The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that between 1,500 and 1,800 new nurse anesthetists are needed nationally each year in order to meet societal demand for the profession through the year 2010. Nurse anesthetists, however, have numbered less than 1,000 each year for the past several years. “The University of Scranton is uniquely positioned to serve the region regarding this need,” said Patricia Harrington, Ed.D., R.N., Associate Professor and Chair of the Nursing Department.

“We are grateful for the federal support and for the cooperation of our health-care partners in making this important endeavor possible,” said Joseph Harrington, Ed.D., R.N., Associate Professor and Chair of the Nursing Department. The University of Scranton School of Nursing offers the only nationally accredited nurse anesthetist program in a 20-county region of the northeast corner of the state. Seventy-five percent of this area is rural.

According to William Host, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Wyoming Valley Health Care System, “The Wyoming Valley Health Care System has been supplying the region with certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) for over 30 years. There are few, if any, area hospitals that do not have at least one CRNA who graduated from our nurse anesthesia program.”

The University of Scranton will partner with area hospitals to develop and implement more effective recruiting plans for nurse anesthetists, specifically targeting nurses from rural areas. Hospitals will also serve as clinical sites for the University graduate students.

As part of this program, students will also address other health issues of concern to Pennsylvanians, namely, heart disease and cancer. Studies show that cigarette smoking is a major risk factor for both. Graduate students in the nurse anesthetist program will be trained in the smoking prevention program “Tar Wars” and will present it to students in the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre school districts.

Students Give the Gift of Community Service

By Peter Castagna ’03, Public Relations Intern

Each year, more than 2,400 University students volunteer their time to some form of community service. During the holidays, Scranton students give the gift of community service.

A giving tree has been set up in the Gunser Student Center, where students are asked to donate a $10-$15 gift for a child. Students may also participate in the “Adopt an Angel” program, which gives each student a list of gifts to purchase for a family in need. A giving tree is also an option; food, clothing, and toys are purchased for a family to help make the holidays special. On 6 December, students hosted a holiday party for local families and their children. For information on these programs, contact the office of Collegete Volunteers at 941-7429.

On 6 December, the University Bands and Singers will hold an “Empty Stocking” concert to benefit local holiday charities serving children. Admission to the concert is a donation of a child’s gift, a piece of children’s clothing, or a cash donation. The concert will be held in the Houlihan-M-Clean Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 941-7624.

Physical Plant staff members prepare to hang a wreath outside of Brennan Hall. From left: Joseph Haryluck, David Davitt, Hugh Sentivan and Barry Nicholas.
NSF Grant Bolsters Research Program

The University of Scranton has received a $99,686 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support research programs in the Chemistry Department at the University.

The grant, which was received in October, will support research projects related to the chemistry of soil and water. The grant will allow the University to purchase a Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) and Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) to support research programs in the Chemistry Department at the University.

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Presidential Scholarships Awarded to 13

The University has awarded 13 freshman full-tuition Presidential Scholarships named in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to the University and the community.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high school records both inside and outside the classroom. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. The 2001 Presidential Scholars and honorees are:

MARC L. ADAMS, ELIZABETH, THE MR. JOHN J. GERON SCHOLARSHIP

A National Merit Finalist, Ms. Adams graduated first in her class at Northumberland Christian School. She participated in concert band, marching band and chorus. She has not yet declared a major.

M. GERON, Scarsdale, N.Y., is a 1966 graduate of the University. He joined Arthur Andersen, now Andersen Worldwide, in 1967. He is the National Resources Utilities Head in the New York City office. He is a member of the President’s Circle and was a member of the New York Regional Committee for Campaign for Scarnton.

LORI A. BENTLER, MOSCOW, THE DOMINICK CRUZIANI JR., M.D., SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Bentler was the validating doctor of her class at North Pocono High School. A member of the National Honor Society, she was named the North Pocono Scholar of the Year, and received the Bauch and Lomb Award as Outstanding Science Student. She was a majorette in high school, a member of the school’s orchestra, and the cross-country and track teams. She is a Biology major at the University. A 1964 graduate of the University, Dr. Dominick Cruziani, a former B.A. student, received his medical degree from Georgetown University. Active in the local medical community, he is a former Trustee of the University.

