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the education I received continues to make me feel special.”*

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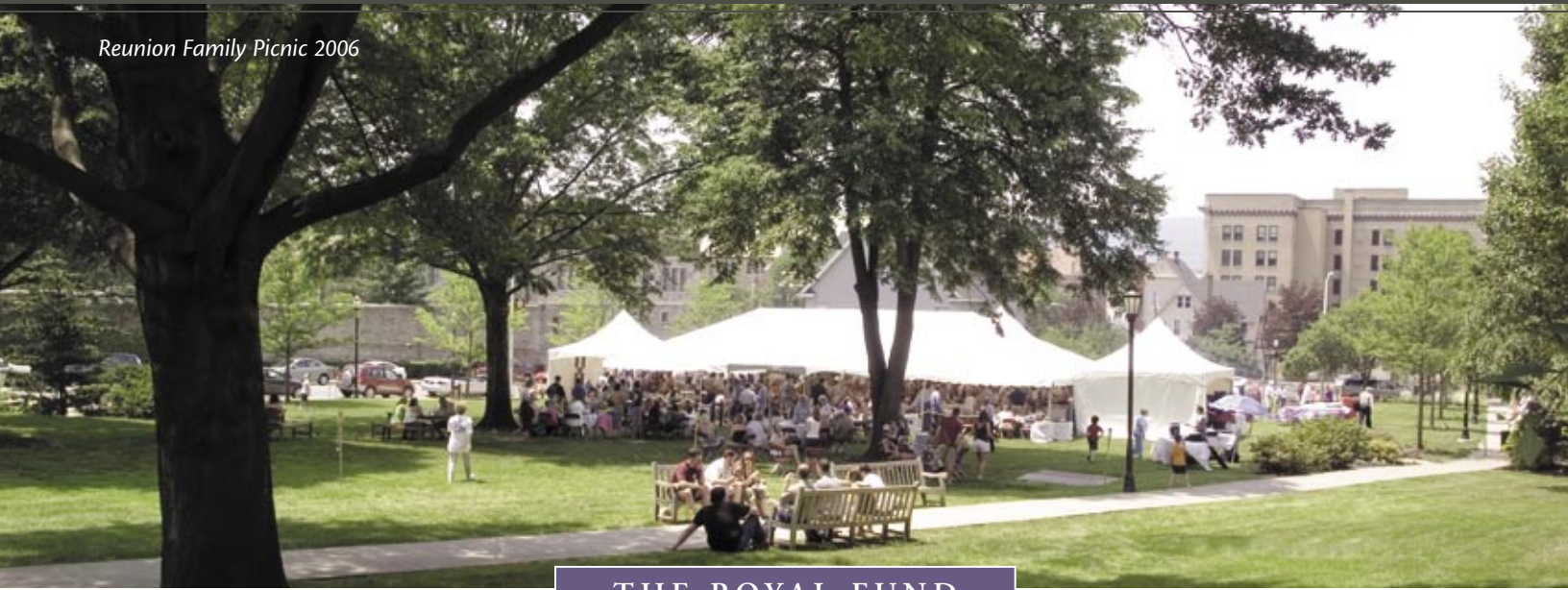
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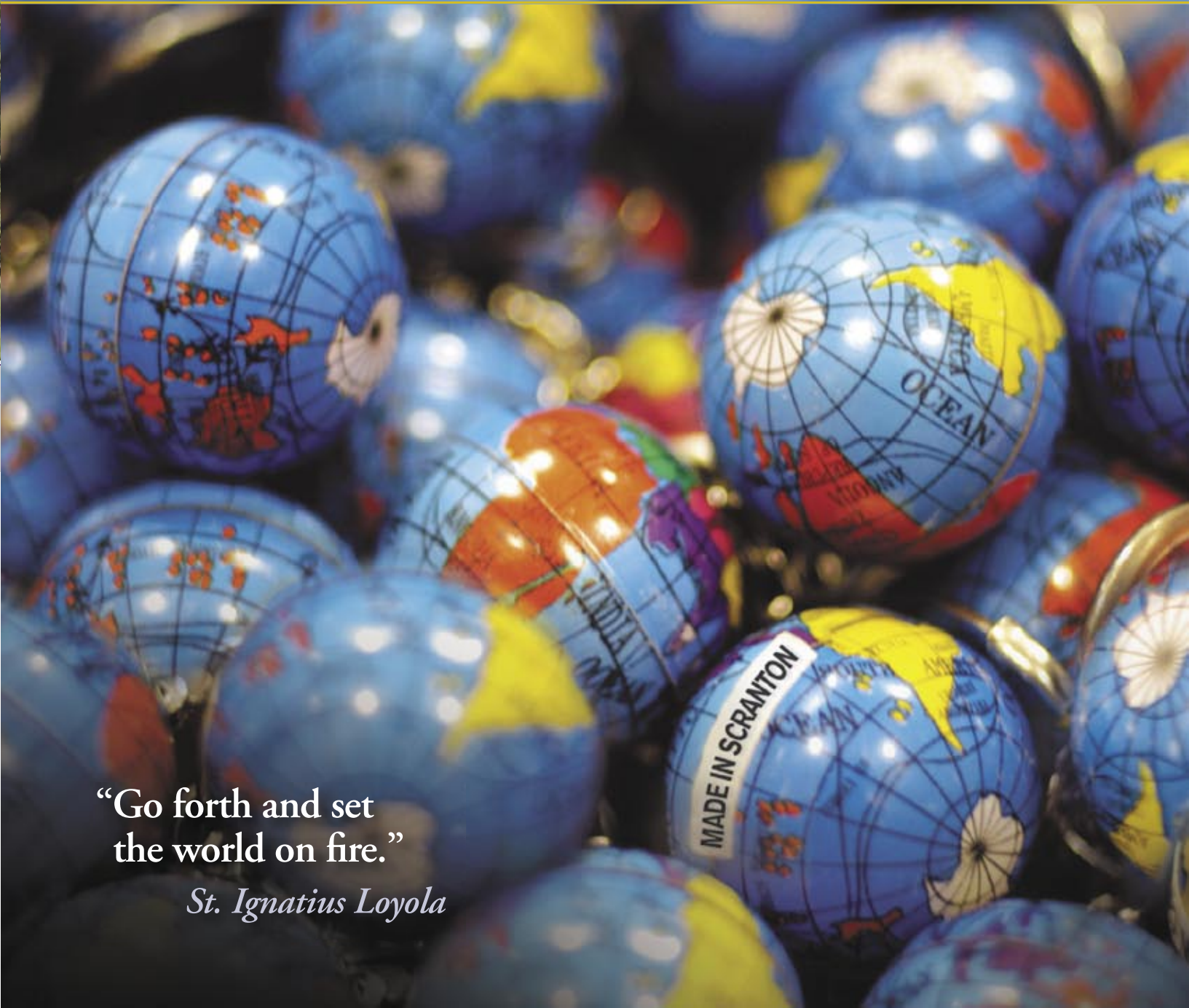
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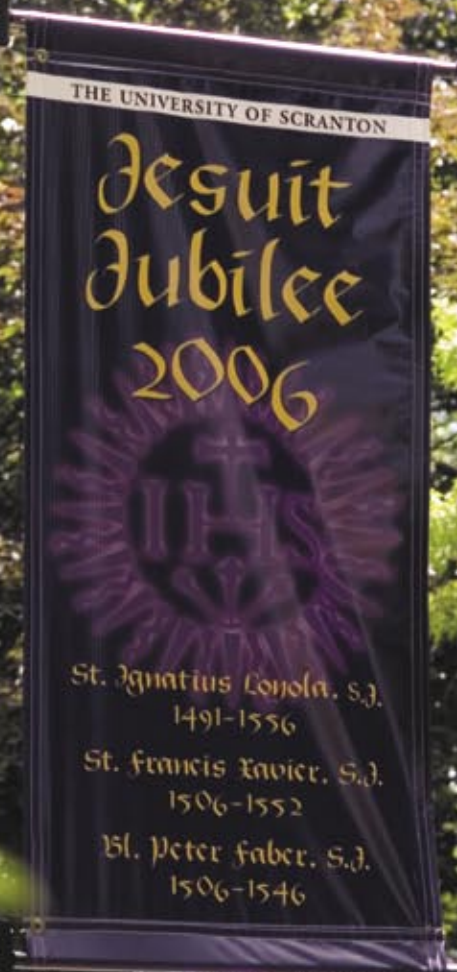


*“Go forth and set
the world on fire.”*

St. Ignatius Loyola

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

November 22, 2006



It is fitting that we focus this issue of *The Scranton Journal* on the international dimensions of the University. This past year, we, along with Jesuit institutions around the world, have been celebrating a Jubilee Year in commemoration of some important dates in the history of the Society of Jesus, including the birth of St. Francis Xavier. More than any of the other first companions of St. Ignatius, Xavier epitomizes the Jesuit commitment to a global perspective in the promotion of God's greater glory. Soon after the Jesuits received approval as a religious order, Xavier was sent half way around the world to help people embrace the gospel and seek God in the context of their own cultures.



Xavier's missionary approach and that of other Jesuits across the centuries since has been one of inculturation. In other words, they exercised humility with regard to the imposition of European mores and values on other peoples. For early modern men, they showed a remarkable appreciation for diversity, one which Scranton, as a University in the Jesuit tradition, still strives to emulate. In this issue of *The Journal*, then, we highlight the variety of ways that members of the University community keep faith with this important aspect of our mission and identity.

Scranton graduates around the world participate in the promotion of the common good and in what the Second Vatican Council called "the progress of peoples." Their stories are a source of inspiration to all of us, especially our current students. Standing on the shoulders of the women and men who came before them, Scranton students participate in growing numbers in our International Service Projects. In doing so, they grow into the kind of "women and men for others" whom the University dreams about graduating. We can be proud of them and proud of our alumni whose international work is documented in these pages.

As the Jesuit Jubilee Year comes to a conclusion on December 3, 2006, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, I look forward to celebrating Mass with the University community. On that occasion, we can give thanks to God for inspiring so many Scranton students and alumni for embracing a world "charged with the grandeur of God."

Sincerely,

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.

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New Adult College Established

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Scranton's Board of Trustees has established a new college, sanctioned to



Duncan Perry, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Education, announced the formation of the new college at a breakfast meeting held in Brennan Hall on Oct. 10.

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 has some college, but no bachelor's degree, and that 28 percent has 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. The College of Graduate and Continuing Education, however, is a new model for adult programs in higher education.

In establishing the new college, 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. Among the new offerings are Web-based formats, compressed schedules, cohort-based programs, as well as undergraduate programs specifically structured for busy adults. Prospective adult students interested in learning more about opportunities at Scranton may call (570) 941-7600.

Construction Begins on Campus Center

Construction is under way on the site of the new Campus Center. The 118,000 square foot, four-story building will be located along Mulberry Street in the rear of the existing Gunster Memorial Student Center and Weinberg Memorial Library. The \$35 million project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2007. For additional information and live construction photos, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/campuscenter.



Another Round of National Recognition

For the 13th consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked The University of Scranton among the top 10 universities in the north in its annual edition of "America's Best Colleges." *U.S. News* also listed the University among the "Great Schools at a Great Price," which relates academic quality to the cost of attendance, and among the schools in the north with the best graduation rates.

Scranton ranked ninth in the 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."



Scranton was the only college in Northeast Pennsylvania to be among the elite colleges profiled in the Princeton Review's *The 361 Best Colleges*. The University of Scranton is also the only area college to be listed in Kaplan/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*.

In the month of October alone, the University was recognized by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for its Fulbright prowess, by Barron's as one of the nation's *Best Buys in College Education*, and by the Princeton Review as one of the nation's *Best 282 Business Schools*.

