University Receives Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence

The University became the first and only institution of higher education to receive the Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry selected the University of Scranton as one of just 14 businesses and institutions to receive the award from the more than 200,000 that are eligible.

The announcement was made at the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry’s 2001 Safety Conference, held on October 29 and 30 in Hershey. Former Governor Tom Ridge created the Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence in 1996 to recognize demonstrated outstanding commitment by employers and employees to provide a safe work environment. Since the program began, 46 companies have received the Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence.

“The University was recognized for our success in developing and implementing comprehensive safety programs that dramatically reduced the occurrence of employee accidents,” said Steve Fisk, Employment Manager and Chair of the University’s Workplace Safety Committee. According to Mr. Fisk, the number of accident claims by University employees dropped from 96 claims in 1994 to 33 claims in the year 2000. To date for 2001, there have been 11 claims. The number of employee work days lost due to accidents has also dropped significantly from 481 days in 1994 to 87 days in 2000 and just 18 days to date for 2001.

Participation in the Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence is voluntary through a comprehensive application process that examines an institution’s safety initiatives and the strategic development of safety plans. Applications are reviewed by the Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence Review Committee. State safety and labor-management professionals conduct on-site inspections for finalists. The review committee then makes its recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and Industry, who makes final determination for the Governor’s Award recipients.

“The inspectors were particularly impressed with the improvements that we implemented in our residence halls that affect our students more than our employees. The entire campus is committed to safety—a culture that is evidenced in the installation of sprinkler systems and back-up battery-operated smoke detection devices that are above and beyond mandated safety requirements,” said Mr. Fisk.

The University’s Workplace Safety Committee are Mr. Fisk; Jim Dovers, director of physical plant; Sandy Evans, human resources assistant; Elsa Nelson, housekeeping services supervisor; Bill Hurst, zone supervisor; Diana Trygar, assistant director of environmental health; Helen Helfing, custodian; Hugh Sengist, electrician; Dave Zwarch, zone supervisor; Vance Decker, corporal, public safety; Jim Gaffney, assistant director operations and maintenance; Tony Laborardi, supervisor, buildings and grounds; and Tom Yablonski, groundskeeper/mechanic.

Jazz Masters Hold Master Class

Acclaimed musician and educator Wynton Marsalis returned to the University on 23 October to share his knowledge and love of music in a Master Class. He was joined by five other members of the Wynton Marsalis Septet, including Victor Goines, Director of Jazz Studies at the Juilliard School. The musicians offered a free Master Class for University of Scranton students and more than 100 high school students from Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond— including students from the Easton area.

1,400 Attend First Honors Convocation

Students and parents gather at one of four ceremonies held during an Honors Convocation on 28 October. The event honored students who achieved the Dean’s List for both semesters of the 2000/2001 academic year, as well as those who have won prestigious academic honors. The award ceremony for the Panuska College of Professional Studies, pictured above, was held in the Houlihan-McLean Center. See page 3 for full story and photographs of award ceremonies from the University’s other colleges.

The University Responds to the National Tragedy

In the days and weeks following the terrorist attacks in the United States, the University has continued to reach out to members of the Scranton and larger community who were affected by this tragedy. On 11 October, more than 500 alumni, friends and family members gathered for a Eucharist of Remembrance in New York City—the largest-ever gathering of University alumni in the New York area. A Eucharist of Remembrance was held on campus for the University community on 12 October. Approximately 600 students, staff and faculty attended.

As well, students, staff and faculty gave blood, gathered supplies for the rescue effort and raised money for victims of the terrorist attacks. The offices of Campus Ministry, Student Affairs, Public Relations and Alumni Relations have prepared a list of members of the University family who were killed in the terrorist attacks. This list is published on page 4.

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Jo Ann Usry Appointed Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity

A native of Babylon, N.Y., Ms. Usry received her bachelor’s degree from Dowling College in Oakdale, N.Y., where she is a candidate for a master’s degree in business administration.

Ms. Usry began her career as an employee relations specialist with the Long Island Lighting Company. She then served successively as a human relations officer at the First National Bank of Chicago, Unioindale, N.Y., and the Director of the Office of Diversity Planning and Compliance at the New York State Office of Mental Health in Dix Hills, N.Y.