EMILIE A. BRANCATO, DINGHAMS FERRY, THE MRS. MARILYN FLEMING, S.S.J., SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Brancato is a graduate of the home school program affiliated with East Stroudsburg University. A member of the Young People’s Republican Party, she played the violin, cello and piano. At the University, she will major in English.

KAREN A. HOERST, PHILADELPHIA, THE MRS. JOHN J. BERGER JR. SCHOLARSHIP

A Newmann Scholar, Ms. Hoerst was the validating doctor of her class at St. John’s Catholic Girls’ School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was a Commended National Merit Scholar. She was a member of her school’s technology club and basketball team. She is a Biology-Physics major.

The mother of 12, the late Mrs. Quinn dedicated her life to her family. She was married to John Quinn, D.D.S., who graduated from The University of Scranton in 1940.


Four of their children are also graduates of the University. She was an active member of the University’s Women’s Marching Band, and is a member of the President’s Circle.

TAPPAIN, N.J., is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Southern Union Company, the 14th largest natural gas distribution company in the United States. She is also President, Treasurer and Director of Activated Communications, Inc., a broadband communications firm, and President and Chief Executive Officer of Paging Dimensions, Inc., a license paging operator.

JENNIFER J. RUGLETIC, TAYLOR, THE MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. SULPER SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Rugletic was validating doctor of her class at Riverside High School. She received the Bauch and Lomb Science Award. She was a member of the National Honor Society, a drum major in the marching band, participated in chorus, and was a member of the science club, drama club, athletics and art club.

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The President of Road Scholar Transport, Mr. Barrett, Clark’s Summit, is a 1973 graduate of The University of Scranton. He established the Road Scholarship at the University.

STEPHANIE A. KLASSNER, SCARBOROUGH, THE MR. RALPH LOMMA SCHOLARSHIP

Valedictorian of her class at Bishop Hannon High School, Ms. Klassner was a Commended National Merit Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. She was listed in Who’s Who in American High Schools. She received the Exxon Award in Humanities and Social Sciences and U.S. National Mathematics Award. She was a member of the cross-country, soccer and softball teams. She is a biology/pre-med major.

Mr. Lomma graduated from The University of Scranton in 1949. A resident of Scranton, he is president of Lomma Enterprises and National Utilities, Inc. A President’s Circle member, Mr. Lomma played an instrumental role in developing the University’s radio station. He also established the Ralph Lomma Award Fund for students.

DANIEL T. MARVIN, ELEKSON PARK, THE MR. JOHN E. BIRNAM SCHOLARSHIP

A National Merit Semi-Finalist, Mr. Marvin graduated from LaSalle College High School. A member of the National Honor Society, he was active in band, theatre, the math club and intramural sports. He is a political science/pre-law major.

A 1968 graduate of the University, Mr. Brennan is the benefactor after whom Brennan Hall is named. A former Trustee of the University, Mr. Brennan, O’D}

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The University of Scranton’s efforts to confront problems of high-risk student behaviors are proving successful but not yet complete, according to a recently released report by the President’s Review Council on Students’ Lifestyles. The report, entitled “Strengthening A Mentoring Community,” was the product of almost a year of research and conversation by an 11-member council established in August of 2000 by University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J.

“Both singly and together, the Review Council’s recommendations challenge us to redouble our efforts to retrieve, nurture and reinvigorate the sense of community that has always given our beloved University its distinctive feel,” Joseph M. McShane, S.J., University President.

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Among the recommendations, the Council identified several current mentoring opportunities on campus and called for the development of new ones that together could be integrated and focused around a cohesive vision of mentoring. “The critical top priority must be a creative emphasis on faculty and staff mentoring of students,” the Report noted. “This will come through an intentional and reflective focus on a variety of academic, service and other interactions.”

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Freshman Honor Society Inducts 143

The University inducted 143 students into the Richard H. Passon Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for freshmen, at a ceremony held on 18 November. The honor society was established last year by the University to encourage, honor and promote academic excellence early in a student’s college career. Names of the inductees follow.