Scranton is listed among the "top producers" of Fulbright awards for American students in the Oct. 20 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Just 81 schools in the nation were listed in four categories based on their institution type and size.

The University of Scranton was also listed among the 247 colleges in the nation included in the ninth edition of Barron's *Best Buys in College Education*. Colleges selected for *Best Buys in*

College Education represent quality higher education programs as compared to the cost of attendance. Selection is based on criteria that includes tuition costs and surveys of students and administrators.



For the second consecutive year, the University's Kania School of Management has been included among the elite colleges listed in the Princeton Review's *Best 282 Business Schools*. The 2007 edition of the guide book, published by Random House/Princeton Review, was released on Oct. 3.

Suppliers Recognized for Their Service

The University 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.



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 '76, Senior Vice President; Tony Internicola, Vice President for Operations; and Dan Palombo, District Manager.

Retreat Center Chapel Dedicated



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The 7,050 square-foot addition includes the Chapel, which accommodates approximately 60 people and incorporates beautiful views of the lake. The expansion also added 15 bedrooms to one wing of the existing facility that was built in 1998.

Bl. Peter Faber, together with St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius Loyola, served as the nucleus of the Society of Jesus.

The expansion project was made possible through the generous support of the Jesuit Community at Scranton, alumni and friends of the University. To acknowledge the generosity and support of Scranton alumna Irene Kocak, the University dedicated the crucifix and window of the Chapel in her honor.



The entrance to the Chapel features the hearthstone from the fireplace of the original retreat building. Engravings in the stone mark the founding of the Society of Jesus (1540), the founding of the University (1888), the arrival of the Jesuits at Scranton (1942) and the Jesuit Jubilee year (2006).

Scranton Joins Landmark Conference

The University has joined the Landmark Conference, the NCAA Division III athletic association formed last December by seven like-minded colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic states.

Members of the conference are similar in size, educational philosophies, their focus on high academic standards and the belief that athletics are an important component of the undergraduate experience. In addition to competing in sports, conference members aim to develop opportunities for academic, co-curricular, and public-service collaboration. Beginning next fall, the conference's members will compete in baseball, basketball, cross-country, field hockey, indoor and outdoor track and field, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

"As we make this move, we do so with the deepest gratitude and respect for our colleagues in the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corp.," said Toby Lovecchio, M.Ed., Director of Athletics. "We hope to continue our competition with our former colleagues through the scheduling of non-conference events."

Landmark Conference Members

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.
DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, N.J.
GOUCHER COLLEGE, Baltimore, Md.
JUNIATA COLLEGE, Huntingdon, Pa.
MORAVIAN COLLEGE, Bethlehem, Pa.
SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY, Selinsgrove, Pa.
THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, King's Point, N.Y.

At a news conference announcing that the University has joined the Landmark Conference, from left: Toby Lovecchio, M.Ed., Director of Athletics; Timothy O'Brien '74, President of the University's Alumni Society; Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., University President; Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs; and Harry Dammer, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Sociology and Criminal Justice and Faculty Representative to the NCAA.



Record-Breaking Applications Yield Incoming Class of 992 Students

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.

During a New Student Convocation held August 26 in the Byron Complex, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. shared with incoming students and families the foundational qualities of a Jesuit education.

"A Scranton education is not merely an end in itself," said Fr. Pilarz. "It is, as well, a means for promoting justice and contributing to the common good. The degree you will receive four years from now will be more than a tribute to the hard work that commences today. It will be a license to love, to labor along with God to promote the world's well-being. It will also remind you of your lifelong connection to The University of Scranton



Students from the Class of 2010 carried their class banner in a procession at the New Student Convocation on Aug. 26.

and call upon you to remain, forever, active sons and daughters in the special community you will join at graduation."

During Convocation, the University presented an Honorary Degree to Michael Fairbanks '79, a leading consultant on economic development strategies for developing nations. (A profile of Mr. Fairbanks can be found on page 20.)

The freshman class includes 24 valedictorians and salutatorians and has an average SAT score of 1,114. The class includes 78 children of University of

Scranton alumni. Incoming freshmen hail from 14 states. Of the incoming, full-time undergraduate 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.

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.

Partnership Agreement Reached with CUEB of Beijing, China

The University of Scranton has announced a broad-ranging agreement with a major Chinese university that could offer unprecedented opportunities for University students and area business leaders.

The University's Kania School of Management and Capital University of Economics and Business (CUEB), Beijing, People's Republic of China, have signed a partnership memorandum developed to provide a culturally diverse educational experience in a global business context.

"Today, business education is global," according to Michael Mensah, Ph.D., Dean of the Kania School of Management (KSOM). "There are numerous growth opportunities for American businesses as the Chinese economy expands. As part of this expansion, the Chinese are finding the need for business knowledge and background. This new agreement is an exciting opportunity for the University to offer global opportunities and viewpoints to undergraduate and graduate students."

This new partnership is an outgrowth of the University's participation in a consortium of Jesuit Universities in the United States, which jointly offers one of the most prestigious international MBA degrees in Beijing.

Three Named to Board of Trustees

Three new members have been elected to three-year terms on the University's Board of Trustees and began their terms at the Oct. 5, 2006, board meeting.

New trustees are: Paula K. Barrett '81, a partner in the Reading office of Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP's Business Consulting Services Group, and a resident of Maiden Creek Township, Reading; Pennsylvania State Senator Robert J. Mellow, a lifelong resident of Peckville; and Francis (Frank) J. Pearn '83, Chief Administrative Officer of the Mergers and Acquisitions Division of Lehman Brothers, New York, N.Y., a resident of Garden City, N.Y.

Distinguished Author Award Honors Attorney-turned-Author



New York Times best-selling author Phillip Margolin signed copies of his latest book *Proof Positive* at the University bookstore on Oct. 7. At a dinner later that day, sponsored by the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library, the former criminal defense attorney was presented the 2006 Royden B. Davis, S.J., Distinguished Author Award.

Student Achievements

Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award Winner

Ryan Champagne, an economics and philosophy major who graduated from the University in the spring of 2006, has been named a *Wall Street Journal* 2006 Student Achievement Award Winner.

Mr. Champagne is one of 501 students nationwide to receive this prestigious award for 2006. The award has been presented by *The Wall Street Journal* to exceptional students for 60 years as part of its Journal-in-Education Program. Students are recognized for academic achievement, leadership potential and/or entrepreneurial spirit.

The names of the 2006 Student Achievement Award Winners were published in the September 20, 2006, issue of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Prestigious Graduate Scholarship Awarded

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.



Tina Marie George

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.

Presidential Scholars Named for 2006

The University has awarded 11 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2006.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high records in both their schools and community involvements. 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 2006 Presidential Scholars are: Anna M. DiColli, Broomall, Jenna M. Gilligan, Forest Hills, N.Y., Matthew Mariyampillai, Caldwell, N.J., Jennifer Moakler, Staten Island, N.Y., Kevisn G. Musto, Pittston, William Pugh, Hillsborough, N.J., Marny B. Smith, East Amherst, N.Y., Matthew P. Snyder, Scranton, Kimberly A. Warzynski, Brick, N.J., Nicole M. Zullo, Perth Amboy, N.J., and Matthew A. Mercuri, Moscow.

Faculty and Staff

Alpha Sigma Nu Recognizes Professor

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.

Administrative Posts Announced

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 the spring of 2003, became Director of the Leahy Community Health and Family Center.

Kenneth R. Lord, Ph.D., has been named Associate Dean of the Kania 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.

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.

Employees Honored at University Convocation

Several faculty members and employees of the University were presented with awards at the annual Convocation on Sept. 8 in the Royal Theater of the McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. Awards presented included the John L. Earl III Distinguished Service Award, the Sursum Corda Award, and the Distinguished University Fellow.



University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., (left) congratulated Frank Corcione, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics/Finance, on receiving the John L. Earl III Award. At center is Pauline Earl, wife of the late John L. Earl III.

- The Earl Award is presented each year to the member of the University faculty whose service to the University and the wider community best represents the tradition of generosity and dedication that Dr. Earl, a distinguished Professor of History, exemplified from 1964 to 1996. The recipient of the eighth annual Earl Award is Frank P. Corcione, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics/Finance.

- The Sursum Corda Award, which means "Lift Up Your Hearts," recognizes those members of the University's staff who have made outstanding contributions to the life and mission of the University. This year's recipients are Bonnie Strohl, Associate Director of the Weinberg Memorial Library; Karl B. Johns, Computer Maintenance Center Supervisor; and Eugene V. Kohut, Zone Supervisor for Physical Plant.



(From left) Harold Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President, presented the fifth annual Sursum Corda Awards to Bonnie Strohl, Associate Director of the Library, Eugene Kohut, Zone Supervisor for Physical Plant, and Karl Johns, Computer Maintenance Center Supervisor.



David Friedrichs, Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice, accepted congratulations from Harold Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, on being named a Distinguished University Fellow. At center is President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.

- David O. Friedrichs, Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice, was named this year's Distinguished University Fellow. Distinguished University Fellows are eminent and truly exemplary scholars who have enriched the intellectual and moral climate of the University through the highest levels of excellence in teaching, research and service for at least six years after the attainment of full professorship.

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 Professor: Harry R. Dammer, Ph.D., Sociology/Criminal Justice; Mary Jane S. Hanson, Ph.D., Nursing.

The following have been promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure: Michael T. O'Steen, 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.

Speakers, Lectures and Conferences

Symposium Explores Interdependence, Immigration

"Interdependence and Immigration: Thinking Globally – Acting Locally," a symposium offered by the University, was 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.

This year's observance at the University addressed immigration, a burning issue on both local and global levels; it focused on immigration to the region from Mexico and Central America. The program included 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.



Sondra Myers, co-founder of Interdependence Day and Senior Fellow for International, Cultural and Civic Projects at the University, led a panel discussion on immigration at a symposium marking Interdependence Day.

disABILITY Conference Marks Fifth Year

The fifth anniversary of the North-eastern U.S. Conference on disABILITY featured national, state and local speakers who explored ways to "mobilize partnerships" to enhance the lives of those with disabilities.

The conference, held Oct. 18-20 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton, included a pre-conference program, "Celebrating Partnerships for Employment Success," and a Town Meeting on Autism.

Keynote speakers at the Conference were Peggy Anderson, 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; Hon. David Wenzel '69, 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 was presented by the J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment. Honorary Co-chairs were Edward Leahy '68 and Patricia Leahy.



Keith R. Williams G'04 received the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Award for Excellence in Community Advocacy and Education during the fifth annual Conference on disAbility. From left: David Wenzel '69, member of the National Council on Disability and former Mayor of Scranton; Mr. Williams; and Mrs. and Mr. Edward Leahy '68, Honorary Co-chairs of the Conference.

Lecture Series features Renowned Macroeconomist

Thomas Sargent, Ph.D., Professor of Economics at New York University and one of the most influential macroeconomists in the world, presented the University's annual Henry George Lecture on Sept. 26. The lecture is funded by a grant from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

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.

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.

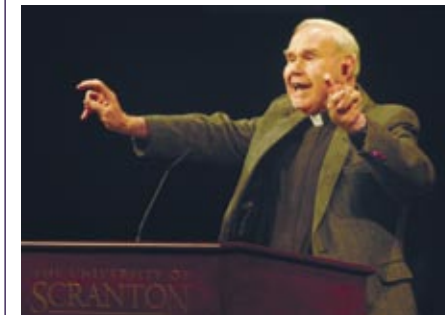
The Economics and Finance Department at the University and the campus chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon host the Henry George Lecture, which honors the 19th century American economist and social reformer.

