Dedications Celebrate Dionne Campus Green, Condon Hall

The University of Scranton has named the newly created, football-field-sized green at the heart of its campus in honor of Scranton alumni and benefactors John and Jacquelyn Dionne of Westport, Conn. The John & Jacquelyn Dionne Campus Green was formally dedicated at a 4 p.m. ceremony on August 30.

“John and Jacquelyn Dionne exemplify the Jesuit ideal of the magis, the restless desire for excellence grounded in gratitude,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University. “Successful in their careers and blessed in their personal lives, they have generously given of their time, expertise, friendship and support to help the University realize our dreams. Personally, and on behalf of the University, I am pleased to name this campus green in honor of Scranton alumni and benefactors John and Jacquelyn Dionne.”

President’s Medal at the President’s Business Council

Mr. Condon was awarded the 2006 President’s Medal at the President’s Business Council annual award dinner.

condron is president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., a graduate of Scranton’s class of 1970, and a trustee.

The university of Scranton has ranked in the top half of the list at 269 and ranked eighth among 24 Jesuit universities making the list.

Princeton Review “Best Colleges”

For the seventh consecutive year, The University of Scranton has been named one of the “The Best 368 Colleges” in the nation by Princeton Review. The Princeton Review selects the elite colleges to be profiled in “The Best 368 Colleges” guide based on feedback from students, parents and educators, as well as through research.

U.S. News & World Report “Best Graduate Schools”

Six of the University’s graduate programs and the Kania School of Management at Scranton are included in the 2009 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools.” The U.S. News guidebook ranks the top professional school programs in business, education, engineering and medicine based on statistical data.
Four Named to Administrative, Academic Posts

The University has announced the appointment of four individuals to posts in administration and academic affairs.

Patricia A. Day
Vice President, Human Resources
A.B., Boston College
J.D., Suffolk University Law School

Before joining the University, Day was a labor relations and employment issues consultant, and served as director of labor relations and labor counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority. Additionally, she was chief labor relations officer for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Philadelphia. Her responsibilities in these and other positions throughout her career included training, compensation, benefits, employee evaluation, wellness, recruitment and retention.

Day is a member of the Women Transportation Seminar, International, a professional development organization for women in the transportation field, and she served on the board of its Boston chapter. She received the 2004 Boston Labor Guild’s Cushing-Gavin Award, which recognizes moral integrity, professional competence and community concern in the field of labor-management relations.

Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
B.S., LaSalle University
M.S., Ph.D., Lehigh University

Dr. Dreisbach joined the University faculty in 1978 as an assistant professor of chemistry and was promoted to full professor in 1989. He has taught courses in general and analytical chemistry, including biochemical structure and function, biocatalysis and metabolism, and biochemistry of disease.

He served as director of the master’s degree programs in chemistry, biochemistry and clinical chemistry from 1988 to 1991, and served as chair of the chemistry department for six years. In 1997, he was appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He also has held two U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Summer Research fellowships, and received two U.S. Air Force research project grants. In 1992, he received the University’s Award to a Faculty Member for Outstanding Contributions to the Graduate School.

Before joining the University, Dr. Dreisbach taught at Northampton Community College, Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales and East Stroudsburg University.

Steven G. Jones, Ph.D.
Associate Provost for Civic Engagement and Academic Mission
B.A., M.A., Brigham Young University
Ph.D., University of Utah

Prior to joining the University, Dr. Jones served as coordinator in the Office of Service Learning, Center for Service and Learning, at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating faculty development and support activities regarding service learning, supervising the Service Learning Assistant Scholarship program, building support for service learning among campus constituencies and supporting Commitment to Excellence in Civic Engagement grants.

In his new position, Dr. Jones will oversee the University’s education for justice and academic sustainability initiatives and the collaborative development of academic civic engagement programs, such as the Leahy Center’s free health clinic. He will also oversee undergraduate and graduate study abroad and assist with the promotion of faculty or University international initiatives and partnerships, such as faculty study trips or visits by international faculty, and develop institutional support for such activities.

Paul Fahey, Ph.D.
Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
B.S., The University of Scranton
M.S., Ph.D., University of Virginia

Dr. Fahey has been a member of the University since 1968, when he joined the faculty of the Physics/Electrical Engineering Department. He has taught physics, biophysics and electronics engineering courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He was promoted to full professor in 1978, and served as chair of the Physics/Electronics Department from 1982 to 1988.

In 1989, Dr. Fahey was appointed Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and in 1990, was appointed Dean. In 1997, he returned to his teaching position in Physics/Electrical Engineering. Most recently, Dr. Fahey served as chair of Physics/Electrical Engineering.

His current research specialty is the biophysics of hearing.

Dr. Fahey has been a visiting professor at Cornell University and a resident visitor at AT&T Bell Labs. He has held fellowships from NASA and the National Science Foundation, and has received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy and the Ben Franklin Partnership.

Condron Hall Dedication
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The 108,000 square-foot, seven-story Christopher and Margaret Condron Hall, which opened to students at the beginning of this academic year, creates a cluster of sophomore housing to replicate the close housing arrangement experienced by first-year residential students. The suite-style housing, with four students living in two bedroom arrangements that share a bathroom, is consistent with the University’s other sophomore housing in Redington and Gavigan halls, which together provide 455 beds.

Condron Hall includes a multipurpose meeting room, shared kitchen spaces and shared multimedia lounges.

Condron Hall incorporates many environmentally friendly techniques, such as water- and energy-saving fixtures, the use of products produced within a 500-mile radius of the campus and “green” floor coverings.

In September 2007, the University broke ground for the building designed by Burkavage Design Associates, Clarks Summit. The Quandel Group, Inc., Scranton, was the general contractor.
Father Pilarz to Class of 2012: “Expect to Change Here”

In his remarks at the New Student Convocation on Aug. 23, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., urged members the Class of 2012 to embrace the transformational change that awaits them during their four years at Scranton.

“You are entering a new stage in your life, and your education here will be rigorous and broad based. Such rigor is required of us because the life of the mind is one of God’s greatest gifts,” he told the freshman students gathered in the Byron Recreation Complex. “Expect to change here. Four years from now, I hope you will think more deeply, act more deliberately and love more dearly.”

Fr. Pilarz went on to assure the students that they won’t be going it alone as students at Scranton.

“We pledge our support as you join this community of friends in the Lord, as the earliest Jesuits described themselves. We promise to model as well the first Jesuits’ commitment to the magis, the restless desire for excellence. That desire is grounded in gratitude, the kind of gratitude that compels us always to ask the next question, to wrestle with the becoming thought, never settling for the quick fix or the easy answer…” he said.