Christina Giannetti
Natalie D. Finkelstein
Katie M. Dougherty
Ramona R. Brady
Beth M. Brauchli
Linda J. Browning
Lauren E. Brugh
Ellen C. Buggy
Bridge J. Byck
Alexandra Burke
Elizabeth A. Campbell
Kevin K. Carden
Patricia A. Casar
Linda C. Czwirz
Kane J. Chang
Brandon C. Conley
Erica C. Compton
Christopher J. Corey
Amy Craven
John K. Croson
Jared D. Deutsch
Eliza L. Dubois
Natasha P. Dunn
Ellie M. Driscoll
Christian L. Drzazga
Matthew D. Durocher
Katie M. Dover
Katherine P. Doody
Chasity R. Downs
Katherine A. Downes
Thomas S. Doyle
Kathleen B. Doyle
Amanda L. Driscoll
Kathleen V. Dougherty
Ellie M. Driscoll
Jennifer L. Draughn
Barry W. Duff
Kathleen A. Dowd
Debra B. Dumas
Eugene D. Duvall
Noelle M. Duvall
Natasha D. Finkelnburg
John D. Flynn
Christopher M. Frawley
Timothy R. Gabrielli
Thomas A. Garthobba
Margan M. Garvin
Sara P. Garvin
Andrea D. Garver
Carclo Gargaro
Christina Gannett
Lauren A. Gargano
Sarah M. Garvin
Timothy G. Geiser
Christina M. Gubel
Announcing Intercession Grants Awarded

Three faculty members have been selected by the Faculty Development Board to receive intercession grants.

Lee Penyak, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, has received a grant to complete archival research of “The Vision and Mentality of Mexico’s Landed Aristocracy, 1650-1950.” Through his continued research, Dr. Penyak will include personal papers and writings of two former hacienda owners in an edited book about haciendas and land expropriation in Mexico.

Dr. Penyak will travel to San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to verify and reference archival documents of a Mexican family whose hacienda was expropriated in the late 1930s. Socialist-minded presidents of the 20th century stripped large landowners of their holdings and turned the property over to the landless. While the concept of social justice has been satisfied, agriculture has suffered. Small farms cannot operate as efficiently as large ones, and many of the new landowners cannot live on their meager earnings.

Dr. Penyak’s research aims to demonstrate that land expropriation created more economic and social problems than it solved, and will present an alternate program of development. Dr. Penyak will seek to publish the findings of his research in a book.

D avid Rusak, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, has received a grant to develop a curriculum for “Building and Testing of Nanowires” to be taught by students in a chemistry course during the summer session of 2002.

Dr. Rusak will identify integrated circuit chips most commonly used in modern electronic applications and will construct and troubleshoot circuits that employ these chips. Students who build the integrated circuits will learn to recognize electronic components and how they function. Their work will allow them to troubleshoot electronic devices, such as laboratory equipment and household electronic devices.

Susan M. Athens, Ph.D., Professor of Theology, has received a grant to continue work on her book, How to Understand the Book of Revelation. Dr. M. Athens has already compiled two chapbooks in her handbook, aimed at preparing students to read the most difficult of biblical books. During intercession 2002, Dr. M. Athens will write an additional chapter of the book.

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In addition, Professor of History, Albert H. L. Martin, has received a grant to write an article on “The Menudo Book: An 18th Century Mexican Cookbook.” Through his continued research, Dr. Martin will travel to San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to study the archives of a Mexican family whose hacienda was expropriated in the late 1930s. Socialist-minded presidents of the 20th century stripped large landowners of their holdings and turned the property over to the landless. While the concept of social justice has been satisfied, agriculture has suffered. Small farms cannot operate as efficiently as large ones, and many of the new landowners cannot live on their meager earnings.

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By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director

WALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2001 TO BE INDUCTED 12 JAN

Toby Lovecchio, Director of Athletics at the University, has announced the six newest inductees into the University’s presti-
gious Wall of Fame.

The Class of 2001 will be formally inducted on Saturday, 12 January, prior to the start of the Royals’ men’s basketball game with King’s College at 3:00 p.m. in the John J. Long, S.J., Center on campus.

The following were recognized for ath-
tletic excellence by the Royal Department.