Lecture Series Features Expert on Jesuit Poet

Joseph J. Feeney, S.J., an expert on the 19th-century Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, was the featured speaker at the third annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture held Nov. 8. Fr. Feeney discussed "The Four Great Loves of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit Poet" to an audience in the McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts.

Father Feeney is Professor of English at Saint Joseph's University. He is the co-editor of *The Hopkins Quarterly: A Journal of Critical, Scholarly and Appreciative Responses to the Lives & Works of Gerard M. Hopkins, S.J., and his Circle: Robert Bridges, R.W. Dixon, and Coventry Patmore.*

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.



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Stem Cells and Cloning Lecture

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, presented "Stem Cells and Cloning: Understanding the Scientific Issues and the Moral Objections" on Oct. 24 in Brennan Hall. Fr. Pacholczyk, who received a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Yale University, has testified before state legislatures on stem cell and cloning research, and appeared on CNN International, ABC World News Tonight, and NPR. The event was sponsored by Students for Life, the Catholic Studies Program, and the Diocese of Scranton Office of Parish Life.

The Arts

Jazz Series Premiered at Scranton

Scranton served as the nation's first host location for "Harlem Speaks," a bi-weekly series honoring important jazz artists, sponsored by the Jazz Museum in Harlem. The program, which was held Sept. 30, took place in the Houlihan-McLean Center and was offered to the public free of charge.

"Harlem Speaks: Louis Armstrong" began with "MusicTalk," featuring Jazz Museum Executive Director Loren Schoenberg and special guest George Avakian, a music producer who worked with Louis Armstrong and many other legendary recording artists. The lecture was followed by a concert of Armstrong's music presented by the Grammy Award-nominated David Ostwald's Gully Low Jazz Band, which served as The Louis Armstrong Centennial Band.

The evening was a joint presentation of Performance Music at The University of Scranton and The Jazz Museum in Harlem, with additional support from a University of Scranton Diversity Initiatives Grant.

This was one of many events hosted by Performance Music during the fall semester, including The Carl Maraghi Jazz Quartet; "Meet the Austin Organ," a talking tour of the University's 1910 Austin Opus Organ; and the annual "Noel Night." For additional information, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/music.

David Ostwald's Gully Low Jazz Band performed on campus when the University served as the first location for "Harlem Speaks," a bi-weekly series honoring important jazz artists, sponsored by the Jazz Museum in Harlem.



Players Open Season with "On the Verge"

The University Players opened the season with "On the Verge," by Eric Overmyer and directed by Grace Zandarski. Three Victorian lady explorers take a literary jaunt through time and space, logic and mayhem, fact and fantasy, in search of *Terra Incognita*. The season continued through the fall semester with "A Number" by Caryl Churchill, directed by Bob E. Gaspar, and "Six Characters in Search of an Author" by Luigi Pirandello. The spring semester will open with "Art" by Yasmine Reza, followed by "Bus Stop" by William Inge and closing with the New Director's Workshop. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/players.

Hope Horn Gallery Features Regional Artists

Northeastern Pennsylvania provides the landscape for exhibits at The Hope Horn Gallery during the 2006-2007 season. Beginning with an exhibit of recent photographs by Scranton native Susan Scranton Dawson and continuing with NEPA Regional Art 2006 and the 21st Annual Juried Student Exhibition by University of Scranton students, the Hope Horn Gallery was alive with the works of local artists. The regional theme will continue in 2007 with "Alive to the Call: Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania." For additional information, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/gallery.

Remembering

Remembering September 11, 2001

Liturgy Commemorates 5th Anniversary of 9/11



On September 11, 2001, five alumni and 31 relatives of alumni and students were killed in the terrorist attacks on the United States. The Office of University Ministries held a Liturgy in Commemoration of the fifth anniversary of 9/11 on Sept. 11, 2006. Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., Assistant Vice President for University Ministries, was the Principal Celebrant.

Kelly Golf Tournament Marks 5th Year

Doreen Nicosia '94 (left) and Meigan Kelly Keane '94, sister of the late William Hill Kelly, Jr. '93, helped to organize the fifth annual Bill Kelly Jr. Memorial Golf Classic held Oct. 13 at the Greate Bay Country Club, Somers Point, N.J. Proceeds benefit the William Hill Kelly, Jr. '93 Scholarship. Mr. Kelly was one of five alumni killed in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



A Reflection on September 11

BY REV. SCOTT R. PILARZ, S.J.
President, The University of Scranton
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

On September 11, 2001, I stood on the rooftop of an apartment complex in Washington, D.C., overlooking the Potomac River surrounded by college students. Smoke was rising on the Virginia shore. For several minutes, the source of the smoke remained a mystery. Eventually, it became clear that the Pentagon had been attacked. An eerie silence settled over the city for the rest of that day and for days to come. In the silence, people began struggling to find meaning and significance. That struggle has continued for five years as Americans and all people of good will wrestle with a wrenching tragedy, the reasons for it and an appropriate response.

In the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, reasons were difficult to discover. That fall semester, I was teaching a course on Renaissance poetry, and the words of John Donne, though centuries-old, seemed especially apt: "Tis all in pieces, all coherence gone." Donne was reacting against scientific discoveries that forced him to abandon his long-held worldview. What we discovered on that tragic morning forced the same for us. Our understanding of the world and our place in it were rendered inadequate. In particular, our sense of invulnerability was shattered every bit as much as New York's grand Towers and the center of our Nation's defense. Suddenly, all was risk and uncertainty.

Five years later, it is somewhat easier to articulate what we have been learning in the wake of that awful day. The answers remain partial, and we await the perspective afforded by an even longer view. But in the meantime, we are increasingly aware of our interdependence and the need for international and intercultural understanding. Any sense of standing alone in the world, as individuals or as a nation, has been dispelled. If coherence is to be recovered, the first step lies in a commitment to building community, both locally and globally.

This fall I am teaching the same course, albeit on another campus. As the semester begins I am surrounded again by students who struggle to understand the world and their place in it. Perhaps they are less naïve than were college students five years ago. But they are no less hungry for meaning. And in their hunger, I find hope. Growing up in the shadow of 9/11, they are more aware than members of previous generations that they bear a responsibility for making the world more gentle and just. They cannot take for granted the sense of security, false or genuine, that perhaps made others in years past more complacent. 9/11 was and remains a crack in time as well as a call to action. Five years ago, we came together as never before in communities large and small, supporting and sustaining one another. Five years later, in the press of our lives and world events, we run the risk of renegeing on that generous response. Today's memorials and reminders can invite us to a recommitment to the common good and the world's well-being.

Institutional Advancement

President's Business Council Dinner Sets Record Numbers

The University's President's Business Council celebrated its Fifth Annual Award Dinner and its fifth anniversary in style on October 5 with a record-breaking event at The Pierre in New York City. Eclipsing last year's record crowd of 550, an overflow audience of more than 810 alumni and friends was on hand to watch Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70, President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc., receive the University's President's Medal.

The dinner raised more than \$1.5 million in support of the University's Presidential Scholarship endowment. The results were announced by dinner co-chairs James A. Caccavo '84, University Trustee and Managing Partner and CEO of Steelpoint Capital Partners, Thomas P. O'Brien '86, Managing Director of the Fixed Income Division of Morgan Stanley, and Francis J. Pearn '83, University Trustee and Managing Director and Chief Administrative Officer of Lehman Brothers. This year's total exceeded the previous high of \$1.01 million raised at the 2003 Annual Award Dinner.

Most Reverend Bishop James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, right, is joined by, from left, former Board of Trustees Chairs Louis A. DeNaples and Frank J. McDonnell, Esq., '60, and current Board Chair John D. Dionne '86.



Kip Condron '70 offers his remarks following the presentation of the President's Medal.

Presidential scholars are chosen from among the top students entering the University each year based on their academic excellence, leadership ability and character. In its first five dinners, the President's Business Council has raised more than \$4.7 million for the endowment.

Philip Loscombe, Jr., a senior majoring in neuroscience with a minor in mathematics, spoke on behalf of the Presidential Scholars. "I come from a family that views education as a privilege rather than a presumption. Therefore, this scholarship was my million dollar ticket to pursue my own academic dreams."

This summer, Phil, who is a native of Plains, was an intern at the National Cancer Institute of the National Cancer Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C.

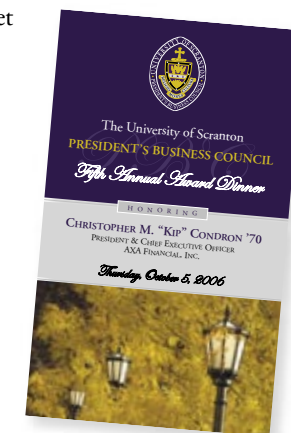
Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn '72, Pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale, served as Master of Ceremonies, and Most

Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, provided the Invocation.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., noted how the fifth anniversary of the Award Dinner celebrates the aspirations of this year's honoree. "Five years ago, Kip dreamed a big dream for his alma mater, a dinner at The Pierre in New York to endow Presidential Scholarships," said Fr. Pilarz. "These special awards make it possible for ten exceptional students each year to join our community tuition-free.

His big dream for Scranton is typical of his approach to life: generous, expansive, warm and fully engaged."

Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chair of The American Ireland Fund, toasted Kip, his wife, Peggy, a current University Trustee, and "their clan." Scranton native and 2003 President's Medal Recipient Paul M. Montrone, Ph.D.,





Dinner co-chairs, from left, Frank Pearn '83, Tom O'Brien '86, and Jim Caccavo '84 take a moment to congratulate Kip Condron before providing an update on this year's event.



From right, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University Trustee Peggy Condron, and 2006 Dinner Honoree Kip Condron '70 welcome AXA Senior Vice President Jane Mahoney, AXA Executive Vice President Robert S. Jones, Jr., and Sharon Jones at this year's Dinner.



Master of Ceremonies Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn '72 introduces the 2006 Dinner co-chairs.



'62, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fisher Scientific International, Inc., presented a brief glimpse into the balanced life of Kip Condron. "If we were to look over the long history of our University, we would be hard pressed to find a graduate that surpasses Kip Condron in living up to the standards that were engrained in us at this fine Jesuit institution nestled in the Lackawanna Valley," said Mr. Montrone, who ended his remarks by introducing a surprise video about the honoree.

In addition to comments from Fr. Pilarz and Peggy Condron, the video featured comments from Kip's father, "Big Phil"; his brother, Phil; sons Devin, Casey and Brett; colleagues and friends at AXA; and friends and business associates Bob McCann, Vice Chairman and President of the Global Private Client Group of Merrill Lynch, and Dave Lamere, Vice Chairman of Mellon Financial Corporation.

Following the video, Kip joined Fr. Pilarz, Mr. Montrone, Gerard R. Roche '53, Senior Chairman of Heidrick & Struggles, Inc. and the 2002 President's Medal Recipient, and Arthur J. Kania, Esq., '53, Senior Partner of Kania, Lindner, Lasak & Feeney and the 2005 President's Medal Recipient, at the podium for the presentation of the President's Medal.

Dinner attendees included, from left, Jackie and Jim Higgins and Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chair of The American Ireland Fund.



Presidential Scholar Philip Loscombe, Jr., '07, center, is joined by his parents, Philip and Naomi, prior to the start of the Dinner.



In his remarks, Kip reiterated the importance of the Annual Award Dinner in generating much-needed funding for the Presidential Scholarship endowment. "I can't thank each and every one of you enough for your generosity and commitment to a cause that is so terrific. We are making a difference. The University of Scranton is a very special place, and I am blessed to have graduated from there." To those who were introduced to Scranton for the first time at this year's dinner, Kip noted, "Tonight you can appreciate what a special place it is, and you have to walk away pretty impressed."

