Scranton Forms New Adult College
College of Graduate and Continuing Education will Address Needs of the Nation’s “Largest Higher Education Market”

The University of Scranton is charting its own course to creatively mix technology, tradition and flexibility to meet the evolving needs of the largest market in higher education: adult students.

The University’s Board of Trustees has established a new college, sanctioned to offer state-of-the-art programming in modes at times and in places convenient to graduate students and adult learners, as well as to corporate and training clients. Called the College of Graduate and Continuing Education, this new entity carries on the traditions and programs of the university’s Graduate School, Center for Continuing Education and Dexter Hanley College.

“The College of Graduate and Continuing Education is designed to help us better respond to the needs of adult learners, an area of special importance for northeastern Pennsylvania,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President. “It will provide efficient, comprehensive services from admission through graduation.”

Duncan Perry, Ph.D., who has been appointed Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Education, noted that, based on the most recent U.S. Census data, only 23 percent of the population of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Monroe, Wayne and Susquehanna counties have some college, but no bachelor’s degree and that 28 percent have only a high school education.

“We believe it is our mission to serve this population,” said Dr. Perry, who also noted that the adult market is the largest higher education market in the nation. “According to 2005 National Center for Education Statistics, 73 percent of all students nationally are ‘non-traditional.’”

The University of Scranton’s commitment to graduate and adult education is not new. The University has been offering graduate programs since 1951 and adult undergraduate programs since 1923. However, The College of Graduate and Continuing Education is a new model for adult programs in higher education.

“This is a new approach, the likes of which we have not found at other institutions,” said Dr. Perry. “It is, however, a model that takes account of our belief that graduate, undergraduate, and non-degree professional development needs can be most efficiently and effectively served through an adult-oriented organization.”

To accomplish this, the university is expanding its graduate, associate’s and bachelor’s degree programming, as well as its non-credit workforce training and professional development programs.

Dr. Perry, who has served as the Dean of the university’s Graduate School since 2002 and, for the last year, as interim

Incoming Class Already Sets Records

The University’s incoming class has already made the history books on campus, with a record number of 6,758 undergraduate students applying for admission. This marks the fifth straight year that Scranton has set an application record.

During Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug. 26 – 27, Scranton welcomed its incoming undergraduate class of 992 enrolled students and more than 400 new graduate students, along with approximately 55 undergraduate transfer students and 100 adult students.

The freshman class includes 24 valedictorians and salutatorians and has an average S.A.T. score of 1,114. The class includes 78 children of University of Scranton alumni. The incoming class also includes eight sets of twins.

The incoming freshmen hail from 14 states. Students joining the University’s community this year come from as close as the Hill Section of Scranton, and as far away as Georgia, Texas and Washington. Of the incoming, undergraduate, full-time students, 25 percent are from local area high schools.

The University’s undergraduate and graduate colleges typically enroll approximately 100 students from dozens of countries. Countries represented by incoming students include Poland, Kenya, India, Japan, China and Cambodia.

Undergraduate majors seeing the largest increase this year are biology, exercise science, finance and marketing. Also increasing is the number of students not declaring a major.

This year’s applicant pool of 6,758 represents a seven percent increase over the last year’s record of 6,316 applicants. The University of Scranton has seen its undergraduate applicant pool increase by more than 84 percent since 2000.

Scranton has also seen its graduate enrollment nearly triple over the past four years through Web-based and off-campus course offerings and new degree offerings such as the doctorate in physical therapy.


The University of Scranton has seen its undergraduate applicant pool increase by 14th among Universities-Master’s in the north category in the 2007 edition. "The University also ranked 14th among Universities-Master’s in the north in the listing of "Great Schools at a Great Price." This is the third consecutive year that Scranton made this list of 15 schools. Also, for the third consecutive year, Scranton was listed as one of five schools in the north with the best graduation rate among the "Key Criteria in Judging Schools."

"The national recognition that The University of Scranton so consistently receives in rankings such as U.S. News validates the exceptional educational experience our faculty provides to our students," said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President. "While we are honored to be ranked among the top ten colleges in the north, we also acknowledge those qualities of a Scranton education which these rankings do not seek to capture, namely the value of our Catholic and Jesuit identity, and the sense of support, encouragement and belonging that our community provides."

Scranton falls within the category U.S. News defines as "Universities – Master’s." This category consists of 557 institutions nationwide that offer a full range of undergraduate and master’s level programs, but offer fewer, if any, doctoral-level programs. The universities in this category are ranked within four geographic regions in the nation. The north region consists of 165 schools in 11 states and Washington, D.C. U.S. News bases its rankings on a range of quality indicators, including academic reputation, retention of students and graduation rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.
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Dean of Dexter Hanley College, noted that The University of Scranton has already seen its graduate school enrollment nearly triple in the last four years, owing to an emphasis on in-demand programs.

“Scranton is offering courses in Web-based formats and compressed schedules. We now have two master’s degrees in teacher education completely online, as well as a transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. In addition, we offer two cohort-based programs in rehabilitation counseling at locations an hour’s drive from campus. Faculty teach workshops and courses in teacher education, management and technology throughout northeast Pennsylvania,” said Dr. Perry.

The University of Scranton’s programs, regardless of how or where they are offered, will adhere to institutional standards and must meet the expectations of national and state accreditation bodies.

At the graduate level, The University of Scranton currently offers a doctorate of physical therapy, 23 master’s degree programs, 18 certification programs and seven supervisor’s certificates.

Regarding undergraduate programs, the university’s new college will offer programs specifically structured for busy adults in such fields as accounting, business administration; counseling and human services; criminal justice; health administration/community health education; liberal studies; and nursing for the LPN and RN. These programs will be offered at convenient times with a course rotation designed to guarantee student degree completion in a specified time period. Adults can also choose from 70 other programs.

In addition, Scranton offers annually more than 300 computer training and certificate programs, and over 45 on-line workforce training programs, as well as numerous professional and workforce development activities. University instructors teach these programs, as well as customized programs at off-site locations to individuals, corporations, government agencies, non-profits, and others.

The University will benefit from this new college through its streamlined operation avoids duplication of efforts and increases economies of scale. The adult students served will also benefit from a more seamless system that encourages and promotes adult learning at all levels and provides the possibility for students to move from level to level.

The College of Graduate and Continuing Education is structured into four operating units. The operating units are Admissions/Recruitment/Marketing; Technology Assisted and Off Campus Programming; Professional Training and Education; and Student Services and Advising. The offices will remain in O’Hara Hall. All report to the Dean.

Prospective adult students interested in learning more about opportunities at Scranton may call (570) 941-7600.

Professor’s Book Attempts to Rescue Childhood

The latest book by University of Scranton Professor Mary Muscaria, Ph.D., is an out rescue effort to save a precious vanishing commodity – childhood.

“We see a protected and enriched childhood being edged out in favor of a sort of premature adulthood – pushing aside joy and wonderment in favor of pressure, rigidity and anxiety,” said Dr. Muscaria in the introduction of Let Kids Be Kids. “Lacking protection and enrichment, children can grow to be incomplete adults who might never fully understand what it is they’re missing.”

Aimed at aiding parents, Let Kids Be Kids breaks the treasures of childhood into 13 subsets and offers advice on ways in which parents can restore each component, as well as explanations of the possible detrimental behavior that could occur should that component be lost.

“Children rarely just ‘go outside and play’ anymore. Instead they have play dates, take classes and lessons, or prep for sport,” said Dr. Muscaria. “Studies by The University of Michigan show that children have lost twelve hours per week of free time since the late 1970’s, including a 25 percent drop in play and a 50 percent drop in unstructured outdoor activities. With every available minute filled, a child never learns how to deal with boredom or play on his own.”

