**Task Force Begins Developing University Assessment Plan**

A recently established Task Force has made considerable progress in the formative steps of developing a University Assessment Plan by December 2004.

The plan will provide a foundation for assessing outcomes across all academic and administrative departments of the University.

"The University has a good reputation for assessing student outcomes," said Marie A. George, Ph.D., Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. "We wish to build upon this foundation and formulate an institutional-wide approach to our assessment plan and activities."

According to Trudy A. Dickneider, Ph.D., Chair of the Task Force, the development of a University Assessment Plan is tied to the continual growth and improvement of the University.

The Task Force of 15 consists of six faculty members nominated by Faculty Senate, six staff members nominated by divisional vice presidents, two members of the Assessment and Institutional Research Office (AIRO) and a committee chair (Dr. Dickneider). The Task Force reports to Dr. George who, in turn, communicates recommendations to the Provost, President and Administrators' Conference.

The first task of the group, following its formation in February, was to take inventory of assessment activities in all academic and administrative offices of the University. The Task Force was divided into working groups, with each group being assigned an area to survey.

"We suspected that there was a lot more assessment going on than we might have expected—and our instincts were right," said Dr. Dickneider.

The groups are continuing to collect information that will be compiled into ultimately form a searchable database through AIRO.

The second task undertaken by the group was to study the assessment plans at institutions that are considered by accrediting agencies to have best practices. Each of the working groups was assigned two institutions to study with the objective of identifying common elements and characteristics of successful assessment plans.

During the inventory and survey the Task Force is, according to Dr. Dickneider, compiling a glossary of assessment terms.

"We want to make sure that we are using the words in the way that they are used within the assessment community, and that we familiarize members of our University community with the meanings of these words," said Dr. Dickneider.

The final tasks to be completed by the end of the spring semester are to write a statement of assessment principles and to develop an outline for the Assessment Plan. "The statement of principles speaks to our philosophy, as well as why and ‘how’ of the plan," added Dr. George.

Once developed, the statement of assessment principles will be presented in the fall to the University Council and Faculty Senate for their review and approval.

The Task Force is also developing an outline for the Assessment Plan, to serve as a starting point for their work next year. This outline of essential elements of the plan will be completed by the end of the spring semester.

**Preparing for a World Premiere**

(From left) Marisa Reuber, Jill Beckish, Tim Astleford and other members of the University Concert Band rehearse for the upcoming performance of the University's 20th World Premiere Composition. The performance, which is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 May, in the Houlihan-McLean Center, will feature The University of Scranton Concert Band and Choir with guest composer/conductors Wycliffe Gordon and Lawrence Wolfe. The corporate sponsor is Pennstar Bank, and the performance is free and open to the public. For information, call 941-7624.
The Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., Named 24th President

The Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., Interim University Chaplain and Assistant Professor of English at Georgetown University, has been named the twenty-fourth president of The University of Scranton. Frank J. McDonnell, Esq., Chairman of University’s Board of Trustees, introduced Fr. Pilarz at a news conference held 23 April in the Executive Center of Brennan Hall on campus.

Fr. Pilarz will assume his duties on 1 July 2003. He will succeed the Rev. Joseph M. M. Shanahan, S.J., who will begin service as the 33rd president of Fordham University, New York City, on 1 July.

According to Mr. McDonnell, a national search began in January with the appointment of a search committee that included trustees and representatives from the University’s faculty, staff, student body, alumni and administration. Prior to recommending candidates for the consideration of the Board, the search committee, chaired by Trustee Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, consulted broadly through on-campus forums hosted by the University Council, Faculty Senate and Student Senate.

“We were blessed to be able to choose from among a pool of highly qualified Jesuits, which is a testament to the strength and quality of the University,” said Mr. McDonnell. “We believe that Fr. Pilarz, an accomplished administrator, teacher and scholar, is an exceptional leader who will continue the remarkable progress that the University has made in recent years.”

“In the course of his rich and multifaceted career at Georgetown, Fr. Pilarz has established a solid reputation as a charismatic teacher, an original thinker, a talented administrator and a compassionate pastor. Therefore, it is not at all surprising that his peers and colleagues routinely hail him as one of the most respected Jesuit scholars and administrators of his generation. As a result, I have every confidence that he will serve the University with devotion and with real distinction. Indeed, I am convinced that under his visionary leadership the University will achieve even greater success than it already enjoys,” said Fr. M. Shanahan, the outgoing president of the University.