The New Student Convocation was one of many events held during Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug. 23-24. In addition to welcoming more than 970 full-time undergraduate students, the University also welcomed approximately 55 undergraduate transfer students, 40 non-traditional undergraduate students and 390 new graduate students.

The entering undergraduate students were drawn from 7,891 applicants, which is the largest number of applicants in the 120-year history of the University. This is the seventh consecutive year that Scranton has set a record for undergraduate applications for admission.

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

Incoming students to the University’s graduate programs represent 11 foreign countries and include five Fulbright scholars from Japan, Jordan, China, France and Germany and an Institute for International Education scholar from Columbia.

The incoming freshman class has an average SAT score of 1,121 and an average high school GPA of 3.35. The class includes 12 valedictorians and six salutatorians. Many of the valedictorians and salutatorians represent local high schools including Forest City Regional, Holy Cross, Lackawanna Trail, Meyers, Pinston Area, Valley View and Wallenpaupack Area. Incoming students represent 15 states, Ireland and the People’s Republic of China and are from 395 different high schools. Of the incoming, undergraduate, full-time students, 27.6 percent are from high schools in the region.

The undergraduate class includes 70 legacy children of University of Scranton alumni.

Secret of the Holy Grail” To be Discussed at Lecture

A Georgetown University professor who claims to have found the Holy Grail will deliver the fifth annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture at The University of Scranton on Friday, Sept. 26. The lecture, which is open to the public free of charge, will be held in the Houlihan-McLean Center on campus beginning at 7:30 p.m.

G. Ronald Murphy, S.J., professor of German at Georgetown University, will discuss “Gemstone of Paradise: The Secret of the Holy Grail.” For centuries, the Holy Grail has captured the imagination of people throughout the world seeking to unravel the mystery behind what many have believed to be a cup or vessel used by Jesus at the Last Supper. Fr. Murphy concurs with the 13th century theory of Wolfram von Eschenbach, who, in Parzival, identifies the Grail as a stone, rather than a cup or dish.

In his book Gemstone of Paradise, Murphy investigates the spiritual nature and meaning of the Grail, as well as his search for and discovery of the actual altar stone that inspired Wolfram’s book. According to Fr. Murphy, Wolfram’s mystic altar stone still exists and is located in the diocesan museum of the German city of Bamberg.

The lecture is being held as part of Family Weekend, during which families of Scranton students are invited to spend a weekend enjoying campus events and activities with their siblings and family members. For information about the Quinn Lecture, contact 941-4094.
Howard Gardner, Ph.D.

Howard Gardner, Ph.D., a Scranton native who has been selected by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines as one of the 100 most influential public intellectuals in the world and who has received 22 honorary degrees from institutions across the globe, will deliver the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Lecture at the University on Oct. 30.

Dr. Gardner will discuss "Multiple Intelligences: The First Twenty-Five Years...and Beyond" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Houlihan-McLean Center. His lecture is free and open to the public.

Dr. Gardner's acclaimed multiple intelligences theory has impacted educators and education, particularly in the United States. Educational theorists have embraced his multiple intelligences theory, and a number of schools in North America have structured curricula according to the intelligences.

The John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at Harvard Graduate School of Education since 1998, Dr. Gardner has also been a professor of education and adjunct professor of psychology at Harvard. Since 1995, he has served as chair of the Steering Committee of Project Zero, founded at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1967 by the philosopher Nelson Goodman to study and improve education in and through the arts.

He is the author of over 400 articles in scholarly journals in the areas of developmental psychology, neuropsychology, education, aesthetics, ethics and the social sciences. He has also written more than 300 topical articles, introductions and book reviews in wide-circulation publications.

Born in Scranton in 1943 just five years after his parents fled from Nurnberg, Germany, Dr. Gardner attended Wyoming Seminary before attending Harvard, where he earned an A.B. in social relations. He then studied at the London School of Economics before returning to Harvard to complete his Ph.D. in social psychology. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School and Boston University Aphasia Research Center.

He has received scores of academic honors and fellowships, including the George W. Gay Lecture in Medical Ethics, the oldest endowed lecture-ship at Harvard and the oldest medical ethics lectureship in the United States (2004), and the Presidential Citation of the American Psychological Association (1998). He was named an Honorary Professor at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China (2004) and has also received grants from many government agencies and foundations.

The Mullin Lecture series, which has brought to campus some of the world's most distinguished scholars and scientists, including more than a dozen Nobel laureates, honors the late Dr. Harry Mullin, who earned his bachelor's degree from the University, then St. Thomas College, in 1931. He dedicated a lifetime of service to his profession and the Scranton community. The series is sponsored by his wife, Ethel Mullin, his son, Brian Mullin, M.D., '66, and Robin Mullin.

For additional information about the lecture, call 941-5873.

Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences Theory

According to Dr. Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences Theory, developed in 1983, intelligence is more than a single entity that can be measured simply by IQ. Dr. Gardner originally identified seven intelligences: linguistic, logical-mathematical, musical, bodily-kinesthetic, spatial, interpersonal and intrapersonal. He contends that these intelligences rarely operate independently and usually complement each other as people develop skills or solve problems. His work has impacted educators and education, particularly in the U.S.
Harvard Economist to Present Lecture

“Macroeconomic Disasters since 1870” will be the topic discussed by Robert J. Barro, Ph.D., at The University of Scranton’s 23rd annual Henry George Lecture on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Funded by a grant from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, the lecture will be presented to the public free of charge at 7:30 p.m. in the fourth floor ballroom of the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center on campus.

Dr. Barro, the Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics at Harvard University, is a renowned economist who has written extensively on macroeconomics and economic growth. His most recent research focuses on the interplay between religion and political economy and the impact of rare disasters on asset markets.

Dr. Barro’s most recent books include Macroeconomics: A Modern Approach; Economic Growth: Nothing Is Sacred. Economic Ideas for the New Millennium; Determinants of Economic Growth and Getting It Right: Markets and Choices in a Free Society.

A senior fellow of the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, and a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Dr. Barro joined the Harvard faculty in 1987 as a professor. He is co-editor of Harvard’s Quarterly Journal of Economics and recently served as president of the Western Economic Association and vice president of the American Economic Association. He is honorary dean of the China Economics & Management Academy, Central University of Beijing. He was a viewpoint columnist for Business Week from 1991 to 1998 and was a contributing editor of The Wall Street Journal from 1991 to 1998.

He earned a doctorate in economics from Harvard University and a bachelor of science degree in physics from California Institute of Technology. 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 of Scranton 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 about the Henry George Lecture, call (570) 941-4048.