Boredom, according to Dr. Muscaria, can actually be a good thing for a child. It can motivate a child “to read, be creative, use his imagination, and find other constructive ways to fill his free time.”

The book discusses children’s basic needs for love, attention, health and safety as well as areas often overlooked by counselors, such as spirituality, citizenship and nature.

“For most of history, children were free to play outdoors in woodlands and near water. Today’s children are not so lucky. Unstructured outdoor play has been crowded out by structured activities and time spent in front of the screen. A study by the Kaiser Family Foundation shows American children spend forty-five hours a week glued to TV’s computers and computer games,” says Dr. Muscaria. “Let Kids Be Kids that new research shows that nature can be powerful therapy for such maladies as depression, obesity and attention-deficit disorder.”

Similar to Dr. Muscaria’s Not My Kid parenting books, she intertwines research, clinical experience, and common sense into an organized coherent guide that is easy for busy parents to use.

Let Kids Be Kids is published by The University of Scranton Press and is endorsed by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners to keep your Children Safe and Secure Campaign. It is available at all major book stores or through The University of Scranton Press at 1-800-621-2736.

Scranton Graduate Receives Scholarship

University of Scranton class of 2006 graduate Tina Marie George began her post-baccalaureate studies at Harvard Medical School in August as the recipient of one of the most generous scholarships in the nation.

Ms. George has been awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship, which provides up to $50,000 annually for up to six years of graduate or professional studies. The elite group of 77 recent college graduates selected as 2006 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate scholars may receive as much as $300,000 over a six-year period.

“Our objective is to help high achieving students who have financial need,” said Dr. Matthew Quinn, Executive Director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, who added that in the academic world, some are calling this the most sought-after and generous graduate scholarship.

The 77 recipients were chosen from 1,100 graduates nominated from accredited colleges and universities from throughout the United States. The recipients were selected by two independent panels of academic experts that included graduate school deans, admissions counselors and faculty.

Ms. George was one of only two scholarship recipients from Pennsylvania. The University of Scranton was one of only four Jesuit universities in the nation to have a Jack Kent Cooke Graduate scholarship recipient.

Ms. George, is pursuing an M.D. degree and a master’s degree in public policy from Harvard University. She will receive the scholarship for up to six years of study. The award will provide funding for tuition, room and board, fees, and books.

This is not the first national honor for Ms. George. In February of 2006, she was listed among the top 20 college students in the nation as selected by USA Today for its All-USA College Academic First Team. Ms. George was also among the 75 students in the nation to be named as a 2005 Truman Scholar, recognizing her commitment to a public service career. She was also one of only 80 students in the nation to be awarded a 2005 Morris K. Udall Scholarship, which recognizes college students who have demonstrated outstanding potential in their study of the environment and related fields.
On a hot summer day in 1954, Roger Bannister experienced the moment of a lifetime when he became the first person in the world to break the four-minute mile. Running for the Amateur Athletic Association at a race in Vancouver, Canada, the 25-year-old medical student from Oxford, England, ran the “Miracle Mile” in a record-breaking 3:59.4.

The University of Scranton will welcome Sir Roger Bannister to its campus on Oct. 11, as he presents the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture. This event, which is open to the general public free of charge, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Houlihan-McLean Center. Sir Roger’s lecture will focus on science and sports.

“What an honor to have the esteemed Dr. Bannister give my father’s memorial lecture this year,” said Brian Mullin, M.D., the son of Dr. Harry Mullin. “I only wish that my Dad could have met him, too.”

Sir Roger was born on March 23, 1929, in Harrow, Middlesex, England. The son of working class parents, he attended school in a suburb of London where it became apparent that he was a gifted runner. He won his first race at age 13, and began training to break the four-minute mile at age 18.

According to the Academy of Achievement’s Web site, “He resolved at a young age to win a place in one of England’s elite universities and study medicine. At the outbreak of World War II, the family moved to historic Bath, England, where Roger Bannister had daily opportunities to practice his running on the way to and from school. His exceptional speed on the running track soon won him the acceptance he sought, and his scholastic efforts paid off with a scholarship to Oxford University.”

In 1954, Sir Roger was the recipient of the Silver Pears Trophy, an award given to outstanding British achievement in any field. The same year, he also earned the European title in the 1500 meter before he retired from competition.

At Oxford University, Sir Roger studied neurological medicine and eventually went on to serve as the Director of the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London and a trustee-delegate of St. Mary’s Hospital Medical School in Paddington.

Sir Roger served as Chairman of the Sports Council of Great Britain from 1971 to 1974, and as President of the International Council for Sport and Physical Recreation from 1976 to 1983. In 1975, he was knighted. He also served as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal Clinical Autonomic Research and as the editor of Autonomic Failure, a textbook on clinical disorders of the autonomic nervous system.

The Mullin Lecture series honors the late Dr. Harry Mullin, who was born in Olyphant and earned a bachelor’s degree from The University of Scranton, then St. Thomas College, in 1931. He dedicated a lifetime of service to his profession and community.

Dr. Mullin graduated from the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College and performed postgraduate work at Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. At the Jewish Hospital, he worked with some pioneers of American allergy medicine.

After service as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he returned to northeastern Pennsylvania in 1946 to become the area’s first allergy specialist. He was chief of the Department of Allergy at Scranton State Hospital and a staff member and allergy consultant at several other hospitals. Dr. Mullin maintained a private practice with offices in Scranton and Binghamton, N.Y.

The Mullin Lecture series, sponsored by Mrs. Harry Mullin, Robbin Mullin and University of Scranton alumnus Dr. Brian Mullin, has brought some of the world’s most distinguished scientists to Scranton. Thirteen Nobel laureates have spoken at the series, which began in 1985, including last year’s speaker James D. Watson, Ph.D., who in 1953 together with Francis Crick, Ph.D., discovered the double helix structure of DNA.

For additional information about the lecture, call 941-7400.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for New Campus Center

A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 6 for the largest and most ambitious building project in the University’s 118-year history, a $30,000,000 Campus Center. Construction is now under way and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2007.

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony, from left: Patrick Leahy, Vice President for University Relations; Jeanne Bovard, Trustee; Carl Kuehner, Trustee; Frank Homer, Ph.D., Faculty representative; Angela Croteau, Student representative; Vince Carilli, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President; Sr. Bernadette Durross, Vice President for Mission; Nobel C. Quandel, President of The Quandel Group, Inc.; Martin Langan, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services; and R. Scott Sullivan, Project Manager for project architect Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates.

For additional information about the new Campus Center, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/campuscenter.

National Accolades for the University

In addition to the U.S. News rankings of “America’s Best Colleges” (see story on pg. 1) the University learned in August of two national accolades.

Scranton was the only college in the region to be among the elite colleges profiled in the Princeton Review’s 361 Best Colleges. The University of Scranton is also the only area college to be listed in Kaplans/Newsweek’s new publication How to Get Into College, which listed Scranton along with the 26 other colleges in Pennsylvania to be included among the nation’s “369 Most Interesting Schools.”

Marking the fifth consecutive year that Scranton has been listed among the nation’s “361 Best Colleges,” the Princeton Review also listed The University of Scranton among the “224 Best Northeastern Colleges.”

The 2007 edition of the 361 Best Colleges represents The Princeton Review’s “version of the cream of the crop – the top 10 percent of all colleges in the nation.”

Colleges are selected to be profiled based on feedback from students, parents, and educators, as well as through research that involves monitoring educational news sources and surveying admissions counselors. All schools selected must participate in an anonymous student survey. The Princeton Review has surveyed more than 115,000 students for this guide book.