A native of Scranton, Kip received a bachelor's degree in business from the University, where he served as a member and Vice Chair of the Board. He is the founding Chairman of the President's Business Council and has tirelessly dedicated time, energy and talent to securing a solid foundation on which the Council can grow.

In May 2001, Mr. Condron was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc. and a member of the AXA Group Management Board. In addition, he is Chair-

man and Chief Executive Office of AXA Financial's principal insurance subsidiary, AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company, formerly The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. Prior to joining AXA Financial, Kip served both as President and Chief Operating Officer of Mellon Financial Corporation and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dreyfus Corporation since 1995. He is a member of the Financial Services Roundtable and its Board of Directors. He is also treasurer and a director of The American Ireland Fund.

The President's Business Council was formed in January 2001 by the University and a prominent group of alumni and friends whose purpose is to advance the mission of the University. Its creation has fulfilled the interests of the University and of these alumni and friends in the business community to form an organized affiliation that strengthens the Scranton network in the business sectors. In addition to its annual dinner, the Council provides mentoring, internship, educational and career opportunities for current students and networking opportunities for alumni and friends.

The Royal Fund

OFFICE OF ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAMS

A Message from the Chair of The Royal Fund

PAUL BIEDLINGMAIER, JR. '76

The University of Scranton continues to benefit from the support of generations of loyal alumni who regularly give to Scranton. Our goal is to encourage even more of you to give because your **participation** is such a crucial sign of support for the long-term success of the University's mission.

Through The Royal Fund, we will build and strengthen relationships by seeking gifts from those who have never given before at the same time that we reach out to our most faithful alumni. **Your contributions are essential to sustaining the kind of education that happens each day on Scranton's campus.** Whether it is through financial aid or laboratory equipment, unrestricted gifts to The Royal Fund can close the gap between tuition and the real cost of education. Gifts of all sizes are important as a sign of your belief and pride in Scranton and your willingness to make an immediate impact on campus.

Phonathon representatives on behalf of The Royal Fund are very helpful in securing new, renewed and increased gifts. **Please answer the call** from Scranton and give to The Royal Fund. If you so choose, you can also use your credit card to give online through our secure Web server. Visit www.scranton.edu/makeagift to access the secure online gift form, and remember to magnify the impact of your gift by using your University of Scranton alumni credit card.

Finally, our classes ending in "2" and "7" will celebrate their **Reunion** June 8 to 10, 2007, on campus. At this time, **we encourage you to participate in a special way and even to consider a Reunion increase to your contribution.** At Reunion, we will recognize the class or classes who have largest percentage of returning alumni, the greatest class giving participation and the largest total gifts for the year. Learn more about your Reunion by visiting, www.scranton.edu/reunion.

Please join me in supporting The University of Scranton by making a gift today to The Royal Fund. Together, we will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Paul Biedlingmaier, Jr.

“Go forth and set
the world on fire.”

St. Ignatius Loyola

An International University

The University provides a world of educational opportunities, thanks to international students, study abroad scholarships and experiences, and international service trips. This issue of *The Scranton Journal* features profiles of alumni and current students, and stories about international programs that enrich the international educational experience at Scranton.

Anthony Smurfit '85 Thinking Outside the Box Makes a World of Difference

Tony Smurfit '85 is President and Chief Operations Officer of one of the world's largest suppliers of paper and corrugated containers. But he's not afraid to think outside the box.

In his travels around the globe (he takes an average of seven flights a week), he leads by example to manage and motivate 43,000 employees of The Smurfit Kappa Group whose operations span 30 countries.

It's a tall order and one that is driven by the belief that no matter where your travels take you, people can make a world of difference.

Reflecting on his own business experience, Mr. Smurfit shares his thoughts on what it takes to be successful. “If you are moving up a corporate ladder, find a good person to anchor yourself to. Or, if you're on a corporate ladder, find people who are better than you to work for you,” he says.

For his own part, Mr. Smurfit cites his grandfather, John Jefferson Smurfit, as being one of the leaders whom he has followed in his ascent on the corporate ladder at Smurfit Kappa.

“Jefferson Smurfit, whose motto ‘*Opportunity comes to pass not to pause*,’ was an individual with a vision, a passion and the guts to take risks – the very characteristics upon which the Smurfit Group was built,” says Mr. Smurfit. “I am certain that without his drive and vision in laying the foundations of the Group, I would not be here today. He was, and remains, the single most outstanding businessman I have ever had the fortune to know - in every way the very essence of an entrepreneur.”

Mr. Smurfit's climb up the corporate ladder has involved several senior management positions at the Jefferson Smurfit Group, whose origins date back to 1934, when John Jefferson Smurfit started a small business as an Irish boxmaker. In 1964, the company went public and started to expand in Ireland. In the 1970s, under the leadership of Tony's father, Michael Smurfit H'85, the Jefferson Smurfit Group expanded and diversified in the U.K., the U.S., Europe and Latin America.

Tony Smurfit served as Chief Executive of Smurfit Europe before being named President and Chief Operations Officer of the Jefferson Smurfit Group in 2002. The company merged with Kappa Packaging in 2005 to become The Smurfit Kappa Group, headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. The company's operations, led by Tony, are headquartered in Paris, France.

In his day-to-day work of managing more than 40,000 employees, Mr. Smurfit is constantly reminded of the importance of people. He says the company's success is due, in large part, to “having great people who follow the direction that we set for them, or who make their own decisions under our guidance.”

Mr. Smurfit says he is continually challenged to find new ways to “get a high energy team together to deliver a high-end product. Passion and belief breed success.” Frequently, he finds himself drawing upon his Jesuit liberal arts education as “a great backing and a way to see different experiences and viewpoints.”

Tony Smurfit (right) returned to campus in 2003 to speak at a President's Breakfast and to meet with students in the Business Leadership Program.



He also reflects on the positive influences of several Jesuits at Scranton, including the late J.J. Quinn, S.J., with whom he studied English Literature; the late William Tome, S.J., who was Mr. Smurfit's Business Ethics professor and golf partner; and J.A. Panuska, S.J., who was president while Mr. Smurfit was a student and who, in 1990, traveled to Ireland to be a concelebrant at the wedding of Tony and his wife, Sharon.

Even as a college-bound student from Ireland, Mr. Smurfit was someone who looked outside the box, exploring several universities in the United States before settling on Scranton. One of the deciding factors in his selection was, not surprisingly, people. One of his high school teachers at St. Gerard's School in Ireland was friends with the Malone family of Moscow, Pa.

“They agreed to take in a 17-year-old leaving the Emerald Isle to come to America, and that made all the difference,” recalls Mr. Smurfit of the Malone family's offer to have him live with them. “Of course, the University is a great institution, and the broad perspective of a liberal arts education has certainly stood me in good stead.”

Admittedly, it's never easy to “pull up your stakes” and move to another country, says Mr. Smurfit. But he would encourage almost anyone to study or work abroad, provided that they can find a place where they feel comfortable and that matches their ethical standards and interests. His children are no exception to the rule.

“I would love it if some day they went to college in the U.S.,” says Mr. Smurfit of his children, Anthony Jr., Charlotte, Francesca and Aurelia, ages 7 through 1.

Despite the distance, Mr. Smurfit has stayed connected to Scranton, returning to the University in 2003 to speak at a President's Breakfast and to meet with students in the Business Leadership Program.

According to Mr. Smurfit, the opportunity to mentor students “gives you a sense of satisfaction that you've emerged reasonably well in life. If you can help others do the same, that's great.”

It might just make a world of difference.

Stephanie Funk '82 A Lifelong Calling to be a Foreign Service Diplomat

Stephanie Funk recalls deciding in seventh grade that she wanted to be a Foreign Service Diplomat. The Sunday paper had a kids' section with a column devoted to careers. "Nothing appealed to me until I read about being a Diplomat. The travel, adventure and appeal of living and working in different cultures immediately caught my attention," she recalls.

Today, Ms. Funk works for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Over the past 15 years, she has worked as a Foreign Service Officer in Southern and East Africa (Malawi, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Sudan).

Her specialty is democracy and governance, and she has been fortunate to serve in countries during historic transitions from authoritarian rule to democratic regimes.

She recalls helping the electoral commission in Malawi supervise their first-ever multi-party elections, "It was amazing to see the Malawians standing in line for as far as the eye could see to cast their vote for change."

Ms. Funk credits the welcoming environment of The University of Scranton as being fundamental in her career, an atmosphere that was evident from Day One. She was considering several liberal arts colleges, but it was the enthusiasm of the student who provided the campus tour that convinced her Scranton was her choice.

"His love for the school was so genuine and infectious that everything else paled in comparison," she remembers.

While at the University, Ms. Funk majored in political science and history. "Being the daughter of a Protestant minister at a Jesuit university, I found Scranton to be a fascinating cultural experience, and that was the beginning of a life full of more cross-cultural experiences."

She also embraced the Jesuit way of balancing curricular and extracurricular activities. "I was a Resident Assistant, Captain of the Cheerleading Squad, a regular at the library on week nights and involved in social events on the weekends. It was a terrific four years," she says.



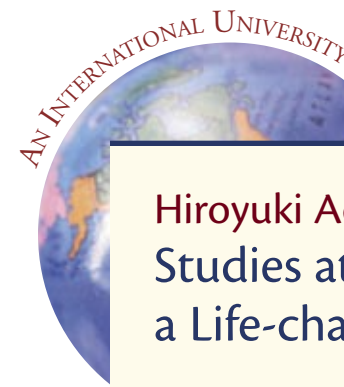
Stephanie Funk is currently stationed in Sudan, where she is working with USAID to assist the southern Sudanese in building their first-ever government.

After college, "where life had centered around me, I thought it was time to give something back." The Tamaqua native joined the Peace Corps after her graduation from Scranton in 1982 and went to Botswana, Africa, to be a teacher in a remote village in the Kalahari Desert. "Joining the Peace Corps was the perfect way to 'give something back' to those less fortunate, and at the same time, to gain experience living and working overseas," she says.

After the Peace Corps, she received a master's degree in international affairs from Drew University. She then joined USAID, the U.S. Government Agency that provides development assistance to over 100 countries worldwide. Its goal is to improve the quality of life in the developing world and to further America's foreign policy interests.

Now stationed in Sudan, Ms. Funk and her team are assisting the southern Sudanese in building their first-ever government. "Everyone has heard about Darfur in western Sudan, where the conflict has raged for three years. For all but 11 of the past 50 years, a civil war has also been fought between Northern and Southern Sudan. In 2005, a Comprehensive Peace Agreement was signed between the North and South granting the South the right to form an autonomous government. The challenges of assisting a rebel movement transition into a civilian government are immense and exciting."

She says Scranton prepared her for this challenge. "The University gave me a solid background academically, socially and professionally. It provides space for students to find and develop their own niche. I met some of my closest friends there. Through administrators, teachers and friends, I learned I could go anywhere and find people I could connect with."



Hiroyuki Aoki '94, G'96 Studies at Scranton Become a Life-changing Experience

Hiroyuki Aoki '94, G'96 dreamed of attending a university in a small community in the United States ever since he lived in Atlanta, Ga., as a child. Mr. Aoki had no idea how that dream would change his life.

It all began when Mr. Aoki researched schools to pursue a degree in business administration and decided to attend The University of Scranton.

"My first impression when I arrived at Scranton was that people were friendly and the atmosphere was nice," says Mr. Aoki. "I was, however, very anxious at the beginning about whether I would be able to keep up with the class, and I was not sure how much I would have to study." He overcame his anxiety and met the challenge through grit and determination.

"Since English was not my native language, it took effort and time to read, to write essays and to prepare for presentations," says Mr. Aoki.