Ms. Usry, who resides in Dumont, is the mother of three children – Joseph, Brian and Tiffany – and the grandmother of two. She is an ordained Evangelist Missionary for the Churches of God in Christ.

Jo Ann Usry, Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity

Medical Advice for Students

The University’s Medical Alumni Council gave pre-med students a chance to meet with alumni who are physicians and dentists. Over 100 students attended the October event which included a panel discussion and break-out sessions like the one shown here with Dr. Patrick Kerrigan ’80, Wilkes-Barre, and pre-med majors Ryan Rambaran ’05, Reisterstown, Md., and Christina Lopez ’04, Nanticoke.

Open House Draws Thousands

University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J., speaks to a full house in the Long Center during the first of two Open House 2001 sessions. More than 2,500 high school students and their families came to tour the University campus and hear about its academic programs on 21 October.

“Sometimes you take for granted what’s here (in Scranton). We wanted to make sure that we didn’t do that before we looked at other schools.”
Kay Garvey of Scranton (center), pictured here with daughter Eileen Garvey and husband Jerry Garvey

“I heard that the acceptance rates to medical schools (from Scranton) are high, and that interested me.”
Shawn Barto of Hughesville, with mother, Tina Barto
University Holds First Honors Convocation

The University recognized 739 undergraduate students at its first Honors Convocation on Sunday, 28 October. The event honored students who achieved the Dean's List for both semesters of the 2000/2001 academic year. Those who have won prestigious academic honors were also recognized at the convocation.

"This is a special way for the entire University community to celebrate the accomplishments of our students," said University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J. The honors convocation began with Mass at 11 a.m. in the Byron Recreation Complex. At 12:30 p.m., each of the university's four undergraduate schools recognized their students at separate gatherings on campus. The convocation closed with the President's reception for all the honored students and their families at the Long Center.

At the Honors Convocation, Frank O'Hara medals were presented to the first-year, second-year, and third-year students with the highest grade point average in each of the four undergraduate colleges of the University. The award is named in honor of the late Frank O'Hara, who served the University for 33 years in various administrative positions.

Recipients of Frank O'Hara medals from each of the undergraduate schools follow.

Kania School of Management:
First-year student Jason D'Avito, Dickson City
Second-year student Ryan Surace, Mayfield
Third-year student Suzanne Tieleman, Old Forge
Panuska College of Professional Studies:
First-year student Sara Gausz, North Wales
Second-year student Krista Hylinski, Old Forge
Third-year student Joylin Holladay, Idaho Falls, Idaho
College of Arts and Sciences:
First-year students Edward Glowienka, Clarks Summit
Second-year student M. Redding, M. Williams, Scranton
Third-year student Erin Brodie, Dunmore, Conn.
Dexter Hanley College:
First-year student Lisa Ann Fitzpatrick, Scranton
Second-year student Robert Gillette, Old Forge
Third-year student Brian Hamilton, Clarks Summit

Also at the Convocation, Rose Kelly Awards were given to honor high school teachers who have positively influenced University of Scranton students from each of its undergraduate colleges. The awards are presented to the high school teachers and the students who nominated their mentors.

Recipients of Rose Kelly Awards from each of the four undergraduate schools follow.

Dexter Hanley College:
Jolene Kauth, Dunmore, who nominated her teacher from Bishop O'Hara High School, the late Sister M. Antonita Regan, I.H.M.
College of Arts & Sciences:
Erin Brodie and her teacher Cynthia George, Dunmore High School, Dunmore, Conn.
Panuska College of Professional Studies:
Courtney Morrison, Wayne, and her teacher Patricia Wingerter, St. Monica School, Berwyn
Kania School of Management:
Anthony Lombas and his teacher John Comitz, Lake Lehman High School, Lehman

Graduate School Convocation:
Outstanding students of the University of Scranton's Graduate School were recognized at a separate celebration conducted on Friday, 26 October. Frank O'Hara awards were given to graduate students who have the highest GPA's at approximately the mid-point of their master's degree programs. The 2001 award recipient for The University of Scranton's Graduate School were:

- Tatyana N. Nikitrova, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for the MBA program
- Derek C. Bellinger, Milanville, for Health Administration and Human Resources Administration Programs
- Kathleen A. McGrail, Scranton, for Counseling Programs (including school counseling, community counseling, and rehabilitation counseling)
- Dawn M. Zawinski, Scranton, for Humanities Programs (including history, English, and theology)
- Michael E. Beckish, Dalton, for Science Programs (including chemistry, biochemistry, clinical chemistry, software engineering, and nursing)
- Maria L. Duricko, Mountaintop, and Jamielyn Pabst, Scranton, for Education Programs (including elementary education, secondary education, reading, and school administration)

Also recognized at the Graduate School event were biochemistry students Xinxing Cai, from the Peoples Republic of China, and Jong-Sung Eun, from the Republic of Korea, for receiving the Aventis Pasteur Scholarship.

Muskie Fellows currently studying in the University's M.B.A. program were also recognized: Ilgar U. Mubod, Azerbaijan, Leila N. Abiyeva, Azerbaijan, and Tatyana N. Nikitrova, Uzbekistan.
The University Remembers Victims of the September 11 Tragedy

Please note: This "In Memoriam" list is the product of the work of the Campus Ministry Office, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Public Relations, and the Office of Alumni Relations. If we have inadvertently omitted the name of a member of the University family who lost his/her life, please bring this to the attention of the Alumni Office (1-800-SCRANTON) so that we can reach out in compassion and solidarity to his/her family.

Sherman Wooden (left) Special Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs for Multicultural Affairs at the University, is sworn in as a member of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs.

University Administrator Appointed to Governor’s Advisory Commission

Sherman Wooden, Special Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs for Multicultural Affairs at the University, has been appointed to serve on the Governor’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs (GACAAA). Mr. Wooden is one of five new members in the state appointed by former Governor Tom Ridge prior to his leaving office. He will serve for a two-year term on the 15-member commission.

"The Commission will continue to build on a remarkable record of achievement of empowering the African American Community," said former Governor Ridge in a press release announcing the appointment. "Together, they will help to promote diversity and minority interests statewide."

Active in the community, Mr. Wooden is a member of the boards of the Susquehanna County Vocational Area Technical School, the Lackawanna County Association of the Blind, and the Voluntary Action Council of Lackawanna County. He is a member of the advisory board of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He is also a member of the American Council on Education, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Inc., and a member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities for Multicultural Affairs.

Political Science Students Prepare Mock Security and Defense Resolution

Twenty students and 14 faculty members from 15 colleges and universities from the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation Consortium (M EU SC) met at the University on 20 October to begin preparing a mock European Union (EU) security and defense resolution in response to the threat of terrorism in the European Union.

Among the group were two Scranton students, Nicole Ngwee and Rinod Kibar, who are acting the role of Italian EU Commissioners. The two served as hosts for this simulated meeting of the European Commission, which is a preliminary part of the M EU SC program. The resolution will be the centerpiece of debate during the primary part of the M EU SC program, which will be held in Washington, D.C., 29 November through 2 December. This is the sixth year that Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Political Science, has prepared Scranton students for the M EU SC program. Scranton students will be representing Italy for the second year in a row.
China has become broadly familiar with American culture according to Erming Xu, Ph.D., Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at the center for International Business at the University of Scranton. Business and civic leaders of northeast Pennsylvania will have the opportunity to learn about business education in China when Dr. Xu speaks at the President’s Breakfast to be held in Brennan Hall on 13 November at 8 a.m.

Erming Xu, Ph.D.,

An accomplished researcher, Dr. Xu received a research Fulbright fellowship in 1994 to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, to study international joint ventures. He has authored several books on strategic management and international business and has published numerous articles in scholarly journals.

Dr. Xu likens this organization to the AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in the United States. The University of Scranton is accredited by the AACSB.

He is also the chairman of the business management education committee, under the direction of the Ministry of Education, for China’s 200 undergraduate universities, and chief editor of the tutorial book for the MBA examination. He serves as the director of the Institute of Beijing Modern Enterprise, a board member of China Enterprise Management Institute of Beijing Modern Enterprise, is the chairman of the business management education committee, and is an advisor to Jining City Government (the hometown of Confucius), Shandong Province.