“I am delighted to be at The University of Scranton, and I am honored and humbled by the office entrusted to me by the University’s Board of Trustees, chaired by Mr. M. McDonnell,” Fr. Pilarz said.

...throughout the three years that I’ve been privileged to serve on the Scranton Board, I have become increasingly passionate about this University and its mission – a mission first articulated in 1888 by Bishop O’Hara and appropriated down through the years by my Jesuit brothers,” he added. Fr. Pilarz entered the Society of Jesus in 1981 and was ordained a priest in 1992. He received his bachelor’s degree in English from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in philosophy from Fordham University, New York. He received master’s degrees in divinity and theology from the Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in English at the City University of New York.

As he was completing his studies at Weston, Fr. Pilarz served as a lecturer in the philosophy department of Sts. Peter & Paul Seminary at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. While completing doctoral studies, he was appointed to the English faculty of St. Joseph’s University in 1994. In 1996, he joined the Georgetown faculty as an assistant professor of English. In 2002, he was appointed interim University Chaplain.

Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., enjoys a lighthearted moment during a news conference announcing his appointment as president-elect of The University of Scranton. The announcement was made by Frank J. McDonnell, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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The University of Scranton was recently awarded second place in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Rush to Recycle Challenge. The University was recognized for an increase of 196% over its baseline for recycled items. DEP Deputy Secretary for Local Government Affairs Jay M o'ne (left) presented the University with a plaque and a check for $1,000 in recognition of its recycling initiatives. Accepting the check on behalf of the University were Tony Labarone, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds (center), and Jim Devers, Director of Physical Plant (right).

Six Departments to Relocate This Summer

The offices of six University departments will be relocated and space will be renovated for a new educational center beginning in May.

Following is a description of the relocations that will take place during the spring and summer months. All work is scheduled for completion by late September.

The University Press, currently located in S.T. Thomas Hall, will be moved to the lower level of the Smurfit Arts Center. The Office of Instructional Technology will move from the Communications Wing of St. Thomas Hall to Alumni Memorial Hall. The Office of the Provost will move from the 3rd floor of The Estate to the 5th floor of the Communications Wing of St. Thomas Hall.

Grant Awarded to Theology Professor

Scott Bader-Saye, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology, has received a $45,000 grant from the Louisville Institute Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grants Program. The grant is one of just five awarded annually by The Louisville Institute to full-time faculty members in the United States engaged in research projects designed to make the themes of Christian faith more accessible to religious believers in relation to the realities of their contemporary lives. The Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grants Program is undertaken by The Louisville Institute in cooperation with the Lilly Endowment, Inc., as part of its Christian Faith and Life Initiative. Dr. Bader-Saye will use his grant to support a 2003-2004 sabbatical research project entitled, “Figuring Providence: A Theology of History, and Ethics of Risk.”

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Junior Awarded Goldwater Scholarship

University of Scranton junior Christopher J. Corey will be forever etched in record books as the first University student to be awarded a Goldwater Scholarship. The Pittston native, who is a triple major in biochemistry, biophysics and biomathematics, was among the 300 undergraduates in the nation to be awarded the scholarship.

“The Goldwater Scholarship is among the most prestigious and competitive programs in the nation,” said Mary Engle, Ph.D., D.irector of the University’s Office of Fellowship Programs. “Any recipients go on to the most esteemed post-graduate programs in the world.”

Scranton Native Named Truman Scholar

Sara J. Shoener, a biomathematical and philosophy major at The University of Scranton, is one of only 76 students from 63 colleges in the nation to be selected as a 2003 Truman Scholar. They were selected from among 635 candidates who were nominated by 305 universities. A resident of east Scranton and valedictorian of Scranton High School’s class of 2000, Ms. Shoener is the fifth University student of the University to be named a Truman Scholar. In the past three years, the University of Scranton has nominated six students for Truman Scholarships, five of whom became national finalists, with two, including Ms. Shoener, being named as Truman Scholars.

“Sara’s outstanding academic record, her extensive public service activities and her long-standing dedication to the personal and health care needs of abused women make her a Truman Scholar of exceptional standing,” said Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science and the University’s faculty representative for the Truman Scholarship. Congress established the Truman Scholarship Foundation in 1975 as a memorial to the 33rd President of the United States. The Foundation awards merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

Ms. Shoener plans to focus her career as an advocate in women’s health policy.

“This scholarship will allow me the chance to combine what I do well with what I love to do,” said M. Shoener. “I have always been proficient at science and have been involved in women’s advocacy issues since I was a child.”

She is the daughter of Carol Shoener, Scranton.