He was a fixture at the library, spending most evenings after dinner until almost midnight studying and rehearsing. All of his hard work paid off when he earned a bachelor of science degree in management in 1994 and an M.B.A. in finance and international business in 1996.

Mr. Aoki's education extended beyond the classroom and the library. Friday evenings and weekends offered time to develop great friendships and to explore American culture. He credits social events and good friends with helping him to have a well-rounded educational experience.

Hiroyuki Aoki and Lucrecia Aoki live outside of Toyko with their children Kazuki Daniel and Misaki Sofia.



"My friends invited me to their homes on the weekends and showed me American life. And they always helped me when I had questions," says Mr. Aoki.

These social outings included a gathering hosted by the University's International Club during his junior year. This gathering would change his life once again.

"I met my wife, Lucrecia (known as 'Luky')," he says. "She was from Mexico and was a teaching assistant for Spanish. While at Scranton, she entered the graduate program, earning a degree in English Literature in 1997."

The couple became engaged in 1997 before they left Scranton to return to their homes in Mexico and Japan.

"We decided to get married in 1998 at the University since that is where we met and where we had so many mutual friends. In addition, we considered our host families to be our 'American Parents,'" says Mr. Aoki.

The couple was married in July 1998 by Rev. Brendan Lally, S.J., at Madonna della Strada Chapel. Their family now includes a son, Kazuki Daniel, age 5, and a daughter, Misaki Sofia, age 3.

Today, Mr. Aoki and his family live outside of Tokyo in Kawaguchi, Japan. He works as an Assistant Manager in the General Affairs Section of Asahi Kasei Chemicals Corporation.

"I have been with Asahi Kasei, a leading Japanese chemical company, since I graduated from the University," says Mr. Aoki. "I have worked in various business units, mainly as a business strategy planner. My work includes establishing affiliate entities overseas and negotiating business alliances with foreign companies."

Mr. Aoki's university experiences have extended into his current community service, where he has been a member of the Kawaguchi International Friendship Club, which supports foreign residents in the community, and has assisted social events co-organized with the city of Kawaguchi.

His years at Scranton created a solid foundation that permeates his work and his personal life.

"I have become able to adapt myself in different environments," he says. "Being away from home and alone in a different country is a challenge, but I feel it is necessary to experience this in order to widen your horizons. The many experiences that I had at The University of Scranton have been a big asset for me."



Michael Fairbanks (left) recently met with Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, at his office in Kigali.

Michael Fairbanks '79 A Theory of Success Based on a World of Experience

Michael Fairbanks '79 believes that in order to succeed, you must learn how to fail.

"Failure is the best way to learn," he says. "The key to learning is to fail fast, fail frequently and, most importantly, fail originally."

Originality is the operative word when it comes to failure, according to Mr. Fairbanks. "Never fail like anyone else, and never fail the same way twice, but do not fear it. That is how you get to learn the most, especially about yourself, and succeed fastest."

Mr. Fairbanks' theory of success is the product of his own life experiences and lessons learned from world leaders, many of whom he works with and advises on economic development strategies.

As Executive Chairman and founder of the OTF Group, he has consulted with almost 20 presidents and prime ministers of developing nations throughout the world, from Nelson Mandela to Fidel Castro to Julius Nyerere, the founder of African Socialism. He's worked with leaders of the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the Inter American Development Bank. And he has provided business strategy and advice to Presidents of the Dominican Republic, Peru, Afghanistan, Serbia and Colombia.

He is 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. Mr. Fairbanks is also the author of articles about competitiveness issues in Africa and South America, and is regularly quoted in the international

press, including *The New York Times* and *The Economist* magazine. In 2002 and 2003, *Forbes* magazine named Mr. Fairbanks one of the 150 Smartest People in the World.

Still, he'd be the first to tell you that the road to success hasn't been a straight, uphill climb, but rather a series of accomplishments and challenges. Through it all, he's never been afraid to try or to fail, and he believes that has made all the difference.

"We rarely regret what we tried and failed at; we seem to regret what we did not try to do," he says.

Mr. Fairbanks says he has learned a lot about himself and the world from his clients, many of whom are "regular" people who have courageously taken on gargantuan challenges. As an example, he cites his client and friend Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, who was raised in refugee camps in Uganda, lost both parents, and learned to be a soldier in the wars throughout East Africa. Then he retook his own country and, without help from any foreign country, ended the genocide of a million people. He is now a democratically-elected leader who wrote a new constitution that makes both ethnicities share power and gives women one-third of all seats in parliament and cabinet.

For his own part, Mr. Fairbanks attributes his inquisitive mind and his willingness to risk failure in order to succeed to his University of Scranton education and to his father, Matthew Fairbanks, Ph.D., who recently retired from the University after 46 years as a philosophy professor.

"He insisted that I be myself and never imitate anyone. 'Be true to your experience,'" he would say.

While a student at Scranton, he studied everything from organic chemistry and calculus to Joyce and Thoreau. "I was not equally good at all of these, but I believed that college is where you go to learn how to learn, and I came out not afraid to try new things."

After graduation, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, something he describes as the "ultimate volunteer experience." Admirable as it seemed, however, the late Edward Gannon, S.J., University Professor, reminded him, "It is not nobler to work for people who are poorer or far away from your home."

"He made me realize that I was also doing it for me – to see the world, to live in a mud home with no water or electricity, to see how different or similar people were on the other side of the globe from Scranton. It was the defining experience of my life."

Describing the Peace Corps as "the international union card," he encourages Scranton students to seize the opportunity for international service immediately after graduation. "If you want to learn languages, go to graduate school in political science, go to med school, or work as a diplomat or in development, it is a huge leg up."

In recognition of his distinguished career and devotion to justice, the University presented Mr. Fairbanks with an Honorary Degree during a New Student Convocation on August 26. In his remarks, the former University trustee and Wall-of-Famer encouraged students not to underestimate their own potential, or the value of their Scranton education.

"I would like to challenge you to spend the next four years not regarding yourselves as undergraduates, but as master integrators of insight who are seeking to solve the world's biggest problems. I think you came to a place where that can happen. I think The University of Scranton is a unique institution of scholarship and service on the planet Earth."

Mr. Fairbanks is married to Marylee Graffeo, a veteran of New York musical theater and Broadway productions. They have a 16-month-old son, Sebastian.

Mr. Fairbanks received an Honorary Degree and addressed the Class of 2010 during a New Student Convocation on Aug 26.



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– Michael Fairbanks



Patricia Trainor Charouk '81 An Open Mind Opens Doors of Opportunity

“Since the ‘I’ in IBM stands for International, it is hard to say where I will go next,” says Patricia Trainor Charouk '81, as she discusses her 25 year-career with the company that has taken her literally around the world. Her passport is currently stamped Madrid, Spain, where she works and lives with her family.

Patricia, or Trish, grew up in Potomac, Md., the second-oldest in a family of six children. As the niece of the late Rev. J.J. Quinn, S.J., former Professor Emeritus of English at Scranton, she was no stranger to the University. When she arrived on campus, she relished the opportunity to be on her own and get involved. “Looking back, I see this as the first of many wonderful opportunities that God presented to me,” she adds.

Mrs. Charouk says that the University was a place where she learned how to be open to new opportunities. “Rather than studying for a business administration or an accounting Degree, I chose the ‘different path’ of economics/finance,” she recalls. “As new opportunities were presented to me, I remained open-minded about the possibilities and took the change – none of which I have regretted.”

After graduating *cum laude* in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in economics/finance, she began her career with IBM, spending six years in Maryland in various financial positions. “Then, in 1987, God presented the second important opportunity to me – to go to Europe as a traveling corporate auditor,” she recalls. “I jumped at the chance. I had no home, just two huge suitcases, which I lugged around to IBM locations throughout Europe, South Africa, Egypt, and even Australia and Singapore. Best of all, during that time, I met my husband, Michel, a French national of Lebanese descent, who is also a career IBM employee.”

The couple married in 1991 and returned to IBM's corporate headquarters in New York. Four years later, they packed up their bags and two children to return to IBM's European headquarters in Paris. During their time in France, Mrs. Charouk was able to use her finance background to make a transition into Human Resources



Patricia Trainor Charouk's 25-year career with IBM has taken her around the world. She currently lives in Madrid, Spain.

as the CFO for the European Human Resources organization. From there, she moved into Executive Compensation, still drawing upon her financial background with more of a human resources focus.

Today, their children, Stephanie and Timothy, are 14 and 12, respectively. The children, who were born in the United States and spent 10 years in Paris, were apprehensive regarding the move to

Spain. Now they are quickly adapting and are learning to speak Spanish. The family takes advantage of the liberal amount of vacation time that Europeans receive and has traveled to Phuket, Thailand, Sharm el-Sheik on the Red Sea in Egypt, and Kenya, among other locations.

Mrs. Charouk is currently an Executive Resources Program Manager with the IBM Southwest Europe Human Resources team; her husband is the Vice President of Operations for the same division. She says they return to the United States every couple of years, including a time this fall to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents, Joe and Celestine Trainor. “With my five brothers and sisters and 16 grandchildren, it was a huge family reunion.”

“When I graduated with my finance degree, I never dreamed that my career would be as broad or encompass as many opportunities to see the world. I credit being ‘in the right place at the right time’ when opportunity presented itself and then stepping up to the challenges of those opportunities. It has been God's plan, not mine, that I am following. I'm very content to continue following His plan,” she says.



Sebastian Akerman '10 Swedish Soccer Player Follows His Brother's Footsteps to Scranton

Sebastian Akerman chose Scranton over Sweden.

As he prepared to enter college in the fall of 2006, Sebastian could have chosen from any number of universities in his homeland of Sweden – for free. (Higher education in Sweden is free of charge to all citizens.) Instead, he chose The University of Scranton, and he's all the happier for it.

“I like the fact that a Jesuit university serves to look at the individual as a person as opposed to a class as a whole,” he says.

It's more than pure chance that Sebastian selected Scranton. His decision was based, in large part, to the positive experience that his brother, Daniel Akerman '06, had while a student at Scranton.

“My brother had the best four years of his life here, and so it made it easy for me when he recommended the University,” says Sebastian.

The Akerman family's link to Scranton dates back to their childhood. Sebastian and Daniel's parents, who are Swedish by birth, lived in Franklin Lakes, N.J., for a period of time before moving back to Sweden with their family in 1991.

During their childhood years in New Jersey, Daniel and his neighbor, Michael Cassino '06, made a pact that they would one day attend college together. Daniel and Michael made good on that childhood promise when they came to Scranton. Upon his brother's recommendation, Sebastian followed in his brother's footsteps.

One of the other draws to Scranton for Sebastian was soccer. “It's been a passion of mine for a very long time,” says the left mid-fielder, who is majoring in marketing.



Upon the recommendation of his brother, Daniel Akerman '06, Sebastian Akerman chose Scranton over Sweden for his college education.

“In Sweden, the purpose of going to college is all academics,” he adds. By comparison, he says, the University offers a well-rounded mixture of studies and extracurricular activities (including soccer) interwoven with faith-based teachings that “contribute to the warm environment.”

“I've never had so many friends in my life,” says Sebastian.

In addition to being the only Swede in his class, he is, at 21, most likely the oldest full-time freshman on campus. As Sebastian explains, children in Sweden start grade school a year later than in North America. After finishing high school, most students also enter the military. Upon graduating from high school, Sebastian joined the Navy as part of a special operations unit on Karlskrona, the largest navel fleet in Sweden. He could easily have stayed with the Navy, but again, he chose Scranton.

When he arrived on campus, language proved to be a barrier – one that he worked to overcome by reading plenty of books and newspapers. Sebastian also acknowledges that the rigorous program at Scranton required him to “step up” his studies. And he readily admits that he misses family and friends and the beautiful countryside of Sweden.