Dr. Xu sees many similarities between China and the United States, although he is quick to point out that this was not always the case. Most of the western influence that occurred in China happened during the last 20 years. “From 1949 through to the early 1980’s, China used Russia as a model,” said Dr. Xu. “It was only in the 80’s and 90’s that this began to change.”

Dr. Xu recalls that in 1983 professors from Canada were the first allowed to teach in China. Today, western schools are used as the model for higher education. “The younger generation of Chinese are very westernized in the large cities. My daughter grew up having her birthday parties at McDonald’s in Beijing.”

Dr. Xu added.

She may also not fully realize the true pioneer spirit of her father. Dr. Xu was among the first in China to become admitted into the Western style MBA program.

He earned his bachelor’s, MBA and Ph.D., from Renmin University of China where he is currently a professor. Dr. Xu serves as one of nine original members of China National MBA Supervising Committees, which monitors the content of graduate business curricula throughout China. The committee reviews universities and evaluates their curricula.

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SPORTS

By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director

CROSS COUNTRY

Throughout the year, the men’s and women’s cross country teams have been ranked among the top running programs in the highly regarded Middle Atlantic Conference. This year’s teams are no exception.

At the MAC championships at Messiah College on 27 October, the Lady Royals, behind 28th and 32nd place finishes by junior Ingrid Stein (Trenton, N.J./Ocean) and senior Alexandra Reihir (West Milford, N.J./West Milford), finished fifth in the 12-team field with a five-score total of 165 points. Stein and Reihir covered the course in 21:14.10 and 21:20.30, respectively, while sophomore Tiffany Leventhal (Philadelphia/Philadelphia High School for Girls) and seniors Christine Baran (Nanticoke/Bishop Loughlin) and Sarah Kenehan (Clarks Summit/Abington Heights) placed 34th (21:24.30), 35th (21:30.90) and 36th (21:31.90).

Senior Brennan Coughlin (Millford Lakes, N.J./Shawnee) paced the Royals to a sixth-place finish in the 12-team event by covering the 8,000-meter course in 25:31.90. The Royals finished the 2001 campaign 10 overall record.牵     

FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team advanced to the championship match of the Freedom Conference tournament on 27 October, but Drew University scored a goal with less than ten minutes remaining to pull out a 3-2 victory. The loss ended Scranton’s bid to win its first league title since 1997.

Junior forward Maureen Bole (West Milford/Berkeley Heights) scored a pair of goals at the 41:32 and 44:02 marks of the second half to tie the score after Drew took a 2-0 lead by halftime. By virtue of her two goals, Bole took over the team-leading goals scored with seven. Senior forward Laura Boersig (Morristown-Beard) and sophomore Kyle Maiorana (Southold, N.Y./Southold), who had an assist on Bole’s second goal, finished her career as the fifth all-time leading scorer in Scranton history with 67 total points. She led Scranton in scoring this past season with six goals and seven assists for 19 total points and in game-winning goals with three. Sophomore goalie Kim Reynolds (Larchmont, N.Y./Mamaroneck) finished with seven saves to push her season total to 132.

After a slow start, the Lady Royals turned things around and won four of their final six matches to finish with an 8-10 overall record.

Maureen Bole ’03

Ingrid Stein ’03

Trevor Pericas ’02

MEN’S SOCCER

Two late-season losses to D-I St. James University and regular-season champion Drew University kept the men’s soccer team from qualifying for the Freedom Conference playoffs for the second straight season.

The Royals finished the 2002 campaign with a 7-11-1 overall record, including a 3-4 mark in league play. Junior midfielder Jeremy Basdeo (Philadelphia, N.J./Huron) and senior goalkeeper Trevor Pericas (Alcudia, Spain/San Francisco-Goa) had another solid season by making 76 saves and allowing only 1.25 goals per game. Defensively, the Royals shut out six opponents and allowed two or less goals in five other matches.