Fall Open House: A Day On the Commons
Oct. 26 & Nov. 9

Encourage someone you know to see all that Scranton has to offer. For more information, visit www.scranton.edu/openhouse

Presidential Scholarships Awarded to 13 Freshmen

The University has awarded 13 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2008-2009.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high records in both their schools and community involvement. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. The following students were awarded Presidential Scholarships.

A graduate of River bend High School, Mary Alling, Frederick sburg, Va., will major in biology. She is a College Board AP Scholar with Honors and Distinction, and a National AP Scholar. She received the Festival Gold Cup in piano solo, hymn playing and patriotic songs, and the Governor’s School Interdisciplinary Award, as well as awards for outstanding performance in health, Spanish I, Spanish III, AP world history and AP biology. She was a member of the National Honor Society.

Nicholas Caselli, Peckville, was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Valley View Junior/Senior High School. He was a member of the Mock Trial team, Spanish club, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), Leo, National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and peer tutoring at Valley View Junior/Senior High School. In addition to performing community service, he coached his community’s recreational league youth soccer team every year while in high school. Caselli plans to major in finance.

A graduate of Kellenberg Memorial High School, Alex Chiodo, Westbury, N.Y., plans to major in computer information systems. While in high school, he participated in intramural and club baseball. He was also a member of SADD, Christians Reaching Out and Spreading Spirituality, the History Club and the National Honor Society.

Brittany Esbin, East Stroudsburg, is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Senior High School (North). She was chosen to attend the Pennsylvania Governor’s School of Excellence, and was named to the high honor roll. Esbin also received awards in math and social studies. While attending high school, she was a member of the varsity and non-varsity volleyball teams, and a member of the National Honor Society, Leo Club and Chess Team. Esbin has not yet declared a major.

A graduate of Villa Joseph Marie High School, Molly Hritz, Holland, will major in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. She was a member of the National Honor Society and an International Science and Engineering Fair finalist. Hritz was also a member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society, the Science National Honor Society, and the cross-country and track and field teams.

Kathleen Lavelle, Avoca, is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School. She plans to major in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. Lavelle was a National Latin Exam Gold Medal winner in ninth and tenth grade, and received Honorable Mention in her junior year. A member of the National Honor Society, she placed 24th in the National Spanish Exam for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Region. She was also a peer tutor, and was active in the art society and intramural bowling.

The salutatorian of her graduating class at Seton Catholic Central High School, Paulina Maida, Hallstead, plans to major in biology. She was a 2006 winner of the Certificate of Merit in American Mathematics Competitions, received the U.S. Achievement Academy National Science Merit Award, was named a U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar, was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and won first place in the Broome County Right to Life Oratorical Contest. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, and was listed in Who’s Who Among American High School Students.

Brian Musto, Pittston, was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Pittston Area Senior High School. He plans to major in finance. Musto was a National Merit Commended Scholar; a member of the National Honor Society, for which he served as vice president of the Math Club; and a member of Student Council. He was listed in Who’s Who Among American High School Students.

Jessica Wagner, Lindenhurst, N.Y., was a member of the Math Honor Society, Science Honor Society, English Honor Society, French Honor Society and the National Honor Society, for which she served as president. She was also a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar. Wagner has not yet declared a major.

Rose Marie Wong, Henryville, was salutatorian of her graduating class at Pocono Mountain East High School. While in high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. Wong received the award for Academic Excellence in AP English. She was a member of the Debate Club, for which she served as co-president; and the student newspaper staff. She also volunteered at Allied Services. Wong plans to major in English.

Valedictorian of his graduating class at Holy Cross High School (formerly Bishop Hannan), Alexander Zygmunt, Moscow, plans to major in biochemistry. A National Merit Commended Scholar, Zygmunt was a Diocesan Scholar, co-president of the National Honor Society, co-captain of the cross-country team and a member of the track and field team. He was among the region’s 25 Scholastic Superstars named by the Scranton Times-Tribune in 2008. Zygmunt also interned at the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute for two summers and volunteered at St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Elementary School.
Five Named to Board of Trustees at the University

The University of Scranton has named five individuals to its Board of Trustees: Christopher M. “Kip” Condon ’70, New York, N.Y.; Lisa DeNaples, D.M.D., Scranton; Michael P. Ginsky Jr. ’66, Denver, Colo., and Scranton; Michele Finn, Bronxville, N.Y.; and Dennis J. McGonigle ’82, Chester Springs.

Condon, who is director, president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., was elected president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., and a member of the AXA Financial Group management Board in May 2001. In addition, he is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial’s principal insurance subsidiary, AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (formerly The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States).

Dr. DeNaples is vice president of construction and development at Mount Airy Casino Resort in Mount Pocono. She is also a partner in two dental practices in Northeastern Pennsylvania and is the dentist for the Summer Camp (World Links) that serves Russian orphans. Dr. DeNaples serves on the boards of the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, the Boys and Girls Club, the Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton Preparatory School and SCOLA (Scranton Council on Literacy Advance).

Currently a private investor, Ginsky previously served as advisor and managing director of Glass Lewis & Company, an independent research company. He also has served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of NorthPoint Communications Group, Inc., and was formerly the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of US WEST, Inc. He also served as managing partner of the Denver office of Coopers and Lybrand. Ginsky currently serves on the Boards of many organizations, including Renal Ventures Management, Inc., Regis University and Colorado Haiti Project.

Finn attended Maryville College, St. Louis, Mo., and Sorbonne, Paris, France, and worked as a meeting planner until her retirement. She has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Development Committees of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, in both Greenwich, Conn., and New York City. She began another term of service on the Convent’s New York City Board in September.

McGonigle is chief financial officer (CFO) and executive vice president at SEI Investments. Prior to his appointment to CFO in 2002, he ran one of SEI’s operating segments. Previously, he served as head of product management, overseeing the product development and maintenance of products and services related to SEI’s investment management offering, as well as SEI’s fund services area. Full profiles of these trustees are available at www.scranton.edu/trustees.

Scranton Professor Wins Ben Franklin Technology Partners Award

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania named Joseph W. Connolly, Ph. D., professor of physics and electrical engineering at the University, as the 2008 Northeastern Pennsylvania Innovation Awards Academic Partner. Dr. Connolly was recognized at Ben Franklin Technology Partners’ fourteenth annual Innovation Awards dinner, held earlier this summer at Lehigh University.