Still, he says, “I wouldn't choose to be anywhere else.”

“People often ask me why I came here when I could have gone to school in Sweden for free. All I can say is: It's worth the effort.”

Daniel Akerman '06 (right) and Michael Cassino '06, pictured here at their Freshman Orientation in 2002, made a pact in their childhood that they would one day go to college together.





Sara Shea '08

Working to Keep Hope Alive

Sara Shea, a nursing major, is one of nine students who participated in a service trip to Kenya in June. The trip was sponsored by the International Service Program of the Office of University Ministries at Scranton. Following are excerpts of a letter from Sara to Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., Vice President for Mission.

Georgina and Nicholas are orphans and both are HIV+. However, as sad as that might seem, Georgina and Nicholas are considered lucky ones. They live at Nyumbani Orphanage where they are able to get an education and have access to all the medication that they need. They receive more love than they know what to do with and have friends who can share in their experiences. Most kids in Kenya who are orphans and HIV+ will never experience the love and comfort that the kids at Nyumbani do every day. All the kids at Nyumbani were like normal kids except they had a greater understanding of suffering than most kids in the U.S. They also had a greater appreciation for life, love and sharing.

The lives and the stories of so many people that I met were devastating, but also inspirational. Kids at St. Aloysius School who were orphaned by AIDS, living in extreme poverty and struggling to get an education amazed me with their warm and genuine smiles, songs and laughter. Their struggles were real, but their faith and hope were moving. The refugees, who had absolutely nothing humbled me abundantly when they offered my group bananas and a round of applause for just coming to visit them. There was a huge language barrier, but the love in that room was felt by every person there. The boys at Kwetu Home of Peace (a home for street boys) were inspiring. The boys showed true courage as they introduced themselves to us and explained that they came to Kwetu to change their lives and that they wished to welcome us.

While the group that I traveled with saw extreme poverty and sufferings, we were also witnesses to an indescribable amount of faith, thankfulness and hope. When we asked what we could take back with us to the United States, the message was loud and clear. It is a message of hope. Hope that so many people who I met not only just spoke about, but lived in their actions every day. While the situations in Kenya and around the world might seem hopeless, they are far from it. Without hope, many of the people we met have nothing. It is hope for a better future, good health, a family, a cure for AIDS, and an education that truly get people through their days. However, it is the hope, faith and trust in God that many people have that shines the brightest. This hope exists within the hearts and souls of so many, so we must continue to hope and pray with them.



Sara Shea, pictured with orphans Georgina and Nicholas, is one of nine students who participated in a service trip to Kenya in June.

Sincerely,
Sara

Ralph Elliott '10

Soccer Player Finds His Match at Scranton

Ralph Elliott was just two years old when his family fled from Liberia during the civil war. Ralph's grandfather, who was the mayor of Nimba, was assassinated, and the family moved to the city of Abidjan on the Ivory Coast. He lived there as a refugee for nine years, finding solace in the game of soccer.

At the age of 11, Ralph moved to Philadelphia to live with his grandmother. Upon moving to the United States, he faced several barriers, including the language. (Ralph grew up speaking French. He is now bilingual.) But perhaps the biggest barrier he faced was finding a good game of soccer. After trying football, he finally found what he was looking for – and then some.

It was at a soccer camp where Ralph met Andrew Lynch, Esq., '89, a former Scranton soccer player, who was running the camp.

"He just showed up and kept trying to play with my team. At first I tried to kick him off, but he was so persistent that eventually I let him play," says Mr. Lynch, who from that point forward took Ralph under his wing.

"He's everything to me – a mentor – a Dad. He's a great, great guy," says Ralph of Mr. Lynch.

The feeling is mutual.

"Ralph has grown to become part of our family. My two children think of him as a brother, and I think of him as a son," says Mr. Lynch. "We didn't look for each other, but somehow managed to find one another."

Mr. Lynch watched Ralph grow up "almost overnight," from an 11-year-old tough kid from a difficult background to "a thoughtful and responsible young man – one who uses his intellect to solve problems."

Ralph graduated from the Episcopal Academy in Merion, Pa., and was named a soccer All Inter-AC Conference All Star throughout four years of high school.

When it came time to look at colleges, Mr. Lynch introduced him to The University of Scranton and Royals Soccer.

A midfielder, Ralph wanted to play soccer in his freshman year, and the University provided him with the opportunity to do that.

"Ralph is a hard worker, very positive, very fast, and a very smart soccer player," says Matt Pivorotto, Head Men's Soccer Coach at Scranton.

Mr. Lynch agrees with the coach's assessment. "Ralph sees all 22 players on the field. He thinks of soccer like a game of chess. He thinks several moves ahead," he says.

Ralph feels right at home at the University.

"I feel blessed that I am able to go to this University and that one day I'll be able to do something with my life," says Ralph.

Although he is looking forward to a bright future, he still remembers his past.

After graduating from the University, he hopes to have a career that will allow him to provide for his grandmother and, "If I become somebody, I'd like to go back and build a hospital to help people."

Mr. Lynch has no doubt about Ralph's future. "His best is yet to come."



Ralph Elliott, who was born in Liberia, has been playing soccer since he was a child living on the Ivory Coast.



Friendly Sons Scholarship Supports Study in Ireland

During his junior year at Scranton in 1987, Aidan Egan '88 spent the spring semester studying literature at University College in Galway. Today, almost 20 years later, he is back in Ireland as owner and operator of the Ostan an Bear Mor, a countryside hotel in Donegal Gaeltacht.



Aidan Egan '88 says the Friendly Sons Scholarship influenced his decision to live in Ireland, where he now owns the Ostan An Bear Mor Hotel.

Mr. Egan has made quite a number of stops along the road from Galway to Donegal Gaeltacht, including 12 years of work as a Peace Corps Volunteer and as a director of development and humanitarian assistance projects in Paraguay, Angola and Zimbabwe. Across the miles and across the globe, he's carried something with him: an interest in traveling and living in foreign countries that was nurtured through the study abroad scholarship he received from the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in 1987.

"After almost 20 years, I'm still very grateful to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick as their scholarship enabled me to live and study in Galway, something I wouldn't have been able to afford without their assistance," says Mr. Egan.

Reflecting on his years with the Peace Corps in Paraguay, Mr. Egan attributes his semester of study in Ireland with his ability to "live, survive and cope in a foreign culture."

"I had that experience, thanks to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick," he says.

Since its founding in 1984 as the Irish Study Scholarship of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the program has provided \$37,000 to University of Scranton students for academic study in Ireland. In 1994, the scholarship program was named in honor of John H. Corcoran, M.D. '21, who served as the 33rd President of the Friendly Sons. The scholarship is awarded annually and is given in alternate years to students from The University of Scranton and Marywood University.

According to the Honorable Richard P. Conaboy '46, United States District Court Judge, who has chaired the scholarship selection committee since its inception, the scholarship is designed to help students develop an interest in the history, people and government of Ireland.

"The genesis of the program is that the world is getting smaller and transportation and communication have changed so dramatically that it's easier for people to get to know countries all over the world," says Judge Conaboy. "We thought that if more young people from this country got to know another country, they would learn more about the world and, in doing so, they could contribute more to society."

Judge Conaboy's sentiments were shared by the scholarship's namesake, Dr. John Corcoran. "He was very interested in the concept of establishing a scholarship for students to study abroad," says Judge Conaboy. Ireland was a natural choice for the Friendly Sons.

At the time that the scholarship was named in his honor, Dr. Corcoran was the oldest living past President of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. With the exception of his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he attended every annual banquet of the Friendly Sons from 1928 – 1993.

Receiving the Friendly Sons scholarship was especially meaningful for Mr. Egan, whose parents were emigrants from County Donegal and County Tyrone in Ireland. His study abroad experience, coupled with the Jesuit education he received at Scranton, have been valuable compasses along his career path, says Mr. Egan. The communication and creative thinking skills he developed proved especially useful in humanitarian and development work.

"In difficult, restrictive and resource-poor areas, the ability to 'think outside the box' and come up with creative solutions to problems can make all the difference between success and failure," he says.

He also credits the late J.J. Quinn, S.J., Professor of English, with offering the best class he ever had at Scranton: a tutorial on Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. "Both Hopkins' and Father Quinn's views on the world and human nature were influential in my approach to humanitarian work."

Mr. Egan is not alone in his gratitude to the Friendly Sons. Upon returning from Ireland, scholarship recipients regularly make presentations to the group, reflecting on their study abroad experience. Judge Conaboy has also received many letters of appreciation from students dating back to the first scholarship recipient, Ted Cook.

"I think studying over here has made me more politically and socially aware of world problems, and I find we share a lot of the same concerns on many issues," Mr. Cook wrote in a Jan. 26, 1985, letter to Judge Conaboy.

For Mr. Egan, the study abroad experience ultimately translated into a decision to live abroad. "My decision to live in Ireland is due in no small part to the positive experience I had while at University College Galway," he says.

Almost two decades later and an ocean apart from his Scranton beginnings, Mr. Egan has stayed in touch with friends from the University, quite a number of whom have visited him in Ireland.

"Friendships forged in Scranton seem to withstand the test of time," he says.



The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County recently presented a check for \$5,000 to The University of Scranton for the Dr. John J. Corcoran Scholarship for Study in Ireland. Seated, from left: Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President; the Honorable Richard P. Conaboy, representing the Friendly Sons; Amanda A. McCulloch, scholarship winner; James W. Rowe, scholarship winner. Standing, from left: Scranton Mayor and Friendly Sons Vice President Christopher A. Doherty; Michael R. Simons, Coordinator for Study Abroad & Global Initiatives at the University; E. Springs Steele, Ph.D., Interim Associate Provost and Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Scranton; and William V. Rowe, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at the University and father of scholarship winner.

JOHN H. CORCORAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

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The Francis E. and Elizabeth Brennan Redington Scholarship

The Francis E. and Elizabeth Brennan Redington Scholarship program was established in 1985 to provide financial assistance to students from the Republic of Ireland who wish to pursue an education at The University of Scranton. The scholarship program also provides financial assistance for American students pursuing college education.

The late Francis E. Redington was the son of an Irish immigrant who founded the J.P. Redington and Co., furniture business in 1897. Mr. Redington and his brother, Gerald, expanded the business into a national and international enterprise that specialized in church and school furniture. While his own formal education ended when he graduated from Scranton Central High School in 1930, Mr. Redington became friends with the late Joseph A. Rock, S.J., of the University when his company was assisting with the furnishing of St. Ignatius Chapel.

The late Elizabeth Brennan Redington H'92 was also born and raised in Scranton. After graduating from Rosemont College, Mrs. Redington worked as an industrial hygienist for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as the women's page editor for both *The Scranton Times* and *The Scranton Tribune*. She served on the University's Board of Trustees for two terms, was Chair of the University Council and was a member of the major gifts committee for the Second Cornerstone Campaign.

In 1985 the University named a new student residence in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Redington. Redington Hall is home to 244 students.

In her "younger years" Elizabeth Brennan Redington, was coach of a sandlot football team.



Legacy of Irish Immigrant Lives on Through Redington Scholarship Program

When Sinéad Ní Chadhain '92 was a teenager in Ireland, she thought her future was secure. She had already been accepted into a medical education program that included college and medical school. Then the Jesuits at her high school informed the students about the Redington Scholars program at The University of Scranton.

"I remember thinking that college in the United States might be fun," recalls Ms. Ni Chadhain. On that impulse, the high school senior completed the application process and soon found that she was the first person in the Galway area to be awarded the scholarship.

The Francis E. and Elizabeth Brennan Redington Scholarship program, established in 1985, has provided scholarship assistance to 41 students from Ireland, 33 of whom, like Ms. Ni Chadhain, have graduated. Eight students are currently enrolled as Redington Scholars at the University.