Michele Fogarty '02
- Team all-conference
- Rookie of the Year

Walter Baker, a four-year letter-winner in the women’s swim team; and

dir to the University’s presti-
gious Wall of Fame.

The Class of 2001 will be formally

The women’s soccer team moved into the fur-
three-year starter in softball and a

three-year letter-winner in field hockey. She was a member of the 1983, 1985 and 1986 Lady Royal softball teams that won Mid-

Atlantic Athletic Conference championships on route to four straight winning seasons and an overall record of 40-20 (667), which includes two M.A.C. North (1976, 1977) and two M.A.C. overall championship (1976, 1977) titles. He was also a member of the 1975 team that participated in Scranton’s first-ever post-season appearance in men’s soc-
cer in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), DiBianca, who also holds a M.A. of Arts degree from Stevens Institute of Technology, is an infrastructure require-

(DiBianca) Roberts played four years of soccer for current head coach Joe Bochicchio and

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FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The University’s volleyball and women’s soccer won Freedom Conference titles and advanced to the 2001 N C A A Division III championships. The field hockey team advanced to the league championship.

The women’s soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals of the N C A A tourna-
mament before dropping a tough-fought 1-0 decision to West Chester College in West Chester, Ill., on November 1 to put the Rams on its second straight 17-4-1 season. The vol-
leyball team won 20 matches for the eighth straight year and pulled out a dra-
matic 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Kings’ College on November 1 to win the Freedom Conference title and advance to the N C A A s for the second time in Scranton

history. The field hockey team advanced to the championship match of the Freedom Conference tournament by defeating Delaware Valley, 2-0, and 2-0 in overtime at Fitzpatrick Field. In the championship match, the Lady Royals overcame a 2-0 deficit to tie the score at 2-2 midway through the second half, only to lose a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Drexel University.

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tletic excellence by the Freedom

Conference.

Field Hockey

Maren Bole ’03 (West Chester), 1st-team all-conference

Laura Boesig ’02, (Melville, N.Y.), 2nd-team all-conference

Lauren LeClair ’03, (Garden City, N.Y.), 2nd-team all-conference

Jillian Varley ’03 (Suffield, Conn.), 2nd-team all-conference

Men’s Soccer

Eric Kunzinger ’02 (Smithtown, N.Y.), 1st-team all-conference

Ryan O’Neill ’04 (Bensalem), 2nd-team all-conference

Sara Suchoski ’05 (Wood-Barron), 1st-team all-conference & Rookie of the Year

Colleen Murphy ’04 (Langhorn), 2nd-team all-conference

Colleen O’Connor ’04 (Addison), 2nd-team all-conference

Women’s Tennis

Erin Michalison ’03 (Melia, N.Y.), Player of the Year

Coach

Joe Bochicchio and

Kristin Maile

were named coach of the

year in women’s soccer and volleyball, respectively.
5 Center for Continuing Education Program, "Introduction to SQL and PLSQL," 8-9 a.m. For information call 941-7582.
6 Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter President’s Reception, 6:30 p.m., Cutters, Philadelphia. For information call 1-800-SCRANTON.
7 Wrestling hosts Albright, 7 p.m., Byrom Complex.
8 Last Day of Classes
10 Center for Continuing Education Program, Mangement/Hr Certificate Program, "Communication with Power," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call 941-7582.
11 The University Concert Band and Choir’s Third Annual "Empty Stocking Fund Benefit Concert," 7:30 p.m., Auditorium Center. Admission: a cash donation, a new toy today and 14 December, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., CELS Lecture-room. Presenter is Sr. Joan Roccasalvo, C.J.S. Free and open to the public. For reservations and details call 941-6186 or e-mail roccasalvo@scranton.edu.
12 Center for Continuing Education Program, "Intermediate MS Excel 2000," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call 941-7582.
13 Center for Continuing Education Program, "Introduction to MS Access," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call 941-7582.
14 New York Metropolitan Alumni Chapter Christmas Reception, 6:30 p.m., Mutual of America, New York, N.Y. For more information call 1-800-SCRANTON.
15 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
16 Center for Continuing Education Program, "Advanced Desktop Publishing," 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call 941-7582.
17 Women’s Basketball hosts M yearly, 7:30 p.m., Long Center
18 Leigh Valley Alumni Chapter pre-game Reception, 8:00 p.m., Kirby Sports Center, Lafayette College, Easton.
19 Christmas Eve, Staff Holiday
20 Christmas Day, Staff Holiday
21 Kwanza
22 Christmas Staff Holiday through 28 December
23 New Year’s Eve, Staff Holiday
24 January
25 Final Exams Begin
26 Cro-Christmas Liturgy, 7 p.m., Byrom Complex.
27 1st Day of H muhakah
28 Final Exams End
29 Center for Continuing Education Program, "English Literature," 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call 941-7582.
30 Men’s Basketball hosts Dresales, 7 p.m., Long Center.
News Notes