The 2007 edition of the Kaplan/Newsweek guide How to Get Into College combines Newsweek’s journalistic expertise with Kaplan’s 68 years of college admission experience. In addition to columns on college life and admissions advice, the guide includes profiles of the 369 colleges selected as the “most interesting” in the nation. The colleges listed were chosen based on the school’s academic strength, specialty programs offered, uniqueness of the student body and other noteworthy factors that make the school stand out as “interesting” to a national audience.

Previously, The University of Scranton was included among 367 schools profiled in the 2006 edition of the Kaplan/Newsweek guide America’s Hottest Colleges. Kaplan also published an annual guidebook entitled The Unofficial, (Un)biased, Insider’s Guide to the 331 Most Interesting Colleges.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thomas E. Baker, Ed.D., and Loreen Wolf, Ph.D., Associate Professors, Sociology/Criminal Justice, have published a peer-reviewed research paper titled “Universal and Systematic Design Instruction for Accommodating Diverse Learning Styles in Criminal Justice” in the *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology* (spring 2006). It was the lead article in the journal, and was formally presented at the Chicago 2004 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference.


**New Staff**

The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in June and July:

- Caitlyn M. Beasley, Admissions Counselor
- Rita M. Boyle, Director, Lehay Community Health and Family Center
- Gerald L. Budurka, Painter, administrative buildings
- Paul T. Colaiezei, Regional Director of Development, Institutional Advancement
- Marc A. Costanzo, Painter, administrative buildings
- Melissa A. Damski, Admissions Counselor
- Jaime L. Gibbs, Technical Assistant, Alumni Relations
- Larry J. Grassi, Painter, administrative buildings
- Mark D. McGivern, Research Analyst, Planning Assessment and Development
- Mark L. Musley, Regional Director of Development, Institutional Advancement
- Anna R. Quinlivan, Secretary, Lehay Community Health and Family Center
- John P. Schield, Painter, administrative buildings
- Jason A. Wimmer, Course Management System Administrator, Information Resources

**Conference on Disability Seeks Ways to “Mobilize Partnerships”**

“Everybody should be able to live the best life possible, including individuals with disabilities.”

Those are the words of Dianne M. Posegate, R.N., M.S., Assistant Dean, Director of Academic Advising in the Panuska College of Professional Studies at The University of Scranton, who is co-chairing the 5th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on Disability, Oct. 18-20 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, 700 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. Her words convey the true meaning behind this annual event, which will feature national, state and local speakers offering a unique variety of sessions open to the public. Pre-registration is required.

This year’s conference also includes a Pre-Conference Program on Wednesday, Oct. 18, and a Town Meeting on Autism being held Thursday, Oct. 19.

“On the fifth anniversary of the Northeastern U.S. Conference on disability, we want to extend a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to Dr. James Pallante and his staff for their dedication and commitment to enhancing the personal and economic independence of children and adults with disabilities through excellence in education and training,” said Patricia Leahy who, along with her husband, Edward Leahy, established the Leahy Endowment at the University and is co-chairing the Conference.

“When our son, Edward, looks homework, he, like his parents, will remember how one man and his staff made a mission of promoting policies that have made and continue to make a difference in the lives of all persons with disabilities,” said Mrs. Leahy.

Keynote speakers include Peggy Anderson, M.S., state coordinator of employer development and ADA coordinator, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services; Andrew J. Imparato, the first full-time president and CEO of the American Association of People With Disabilities (AAPD); Lee Grossman, president and CEO, Autism Society of America (ASA) and the Autism Society of America Foundation; David Wenzel, appointed by President Bush to serve on the National Council on Disability, a retired veteran of the United States Army and former mayor of Scranton; and Joseph Gaskin, the father of Lydia Gaskin, who was named in the historic settlement of litigation designed to change the quality of special education services throughout Pennsylvania.

The conference is designed for anyone who is professionally or personally interested in improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Posegate said the conference truly reflects the mission of the University’s Panuska College and its “culture of caring.” Ms. Posegate, her co-chairperson Dr. Tracey Collins, Instructor of Physical Therapy, and numerous volunteers worked diligently to create a strong program with something for everyone. The sessions will include topics such as employment, education, self advocacy, spiritual needs and quality of life issues, and technology for those with disabilities.

Among the highlights of the conference is a Pre-Conference Program, “Celebrating Partnerships for Employment Success” on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., moderated by Ralph N. Pacinelli, D.Ed., CRC, I.P.C. Dr. Pacinelli served as regional commissioner for Atlanta and Philadelphia Rehabilitation Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Education. Also, keynote speaker Peggy Anderson will discuss “Essential Components of a Comprehensive Approach to Job Development/Placement.” At 4:15 p.m., panelists with disabilities, local employers and counselors from Northeastern Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will discuss “Successful Collaborations.”

In addition, Lori Bruch, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, will moderate a Town Meeting on Autism on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in Brennan Hall, on the University’s campus. The meeting will feature an expert panel, including Nina Wall-Cote, director, Autism Affairs, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, and a question-and-answer session. It is open to the public free of charge. Ms. Posegate encourages parents, grandparents and anyone interested in issues facing children with autism and their families to attend.

The deadline to register for the conference is Oct. 13. For additional information and registration fees, contact Dianne M. Posegate, R.N., M.S., Assistant Dean, Director of Academic Advising, The Panuska College of Professional Studies, The University of Scranton at (570) 941-6390 or posedgate1@scranton.edu. Information is also available on the Web site at http://flynx.scranton.edu/leahyendowment/disability_conference.shtml

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**Expert on Gerard Manley Hopkins to Deliver Third Annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Lecture**

Joseph J. Feeney, S.J., an expert on the 19th-century Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, will be the featured speaker at the third annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Royal Theater of the McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts on campus. It is free and open to the public.


A member of the Saint Joseph’s faculty since 1971, Father Feeney’s fields of scholarly interest are 20th century British and Irish literature, American literature, modernism and postmodernism, contemporary British and Irish drama, and the religious imagination.

Father Feeney holds a bachelor of arts and master of arts degree from Fordham University; a licentiate of philosophy, a bachelor of sacred theology degree and a licentiate of sacred theology degree from Woodstock College; and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

A widely published author, Father Feeney has contributed essays to many publications, including The Times Literary Supplement, Critical Essays on Gerard Manley Hopkins, and The Library Chronicle of the University of Texas at Austin.

The J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture honors the late J.J. Quinn, S.J., who served as a professor of English at the University for more than four decades.

The lecture series began in 2005. Previous speakers have included Michael Zampelli, S.J., Associate Professor of History, Literature and Women’s and Gender Studies, and Associate Director of the Medieval Renaissance Program at Santa Clara University, Calif.; and Ralph C. Wood, Ph.D., University Professor of Theology and Literature at Baylor University.

For further information on this event, call 941-7400.
Suppliers Recognized at Appreciation Day

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., presented a crystal Supplier of the Year award to representatives from ARAMARK. From left: Fr. Pilarz, Ted Zayac, Sr., Food Services Director; Alan Griffin, Senior Vice President; Tony Internicola, Vice President for Operations; and Dan Palombo, District Manager.

The University recently hosted its inaugural “Supplier Appreciation Day” with a recognition dinner on campus to honor the top 100 suppliers of the 2006 fiscal year. Sixty-five of the top 100 suppliers attended the event, during which ten suppliers were chosen as finalists for the inaugural Supplier of the Year Award. ARAMARK, the University’s food service provider, received the award.

ARAMARK has provided dining services for students, faculty, staff and guests of The University of Scranton for 41 years. They have served an estimated 20 million meals on campus. The company was recently named to FORTUNE magazine’s 2006 list of “America’s Most Admired Companies,” and has consistently ranked as one of the top three most admired companies in its industry as evaluated by peers and industry analysts since 1998.