A Community of Scholars

A student-centered community of scholars characterized by intellectual rigor

The Goldwater Foundation was established in 1986. According to the foundation’s Web site, Goldwater scholars have been awarded 50 Rhodes Scholarships, 55 Marjorie Ann Awards and many other distinguished fellowships. The Goldwater Foundation Scholarship Program, honoring the late Senator Barry M. Goldwater, was designed to identify promising young scientists who wish to attend graduate school for three years of graduate study. She is the daughter of Carol Shoener, Scranton.

Celebrate Student Scholars to be Held

The University will hold its Third Annual Celebration of Student Scholar Day on 6 May. This all-day event will celebrate both undergraduate and graduate student scholarship by featuring the work of students in a physical display to be held in the lobby of the Long Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Celebration of Student Scholars is part of Scholarship Month and will complement the exhibit of faculty publications on display in the Scranton Heritage Room of the Library. As part of the celebration, the University will also hold a luncheon honoring faculty and student scholars and an evening reception for student scholars, their families and mentors.

The Washington Post Magazine Recognizes the University

The University of Scranton has been included among the 100 colleges in the nation to be listed in the Washington Post Magazine article “Colleges Worth Considering,” published on 6 April 2003. The University of Scranton is the only college in northeastern Pennsylvania listed. A student-centered community of scholars characterized by intellectual rigor.

The Web story edition, published 1 April, profiles all 100 schools. Additional information on each school is included in M. Mathews’ book The University of Scranton for its “small class sizes, high academic expectations, close community environment, a metropolis campus that maintains a community atmosphere and a faculty and staff that are actively involved with the student body.”

The colleges were ranked based on the number of times mentioned by guidance counselors and teachers. The University is ranked 95 in the nation and 18 in the mid-Atlantic region.

Saturday, 24 May

ROTC Commissioning, 9:30 a.m., Royal Theater, Mcauley Center for Literary and Performing Arts, followed by a reception in the Lobby.

Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 1 p.m., Aula, Houlihan-McLean Center, followed by a reception in The Coopers Atrium.

Baccalaureate Mass, 4 p.m., BYU, Community.

Dinner for Graduates and Parents, Gunston Student Center, 6 p.m.

Tickets are required. Call 941-6233.

Awards Ceremony for Graduates Students, 6 p.m., Brennan Hall, Room 228.

Reception for M.P.H. Graduates, 6:30 p.m., Brennan Hall, 5th floor.

Class Night Awards, 8 p.m., Aula, Houlihan-McLean Center, followed by a reception in the Lobby.

Sunday, 25 May

Breakfast for Graduates and Parents, 7-9 a.m. Gunston Student Center.

Tickets are required. Call 941-6233.

Commencement, Noon, First Union Arena, Wilkes-Barre.
On 27 March, The University of Scranton announced and dedicated a center that will provide free health and wellness services to underserved school-aged children with special needs and their families. The Leahy Community Health & Family Center has been funded through a $455,243 Health Resources and Services Administration grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additional support was provided by The University of Scranton, the Leahy Center and a $15,000 grant from the Veltson Foundation.

The center, located in McGurrin Hall on Jefferson Avenue, was dedicated in honor of Edward R. Leahy, Jr., the late son of University of Scranton benefactors Patricia and Edward R. Leahy ’68. M. R. Leahy and U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood played a key role in raising funding for the endeavor. Both were recognized at the dedication.

The center will be run by faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students of the University’s Paruska College of Professional Studies, which offers degree programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, exercise science, education and counseling. Services for children with special needs and their families in Lackawanna County will be provided by, or supervised by, Pennsylvania licensed faculty and staff and will include, but not be limited to, skilled therapy, counseling, nursing services and special education.

“The Leahy Community Health & Family Center blends so completely the unique quality of The University of Scranton with our Jesuit mission,” said University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J. “The center will provide a place for research, scholarship and practical experience for faculty and students alike while responding to the needs of children in our region who have special needs.”

“This is another example of the strong relationship between The University of Scranton and the people of our region,” said Congressman Sherwood (Pa.-10). “The Leahy Community Health & Family Center will be a beneficial new resource for children with special needs and their families, while enriching the educational experience of students who are pursuing careers in health care fields.”

The Leahy Community Health & Family Center began operation in April; full services will commence in the fall of 2003. The center includes a reception area, administrative offices, interview rooms with observation and closed circuit video capabilities, examination rooms, and a large group activity/conference area.

