognized for her performance, earning the female rookie of the year award after record tying three top five finishes, including first-place in the 1650 freestyle.

Also winning individual championships were junior Lauren Hosko (Stroudsburg/Stroudsburg) in the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley and sophomore Lauren Wieland (Blue Bell/Wissahickon) in the 200 freestyle.

Joining O’Connor on the 800 free-style relay were sophomore Mary Pat DeHaven (Pennington, N.J./Hopewell Valley Central), Hosko and Wieland. In addition, the quartet of senior Danielle Heffernan (Westfield, N.J./Westfield), sophomore Jillian Mishko (Blakey/Scranton Preparatory), Hosko and Wieland tied Catholic University for first-place in the 400 freestyle relay.

Junior Joseph Veselovky (Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park) put together a number of impressive performances to lead the men’s team to a fourth-place finish. He broke two of his own Scranton records en route to winning three individual events – the 200 individual medley, 400 individual medley, and the 200 butterfly – and was selected the co-recipient of the male swimmer of the year award. He currently holds four Royal individual records and is a member of two Scranton record-breaking relay teams.

The women’s title was its first conference championship since 2004, second under head coach Tomm Evans, and fourth in the program’s 21-year history. On Saturday, March 3, the men’s and women’s basketball teams continued their long-standing tradition of success by winning Landmark Conference titles at the Long Center.

The Lady Royals, led by veteran head coach Mike Strong, earned its 20th conference title in the program’s 33-year history by holding off Juniata College, 52-50. The men’s team also defeated Juniata, 64-57, for its 18th conference championship and third under head coach Carl Danzig. Both teams were awarded bids and competed in the 2008 NCAA Division III championships.

Senior forward Kathleen Daly (Bryn Mawr/Merion Mercy Academy) and freshman guard Megan Kopecki (Millington, N.J./Watchung Hills Regional) picked up major awards for leading the Lady Royals to a 21-6 record. Daly was selected the Landmark Conference Player of the Year, joining former Lady Royal standouts Deanna Kyle (1985), Shelley Parks (1987), Laura Pikulski (1992), Lynne Kempski (1993), Jackie Dougherty (1994), Jennifer Nish (1995-1997), Kelly Halpin (co-recipient, 1998), and Taryn Melody (2005, 2006), to be named a conference player of the year/most valuable player. Kopecki was named the conference’s rookie of the year, becoming the fourth player in Lady Royals’ history to garner such an honor. The other three were Jennifer Nish (1994), Kate Dougherty (1996) and Gillian McGovern (1999).

Earning all-Landmark Conference honors for the men’s team were senior guard Randy Arnold (Doylestown/Central Bucks West), senior center Tom Bicknell (Melbourne, Australia/St. Bede’s College) and freshman guard Zach Ashworth (Doylestown/Central Bucks West). Arnold and Bicknell were named first-team in a ballot conducted among the league’s head coaches, while Ashworth was a second-team selection.

Tomm Evans

Swimming and Diving championship this past season. His record with the men’s program during this span is 65-46 (.586). A two-time Middle Atlantic Conference women’s coach of the year selection (2002, 2004) Evans and long-time assistant coach Paul DeAngelo were recognized by the Landmark Conference as the women’s coaching staff of the year.

Individually, Evans coached Sarah Gazdalski, a 1999 all-American (200 backstroke), and University of Scranton Wall of Fame inductees Erin (Kenney) Muzzio and Christine (Lubrano) Benson, along with developing 14 other swimmers who have gone on to win 32 Middle Atlantic and Landmark Conference individual titles.

He also placed a high priority on academics. For the past 21 semesters, the women’s team has been named Academic all-American by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA), while his men’s team earned this achievement 17 times.

The Royals proudly display the 2008 Landmark Conference championship plaque after their 64-57 victory over Juniata College on Saturday, March 1, at the Long Center. Scranton has won three conference titles under seventh-year head coach Carl Danzig (far right).

The Lady Royals gather around veteran head coach Mike Strong to celebrate their 52-50 victory over Juniata College on Saturday, March 1, in the championship game of the Landmark Conference tournament.

Evans Announces Retirement

Tomm Evans, head men’s and women’s swim coach for the last 11 years, has notified director of athletics Toby Lovecchio of his decision to retire.

A native of Dunmore, Evans joined the Royal coaching staff in 1992 as an assistant and served in this capacity for five years before taking over as head coach of both programs in 1997. He has led the Scranton women to 11 straight winning seasons and an overall record of 107-26 (.805), to a Middle Atlantic Conference title in 2004, and to the first-ever Landmark Conference Swimming & Diving championships in February at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.
April

Exhibit: Book Cover Designs by Alice Cordelia Morse: The Mindell Dubansky Collection, Hope Horn Gallery, 4th Floor, Hyland Hall, through May 2

8 7 a.m. Fifth Annual Kane Competition, Byron Complex

9 12 p.m. Schemel Forum, Insights Into Africa Luncheon Series, Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305, the Scranton Heritage Room. Also Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. Lecture: "Why Multiculturalism Matters," presented by Dr. Ronald Takaki, DeNaples Center, auditorium. Book-signing to follow.