“We hope that this special recognition program enables us to strengthen relationships with our key suppliers,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President.

“Education is a people-centered enterprise, and we recognize fully that we do business with people, not companies. We hope this function enables us to strengthen professional relationships with the people who partner with us.”

Supplier Appreciation Day was modeled after similar programs in corporations and colleges worldwide. The Top 100 suppliers were chosen based on quality of products and services, innovation, service and value. More than 1,000 suppliers support the University.

The top 10 finalists were: ARAMARK; Batterymarch Financial Management, a Boston-based firm which manages the University’s large capitalization equity endowment portfolio in the United States; Burkavage Design Associates, an architectural firm that designed several construction and renovation projects on campus, including the expansion of the Chapman Lane Retreat Center and Brennan Hall; Follett Higher Education Group, which manages the University’s bookstore; Gibbons Ford & Toyota, the supplier of the University’s leased vehicles; HSA Associates, the provider of engineering services for electric, HVAC, plumbing and fire protection on campus; J.P. Lilly & Sons, from whom the University purchased more than 90 percent of the audio-visual equipment on campus, and who was integral in the recent introduction of Internet2 and WiScanton; Al Noreika, a local mason who has worked on campus projects for 31 years; PNC Bank, the University’s primary bank, providing it with a full range of banking services; and Verizon, which provides business-critical Centrex telephone services, Internet connectivity and cellular phone service to the University community.

ARAMARK received a large crystal award. All finalists received smaller crystal awards, and all Top 100 suppliers received certificates of recognition.

Seminar Explores Catholic, Jesuit Identity

Increasingly aware of how much The University of Scranton is enriched by its Jesuit identity, Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., initiated this summer a faculty seminar on the Nature of a Catholic and Jesuit University in the 21st Century.

Ten non-tenured faculty members representing a broad representation of academic disciplines attended the seminar, which was held on campus June 19 – 23. They were joined by Sr. Bernadette Durros, R.S.M., Vice President for Mission, Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Fr. Pilarz in reading and discussing seminal texts and contemporary articulations of what it means to be a Catholic and Jesuit university.

The faculty seminar was facilitated by Sr. Patricia Talone, R.S.M., Ph.D., Vice President of Mission Services at the Catholic Health Association in St. Louis, Mo. Sr. Patricia, who received an honorary degree from Scranton in 2005, is a medical ethicist and has published and lectured extensively.

In the course of the weeklong seminar, Sr. Patricia led the group through various readings and discussions about the roots of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and how those roots support a centuries-old network of colleges and universities. The group discussed the meaning of a Catholic and Jesuit university, the role of faculty in the Catholic, Jesuit university and whether graduates of Catholic, Jesuit higher education differ from their peers.

The seminar provided an opportunity for scholarly debate and enriching conversations that will advance the University’s efforts to enhance its Catholic and Jesuit identity.

Scranton Contingent Participates in Ignatian Institute in Paris

Three faculty members and the Provost of The University of Scranton recently joined representatives of Jesuit universities and colleges throughout the United States at a meeting in Paris to mark the observance of the Jesuit Jubilee 2006. Held in June, the Institute on Ignatian Pedagogy reflected on the legacy of the Jesuits, celebrated the Jesuit educational heritage and explored future challenges.

Representing the University were: Harold Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Richard Klonskowski, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Philosophy; Patricia Harrington, Ed.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Nursing; and Janice Voltzow, Ph.D., Professor of Biology.

The spiritual birthplace of the Jesuits, Paris was the site where Ignatius Loyola, a former nobleman and soldier, met students Francis Xavier and Peter Faber in 1529. The year 2006 marks the 450th anniversary of the death of Ignatius Loyola and the 500th anniversary of the births of Francis Xavier and Peter Faber.

“The rich tradition of Jesuit education found at The University of Scranton is rooted in the principles that Ignatius Loyola and his followers fashioned more than four centuries ago,” said Dr. Klonskowski. “The Paris Institute was a remarkable gathering of representatives from over two dozen Jesuit colleges and universities who share a commitment to the educational development of the whole person – the mind, body and spirit.”

“As a religious society, the Jesuits are dedicated not only to their students, but also to furthering the common good and a commitment to social justice,” added Dr. Klonskowski. “Among other things, our mission as educators in the Ignatian tradition and as members of this educational community is to see ourselves in other people and to provide an educational experience which helps students to find God in all things.”

According to Dr. Klonskowski, the contingent from Scranton went to the Institute prepared to make contributions to the dialogue at the conference and to bring back to Scranton new information. “We were struck, however, by how far the University has advanced in contemplating its mission and identity as the profile of the Jesuit community changes,” said Dr. Klonskowski. “As the number of Jesuits decreases, we are challenged to grow in new ways and maintain our unique educational philosophy – a philosophy that focuses on the centrality of the teacher, the locus where the subject matter and student meet.”

The central concern of the discussion at the Institute was, indeed, the vocation of the teacher in the Ignatian tradition.

“With the changes facing the Jesuits, we discussed the role that everyone at the University plays in educating students,” said Dr. Harrington. “We are teaching people to care for others, and it is our commitment to care for them. This conference encouraged us to consider how to engage everyone in a strong sense of spirituality. In many ways, the Jesuit community is at a crossroads and our challenge is to hold on to the roots of Jesuit philosophy.”

As a result of the Institute, the University representatives said they feel that they are in a much stronger position to evaluate how to further and strengthen the Jesuit and Catholic identity on campus.

“We learned a lot during the Institute, but we also became aware that we are on track with what other Jesuit universities and colleges are doing to address new challenges,” said Dr. Klonskowski.
Alumnus Receives Honorary Degree

Michael Fairbanks ’79 addresses the audience of students and families after receiving an Honorary Degree at the New Student Convocation on Aug. 26.

The University presented an honorary degree to Michael Fairbanks ’79, a leading consultant on economic development strategies for developing nations, during its New Student Convocation on Saturday, Aug. 26.

As Executive Chairman and Founder of The OTF Group, Mr. Fairbanks consults with presidents, cabinet members and business leaders in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia to develop business strategies and export competitiveness. A software and strategy consulting firm based in Boston, The OTF Group is the first venture-backed U.S. firm to focus on developing nations. He also advises the Private Sector Commission of the United Nations and serves on the Commission on Globalization.

In 2002 and 2003, Fortune magazine named him one of the “150 Smartest People in the World.”

A 1979 graduate of the University, Mr. Fairbanks is the co-author of Plowing the Sea: Nurturing the Hidden Sources of Growth in the Developing World, a landmark book on business strategy in developing nations published by Harvard Business School Press.

Thirteen Faculty Members Receive Promotions, Tenure

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., has announced 13 faculty promotions, including tenure decisions, which went into effect at the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic year.

The following faculty have been promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure: Michael T. O’See, English; David A. Rusak, Ph.D., Chemistry.

The following have been promoted to Associate Professor: Jerry R. Muir, Ph.D., Mathematics; Tata J. Mbugua, Ph.D., Education.

The following have been promoted to Assistant Professor: Karen Brady, Occupational Therapy; Rita P. Cottrell, Occupational Therapy; Barry A. Wolf, Occupational Therapy.

The following have been granted tenure: Patricia A. Gross, Ed.D., Education; Richard A. Larsen, English; Lisa A. Lesneski, Ph.D., Nursing; Lee M. Penyak, Ph.D., History.

Three Named to Posts at Scranton

The University has announced the appointment of three individuals to administrative positions.

Rhonda Waskiewicz, Ed.D., has been named Interim Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Dr. Waskiewicz joined the University in 1996. In 2002, she was named Associate Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, and in spring of 2003, became Director of the Leahy Community Health and Family Center.