Dr. Connolly was recognized as an individual affiliated with an institute of higher learning who contributed time and expertise to support the Ben Franklin program. Dr. Connolly provided support to 40 technology client companies over more than two decades. He served as project manager and lead investigator in 21 Ben Franklin projects. By catalyzing the formation of Auto CAD and Machine Vision labs at The University of Scranton two decades ago, he was able to introduce CAD and solid modeling resources to the region’s manufacturers. These labs continue to be used to provide engineering students at Scranton with hands-on experience in advanced technologies and real-world applications as part of their classroom studies.

Dr. Connolly joined the faculty at The University of Scranton in 1983. He earned a bachelor’s degree from The University of Scranton, a master’s degree from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Ben Franklin’s Northeastern Pennsylvania Innovation Awards were presented in eight categories, to companies, organizations or individuals who have achieved business success through Ben Franklin, have helped others to achieve success, or who have improved their business through innovation.

More than 600 people from Ben Franklin’s 21-county service area attended the dinner.

Senior Attends European Bioethics Academy

Michael Frechen, Hawley, a senior philosophy and psychology major at the University, is one of only eight American students who attended the seventh annual European Summer Academy on Bioethics, held Aug. 9-23, 2008, at the Heinrich Pesch Haus Center for Applied Ethics in Ludwigshafen/Rhein, Germany.

At the conference, which is limited to 75 participants, students representing 23 countries heard lectures in biomed- ical, bioethical, biopolitical and medical law topics by international speakers. They also attended workshops, spent a day at a research lab, and visited laboratories and public health and governmental institutions in Europe.

Topics covered at the confer- ence included Contemporary Issues in Bioethics; Evolution; Patient Autonomy; The Doctor-Patient Relationship; Ethical Issues in Stem Cell Research; and Theological Ethics.

Allied Sponsors Physical Therapy Program

Allied Services is sponsoring a professional training program for physical therapists being offered by the Center for Professional Training and Development and presented by the Department of Physical Therapy at The University of Scranton. “Differential Diagnosis and Medical Screening for Physical Therapists,” being held Friday, Sept. 12, and Saturday, Sept. 13, will teach participants the diagnostic process and medical screening in all areas of clinical practice. The course is approved by the PA State Board of Physical Therapy for 10 continuing education hours toward the Direct Access Certificate. Cost of the program is $350.

Representing The University of Scranton, front row, from left: Edmund Kosmahl, PT, Ed.D., professor of physical therapy; Susan Falbo, center for Professional Training and Development; John Sanko, PT, Ed.D., chair and associate professor of physical therapy; Renee Hakim, PT, Ph.D., NCS, associate professor of physical therapy; Peter Leininger, PT, Ph.D., OCS, assistant professor of physical therapy; and Debra Pellegro, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies. Representing Allied Services, back row, from left: Walter Slivinski, ’92, director of rehabilitation, Allied Home Health; Angela Pruschnski ‘97, G’98, director of physical therapy, Allied Skilled Nursing Center; Roslyn Rowan, DPT, ’84, G’08, executive director, Outpatient Services, John Heinz Rehabilitation; Cathy Guzzi, DPT, ’87 director of outpatient physical therapy; and Karen Stoner, director of inpatient physical therapy, Allied Rehabilitation.

For additional information, or to register for the course, call (570) 941-7582, or register online at www.scranton.edu/cptd
Veterans’ Issues to be Discussed at Conference and Town Meeting

Officials from the state and national Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania National Guard will participate in a panel discussion at a Welcome Home Town Meeting as part of the 7th Annual Northeastern US Conference on disability at The University of Scranton.

The Town Meeting, open to veterans and the public, free of charge, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center at the University. Ralph Pacinelli, D.Ed., CRC, LPC, retired regional commissioner for the United States Department of Education and a Lehey Faculty Fellow at the University, will serve as moderator of the panel discussion. Panelists include:

- Brigadier General John L. Gronski ’78, assistant adjutant general, Pennsylvania National Guard
- Brigadier General Scott D. Wagner, deputy adjutant general for Veterans Affairs in the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Ruth Gonzalez, regional representative, Governor’s Veterans Outreach Center
- C. Gene Molino, associate director, Veterans Administration Medical Center
- David Ulkoski, team leader, Readjustment Counseling Services Veteran’s Outreach Group
- Donald A. Rullman, director of Hiram G. Andrews Center, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

The theme of the Conference being held Oct. 8 – 9 at the University is “Veterans, Vocations and Values: Rehabilitation Rallies for Results.” National estimates indicate that there are currently more than 2.8 million disabled veterans in America and more than 30,000 from combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Conference includes four keynote speakers:

- David S. Macpherson, M.D., MPH, chief medical officer, VISN4, will describe how our nation has organized through the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide the critical interdisciplinary services and supports for veterans with disabilities and their families.
- Juan J. DeRojas, M.D., a veteran of the War against Terror and the Gulf War, and a board-certified general surgeon with an extensive military record, will discuss “From the Front Line: A Window into the War.”
- Richard Pimentel, a Vietnam veteran and nationally renowned expert on disability management, job recruitment, job retention, Americans with Disabilities Act, will offer a powerful keynote presentation highlighting his life story, captured in the movie The Music Within.
- Ralph Kules, retired US Army Captain and program manager for the Wounded Warrior Project, will discuss his rehabilitation and his transition into the civilian workforce after being injured in Iraq. He will also discuss the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that helps disabled veterans find employment.

Honorary Chairpersons of the Conference are Edward R. Leahy ’68 and Patricia Leahy, director of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy and interim executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association. The conference co-chairs are Lori Bruch, Ed.D., associate professor of Counseling and Human Services at the University, and Dr. Pacinelli.

CVS/pharmacy is a diamond sponsor of the Conference. Additional sponsors are The Office of Equity and Diversity of The University of Scranton, Andrew Brown’s Drug Store, Inc., Lockheed Martin, American Homecare Supply, Inc., Advanced Imaging Specialists and the Center for Professional Training and Development of The University of Scranton.

The cost of the full conference is $120 for professionals, and $40 for veterans, family members and students with identification. Professionals may choose to attend the Wednesday session only for $95, or the Thursday session only for $45. CEUs are available.

To register online, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/disability/conference. Additional information is available on the Website or by calling Dr. Bruch at (570) 941-4308.

Library to Present Holocaust Exhibit

During the five years Sala Garncarz was incarcerated in work camps during World War II, she hid more than 300 letters, photographs, postcards and other documents from her Nazi captors. Reproductions of those precious papers, which helped Ms. Garncarz stay connected with the outside world and other prisoners, will be on exhibit in the Heritage Room of the University’s Weinberg Memorial Library Sept. 1 through Oct. 28, 2008.