It will also include the region’s only motion analysis system, capable of analyzing movement and motor activity of people from infancy to advanced age. The Leahy Community Health & Family Center will be able to operate without the restrictions of trauma to provide health screenings and referrals for other medical services. It will also provide caregiver support and education and develop recreational programs that provide opportunities for socialization within an educational and therapeutic context.

Known for their benevolence, Mr. and Mrs. Leahy endowed a center at The University of Scranton eight years ago to support research on behalf of individuals, particularly children, with disabilities. The Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Center for Faculty Research and Development was established in honor of their late son Edward, Jr., who was born with significant disabilities and passed away at the age of eight.

“Edward had the kind of spirit that I loved,” said M. R. Leahy at a luncheon following the new center’s dedication. “His strength of character touched so many people and, in his memory, we have tried to engage in a continuous celebration of his life by helping others, particularly children with special needs, but without sufficient resources to address those needs. This dedication today is a continuation of that celebration of Edward’s life, and it stands as proof that the youngest and the smallest among us can make a real difference.”

The Leahy Community Health & Family Center was announced and dedicated at a news conference on 27 March in McGurrin Hall.

Cultural Expert to Deliver 21st Annual Morris Gelb Lecture

The University of Scranton’s 21st annual Morris Gelb Lecture will feature noted cultural expert Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. The lecture, presented free of charge, will be held Thursday, 15 May, at 8 p.m. in the Egan Auditorium of the Gunter Student Center.

Dr. Whitfield’s lecture is titled “In Search of American Jewish Culture.”

A widely recognized authority on American culture, Dr. Whitfield has published numerous books and articles, including Into the Dark: Annihilation of Jewish Culture in Nazi Germany and Totalitarianism: Voices of Jacob, H. and S. Eau: Jews in American Life and Thought, A Death in the Delta: The Story of Emmett Till; American Space: Jewish Time; The Culture of the Cold War, and In Search of American Jewish Culture. He has served as book review editor for American Jewish History, and is a contributing editor to Judaism.

Dr. Whitfield is a resident of Lexington, M. as.

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. M. R. Gelb’s wife, M. ae, has continued the family’s civic and charitable endeavors.

The Gelbs were among the founders of the Judaic Studies Institute, which was created in 1979 through an endowment funded by the local Jewish community. 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.

McGowan Scholarship Presented

Matthew Ross, Montvale, N. J., has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship for his senior year at the University through the William G. McGowan Scholars Program. Named for the late William G. McGowan, founder of MCI Communications Corporation, the program benefits outstanding students who plan to enter the field of business. From left are: Paul J. Strunk, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Ronald D. Johnson, DBA, Dean of the Kania School of Management; Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan, Trustee Emeritus and brother of the late William G. McGowan; Mr. Ross; and Joseph M. McShane, S. J., President of the University.
Internationally Known Surgeon Speaks at Symposium

Dr. Paul J. Strunk, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, at the University of Scranton, was presented with the Francis P. Boland Scholarship at a dinner preceding the 19th Francis P. Boland Memorial Surgical Symposium. Dr. Peter W. Geis, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Mercy Health Partners; J. C. Bannon, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Mercy Hospital on 11 April. The symposium was created to foster an open forum for the discussion of the latest surgical advances with fellow surgeons, the medical community at large, and pre-med students and faculty.

Dr. Geis, internationally known for his work with minimally invasive surgery, has served as the director of the M.I.N.I. Research Institute at St. Joseph Medical Center in Baltimore and as a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. A prolific author, Dr. Geis has written hundreds of articles for medical journals.

Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award Presented to Two During Ignatian Week

The University presented the seventh annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award to two people: Maureen A. Fay, Lecturer, Curriculum Development Proposal, and Steven Doughtrey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics, “Connection between Self-Dual Codes Over Rings, Unimodular Lattices and Modular Forms.” Fay and Doughtrey will be honored for their contributions to the University and the field of mathematics.

Information Session for Adult Students Slated

The University of Scranton will hold a Graduate and Adult Student Information Session on Sunday, 4 May. Concurrent sessions will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the 5th floor Executive Center, Brennan Hall, Madison Avenue. Faculty, current adult students, and representatives from admissions, financial aid, and career services will be available to answer questions.

The University's Dexter Hanley Academic Award for adult and part-time students offers more than 60 associate and baccalaureate programs, 2-year and 4-year degree programs, financial aid and career services will be provided that evening. Information will be available about the more than 100 computer training and computer certificate programs, as well as other professional development programs offered by the Center for Continuing Education.

For information or reservations, call 1-800-366-4723 or visit www.scranton.edu/adults.