Sinéad Ní Chadhain was the first person from Galway, Ireland, to be awarded the Redington Scholarship. Today, she is a Research Scientist at Rutgers University Biotechnology Center.



This photograph was taken in 1988, when Sinéad Ní Chadhain arrived at Scranton as a Redington Scholar. From left: Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., then President of the University; Ms. Ni Chadhain; Robert Little of Blackrock County, Dublin, also a Redington Scholar; and Elizabeth Brennan Redington.

Ms. Ni Chadhain recalls the University's welcoming environment when she arrived in the United States. "The International Student Advisor met me at J.F.K. Airport, and my orientation to American culture began. I arrived at least a week before school started so there was time to adjust."

For Ms. Ni Chadhain, the Redington scholarship has led to a career she is passionate about. When she arrived in Scranton, her intent was still medicine. While doing undergraduate research in biology, however, she realized her true calling. After completing her undergraduate degree in biology, she also spent a year of graduate study in biochemistry at the University. She then completed a Ph.D. in marine science at the University of Delaware. Today, she is a Research Scientist at Rutgers University Biotechnology Center, where she focuses on biodegradation.

"The research examines how bacteria breaks down pollutants," she says. "I particularly enjoy that there is a practical side to our work. There are real-world uses."

For Chris Little '90, G'92 of Limerick, Ireland, the Redington Scholars program set him on the course



Chris Little of Limerick, Ireland, says the Redington Scholars program set him on the course that led to heading his own Virginia-based process and technology consulting firm.

that led to heading his own Virginia-based process and technology consulting firm. The eighth of ten children, he applied for the scholarship while a student at a Jesuit high school. "The scholarship was an opportunity to come abroad," Mr. Little recalls. His older brother was already in the U.S., and Mr. Little had visited him previously.

"The scholarship was based on merit and need, and I wanted to do it justice," he says.

Mr. Little completed his bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's in software engineering. He credits the Jesuit and the liberal arts education he received at the University for instilling many of the values he feels are core to his business and personal life today.

"The University of Scranton opened my eyes to incorporating and developing spirituality in all aspects of life and focusing on the human element," he says. "The Jesuits have a 'human-centric' approach that allowed me to explore many concepts and philosophies. The experience shaped my views as to what is fundamental to life, and the need for work-life balance with respect and value for each other."

Mr. Little also believes that the University provided momentum for his career choice. He saw that the values and passion he developed at the University were not always present in business situations. He feels that personal and business values should not be separate, since values are ultimately personal.

"I became passionate about raising the standards in our industry and felt that valued partnerships with employees and clients made good personal and professional sense," he says.

Mr. Little's company, Dominion Digital, has been recognized by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and in 2001 was the recipient of the Ernst & Young Virginia Entrepreneur of the Year Award.



Royals Athletics

The University is proud to welcome **Kevin Dugan**, **Liz Steege** and **Becky Davis** as three of the five new head coaches appointed to the athletics staff for the 2006-2007 academic year. Dugan took over the men's lacrosse program after



Kevin Dugan



Liz Steege



Becky Davis

serving as an assistant coach at Yale University last spring and as head coach at Gordon College in Massachusetts from 2003 through 2005. He is a 2001 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Steege began her first season as head coach of the women's tennis team. She is a 2000 graduate of Fairfield University, where she was a four-year member of the women's tennis team. She was a member of two Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championship teams and captured the MAAC doubles title in 1998. Davis took over the women's lacrosse program after serving as an assistant for the Royals for three seasons. She is a 2002 graduate of West Chester University.



Colleen Mahon

Also coming on board this year is **Keith Hetsko**, a 1978 graduate of Bloomsburg University, as head men's tennis coach. He previously served as head coach of the men's program at Marywood University from 1994 through 2006. Taking over as head wrestling coach is **Robert Mazzatta**, a 1995 graduate of the University who has more than 30 years of experience as a competitor and coach. **Colleen Mahon**, head field hockey coach for the past two seasons, serves as softball coach after serving as an assistant coach for the Royals last spring. A native of Shavertown, she was a standout player in field hockey and softball at Drew University.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team defeated Moravian College, 3-1, on September 14 at Fitzpatrick Field for the 300th victory in the program's storied 24-year history. Veteran head coach **Joe Bochicchio** has guided the Royals to 290 of the 300 victories, including 11 NCAA Division III tournament appearances and 15 Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference titles.



Joe Bochicchio



VOLLEYBALL

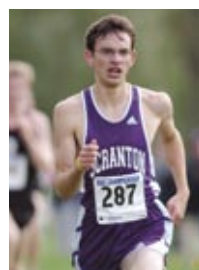
Volleyball coach **Jud Holdredge** reached a personal milestone on September 20, when the Royals defeated Wilkes, 3-0, for the 100th victory of his coaching career. In five seasons, he has led Scranton to two Freedom Conference titles and two NCAA Division III tournament appearances.



Volleyball Coach
Jud Holdredge

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Senior **John Mercuri** was named first-team Academic all-American by ESPN *The Magazine* this past spring. A second-team selection in 2005, Mercuri is one of 21 student-athletes in University of Scranton history to garner this prestigious award.



John Mercuri

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

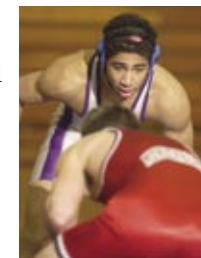
Junior **Becky Prial** won the Marywood University Labor Day Invitational on September 2. She became the eighth runner in Royals' history to accomplish this feat, joining the ranks of Katy Drower (1995), Anna Szasz (1996), Annamaria Rigolio (1997), Eileen Socorso (1999), Erin Kilker (1999), Mary Beth Sexton (2000) and Ingrid Stein (2002).



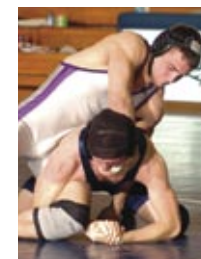
Becky Prial

WRESTLING

The wrestling team will rely on senior **Donell Young** and junior **Steve Tatum** to provide leadership and experience during the upcoming season. Young won 22 matches last winter and enters his final season of competition fifth on the University of Scranton all-time wins list. Tatum has won 20-or-more matches in each of his first two seasons. He placed second in the 165-pound weight class at the 2006 Middle Atlantic Conference championships.



Donell Young



Steve Tatum

SWIMMING

Senior **Jill Palmiotto** and sophomore **Joe Veselovsky** are coming off outstanding performances at the 2006 Middle Atlantic Conference swim championships. Palmiotto won her second consecutive 200 backstroke title and finished first in the 100 backstroke to help the Royals women post a second-place finish in the 11-team field. Veselovsky finished runner-up in the 400 individual medley and the 200 butterfly as the Scranton men placed third in the 10-team field with a school-record 425 points.



Jill Palmiotto



Joe Veselovsky

LADY ROYALS TOP TEAM IN THREE PRE-SEASON POLLS

Coach Mike Strong's Lady Royals are the top-ranked team in not one, not two, but three pre-season polls heading into the upcoming 2006-2007 season.

The return of four starters, including all-American guards **Taryn Melody** and **Allison Matt**, have made Scranton the number one team in the country, according to recent polls released by D3hoops.com, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)/ESPN/USA Today, and Women's DIII News.

The Lady Royals are coming off a 31-2 season, including a second straight appearance in the Final Four.



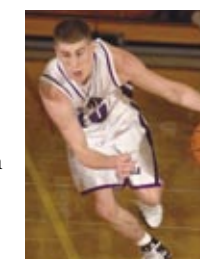
Taryn Melody



Allison Matt

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Juniors **Randy Arnold** and **Tom Bicknell** are expected to play major roles in the success of the men's basketball team this winter. Arnold earned first-team all-Freedom Conference and second-team all-Middle Atlantic regional honors by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) after leading the Royals in scoring, assists and steals last season. He was also named the most valuable player (MVP) of the Freedom Conference tournament as Scranton defeated Lycoming and Wilkes to capture its 17th league title. Bicknell, a native of Melbourne, Australia, was named second-team all-Freedom Conference last year. In five seasons, head coach Carl Danzig has led the Royals to two Freedom Conference titles and two NCAA Division III tournament appearances.



Randy Arnold



Tom Bicknell

ICE HOCKEY

Behind the play of senior goalie **David Skinner** and senior defenseman **Dan Stallone**, the Ice Royals will look to challenge for the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA) championship this winter. Stallone made history last season when he became the first player in Scranton history to earn first-team all-ECHA honors. Veteran head coach Bill Fitzgerald has led the Ice Royals to four ECHA post-season tournament appearances.



David Skinner



Dan Stallone

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O'Hara Award Nominees Sought

Nominees for the 26th annual Frank J. O'Hara Awards are being accepted by The University of Scranton Alumni Society. The O'Hara Awards, named in honor of the late University Administrator, Frank J. O'Hara '25, are presented annually to University alumni and other persons who have sustained achievement in a particular career or endeavor. The awards are presented during Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 8-10, 2007. Nominations, which should include a brief biographical sketch, should be sent to the Office of Alumni Relations by Thursday, March 1, 2007. Further information on the O'Hara Awards may be found on the Reunion Web site: www.scranton.edu/reunion.

Medical Alumni Council to Host Symposium

The Medical Alumni Council will host a Medical Alumni Symposium on Saturday, May 5, on campus. The Symposium, which is the second of its kind offered by the Medical Alumni Council, is designed as a continuing education program and medical alumni reunion for alumni physicians, dentists, selected health care professionals and alumni in medical school. The daylong event will feature keynote speakers and presentations from practicing medical alumni. Further information is available from the Alumni Office. The Medical Alumni Council is an affiliate of The University of Scranton Alumni Society.

Assistant Alumni Director for Class Affinity Named

Julie Bialowski has been named Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. Ms. Bialowski is responsible for developing programs that foster class affinity. She also promotes awareness of the Alumni Society among prospective students and current undergraduates. She is responsible for identifying, recruiting and training volunteers to serve as class chairs and reunion volunteers, and oversees class Web pages. The Alumni Society boasts over 900 alumni volunteers serving in a variety of capacities. Ms. Bialowski is a native of Scranton.

Affinity Checks Introduced

Scranton Alumni can now complement their official University of Scranton credit card with customized University checks. The Alumni Society has contracted with a vendor to provide bank checks with a variety of University images and campus scenes. Further information and online orders can be accessed by visiting the benefits and services link of the alumni Web site www.scranton.edu/alumni.

Alumni Board Approves Long-term Care Insurance Program

The Alumni Board of Governors has approved a proposal from its Public Relations Committee to establish an affinity Long-Term Care Insurance Program for its members. This program offers alumni and their spouses a portfolio of comprehensive plans from several highly-rated insurance carriers and a partnership with a network of long-term care specialists. Information is being mailed to alumni age 50 through 75. Further information is available by contacting the Alumni Office.

Scranton Mayor Addresses Alumni Board



At the invitation of Alumni Society President Timothy P. O'Brien '74, Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty attended the fall meeting of the Alumni Board of Governors. The Mayor provided an update on several new projects and facilities in the city and discussed ways in which the city and the University are partnering.

Class Notes

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Dr. John Walsh, Scranton, and his wife, Mae Farrell Walsh, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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J.G. McHale, McCook, Neb., is self-publishing a book entitled *Twentieth Century Sketches, A Memoir, Comedic and Tragedic, In Story and Verse*.

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Joseph J. Mowad, M.D., Danville, was honored by the Geisinger Health System for his long career and dedicated service to his patients with the naming of the Mowad Center for Urogynecology and Pediatric Urology at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

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Robert J. Suhosky, Honesdale, has retired as Executive Director of the Wayne County Industrial Development Corporation.