“Letters to Sala: A Young Woman’s Life in Nazi Labor Camps” is co-sponsored by the Weinberg Memorial Library and the Holocaust Education Resource Center.

As part of the exhibit, a reception featuring a talk by Ann Kirschner, Garncarz’s daughter, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Kirschner is the author of Sala’s Gift: My Mother’s Holocaust Story, and co-author of the companion book to the exhibit, Letters to Sala: A Young Woman’s Life in Nazi Labor Camps.

This traveling exhibition was inspired by Letters to Sala: A Young Woman’s Life in Nazi Labor Camps, presented at The New York Public Library from March 7 to June 17, 2006. Support has been provided by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the French Children of the Holocaust Foundation, The David Berg Foundation and the Robert and Trudy Gottesman Philanthropic Fund. Unless otherwise indicated, the letters, photographs, and documents in the exhibition are drawn from the Sala Garncarz Kirschner Collection, donated by the Kirschner family in April 2005, to the Dorot Jewish Division of The New York Public Library. The traveling exhibition curator is Jill Vealer, Ph.D., and the traveling exhibition design was completed by Monk Design, New York.

For further information, contact Michael Knes, associate professor of the Weinberg Memorial Library, at (570) 941-6341.

The University Forms Education Partnership with Tobyhanna Army Depot

From left: Michael O. Mensah, Ph.D., dean of the Kania School of Management, and Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs, stand with University of Scranton participants in Tobyhanna’s Student Career Experience Program, Thomas Sweeney ’08 and senior Whitney Uhler. Far right is Frank Zardecki, Tobyhanna Army Depot deputy commander.

The University and Tobyhanna Army Depot have signed an Education Partnership Agreement that will allow Scranton students seeking a four-year bachelor’s degree in operations management to participate in Tobyhanna’s Student Career Experience Program. In addition, the agreement will allow student and faculty member tours of the award-winning, lean-manufacturing facility, and will make some data available for faculty research.

Tobyhanna Army Depot’s Student Career Experience Program is a co-op partnership that the depot currently maintains with 18 colleges and universities in the northeastern United States, including The University of Scranton. The program provides the Depot with an avenue for recruiting qualified new employees while they are still in college. It allows college students who meet program criteria to come to the Depot and work in a paid, full-time co-op arrangement during the summers and, if possible, on a part-time basis throughout the school year. Upon graduation, the Depot has the option of converting participants to full-time employees of the installation.

Panelists to Discuss Sanctuary Movement

An educational panel and discussion about “Sanctuary Movements: Recognizing Interdependence” will be held on Interdependence Day, Thursday, Sept. 11, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the DeNaples Center Ballroom 407 on campus.

This panel will examine three sanctuary movements that seek to provide assistance and protection to various groups of people whose lives have been endangered. Panelists will engage the audience in discussions of:

- The Underground Railroad anti-slavery and sanctuary movement in the U.S.
- Holocaust rescuers who provided sanctuary to Jews during World War II
- Cities and interfaith religious groups providing sanctuary for immigrants in the U.S.

Interdependence Day was launched in Philadelphia on September 12, 2003, and is now celebrated around the world. The date was deliberately chosen as a post 9/11 symbol of regeneration, as a time to reflect on the tragedy of the incidents of terror, not only in the United States, but all over the world, and to ask ourselves “What next?” Interdependence Day calls on us to acknowledge and reflect on our global interdependence and asks us to join together to a global civic society.

The theme of the conference is “Veterans, Vocations and Values: Rehabilitation Rallies for Results.” National estimates indicate that there are currently more than 2.8 million disabled veterans in America and more than 30,000 from combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Conference includes four keynote speakers:

- David S. Macpherson, M.D., MPH, chief medical officer, VISN4, will describe how our nation has organized through the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide the critical interdisciplinary services and supports for veterans with disabilities and their families.
- Juan J. DeRojas, M.D., a veteran of the War against Terror and the Gulf War, and a board-certified general surgeon with an extensive military record, will discuss “From the Front Line: A Window into the War.”
- Richard Pimentel, a Vietnam veteran and nationally renowned expert on disability management, job recruitment, job retention, Americans with Disabilities Act, will offer a powerful keynote presentation highlighting his life story, captured in the movie The Music Within.
- Ralph Kules, retired US Army Captain and program manager for the Wounded Warrior Project, will discuss his rehabilitation and his transition into the civilian workforce after being injured in Iraq. He will also discuss the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that helps disabled veterans find employment.

Honorary Chairpersons of the Conference are Edward R. Leahy ’68 and Patricia Leahy, director of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy and interim executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association. The conference co-chairs are Lori Bruch, Ed.D., associate professor of Counseling and Human Services at the University, and Dr. Pacinelli.

CVS/pharmacy is a diamond sponsor of the Conference. Additional sponsors are The Office of Equity and Diversity of The University of Scranton, Andrew Brown’s Drug Store, Inc., Lockheed Martin, American Homecare Supply, Inc., Advanced Imaging Specialists and the Center for Professional Training and Development of The University of Scranton.

The cost of the full conference is $120 for professionals, and $40 for veterans, family members and students with identification. Professionals may choose to attend the Wednesday session only for $95, or the Thursday session only for $45. CEUs are available.

To register online, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/disability/conference. Additional information is available on the Website or by calling Dr. Bruch at (570) 941-4308.

Library to Present Holocaust Exhibit

During the five years Sala Garncarz was incarcerated in work camps during World War II, she hid more than 300 letters, photographs, postcards and other documents from her Nazi captors. Reproductions of those precious papers, which helped Ms. Garncarz stay connected with the outside world and other prisoners, will be on exhibit in the Heritage Room of the University’s Weinberg Memorial Library Sept. 1 through Oct. 28, 2008.

“Letters to Sala: A Young Woman’s Life in Nazi Labor Camps” is co-sponsored by the Weinberg Memorial Library and the Holocaust Education Resource Center.

As part of the exhibit, a reception featuring a talk by Ann Kirschner, Garncarz’s daughter, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Kirschner is the author of Sala’s Gift: My Mother’s Holocaust Story, and co-author of the companion book to the exhibit, Letters to Sala: A Young Woman’s Life in Nazi Labor Camps.

This traveling exhibition was inspired by Letters to Sala: A Young Woman’s Life in Nazi Labor Camps, presented at The New York Public Library from March 7 to June 17, 2006. Support has been provided by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the French Children of the Holocaust Foundation, The David Berg Foundation and the Robert and Trudy Gottesman Philanthropic Fund. Unless otherwise indicated, the letters, photographs, and documents in the exhibition are drawn from the Sala Garncarz Kirschner Collection, donated by the Kirschner family in April 2005, to the Dorot Jewish Division of The New York Public Library. The traveling exhibition curator is Jill Vealer, Ph.D., and the traveling exhibition design was completed by Monk Design, New York.