10 11 a.m. Diversity Training Workshop, "We Will All be Minorities: A Curriculum for the 21st Century," featuring Dr. Ronald Takaki, DeNaples Center, auditorium

13 3 p.m. "In Recital," featuring Mark Kossower, cello, Michael Fine, clarinet, and Jee Won Oh, piano, Houlihan-McLean Center

15 1 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, DeNaples Center, ballroom

18 9 a.m. 23rd Annual Psychology Conference, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor. Also April 19.
3 p.m. Research Seminar Series featuring Ron Deitrick, Exercise Science and Sport, DeNaples Center, Room 405
4 p.m. University Relay for Life, Byron Complex and Royal Way, through 4 p.m. on April 19

23 12 p.m. Arrupe Award presentations honoring Ken Gavin, S.J., director of Jesuit Refugee Services in the U.S. and Suzanne Geaney, director of Ignatian/Lay Partnerships, DeNaples theater. Luncheon to follow.

25 7:30 p.m. "In Concert," University of Scranton Jazz Ensemble, Houlihan-McLean Center

26 9 a.m. Friends of the Weinburg Memorial Library Plant and Book Sale, Weinberg Memorial Library, 5th Floor. Also April 27.

28 11 a.m. Grad Finale 2008, DeNaples Center, balcony. Also April 29.

29 4 p.m. Annual Henry George Lecture, "Not Just an ‘Ownership Society’ a Just ‘Ownership Society’", Featuring Robert C. Hockett, M.A., J.L.M., J.S.D., Brennan Hall, Room 228

30 7:30 p.m. "In Concert," University of Scranton Symphonic Band, Houlihan-McLean Center

May

3 5 p.m. Royden B. Davis, S.J. Distinguished Author Award Presentation Honoring Mary Gordon, DeNaples Center, ballroom. Book-signing at 2 p.m.

6 7:30 p.m. "In Concert," University of Scranton String Orchestra, Houlihan-McLean Center


9 7:30 p.m. "In Concert," University of Scranton Singers, Houlihan-McLean Center

June

6 Alumni Reunion Weekend, through June 8, on campus

10 1 p.m. Schemel Forum, National Issues on Immigration, Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305

For additional information, visit the EVENTS CALENDAR www.scranton.edu/events Or call the Events Line (570) 941-7768

Distinguished Author Event to Honor Mary Gordon

Mary Gordon, award-winning author of novels, short stories and non-fiction works, and McIntosh Professor of English at Barnard College, will be the featured speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library at the University on Saturday, May 3. She has been chosen as the recipient of the 2008 Royden B. Davis Distinguished Author Award, which will be presented at 6:15 p.m. in the ballroom of the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center.

Award-winning author Mary Gordon

Ms. Gordon will discuss her latest book, Circling My Mother: A Memoir, which addresses the lifelong struggle her mother, a woman of deep Catholic faith, had with physical disability from polio, alcoholism and widowhood, as well as her decline into senile dementia and her death at age 94.

The University Bookstore in the DeNaples Center will have copies of Prof. Gordon’s books available for signing by the author. For those who do not attend the Distinguished Author event, a separate book-signing opportunity will take place at 2 p.m. on May 3 in the 5th Floor Heritage Room of the Weinberg Memorial Library.


In addition to Circling My Mother, she has written two non-fiction memoirs, The Shadow Man: A Daughter’s Search for Her Father, and Seeing through Places: Reflections on Geography and Identity.

She is a graduate of Barnard College, and teaches at Columbia’s School of the Arts Graduate Writing Division.

The Distinguished Author Award Series was born out of the Friends of the Weinberg Library’s interest to recognize and honor the work of fiction and non-fiction authors and to provide an opportunity for authors to visit Scranton to speak about their literary pursuits and impressions with residents of northeastern Pennsylvania. The annual event also helps the Friends of the Weinberg Library Endowment Fund, which supports special gifts for the Weinberg Library’s collections and services.

The Distinguished Author Award was named for the late Royden B. Davis, S.J., who served as the first president of the Friends of the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Library. For further information about the event, visit www.scranton.edu/authaward, or contact Kym Fetsko at 941-7816 or fetskoko2@scranton.edu.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Dr. Morgan Named CASE Professor of the Year

The University has named Oliver J. Morgan, Ph.D., its CASE Professor of the Year in recognition of his outstanding performance as a member of the University’s faculty.

Faculty members recognized by their institutions are eligible for further recognition by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) at state and national levels.

Dr. Morgan is professor and chair of Counseling/Human Services.

Dr. Morgan joined the Scranton faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor in the department of counseling/human services. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1996, and also served as founding co-chair of the university’s Center for Mission Reflection for three years. Dr. Morgan was promoted to full professor and department chair in 2002. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English and philosophy from Fordham University, New York, N.Y.; a master of divinity degree from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass., a master of family therapy degree from Hahnemann Medical University & Hospital, Philadelphia, and a doctorate in pastoral psychology from Boston University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Morgan has published extensively in his field. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapists, the National Board of Addiction Examiners, and the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc.