Dr. Waskiewicz earned a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from Tufts University, Boston School of Occupational Therapy; a master of science degree in health administration from King’s College, Wilkes-Barre; and a doctorate of education in education administration from Temple University.

Kenneth R. Lord, Ph.D., has been named Associate Dean of the Kantz School of Management.

Dr. Lord comes to the University from Mercer University, Atlanta, Ga., where he was Director of Graduate Programs at Mercer’s Stetson School of Economics and Business, and a professor of marketing.

Dr. Lord earned a bachelor’s degree from English University of Utah, a master of arts degree from Communication University of Utah, and a doctorate in marketing from Ohio State University.

Terrence P. Devino, S.J., has been named Assistant Vice President for University Ministries.

A member of the New England Province of Jesuits, Fr. Devino has spent the past three years as an associate chaplain in campus ministry at Fairfield University, Connecticut.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in urban studies from Worcester State College, a master of divinity degree from the School of Theology and Pastoral Ministry at Seton Hall University, and a certificate in spiritual direction from the Center for Religious Development, Cambridge, Mass.

Spring Survey Leads to Fall Changes at the Library

Students returning to classes at Scranton will be pleasantly surprised to discover changes among the novels, periodicals and computer terminals in the Weinberg Memorial Library. Many of these changes were suggested by library patrons in the spring of this year.

In response to a Web-based survey called LibQUAL+ conducted in the spring, some physical and technological improvements at the library are already under way.

LibQUAL+ is used by more than 200 libraries each year to help determine perceptions in library service. Participants included undergraduates, graduates and faculty members who use the library.

Bonnie Strohl, Associate Director, Weinberg Memorial Library, said the survey indicated users are pleased with the service they receive from library staff members. “They said that they loved the staff, that they are treated well, and that their questions are treated with respect,” she said.

Students surveyed said they generally liked the facility, but they would appreciate more rooms devoted to group studies.

“People want more flexibility with collaborative learning,” said Ms. Strohl.

“We purchased new chairs to replace the more formal set-up of chairs, tables and couches.”

The new group study rooms will be created as part of a new layout of the first, second and third floors, as follows:

• First floor: A new technology service area has been created. Most library users won’t find themselves in this area, but this space is very important to those who work in the library. The acquisitions, cataloging and serials departments is also on the first floor. Library patrons will see six new chairs with swivel desks stationed on this floor to encourage collaborative learning.

• Second floor: Two new group study rooms have been made available by moving the serials department from the second to the first floor.

• Third floor: A Media and Curriculum Materials Center has been created in the back area of the third floor. This area is especially important to the education majors who may have struggled in the past with bulky, oversized study materials. The Media and Curriculum Materials Center has been designed to properly store these materials. The third floor also houses four computer terminals designed to properly store these materials.

In addition to these physical changes at the library, more are planned for the library’s Web page in order to make it more user friendly.

While library staff members conducted the Web-based survey of the library’s facilities and services, Bonnie Oldham, Assistant Professor, Library, conducted a focus group to study how easily people navigated its Web site. Her findings indicated that the library’s Web site needed to be simplified to better meet the needs of those doing research.

The improvements planned will make the site easier to navigate, but won’t be so drastic that people who are accustomed to the site won’t be comfortable using it any more. Plans are also under way to make researching the library’s 121 databases easier as well. The library will install software to map all of its databases according to various majors.

In addition, the library systems staff is working with the University’s systems staff to facilitate a single sign-on for remote access. That means users will be able to enter one password for both the library’s databases and Blackboard.
**New York Times Best-Selling Author Phillip Margolin to Speak at Scranton**

When the University presents this year’s Distinguished Author Award, the recipient will be honored for sharing his passion for writing as well as celebrating his impressive writing career.

Area residents can meet New York Times best-selling author Phillip Margolin when he is presented the 2006 Royden B. Davis, S.J., Distinguished Author Award on Saturday, Oct. 7, at a dinner sponsored by the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library. Those attending the dinner will have the opportunity to ask questions of the author during a 5 p.m. reception and will hear Mr. Margolin read excerpts from and discuss his latest best-seller, *Proof Positive*, at the awards dinner that begins at 6:15 p.m. Reservations are required to attend both events, which will take in the University’s Eagen Auditorium of the Gunter Memorial Student Center.

The former criminal defense attorney began his career as a junior high school teacher in the South Bronx and took evening law school courses. His legal practice spanned nearly 25 years, during which he handled various criminal cases in state and federal court, including nearly 30 homicide cases.

Since Atty. Margolin went from a full-time law practice to a full-time writing career in 1996, all of his novels have been best-sellers. He is the recipient of numerous literary awards, including an Edgar nomination for his first novel *Heartstone*, and the Literary Guild Main Selection honor for *Gone But Not Forgotten*, *The Burning Man*, *Wild Justice* and *Lost Lake*. His second novel, *The Last Innocent Man*, was made into an HBO movie. *After Dark, The Undertaker’s Widow* and *Wild Justice* were each Book of the Month Club selections, and *Wild Justice* and *Lost Lake* received the Oregon Book Club Award. His most recent book, *Proof Positive*, published by HarperCollins, was released at the end of June and appeared on the New York Times best-seller list.

“The Distinguished Author Award selection committee was very impressed with Mr. Margolin’s commitment to sharing his love of writing,” said Bonnie Strohl, Weinberg Memorial Library Associate Director and member of the award selection committee. “He enjoys the opportunity to interact with students and other individuals interested in writing. In addition to being the featured speaker at the dinner, Mr. Margolin will meet with some University creative writing students on Friday.”

Since 1996, the author has been president and chairman of “Chess for Success,” a non-profit charity that uses chess to teach study skills in disadvantaged schools. He and his wife, Doreen, are the parents of two children and live in Oregon.

The Distinguished Author Award Series began with the Friends of the Weinberg Library’s desire to recognize and honor the work of fiction and non-fiction authors. They also saw it as an opportunity for authors to share their literary pursuits and impressions with residents of northeastern Pennsylvania. The annual event helps the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund, which supports special gifts for the Weinberg Library 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 Weinberg Library.

For further information or to make a reservation, visit www.scranton.edu/authaward, or contact Kym Fetsko at 941-7816 or fetskok2@scranton.edu. Tickets will also be available at the door on a space-available basis on the evening of the event.

**Scranton ROTC Staff Member Named Best in the Nation**

A staff member of the Army ROTC “Royal Warrior Battalion” at The University of Scranton was recently honored with a “U.S. Army Cadet Command Incentive Award” for excellence.

Army Master Sgt. Ian P. Bush was named the Cadet Command’s top enlisted ROTC Instructor for 2006.

Cadet Command is the parent organization of the Army ROTC program and presents the Incentive Awards annually in recognition of the top performers in the command from around the country. It is the largest officer producing organization in the armed forces.

“Receiving this award is an honor I will never forget,” Bush said. “I feel strongly about my impact on the future Army officers I have interacted with and I am rewarded daily with their appreciation.”


During his 14-year military career, Master Sgt. Bush served both in the United States and overseas and his decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (four awards), the Army Achievement Medal (eight awards), the Army Good Conduct Medal (four awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), the Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (three awards), NATO Medal (two awards), the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals.

**Nextel Cellular Site on Scranton Campus**

With more demand being placed on cellular telephone usage, the University’s Office of Network Resources has worked with Nextel to place a macro cellular site on the Communications Wing of St. Thomas Hall on campus.

Construction began on June 21, when a crane and trailers arrived to place the steel and shelter on the rooftop of the Communications Wing. Completion of the cellular site was completed in August.

Nextel plans to place approximately 30 towers or macro cellular sites throughout the northeast region to continue to provide the best possible service to their customers.