Scranton Student named VP of Council for Exceptional Children

Michelle Fernandes, a junior Special Education Major, was elected State Vice President for Committees at the 42nd Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Federation Council for Exceptional Children, held 8 and 9 November in Hershey. M. Fernandes was elected from a cross-state section of voters from other colleges and universities. Courtney Johnson, a junior Special Education Major from Ringwood N.J., was appointed Chairperson of the Multi-Cultural Committee. Also at the convention, Mark Kandel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, was elected President of the Council for Exceptional Children's D vision for Learning Disabilities, the state's largest organization for professionals in the field of learning disabilities.

Players to present "The Heidi Chronicles"

"The Heidi Chronicles," a Pulitzer prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein, will be performed by The University of Scranton Players on 1-3 and 8-10 February. Sheila Staack, guest artist, will direct the play. The funny, moving and sensitive examination of the complexity of women's issues from the early 1960s to the late 1980s still resonates with today's audiences, and will be sure to entertain. Join Heidi Holland and her companions on their journey to find fulfillment and satisfaction in an ever-changing society.

When asked why this play was selected, Rich Larson, Theatre Director, responded, "We wanted a show pertinent to women's issues, and this play won the Pulitzer Prize."

By Peter Castagna '03

Professor of Chemistry Raises the Bar on Fruit

Health experts have long suggested fruit as an important source of phenols, an antioxidant that is thought to reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as cancer, stroke and heart disease. When it comes to phenols, however, not all fruits are created equal.

A research study by Joe Vinson, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry at the University, ranks the top ten fruits consumed by Americans on the basis of their antioxidant properties.

According to Dr. Vinson's study, the top ten fruits with the highest antioxidant phenol levels, based on suggested serving size, in order of rank, are cranberries (#1), pears, red grapes, apples, cherries, strawberries, watermelon, blueberries, bananas, and green grapes (#10). "Cranberries by far contain the highest phenol antioxidant content both in gram weight and in serving size," says Dr. Vinson.

"Yet Americans consume this fruit the least." Nearly 90 percent of the antioxidants Americans consume daily come from eight fruits: bananas and apples, which account for 58 percent, followed by pears, peaches, watermelons, strawberries and oranges.

"I am hoping this study will serve as a guide to help people concerned about their antioxidant intake to make informed decisions," says Dr. Vinson. Fruit contains twice as many antioxidant phenols as vegetables according to Dr. Vinson. He has used the same scientific approach to study both food categories.

Dr. Vinson emphasizes that his research should not suggest that fruits replace vegetables in the diet, since some vegetables also contribute other compounds, such as sulforaphane, a chemical that has been shown in recent studies to be effective at preventing certain kinds of cancer.

What Dr. Vinson's research does suggest is a change in the types of fruit Americans consume.

The study underscores government health recommendations that people should eat more fruits and vegetables to help maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle, he added.

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Murray Insurance Establishes Scholarship

Murray Insurance Agency, Inc., has donated $12,000 to the University to establish a four-year scholarship for an incoming freshman. A student will be selected this year to receive the $3,000 annual scholarship. Preference will be given to a student from the Scranton area. From left: Paul J. Strunk Vice President for Institutional Advancement and University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J.; accept the donation from Christine Oliver, President and Chief Operating Officer and Brian Murray, Chief Executive Officer, both of Murray Insurance.

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