CASE, an international organization, began its Professor of the Year competition in 1981 to recognize undergraduate teachers whose commitment to teaching has had a positive effect on the lives and careers of their students. Its primary sponsor is The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Behind the Scenes” in IR

The Behinds the Scenes in Information Resources lectures were formed to give members of the Planning and Information Resources Division an outlet to share their work with the University community. The presentations are designed to give faculty, students and staff a glimpse into the technical workings of programs and services they use on a daily basis. In addition, it gives members of the University the ability to interact directly with the technical minds of the P/IR division in an informal setting.

The next Behind the Scenes lecture is scheduled for May 8th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 228 of Brennan Hall. The topic will be “Designing a university network for high availability, converged services, and security.” Featured speakers will be Calvin Kryzwie, network engineer, and Anthony Maszeroski, information security manager. In addition to the talk, there will be time for informal questions and answers. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Karen Kuzmak by e-mail (kuzmakdk2@scranton.edu).
The Scranton campus is teeming with construction activity. (Top photo) Christopher & Margaret Condon Hall is taking shape in preparation for fall occupancy of this new 386-bed sophomore residence hall. (Bottom photo) On the site of the former Gunster Center, excavating crews clear the site in preparation for a new campus green adjacent to the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center.

**Going Up, Coming Down**

**Cornell Law Professor to Deliver Lecture**

Robert C. Hockett, J.L.M., J.S.D., associate professor of law at Cornell University Law School, will present The University of Scranton’s spring Henry George Lecture. The topic of Dr. Hockett’s lecture on Tuesday, April 29, will be “Not Just an ‘Ownership Society,’ a Just ‘Ownership Society.’”

The lecture will be presented to the public free of charge at 4 p.m. in room 228 of Brennan Hall on campus.

Dr. Hockett’s speech will address a vision of the “ownership society” that reflects a line of thought found throughout American history and in social Catholic thought.

His areas of expertise are organizational and financial law and economics as they pertain to economic globalization and distributive justice concerns.

A member of the Cornell faculty since 2004, Dr. Hockett is a graduate of the University of Kansas, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree and juris doctorate. He also earned a master of arts degree from Oxford University and a doctor of law degree from Yale Law School, and is a Rhodes Scholar.

Dr. Hockett’s lecture is part of the annual spring Henry George program sponsored by the Economics and Finance Department and the Xi chapter of the International Economics Honor Society. Henry George was a nineteenth-century American economist and social reformer with a special interest in justice issues.

For additional information about the Henry George program, call 941-4048.

**23rd Annual Psychology Conference Slated**

Gender differences in science and mathematics are among the topics that will be addressed at The University of Scranton’s 23rd annual Psychology Conference on Saturday, April 19, in Brennan Hall on campus. The event will take place from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The keynote address will be in the morning and is entitled “The Cognitive Neurobiology of Depression.” Brad A. Alford, Ph.D., professor of psychology at the University, will examine recent advances in our understanding of depression that draw from work in both clinical research and neuroscience. Dr. Alford is coauthor with Aaron T. Beck of Integrative Power of Cognitive Therapy and coauthor with David A. Clark and Aaron T. Beck of Scientific Foundations of Cognitive Therapy.

Dr. Beck is known as “the father of cognitive therapy,” and Dr. Clark is a leading expert in the field.

Two workshops are scheduled to occur simultaneously in the afternoon. Christie P. Karpiak, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Scranton, will review “The Science of Sex Differences in Science and Mathematics,” an article authored by Diane F. Halpern, Camilla P. Benbow, David C. Gur, Janet Shibley Hyde and Morton Ann Gernsbacher and published by the Association for Psychological Science. This topic has been prominent in the media since Harvard University president Lawrence Summers resigned after being criticized for comments on gender differences as a possible explanation for why so few women choose math and science careers. The full article is available online for free at http://www.psyologicalscience.org/journals/index.cfm?journal=pspi&content=pspi/8_1.

Students can also learn about “Applying to Graduate School in Psychology” in a mini-workshop conducted by John C. Norcross, Ph.D., and Thomas P. Hogan, Ph.D., professors of psychology at Scranton. Throughout the day, researchers drawn from a number of institutions will present their findings in oral and poster formats. Abstracts of these presentations will be available on the conference Web site.

Galen L. Baril, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Scranton, will address “Free Will: What Are You Talking About?” His talk will draw from several sources, including the recent article “Free Will in Scientific Psychology” by Roy F. Baumeister.

The registration fee for this year’s conference is $10, and lunch is $6. Lunch is available only to those who pre-register by April 8. Registrations will be accepted the day of the conference, but pre-registration is encouraged. Checks should be made payable to: The University of Scranton Psychology Conference. A registration form can be found linked to the conference website at http://academic.scranton.edu/organization/psychconf/23rd/regf.html.

For additional information about the 23rd annual psychology conference at the University, call J. Timothy Cannon, Ph.D., professor of psychology, at (570) 941-4266, or e-mail cannon@scranton.edu.