Nextel users on campus and in the surrounding Scranton community will benefit from this macro cellular site. Users will experience enhanced cellular signal in addition to expanded system capacity.

“The Office of Network Resources welcomed the opportunity to provide better service to students, faculty and staff and continue to look for future opportunities that enhance communication services to our University and the local Scranton community,” said Ron Skutnick, Director of Network Resources.

**Public Safety Officer Wins National Scholarship**

Student Public Safety Officer Jason R. Kroptavich recently received a scholarship presented by the University/College Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President.

Mr. Kroptavich is also employed by the Intensive Care Unit at Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton. He is active in church and community service activities, a blood donor for the American Red Cross, and has participated in several church sponsored mission trips to Russia, Mexico, and Panama.

He is also enrolled in The University of Scranton’s Army ROTC program and recently returned from military duty with his Army Reserve Unit in Iraq. He plans to pursue a career with the secret service.

The University/College Police Section represents the interests of sworn campus public safety within the IACP. Winners of the scholarship are chosen by the University/College Police Section for their outstanding academic efforts and commitment to community.
20 Appointed to Faculty at the University This Fall

In order to teach it is enough to know something. But to educate one must be something. True education consists in giving oneself as a living model, an authentic lesson.

St. Alberto Hurtado, S.J
The newest Jesuit saint

The University of Scranton has appointed 20 full-time faculty members for the 2006-2007 academic year, according to Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The new faculty are: Bonnie Alco, Instructor, Education, Michael E. Allison, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Political Science; Antonio Calcagno, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Philosophy; Arthur J. Chambers, Lecturer, Education; Virginia M. Corcoran, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Exercise Science/Sport; Ellen Demody, Lecturer, Theology/Religious Studies; Kathleen M. Juracek, Lecturer, Counseling/Human Services; Donald Kachel, Ph.D., Second-Year Lecturer, Biology; Joseph E. Kraus, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English; Catherine Polson Lovecchio, Assistant Professor, Nursing; Susan C. Mendes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English; Debra P. Miller, Ph.D., Lecturer, Physical Therapy; Rebecca Murley, Lecturer, Education; Phil Nicholas Jr., Ph.D., Lecturer, Political Science; Byron A. Pawlick, Instructor, Commencement; Abhijit Roy, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Management/Marketing; David Salerno, Lecturer, Accounting; Vanessa A. Silla-Zaleski, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Education; Kimberly Subasic, Lecturer, Nursing; and Jamie H. Trinka, Instructor.

Ms. Alco, a resident of Waverly, previously served as a lecturer in the University’s education department. She has been a director of the international office and an adjunct professor at Marywood University. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English at Marywood, a master of education degree in TESOL from the University of Maryland, and has completed several courses at the Sorbonne, Paris, France, McGill University, Montreal, and the Foreign Service Institute. She is a doctoral candidate in applied linguistics at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Allison has been an instructor in the Department of Political Science at Florida State University. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in politics with a double minor in Latin American and Caribbean studies and French, peace and justice studies from Fairfield University, and a master of science degree in political science from Florida State University. He received a doctoral degree in political science at Florida State University.

Dr. Calcagno served as a postdoctoral fellow for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He was also a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto and an instructor in the Department of Philosophy at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. He earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors and distinction in philosophy at the University of Toronto. He earned a master’s degree in philosophy with a specialization in Medieval and Renaissance philosophy from Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Guelph.

Mr. Chambers, a resident of Hallstead, served as Superintendent of Schools for Mountain View School District, Kingsley. Prior to joining the Mountain View School District, he was Director of Curriculum and Instruction (Elementary) at Union Endicott Central School District. He earned a bachelor of science degree in social studies and a master of science degree in education from State University of New York.

Dr. Corcoran, a resident of Bear Creek Township, joined Scranton in 2004 as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Exercise Science. She earned a bachelor’s degree in science degree in foods and nutrition from College Misericordia and a master of science degree in nutrition from Marywood University. She earned a doctorate of education degree with high honors in adult education and organizational development from the College of Education at Temple University. She is a registered dietician and a licensed dietician nutritionist.

Ms. Demody, a resident of Elmhurst, previously served as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at The University of Scranton. She also served as the VIRTUS Coordinator for the Safe Environment Program in the Diocese of Scranton. She earned bachelor of arts degree in Theology and Philosophy from The University of Scranton, where she graduated with honors, and a master of arts degree in Theology from The Catholic University of America.

Ms. Juracek, a resident of Scranton, served as an adjunct professor in the Communication and Media Services Department at Scranton. She earned a bachelor of science degree in secondary education, social studies, from New York State University College, and a master of science degree in special education from New York State University College. She earned a master of social work degree from Marywood College, and is currently a doctoral candidate in human development with a concentration in social work at Marywood University.

Dr. Kacheln, a resident of La Plume, has been the medical director of Gino J. Merli Veterans’ Center. He previously served as an adjunct faculty member at The University of Scranton, where he also was a clinical trainer for CRNP Program. He earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from The Pennsylvania State University and a diploma in osteopathy from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a rotating internship at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital and an internal medicine residency at Temple University.

Dr. Kraus, Kingston, previously served as a second-year lecturer in the University’s English department. Dr. Kraus has been an assistant professor of English at King’s College and at Oakton Community College. He earned a bachelor’s degree with high honors and high distinction from the University of Michigan, a master of arts degree in English from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

Ms. Lovecchio, a resident of Clarks Summit, has served as director of health and wellness education and as an adjunct faculty member of Villanova University. Previously, she was director of health education and wellness and an adjunct faculty member of the baccalaurate degree registered nurse program at The University of Scranton. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Villanova University and a master of science degree in nursing from College Misericordia. She is currently pursuing a doctorate of philosophy in nursing education at Villanova University.

Ms. Mendez most recently served as an adjunct instructor in developmental and freshman composition courses at Riverside Community College. She has also served as adjunct lecturer and instructor at University of California. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Pace University and a master of arts degree in English literature from Fordham University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in English from the University of California.

Dr. Miller, a resident of Clarks Summit, previously served as an adjunct faculty member and lab assistant at Scranton. She has been a staff physical therapist at Northeast Rehabilitation Services, Inc., and a home health physical therapist at Tyler Home Health Services. She earned a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from Temple University and a master of science degree in health education from Russell Sage College. She earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Temple University.

Dr. Nicholas has served as a visiting assistant professor of political science at State University of New York and has taught numerous political science courses at universities such as the University of Albany, Siena College and the State University of New York College. He earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies from Stockton State College. He holds a master of arts degree in public policy and a Ph.D. in political science from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University.

Ms. Murley, a resident of Factoryville, has served as a specialized tutor for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade for nearly 30 years. She also was a substitute teacher in the Tunkhannock Area School District for 19 years. She earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Mansfield University and a master of science degree in education from Wilkes University.

Mr. Olson served as a tutor in philosophy and religion at the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Kebble College, University of Oxford, and as a peer facilitator in the Comparative History of Ideas Program at the University of Washington. He studied Theology, Philosophy and English in the International Program & Exchanges at the University of Oxford. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Washington and a master of philosophy in Systematic Theology from The University of Oxford. He is currently pursuing a doctorate of philosophy in Systematic Theology from the University of Oxford.

Ms. Pavlick, a resident of Clarks Summit, served as a training consultant for the Business & Industry Development Center, Luzerne County Community College and as an adjunct faculty member of Lackawanna Junior College. She was also a classroom instructor for The Princeton Review. She earned a bachelor of science degree in philosophy and a master of science degree in nursing from College Misericordia. She currently serves as an occupational therapist at Yoder Rehabilitation Services. She earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a master of business administration degree from College Misericordia.