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Michele Fogarty ’02

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Junior Erin Michaliski (M. O./St. Anthony’s), a senior setter, was the team’s offensive leader with 23 goals scored and is only one shy of tying Lori Snyder’s 1984 record of 24. Sodano has also been brilliant, scoring 11 goals and assisting on five others for 27 total points.

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<td>The Center for Eastern Christian Studies invites students to an evening of prayer, silent prayer, faith-sharing and prayer service/liturgy. The theme is &quot;Celebrating the Coming of Christ.&quot; 3:50 p.m., Lecture Room, Eastern Christian Studies Center. For information and reservations e-mail <a href="mailto:roccasalvo@scranton.edu">roccasalvo@scranton.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>The Performing Arts Series and The University Choirs, Brass Quintet and String Orchestra will present the 34th Annual Noel Night Concert on 2 December. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. For information call 1-800-SCRANTON.</td>
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The Committee holds open forum on 19 October. The Committee promotes gender equality throughout all areas of the University. Committee members, from left: Mary Ellen Pichiariello, Susan Bradley, Marian Farrell, Ph.D., Regina Bennett, Marie George, Ph.D., Karen Heckman and Tata Mbugua, Ph.D.
Green Space and Parking on the Campus Horizon

The landscape of the University campus changed this month with the demolition of the Gallery Building. The lot is being converted into a "green space" on campus as recommended by the University's Facilities Master Plan. Additional changes will take place as a result of the recent acquisition of buildings in the neighboring community. Through a gift from an anonymous benefactor, the University acquired three properties on the corner of Madison Avenue and Mulberry Street, the Carter Apartments (former home of Scott's Grocery), the Hamzavi Medical Arts Building, and the blue commercial building. The buildings will be demolished by crane beginning the third week of November to create additional parking space for the campus community. Demolition of the buildings is expected to take about two weeks.

Library Exhibit Highlights Jewish History and Culture

The Weinberg Memorial Library at the University is currently exhibiting three collections that highlight 20th-century Jewish history. The exhibits opened with a 28 October lecture and reception entitled "Jewish History and Culture Collections: The Abe Plotkin, Joseph Polakoff, and Rabbi Milton Richman Collections." Seymour Brotman, past President of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania spoke at the reception in the Scranton Heritage Room of Weinberg Memorial Library.

The reception was sponsored by Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library. The exhibits will be on display through 21 December.

Mr. Polakoff, who graduated from St. Thomas College in 1932, spent nearly 30 years working as an information officer for the United States government and 15 years as a journalist for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Intermountain Jewish News.

Mr. Plotkin was considered the most prominent Jewish journalist of his time. His writings cover Middle Eastern politics and Jewish culture. The exhibit presents selections of correspondence, journalistic writings, and ephemera from throughout his career. M. R. Polakoff donated his collection to the University before his death in 1996.

Mr. Plotkin, a 1935 St. Thomas College graduate, served with the United States Third Army during World War II. M. R. Plotkin visited and photographed the Ohrdruf and Dachau concentration camps during their liberation. After liberation, he became involved in aiding displaced persons by helping survivors contact American relatives. He also organized the shipment of clothing and personal supplies from the United States to the displaced persons camps. The exhibit shows some of his photographs as well as his correspondence concerning his efforts to aid displaced persons.

Rabbi Richman came to Scranton in 1957 to become the spiritual leader of the Madison Avenue Temple, later known as Temple Hesed. He served as Rabbi for 31 years until his retirement in 1988. Rabbi Richman earned a doctorate of Hebrew letters and a doctorate of divinity. Before his death in 2001, he donated his personal research library to the Weinberg Memorial Library. The books on display in this exhibit reflect Rabbi Richman's wide range of intellectual interests.

For additional information about this exhibit, contact the Weinberg Memorial Library at 941-7816.

Hail the Homecoming King and Queen

University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J., congratulates Scott Weiss '02 and Nicole Cestola '02 on being crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime at the Varsity Men's Soccer game on 20 October. During the day, Student Government held a Fall Fest on Royal Way.

Students Mark National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

Students participate in a pumpkin-carving contest, which was one of many events marking National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, 21-26 October. Throughout the week, students had opportunities to attend programs designed to teach them about the dangers of alcohol and the consequences of not drinking responsibly.

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