Five Faculty Members Receive Summer Grants

The following faculty members have received Summer Grants for 2003:

- E. Springs Stede, Ph.D., Chair of the Theology Department, “Catholic Spirituality: A Practical Introduction”
- Robert Parsons, Ph.D., Chair of the Foreign Languages Department, “Making Service Learning an Essential Component of Upper Division Spanish Courses: Offering an Academic Development Proposal”
- Tata Mbugua, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, “Early Childhood Education in Kenya”
- Steven Doughtrey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics, “Connection between Self-Dual Codes Over Rings, Unimodular Lattices and Modular Forms”
- Rita Fleming Cruthrell, Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, “Linking Mental Health to Therapy to Psychosocial Practice: The Development of Clinical Case Management Skills”

Black History Conference to be Held 1-3 May

The 26th Annual Conference on Black History, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), will be held on the University campus, 1-3 May. The conference, entitled “American Migration, Immigration, and Integration” will examine patterns of immigration and integration in the northeastern region of Pennsylvania.

The keynote speakers will be Joe William Trotter, Jr. and Thomas D. Dublin. M. T. Trotter is Professor of History at Howard University and the Head of the History Department at Carnegie Mellon University.

For more information and to register, call Karen James at (717) 783-9871.
SPORTS

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SPRING SPORTS

The biggest opponent the Royals have faced so far this spring has been Mother Nature. With winter hanging on in Northeastern Pennsylvania a lot longer than usual, all six University of Scranton spring sport teams have scrambled between the raindrops and snowflakes to begin their quest towards M Iddle Atlantic Athletic Conference titles.

With less than a month remaining in the regular season, a number of teams are battling for playoff spots and the opportunity to advance in either the NCAA Division III and or Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs. Here is a capsule summary of all spring sport teams here at the University.

Baseball

Under the direction of first-year head coach M ike Bartlett, the baseball team has already doubled its win output from a year ago. The Royals opened the season by winning three games during a trip to Florida over spring break before returning home to open a three-game Freedom Conference series against D elaware Valley, which included a no-hitter by sophomore pitcher Brian Grady (C larks Summit/Sc ranton Prep).

Men’s Lacrosse

An injury-plagued men’s lacrosse team has regrouped after a 1-4 start and is in the hunt for one of four playoff positions in the M Iddle Atlantic Conference. With three league games remaining, veteran head coach W arren Breig is hoping his scoring-by-committee mentality continuity as the Royals look to qualify for the playoffs for the second straight year. Seven players have scored 10 or more points this year, led by junior midfielder Rob Loderest (M endham, N.J.), senior attacker T imothy M iller (Glen C ove, N.Y./C haminade) and B ritan Lipski (Philadelphia/LaSalle).

Defensively, junior goalkeeper T om Kenyon (C hittenango, N.Y./C hittenango) has stepped up his game under the direction of first-year head coach J ack Underwood. The Royals are allowing an M IDAC average of 7.6 goals per game.

Women’s Lacrosse

In just their fourth season of intercollegiate competition, the Royals have already established themselves as one of the top programs in the M Iddle Atlantic Conference by qualifying for both the league and Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs in each of the last two years. Scranton heads into the final two weeks of the season in first place with an unblemished league record, thanks in part, to the play of senior attackers Liz Bambach (L ong Valley, N.J./W est M ontrois Central) and Bridget Lee (W est N yack, N.Y./A lbertus M agnum).

Baumbach, the all-time leading scorer in Royals history, surpassed a personal milestone on Saturday, April 22, scoring the 300th point of her career in a 14-10 victory over Messiah College in Grantham. Lee is also closing in on the 300-point plateau, needing only 12 points in the final three regular season games to join Baumbach in that exclusive company.

Steve Urbanovich

Steve Urbanovich (N utley, N.J./Nutley) on Sunday, 23 March, in a 7-0 victory at W orld Park.

Women’s Softball

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The University inducted 162 students into the Richard H. Passon Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for freshman class. Inductees are:

- A grade point average of 3.5 or above, based on their first full semester average, at a ceremony held on 6 April.

- The Morris Gelb Memorial Lecture guest speaker, Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D., a widely recognized authority on American culture, will present "In Search of American Jewish Culture." Eagen 4:30 p.m.

- Catherine Manley Coffey Memorial, Mutual of New York, 320 Brier Restaurant, Brighton, Mass., 1-800-SCRANTON 6 p.m.

- Last Day of Class

- Noon Baccalaureate Mass, Byron Complex. 941-6153

- Noon University housing closes