Ms. Silla-Zaleski joined The University of Scranton faculty as a Lecturer in the Department of Education in 2004. Previously, she served as program director of Community Counseling Services, Wilkes-Barre, and a member of the adjunct faculty of the psychology department at College Misericordia. She earned a master of science degree from The University of Scranton, and an Ed.D. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Subasic, a resident of Clarks Summit, has served as a part-time faculty member in the English Department at the University of Scranton. She was also a nurse educator at York College. A practicing registered nurse for 19 years, she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Saint Francis University and a master of science degree with a nurse educator subspecialty from the University of Massachusetts. In addition, she completed the certificate program in teaching and learning in web-based courses from the Center for Teaching and Lifelong Learning at Indiana University School of Nursing.

Ms. Trinka served as instructor in the Department of German Studies, Romance Studies and Comparative Literature at Cornell University. In addition, she was a facilitator at John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in comparative literature and German language and literature from Oberlin College. She studied German history, literature and political culture at the University of Cologne, Germany, and earned a master of arts degree in comparative literature from Cornell University. She is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Comparative Literature at Cornell University.
Teacher of the Year Award Presented

From left: Thomas P. Hogan, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Advisor of the Alpha Sigma Nu honor society at the University; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President; Timothy K. Casey, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, recipient of the Edward Gannon, S.J., Award for Teaching for 2006; Brandon Yeager '06, Alpha Sigma Nu treasurer; Patricia A. Loftus '06, Alpha Sigma Nu Vice President; Kevin D. Hauck '06, Alpha Sigma Nu Secretary; Michael J. Jenkins '06, Alpha Sigma Nu President.

Timothy K. Casey, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at the University, has been presented the Edward Gannon, S.J., Award for Teaching for 2006.

The annual award, established in 1978 by the University’s chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the national honor society for students in Jesuit colleges and universities, recognizes outstanding teaching among faculty. Dr. Casey was voted by the University’s Alpha Sigma Nu honor society as this year’s recipient. The award was presented at the Alpha Sigma Nu annual induction ceremony in May.

“It’s deeply gratifying to be accorded this recognition, if only because Fr. Gannon was himself a philosopher whose commitment to teaching and concern for his students are legendary,” said Dr. Casey. “I’m also proud to find myself in the company of such distinguished past recipients of the award. Most of all, I’m grateful for the opportunity to work with some of our best students. They’re an inspiration to us all.”

Dr. Casey joined The University of Scranton’s faculty in 1987. He earned a bachelor’s degree magna cum laude from Loras College, a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in philosophy from Duquesne University. He served as Chair of the Philosophy Department at Scranton from 1991 to 1995. Dr. Casey teaches courses in ethics, epistemology, philosophy of art, and contemporary European philosophy. He has published numerous scholarly articles and reviews on the philosophy of technology, environmental ethics and the philosophy of architecture in such journals as Research in Philosophy and Technology, American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, CrossCurrents and Phenomenologische Forschungen.

Dr. Casey also co-edited two books, Is Human Nature Obsolete? Genetics, Biotechnology, and the Future of The Human Condition, with Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at The University of Scranton, and Lifeworld and Technology.

The Scranton chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu was founded in 1943 and is the oldest honor society in The University of Scranton. Juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service are eligible for membership. The late Edward J. Gannon, S.J., who was a member of The University of Scranton faculty for 22 years, served as moderator of Scranton’s chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu.

Lecture Features World-renowned Economist

Thomas Sargent, Ph.D., Professor of Economics at New York University and one of the most influential macroeconomists in the world, will present The University of Scranton’s annual Henry George Lecture Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Eagen Auditorium of the Gunster Student Center. The lecture is funded by a grant from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and is open to the public free of charge.

Dr. Sargent joined the New York University (NYU) faculty in 2002 and is one of the world’s leaders in modern economics. His research is widely recognized as having revolutionized both the field of economics and the economic strategy adopted by successful capitalist economies over the past 20 years. His work, along with the research of Nobel Laureate Robert Lucas, provided the basis for the adoption of monetary and fiscal policies that prioritized the maintenance of low inflation and stable interest rates among governments and central banks.

Prior to his appointment at NYU, Dr. Sargent served as the Donald Lucas Professor of Economics at Stanford University and is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. His work has included developing models to understand persistently high European unemployment rates; using new statistical methods to characterize the changing responsiveness of the U.S. economy to actions by the Federal Reserve; and applying techniques of robust control from engineering to optimal policy and the study of individual behavior.

He has published over 100 scholarly articles and has authored or edited many books: including The Big Problem with Small Change, The Conquest of American Inflation, Bounded Rationality in Macromacroeconomics and Dynamic Macroeconomic Theory.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including election to both the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2001, he was selected Most Distinguished Scholar by the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Sargent was the David Rockefeller Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, prior to joining Stanford. He has also served as professor of economics at the University of Minnesota and associate professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania.

He also held visiting professorships at Harvard University, Stanford University and the University of Chicago.

He earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University and his B.A. in economics at the University of California at Berkeley.

The University’s Henry George Lecture Series is the preeminent public lecture series in economics in northeastern Pennsylvania. Five of the previous lecturers have won the Nobel Prize in Economics.

The Economics and Finance Department at the University and the campus chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon host the Henry George Lecture, which honors the 19th century American economist and social reformer. For additional information call (570) 941-4048.

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Small Business Development Center to Host AWE Luncheon

Mary Beth Pasqualicchio, Vice President for Marketing, and William R. Boyle, Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Community Bank & Trust Co., recently presented a check to The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center for sponsorship of the annual Award for Woman Entrepreneur luncheon which is set for 11:30 a.m. on October 17 on campus.

From left are: Ms. Pasqualicchio and Mr. Boyle; Donna Simpson, Consultant Manager, The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center; and Margaret McNulty, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations at the University. For additional information, contact the SBDC at (570) 941-7588.
By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director

**CHANGES TO COACHING STAFF ANNOUNCED**

Toby Lovecchio, Director of Athletics, has announced the following changes to the coaching staff for the 2006-2007 year:

Kevin Dugan and Elizabeth Steege have been appointed head men's lacrosse coach and head women's tennis coach, respectively, while Becky Davis, an assistant with the women's lacrosse program for the last three seasons, has been named head women's lacrosse coach on an interim basis. Former Drew University two-sport standout Colleen Mahon will inherit the head softball coaching duties in addition to remaining as Royal head field hockey coach. Dugan spent the 2006 season as an assistant coach at Yale University after successfully turning around the fortunes of the Gordon College (Mass.), an NCAA Division III program, where he served as its head coach from 2003 through 2005. After a 4-9 record in his first season, Gordon College improved to 9-4 in 2005, which earned him the Commonwealth Coast Conference Coach of the Year award.

A native of Avon, N.J., Dugan was a midfielder for the Royals' men's lacrosse team for two seasons. He transferred to the University of Notre Dame and was a member of two highly-successful Fighting Irish men's lacrosse teams. In 2000, Notre Dame advanced to quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I championships while the 2001 squad made it to the semifinals.

A resident of Clark Summit, Steege enjoyed a successful career on the high school and collegiate level. At Lackawanna Trail High School, she was a nationally-ranked player who won four Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District II girls' singles titles and competed in the PIAA state championships four times. Upon graduation, she enrolled at Fairfield University, which competes on the NCAA Division I level. She is a four-year letter-winner on the Stags' women's tennis team and captured the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) doubles title in 1998. A native of Aston, Davis joined the Royal coaching staff in 2004 under then head coach Linda Drapeau. That season, Scranton won its second straight Middle Atlantic Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Division III championships for the second consecutive year.