For further information, contact Michael Knes, associate professor of the Weinberg Memorial Library, at (570) 941-6341.
27 New Full-time Faculty Members Join The University of Scranton

The University has appointed 27 full-time faculty members for the 2008-2009 academic year, according to Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Lindsay A. Batory, Ph.D., lecturer, Chemistry
Dr. Batory, Scranton, a previous resident of Loveland, Ohio, served as a graduate research assistant at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and has a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Cornell University.

Carol A. Coté, Ph.D., assistant professor, Occupational Therapy
Dr. Coté, Scranton, was previously employed as the owner and of OT Ideas, Inc., Randolph, N.J., a private occupational therapy practice. She also served as an instructor at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. She earned a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from Kean University, Union, N.J., and a master of arts degree in learning disabilities from Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, N.J. Dr. Coté earned a doctorate of philosophy in educational psychology from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

Paul T. Cutrufello, instructor, exercise science and sports
Cutrufello, a resident of Clarks Summit, has been the head athletic trainer at The University of Scranton for more than 10 years. He holds a bachelor of science degree in exercise science/athletic training from Pennsylvania State University, and a master's degree in exercise science and adult fitness from Bloomsburg University. He has completed coursework for a doctorate of philosophy in health promotion from Marywood University, Scranton. Cutrufello is also a certified athletic trainer and certified strength and conditioning specialist.

Daniel K. Darko, Ph.D., visiting professor, Theology/Religious Studies
Darko, a resident of East Stroudsburg, Dr. Darko was previously the associate pastor of Light of the World Church, Stroudsburg, and adjunct professor in the theology department. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Oshij, Croatia, a master of arts in biblical studies from the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies & University of Leeds, England, and a master of theology degree in New Testament Studies from the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Dr. Darko earned his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from King's College, London, England.

Rita DiLeo, faculty specialist, Health Administration/Human Resources
Ms. DiLeo is the owner/consultant of LandMark Healthcare Strategies, Clarks Summit. She earned a bachelor of science degree in Health administration from The University of Scranton, and a master of public administration degree from Marywood University, Scranton. Additionally, DiLeo is a registered radiology technologist.

David J. Dzurec III, Ph.D., assistant professor, History
Dr. Dzurec is a resident of Clarks Summit. Previously, he was a lecturer at the Ohio State University, Newark, Ohio, He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn., and a master of arts degree in history from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. Dr. Dzurec earned an elementary doctorate of philosophy in early American history at the Ohio State University.

Tara N. Fay, faculty specialist, Biology
Fay, a resident of Scranton, was previously a graduate teaching assistant and tutor at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She earned a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology from the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and a master of science degree in integrative physiology, specializing in vascular aging, at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Arthur J. Chambers, faculty specialist, Education
Chambers, a resident of Hallstead, joined the Education Department at The University of Scranton as a lecturer in fall 2006. He previously served as superintendent of Montour County School District, Kingsey. Prior to joining the Mountain View School District, he was director of curriculum and instruction (elementary) at Union-Endicot Central School District, and a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent in the Johnson City, N.Y., School District. Mr. Chambers was also a consultant while at Johnson City. He holds a bachelor of science degree in social studies and a master of science degree in education from State University of New York.

Sandra Lamanna, second-year lecturer, Education
Lamanna is a resident of Clarks Summit. Previously, she was employed as a school psychologist by Marywood University and by the NEIU19-Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit. She is a graduate of Marywood University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education, a master of science degree in Reading and a school psychologist specialist certificate. Lamanna also earned an elementary principal certificate from The University of Scranton, completed post-graduate work at Lehigh University, and earned a school neuropsychology certificate from Texas Women's College.

Nathan Lefler, Ph.D., assistant professor, Theology/Religious Studies
Dr. Lefler, a resident of Scranton, was previously an instructor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He earned a bachelor's degree in Near Eastern languages and civilizations from the University of Chicago, Ill., and a master of arts in religion degree from Yale Divinity School. Dr. Lefler earned a doctorate of philosophy in systematic theology at The Catholic University of America.

Donna L. Markowski, faculty specialist, English
Markowski, Plains Township, has been an adjunct professor at The University of Scranton since 1997. Prior to that, she was an adjunct professor at Marywood University, and has also taught at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Penn State University and Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in writing at the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in English from The University of Scranton. She also works as a freelance writer/editor. In 2007, Markowski received the Provost Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. Donna Mazzietti, assistant professor, Women in American Literature
A resident of Scranton, Mazzietti was previously employed as the cataloguing librarian of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, Ellwood City, Pa. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, New York, N.Y., and a master of science degree in library and information science from Long Island University's Palmer School of Library and Information Science. Purchase and Brookville, N.Y. Mazzietti is pursuing Pennsylvania teacher certification in library science at Penn State University, University Park, M.A. She has also been employed as a school psychologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Catherine A. McGeehan, R.N., M.S.N., second-year lecturer, Nursing
McGeehan, a resident of Waverly, has been a clinical instructor for pediatrics at Scranton since 1998, and has also taught clinical nursing at Penn State University since 1999. She has worked as a per diem pediatric and maternal and child nurse for Mercy Home Health and Moses Taylor Home Health Services, and in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of the Community Medical Center School of Nursing and The University of Scranton, and attended Marywood University, Scranton. McGeehan also earned a master's degree in nursing education at Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Debra P. Miller, Ph.D., faculty specialist, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy
Dr. Miller, Clarks Summit, has been a member of the adjunct faculty at The University of Scranton since 2006. She is employed on a per diem basis as a physical therapist for Gentiva Home Health. Dr. Miller earned a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from Temple University, Philadelphia, a master of science degree in health education from Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y., and a doctorate in physical therapy from Temple University.

Sufyan Mohammed, Ph.D., instructor, Communication
Dr. Mohammed, who resides in Scranton, was recently appointed an associate professor of record at Texas Tech University and Lubbock Christian University. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Jai Hind College, Bombay, India, a master of management studies in marketing degree from IIM Indore, India, and a doctorate in business administration degree in international business (finance) and Entrepreneurship from the Rochester Institute of Technology, New York. Dr. Mohammed also earned his doctorate in integrated marketing communications with a minor in statistics in August 2008 from Texas Tech University.

Rui Niu, Ph.D., assistant professor, Education
Dr. Niu was previously employed as a research assistant for the Literacy Achievement Research Center and as a facilitator for the Coopville Teacher Learning Community in Lansing, Mich. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English language and literature from Sichuan University, China, and a master of arts degree in leadership in school development from Acadia University, Canada. Niu earned a doctorate in teacher education at Michigan State University.

Jessica M. Nolan, Ph.D., assistant professor, Psychology
Dr. Nolan, a resident of Scranton, was previously employed as an instructor in the department of psychology at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. She earned a bachelor of science degree in natural resources from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and a master of arts degree in experimental psychology from California State University, San Marcos. Nolan earned a doctorate in experimental psychology at the University of Arkansas.

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Ana R. Rojas, Ph.D., lecturer, English and Theater

A resident of Scranton, Dr. Rojas previously was employed as a teaching assistant in the Department of English, Department of Comparative Literature and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies program at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in comparative literature from the University of California, Irvine, and a master of arts degree in comparative literature from Cornell University. In August, she received her doctorate in comparative literature at Cornell.

Jeremy Sepinsky, lecturer, Physics/Electrical Engineering

Sepinsky was previously employed as an adjunct professor of physics at Lake Forest College, Ill. He earned a bachelor of science degree in astronomy from Villanova University, and a master of science degree in physics and astronomy from Northwestern University. Sepinsky is a doctoral candidate in physics and astronomy at Northwestern.

Beth Sindaco, faculty specialist, English

Sindaco is a practicing attorney in Wilkes-Barre. Before that, she was a corporate labor relations manager for Lucent Technologies/Agere Systems, Allentown. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, and a juris doctorate from Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg. She has also studied American Sign Language/Deaf culture at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

John J. Strain III, faculty specialist, Communication

Strain, a resident of Clarks Summit, was most recently employed by American Paint & Fabric Feather, Clarks Summit, where he served as operations manager, creating a new product division, overseeing the construction and opening of new facilities in Texas and Mexico, directing import/export operations, and being involved in all aspects of product development and marketing. He has been an adjunct faculty member in the Communication Department at Scranton for four years. He is a graduate of The University of Scranton, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree and a master of arts degree in history.

Georgios A. Stylianides, Ph.D., associate professor, Exercise Science and Sport

Dr. Stylianides resides in Stroudsburg. Previously, he was employed as an associate professor in the exercise science department at the University of Pennsylvania in East Stroudsburg. He earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a master of science degree in biomechanics from Illinois State University. Normal, Ill. Dr. Stylianides earned a doctor of philosophy degree in biomechanics from the University of Toledo, Ohio.

Ileana E. Szymanski, Ph.D., assistant professor, Philosophy

Dr. Szymanski, a Scranton resident, was previously employed as a lecturer at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. She earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, and a master of arts degree in philosophy from the University of Guelpel, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Szymanski earned a doctorate in ancient philosophy at the University of Guelph.

Barbara R. Wagner, D.P.T., faculty specialist Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy

A resident of Gouldsboro, Dr. Wagner has been director of clinical education at The University of Scranton since 1992. She earned a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from State University of New York at Buffalo, a master of health administration degree from The University of Scranton, and a doctorate in physical therapy from Temple University, Philadelphia.

Xuewu (Wesley) Wang, Ph.D., instructor, Economics/Finance

Dr. Wang, of Dunmore, was previously employed as a graduate student instructor at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Hangzhou University of Commerce, People’s Republic of China, a master of arts degree in finance from Fudan University, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China and a doctor of philosophy degree in finance from the University of Michigan.

Kristen A. Yarmey-Tylutki, assistant professor, Weinberg Memorial Library

Yarmey-Tylutki resides in Clarks Summit. She was previously employed as an instructor and academic advisor at the University of Maryland College of Chemical and Life Sciences, College Park, Md. She earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Eberly College of Science and Schreyer Honors College at the Pennsylvania State University. University Park, and a master of library science degree from the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland.

Activities Abound During Family Weekend

When families of Scranton students come to campus for Family Weekend, Sept. 26 – 28, they’ll have an opportunity to hear a lecture about “The Secret of the Holy Grail,” attend a theatrical performance by students, participate in scholarly discussions, visit attractions in the City of Scranton and attend the annual carnival sponsored by the University Student Programming Board. These are just a few of the events planned for a weekend of activities that is expected to draw up to 500 families.

Activities begin with the fifth annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the University’s Houlihan-McLean Center. G. Ronald Murphy, S.J., professor of German at Georgetown University, will discuss “Gemstone of Paradise: The Secret of the Holy Grail.” (See story on pg. 3.)

On Saturday morning, parents will have a chance to participate in scholarly discussions, including a book discussion about Coyotes: A Journey Across Borders with America’s Illegal Migrants, the summer read book for this year’s freshmen.

There will also be an information session about University’s unique liberal arts core curriculum and a philosophy class.

The Schemel Forum Announces Fall Lecture and Luncheon Series

The Schemel Forum’s “Insights into the Middle East – At the Brink of the Presidential Election” luncheon series will bring leading experts on the Middle East to Scranton. On Oct. 22, Goodwin Cooke, professor, Maxwell School, Syracuse University & former Ambassador to the Central African Republic will discuss The Legacy of Colonialism. On Oct. 29, Harvey Sicherman, president, Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia will discuss Musing on the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Past & Future. J. Alexander Thier, senior rule of law advisor for the U.S. Institute for Peace, Washington, D.C., will discuss What the Future Holds for Iran and Afghanistan on Oct. 30. The luncheon discussions take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. on campus.

Session fees vary for programs, and reservation are required to attend. Space is limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, Schemel Forum annual and “angel” memberships are available. To register, contact Kym Petsko, events coordinator, at (570) 941-7816 or fetskok2@scranton.edu.

For more information on programs and memberships, contact Sondra Myers, director of the Schemel Forum.
FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON FALL SPORT!

Cross-Country
Head Coach: Bill Burke

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Scranton Professor's Research Finds Absence of Bouncers, Barroom Environment Keys to Aggressive Behavior


James C. Roberts, assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice at The University of Scranton, has found that the strongest predictor of aggression in bars is the absence of bouncers, a finding that runs counter to the limited research done previously. He says prior studies viliﬁed bouncers for encouraging aggression, but he found that they reduce aggression.

Roberts also found that changing the barroom environment also can lead to more peaceful partying. He notes that until recently, there has been very little research on environmental factors in bars, which are often smoky, crowded and noisy. His findings show that reducing these factors can reduce aggressive behavior.