Upon graduation from Sun Valley High School, where she was a four-year letter-winner and three-year starter on the girls' lacrosse team, Davis enrolled at Duquesne University. She played two seasons of lacrosse and was the Dukes' third-leading scorer during the 1998 season. She transferred to West Chester University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree.

Mahon, who led the Royal field hockey team to a 10-win season last fall, was a three-year letter-winner on the softball team at Drew University. She earned all-regional honors in 2003 after leading the Rangers with a .358 batting average.
September

Exhibit: "Around Here: Recent Photographs by Susan Scranton Dawson," on display through Oct. 13, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall

8:30 p.m. University Convocation, McDade Center for the Literary and Performing Arts

9 11 a.m. Royal Softball Alumni Reunion, Jessup Soccer Dome
2 p.m. Scranton Club of Philadelphia at "The Lion King," The Academy of Music, Philadelphia

12 Exhibit: "Seven Years of Bridges to El Salvador" on display in The Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library, through Dec. 17

16 Noon Scranton Club of South Central PA Golf Outing, Armitage Golf Club, Mechanicsburg Noon. Alumni Royals Baseball Game, Schattz Stadium, Dunmore

18 Exhibit: A Collection of Memorabilia from The International Correspondence Schools of Scranton will be on display in The Scranton Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library, through Dec. 17

20 8 p.m. Author Matthew Kelly will be speaking in the Houlihan-McLean Center

23 7:30 p.m. The Lehigh Valley Alumni Club "Dorney Park Volunteer Event," Dorney Park, Allentown

26 7:30 p.m. The Annual Henry George Lecture, featuring Tom Sargent, Ph.D., professor of economics at New York University, Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Student Center

27 7 p.m. The Eduardo Tami TANGO Trio will perform in the Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Student Center

29 8 p.m. The University Players present "On the Verge" by Eric Overmyer today through October 1. Royal Theater, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts

30 5:30 p.m. Scranton Club of South Florida "A Starry Night at Sea" Dinner Cruise, Palm Beach Princess Casino Boat, Palm Beach, Florida 6 p.m. "MusikTalk," featuring a discussion on Harlem Speaks: Louis Armstrong, Houlihan-McLean Center 7:30 p.m. Performance Music presents Daftis Oswald's Gully Low Jazz Band "In Concert" in the Houlihan-McLean Center

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November

Exhibit: "Seven Years of Bridges to El Salvador" on display in The Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library, through Dec. 17

11 a.m. To 1 p.m. on Sept. 12. The University's Interdependence Day Symposium will be held in the Heritage Room of the Weinberg Library from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 12. Panel members from the University include moderator Rita Boyle, Director, Lehigh Community Health and Family Center; Lee M Penyak, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and Director of Latin American Studies. Other panelists are Jorge Coronel, President of Coronel Management Group; and Dagmaris Cabezas, an executive consultant, and founder and director of Community Partners of the Poconos. Ms. Boyle has assisted human service organizations and educational institutions in San Francisco and northeast Pennsylvania to reach out to immigrant families. In 2006, Scranton-based entrepreneur Mr. Coronel launched Hispanic Resources Network, (HRN) to create a free, bilingual, Internet portal that connects Hispanic/Latino people to resources and tools that promote advancement and success in all aspects of American life. Ms. Cabezas' organization provides capacity building assistance, including grant writing, board development and strategic planning to nonprofit organizations.

Symposium Explores Interdependence

"Interdependence and Immigration: Thinking Globally – Acting Locally," a symposium offered by the University, will be part of a regional observance of the international celebration of Interdependence Day on Sept. 12. Observed for the past four years, the goal of the annual commemorative occasion is to integrate the culture of interdependence into the global mindset through civic, cultural, educational and religious organizations.

The date was chosen deliberately as a post-9/11 symbol of regeneration, as a time to look beyond on the tragedy of terror, not only in the United States but globally," according to Sondra Myers, Co-founder of Interdependence Day and Senior Fellow for International, Cultural and Civic Projects at The University of Scranton. “We need to examine where we go from here, beyond anger and fear, to find a constructive path to a more sane and humane future.”

This year's observance at the University addresses immigration, a burning issue on both local and global levels; it will focus on immigration to the region from Mexico and Central America. The program will include a brief and broad overview of immigration in America, a discussion with leaders of the Latino community regarding their hopes, needs and strategies for the future, and a question and answer period. The goal is to create understanding and a more diverse community committed to the values of civic interdependence.

Launched formally at the American Philosophical Society (founded by Benjamin Franklin) in 2003, Interdependence Day celebrations have seen mainstage events in Rome and Paris, with major events scheduled this year for Fez and Casablanca, among others. In June, The University of Scranton, along with New York University in Prague and the American University of Paris, convened a roundtable in Prague for representatives of institutions from 13 countries. Participants committed their institutions to conducting Interdependence Day programs and forming committees on interdependence to plan curricular changes, cross-disciplinary programs and student-based projects.

"While the idea of interdependence seems simple and even obvious," according to Mrs. Myers, "the realization of this goal is agonizingly difficult. We must learn to live together peacefully and respectfully in the post-communist, post-Cold War period. We must see ourselves as global as well as local citizens and act accordingly. The revolution in information and communications technology should be used to bring the world's citizens closer together, to transcend hatreds, bias and resentments; the widening gap between rich and poor must be reduced and the vast cultural, religious, economic and political differences among us must be resolved."
Upcoming Programs, Performances Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Become engrossed in the intensity of a tango. Lose yourself in the romantic strains of a Spanish guitar. Gain a greater understanding of Hispanic cultures and history — all without leaving Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The University of Scranton will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through several upcoming programs offered to the community and local students.

The Eduardo Tami Trio and Dancers will present “Tango, Politics, Passion and Culture in Argentina,” on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Eagen Auditorium of the Gunster Center on campus. The show will be held at 10:30 a.m. for area high school students, and 7 p.m. for the general public. Both performances are free of charge.

Performing music that was an inspiration and an act of rebellion to the people of Argentina the late 1800s, the Eduardo Tami Trio’s repertoire consists of tangos, milongas, valsas, candombes, and some interpretations of academic Latin American authors. Members of the trio include Eduardo Tami on flute; Pablo Fauaz on guitar and Juan Manuel Santisteban on piano.

In addition, Spanish Maestro Francesc de Paula Soler will offer two special guitar recitals. On Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, he will host a concert for students at Pocono Mountain West High School, and on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at 7 p.m., members of the general public are invited to a performance in Collegiate Hall at The University of Scranton.

Known as “The Poet of the Guitar,” Soler will perform a beautiful and varied selection — from Spanish classical guitar and Latin American popular guitar to jazz, swing, be-bop and contemporary music. Soler has received numerous prizes and awards, including Honorary Membership in the Spain Association of the Pacific Northwest in 2005. He has also recorded the CD “Guitar Collection of Francesc de Paula Soler.”

Organizer of Hispanic Heritage Month events, Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller, Chairperson, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at the University, hopes community members will find these performances to be educational as well as enjoyable. “I hope people will come away with a curiosity to know more about Hispanic cultures, and perhaps they will have a sense of spiritual contentment,” Dr. Ledford-Miller said. “I think artistic events are very satisfying spiritually.”

Dr. Ledford-Miller noted there is good reason to participate in Hispanic Heritage Month events. The Hispanic population has increased among the student body at The University of Scranton as well as within the greater Scranton community. The country’s largest minority group is Hispanic, and this group continues to grow. “We should celebrate and educate ourselves in these cultures because they are part of our present and our future,” she said.

During this time of celebration, Americans may also consider the country’s Hispanic roots, which predate the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The peace treaty made provisions for Mexico to yield 525,000 square feet to the United States — another example of how Hispanic culture and American culture are connected.

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