Roberts and his research team spent more than 400 hours observing behavior in 25 licensed drinking establishments in Hoboken, N.J. The southeast section of Hoboken has a high concentration of bars catering to young, college-aged patrons.

The researchers observed patrons on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, logging incidents of physical aggression such as unfriendly bumping, grabbing, pushing, punching or kicking, or non-physical aggression like one-way abuse, heated arguments and challenges and threats.

Incidents involving mere horseplay were not recorded unless they escalated into more serious acts of physical or nonphysical aggression.

In 444 hours of observation, observers witnessed 37 incidents of nonphysical aggression and 43 incidents of physical aggression. More than three-quarters involved males only, 14 percent involved females only and 10 percent involved both males and females. As expected, two-thirds of aggressive incidents involved patrons only, while one-third involved confrontations between patrons and bar staff. In 95 percent of the incidents, the level of drunkenness displayed by participants was high.

Roberts notes that there are inherent limitations in this kind of study. For example, observers are usually unable to determine the cause of barroom aggression. And it is possible that the environment of a bar attracts personalities prone to violence. Thus, changing the environment will only be effective if it repels or controls violence-prone patrons. Also, the study involved mostly young, white patrons, so the findings cannot be generalized to other populations.

“Nevertheless, we believe our findings support the interpretation that the barroom environment has an important impact on aggression,” Roberts says. “As suggested by past researchers, we believe that the easiest and most practical approach to reducing problems with aggression in bars is regulating the routine activities of licensed drinking establishments, rather than attempting to modify the routine activities of bar patrons.”

Roberts says further research is needed to better understand the role of bouncers and doormen as guardians of the barroom environment. Findings from this study also suggest a strong need to further explore the impact of the absence of bouncers and doormen on barroom aggression.

Grant Supports Wall St. West Initiative

The University of Scranton was awarded a $102,000 Wall Street West Grant to develop an Enterprise Resource Planning Program, which will allow the area’s workforce to further leverage the Jesuit university’s technological resources and accredited business curriculum.

Through the grant, Scranton, in collaboration with SRA International, Fairfax, Va., will develop courses in functional areas such as ﬁnance, accounting, business data warehousing, customer-relationship management, strategic enterprise management and logistics. The Kania School of Management will also develop “boot camp” training programs to enable SAP certiﬁcation and to engage industry and government ERP experts and users with students.

The grant also supports the development of enterprise resource internships; programs to enhance recruitment within traditional student and adult-learner populations; and assistance with the implementation and operation of SAP software at organizations in the region. In addition, the University will use the grant to increase its SAP trained instructor pool from both full-time faculty and adjunct professors from local industries.
Academic Theme: Education for Justice

During its first official year of existence, the University’s Education for Justice Office has launched a Web site, hosted lectures and, most importantly, facilitated conversations about justice within the Scranton Community.

According to Mary Anne Foley, C.N.D., Ph.D., coordinator of the Education for Justice Office and associate professor of theology/religious studies, there has always been a great deal of discussion and education concerning justice at Scranton, but often these discussions and programs were not connected. She and the Education for Justice Advisory Board see the Office as a means of harnessing the energy of existing initiatives by serving as a clearinghouse for information about such programs.

“We are looking to create synergy among existing programs and to encourage more faculty, staff, students and campus organizations to incorporate justice themes into their work,” said Sister Foley. “Students will be exposed to justice themes discussed from a variety of perspectives throughout their time at Scranton. Regardless of their major, it will be impossible for them to graduate without confronting justice issues.”

The Office’s newly created Web site serves as a source of information for students interested in taking courses with justice themes, as well as for information about justice programs occurring on campus. The Web site, http://academic.scranton.edu/edjustice/, can also be found by a quick link from the University’s homepage.

To facilitate and focus the justice conversation on campus, the Education for Justice Office will annually select a justice theme and invite the rest of the campus to join the dialogue. The inaugural theme selected for the 2008-09 academic year is immigration.

“Immigration is a complex issue, yet so much of the discussion is based on emotion rather than reason,” said Sr. Foley. “As a Catholic and Jesuit university, it is important for us to explore fully the dimensions of this issue. We also have an important role in the region to bring the resources of the University to bear on significant social issues.”

The theme will be incorporated into fall and spring public lectures, in course assignments and in activities planned by student organizations. Faculty and student research incorporating immigration themes is also encouraged.

Some have already incorporated immigration into their programs.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., initiated the process by participating in a panel discussion of Coyotes: A Journey Across Borders With America’s Illegal Migrants.

Freshmen students were assigned the book during summer orientation and attended a panel discussion on the book during Fall Welcome weekend. Coyotes author Ted Conover also met with the students at a lecture and book-signing on Sept. 3.

Interdependence Day programs hosted on The University of Scranton campus have also incorporated the immigration theme. (See story on pg. 7.)

The Latin American Film Festival has also incorporated the theme into its selection of films, including the “Las Cosas Que Deben En La Habana,” which will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 23 in room 228 of Brennan Hall.

In addition, each faculty member in the Criminal Justice Department was asked to incorporate an immigration theme into their courses.

The Education for Justice Office is planning campus events that include the creation and display of an Immigration Mosaic. In order to reinforce the fact that America is a nation made up of immigrants, each member of University community will be invited to provide photos or names of two family members who were immigrants to America. A mosaic will be created from submissions. For the spring semester, plans are underway for a “Teach-in on Immigration” that would incorporate activities such as discussions of student/faculty research projects, lectures and club events focused around the immigration theme.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. (left), fields questions from students during a panel discussion about Coyotes, the freshman read book that explores the subject of immigration. At right is Harold Baillie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, Celeste A. Fisher, Ph.D., will present a talk on “The Influence of Hip-Hop in a Culture of Communication,” at 9 a.m. in Collegiate Hall, Redington Hall on campus. Dr. Fisher has published articles on film audiences, race and representation, identity politics and urban studies. She has also served as a special issue editor for The International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics on a project titled, “Black Women’s Politics Through Cultural Expression,” which examines the ways in which black women have creatively articulated their political views within the context of various social and cultural movements. She is also the author of Black on Black: Urban Youth Films and the Multicultural Audience.

Dr. Fisher is the Diversity Institute Visiting Scholar at Misericordia University for 2008-2009, where she teaches courses in communication and sociology. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University, a master’s degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a doctorate from New York University.

For more information on these events, contact Jennifer Pennington in the Office of Equity and Diversity at 941-6645, or e-mail penningtonj2@scranton.edu.

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Christopher Mefford ’09 (center) was among the students who visited the Seinfeld College Tour Bus when it made a daylong stop at the University on Aug. 27.