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R. Barrett Noone, M.D., Haverford, a past member of the Board of Trustees of the University, received the Distinguished Fellow Award from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

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Lawrence J. Gramling, Tolland, Conn., was appointed Chair of the Accounting and Reporting Standards Committee of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Dan Loftus, Clarks Summit, Executive Director, Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living, was elected Treasurer of the Statewide Independent Living Council.

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Peter D. Quinn, M.D., D.M.D., Haverford, Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, was featured in the summer edition of *Penn Medicine* for his work on temporomandibular joint disorder (TMD) and for his major role in expanding the department at UPenn.

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John J. Houston, Ph.D., Clifton, N.J., received the Archbishop John Hughes Medal from Fordham University for 20 years of service at Fordham.

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Daniel D. Dowd, Jr., D.O., York, was recently re-elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA), a statewide organization for physicians holding the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

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Philip John Dzwonczyk, M.D., Norwich, N.Y., was recently recertified as a Certified Medical Director by the American Medical Directors Association. Philip also received a President's Award for Voluntary Faculty Service at the Fall Faculty Convocation of the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y.

David J. Lukiewski, Westford, Mass., has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of Welch's.

John P. Lutz, Pottstown, was promoted to major and assigned as the director of the State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement.

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Alan Peslak, Ph.D., Peckville, has been invited to serve on the Editorial Review Board of the prestigious *Information Resources Management Journal* (IRMJ). His term will last two years.

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Rev. William N. Seifert, Allentown, has been appointed as Diocesan Director for Prison Ministry and the Pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish.

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Richard Buccì G' 79, Binghamton, N.Y., has completed his 12-year tenure as Mayor of Binghamton and has accepted the position of Director of Professional Development & Curriculum with the Vestal Central School District.

Michael Curry, Esq., Bryn Mawr, has established his own law firm of Palmarella, Curry and Kelly, P.C., practicing in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Brian Duke, Washington Crossing, was appointed Executive Director of the New Jersey Foundation for Aging.

Thomas Hogan, Hamilton Square, N.J., who heads up MetLife Resources, was a principal participant as The MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals co-sponsored Principals of the Year winners at a meeting and celebration at The White House, Washington, D.C.

Kenneth Lopian, Mendham, N.J., has been promoted to Senior Executive Vice President at Bank of New York.

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Patrick Kerrigan, M.D., Hanover Township, celebrated his twentieth year in private practice of solo-independent family medicine. He was awarded the key to the city of Wilkes-Barre during the Centennial Celebration this summer.

Gail Parsons Eddy, Nederland, Colo., and her husband, Chris, own and operate "Geek for Hire," an onsite computer troubleshooting and repair business.

Marie Luchi Ryan-Kerr, Camp Hill, was appointed Assistant Director for Operations and Administration for the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation Benefits and Allowances in the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

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Sharon S. Lehman, M.D., Wilmington, Del., Chief of the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, has been named as the Robinson D. Harley, M.D. Endowed Chair of Pediatric Ophthalmology at the Hospital. Sharon is an Associate Professor of both Pediatrics and Ophthalmology at Thomas Jefferson University.

Glen Wakeman, San Juan, Puerto Rico, was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Doral Financial Corporation.

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Stephanie Funk is currently working in Nairobi, Kenya, for the U.S. State Department, Agency for International Development. She is currently working on a Governmental Program for Sudan.

Col. David Kneafsey, U.S.A., El Paso, Texas, retired from Active Duty Status with over 24 years of service in intelligence, special operations, and airborne units. He was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Edward Myslewicz, Mechanicsburg, was named Press Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department for General Services.



Conference Invigorates Alumni Leaders

“To return is to remember. To remember is to learn again. To learn is to be grateful. And to be grateful is to be fully alive.”

With these words, Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn '72, opened the Alumni Leadership Conference with a keynote address to the more than 90 alumni leaders who came to campus on July 7 – 8. They returned to campus to remember their Scranton days, and to learn about ways to strengthen alumni programs and to gratefully be “men and women for others.” By the end of the two-day conference, they were alive with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for their various leadership roles.

Recalling great leaders of The University of Scranton, Msgr. Quinn noted that, “They lead by serving, and they serve by leading.”

Conference Co-Chairs were John F. Lanahan '84, Vice President of the Alumni Society; Patrick Leahy, Vice President for University Relations; and Megan Morgan '95, President, Scranton Club of

Patrick Leahy, Vice President for University Relations and Conference Co-chair, welcomed alumni back to campus.



New England and Alumni Board member.

Conference sessions covered a variety of areas, including Alumni Club Volunteers, Alumni Board of Governors, Alumni Affiliates and Royal Recruiters.

A session on the Roles and Responsibilities of Alumni Volunteers included discussions about how the Alumni Society and its clubs and affiliates can support the University's Strategic Plan.

Joe Roback G'93, Associate Vice President for Admissions and Undergraduate Enrollment, discussed recruitment strategies and activities and how alumni are part of the Admissions team. In 2005-2006 alone, 60 alumni participated in the Royal Recruiters program, representing Scranton

Conference Co-Chair Megan Morgan '95 introduced the luncheon keynote speaker, Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President.



at more than 90 college fairs in 10 states.

Frank Gilmartin '77, G'82, Assistant Director of Career Services, provided an overview of career-related services available to alumni, including

Presenters at a session on Event Planning, from left: Jim Reilly '79, Vice President of the Scranton Club of New York, Maryjane Rooney '80, Associate Director of Alumni Relations; and Rachele Mackin Browning '84, Alumni Board Member.



College Central, which provides an opportunity for alumni to seek jobs and to post job openings of interest to alumni and students.

University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R.

Pilarz, S.J., delivered the keynote address at the luncheon. In his remarks, Fr. Pilarz thanked alumni for “taking an active role in shaping the institution that shaped you so well.”

He went on to challenge alumni to build class affinity as a way to ensure that Scranton's uniquely transformative educational experience is available for generations to come.

“I'm asking the Alumni Society to make class organizations a priority as we move forward together. There are great benefits to be had all around, not the least of which is securing Scranton's rightful place in Catholic and Jesuit higher education,” said Fr. Pilarz.

During an afternoon session on Event Planning, panel participants discussed the “Four Corners” model of planning events: social, spiritual, networking and community. Panelists also discussed the possibility of establishing club levels that would depict the levels of membership and activity.

Another session explored Image and Expectations of Scranton and its Alumni Society. Panel participants discussed the importance of word-of-mouth marketing and learned about the University's Integrated Marketing Plan and Strategic Plan.

The Conference concluded with a Mass celebrated by Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., President Emeritus of the University. For additional information about the Conference, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/alumnileadership.

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OPENING PRAYER

*Presented by
Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, '72
Keynote Speaker
and former Trustee*

Blessed is...

Blessed is the leader
Who knows where to go,
Why to go there
And how to get there.

Blessed is the leader
Who knows no
discouragement,
Presents no alibi.

Blessed is the leader
Who knows how to lead
Without being dictatorial.

Blessed is the leader
Who leads for the good
of the
Most concerned,
and not for
Personal gratification.

Blessed is the leader
With a head in the clouds,
And feet on the ground.

Blessed is the leader
Who considers leadership
An opportunity to serve.

Blessed are those
Who remember lessons
taught and learned,
And who never forget
Those who taught them.

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William Bukowski, Salisbury, Md., is Classical Music Host and Operations Director for WSCL 89.5 FM/ Public Radio, Delmarva.

William Casey, Naperville, Ill., was recently promoted to Vice President, Corporate Marketing and Customer Care at Andrew Corporation, located in Westchester, Ill.

Elizabeth Ciabocchi, Ed.D., Central Islip, N.Y., received her degree in Higher Education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Alan Dakey, Millersburg, was elected Chairman of the Board of Mid Penn Bancorp.

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James L. Dean, M.D., F.A.C.P., Philadelphia, was recently promoted to Medical Director for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and now works in the Office of the Health Commissioner.

Maggie Keyser McCans, Folsom, is a Preschool Teacher at St. James Academy, Prospect Park, and works part-time at the Dept. of Public Safety at Swarthmore College.

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Tricia Carr Kasper, Robbinsville, N.J., and her husband Rich, purchased and opened MaggieMoo Ice Cream franchises in Mount Laurel and Moorestown, N.J.

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Laura Kane Roland, M.A., Hughesville, Md., received her degree in Reading Education from Towson University. She is a middle school Reading, Social Studies and Religion Teacher with the Archdiocese of Washington.

Rachel Lawhon Powers, Portland, Maine, is teaching in Portland High School, the second-oldest high school in the United States.

Matthew Roland, Hughesville, Md., is currently Vice President of Consulting for Gartner, located in Balston, Va.

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Timothy DiMarco, Marvin, N.C., recently sold his company, 680 Partners LLC, and has accepted a position with Microsoft Corporation.

Charles Flint, Smyrna, Ga., recently accepted a position at The Convex Group as a Senior Project Manager.

Theresa Helbeck Madden, Wall, N.J., was promoted to Director, HR Business Partner, at Automatic Data Processing, Inc.

Jeffrey Jakubowski, Danbury, Conn., is market and product manager for polymer additives with Nagase America of New York City.

Tracey Redolphy Collins, Ph.D., Clarks Summit, received her degree in Health Administration from Walden University and is currently an Assistant Professor at The University of Scranton.

LTC. Michael Richardson, Burke, Va., recently assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He is currently serving in Iraq and has served previously in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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Sharon Toomey Kotch, Ph.D., received her degree in Clinical Psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Thomas J. Shields, Ph.D., Richmond, Va., a faculty member at the University of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies, was recently acknowledged in *Style*, a magazine in the Richmond area, in a feature called “40 under 40,” profiling 40 people under 40 years of age who were having an impact on the Richmond area in business, education and the arts.

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Melissa Berlot McCafferty, Philadelphia, has become of counsel for the Beasley Firm, LLC. Melissa and her husband are also sports agents in their own business, McCafferty Sports Management, representing professional athletes throughout the country.

Kelly Chick, C.S.T., Ketchikan, Alaska, staff member of Ketchikan General Hospital, achieved the first level of CrainoSacral Therapy Techniques certification through the Upledger Institute.

James Keating, M.B.A., New York, N.Y., received his degree with a dual concentration in Marketing and Finance at Fordham University and was recruited to be Vice President of Sales by Guidester, Inc.

Alison Moran, Brooklyn, N.Y., is Employee Communications Manager at American Express Publishing.

Kelly Noto, M.B.A., Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., received her degree, with honors, from Regis University.

James Tucker, South Orange, N.J., received a M.Div. in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary and recently accepted the position of Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Church in Secaucus.

Your Reunion

2001 • 1996 • 1991 • 1986 • 1981 • 1976 • 1971 • 1966 • 1961 • 1956 • GOLDEN GRADS

Approximately 1,000 people gathered on campus for Alumni Reunion June 16-18.

Milestone years celebrated this year were classes ending in 1 and 6. Additional photos can be found on the Web site at www.scranton.edu/reunion (select "Photo Gallery").



Members of the Class of 2001 reminisced as they viewed a poster that they signed five years ago at graduation.

Joe Zack '56, who returned for his 50th Class Reunion, viewed the plaque that bears his name on the Wall of Fame.



James A. Kelly Esq. '48, (third from left) Chairman of the Alumni Society's Golden Grads, presented the 50th Anniversary Medals to members of the Class of 1956.



Classmates gathered at the fountain on the Commons.



James A. Kelly, Esq., '48, Chairman of the Alumni Society's Golden Grads, welcomed the Class of 1956 to their 50th Year Reunion

Members of the Class of 1996 enjoyed the Reunion Family Picnic on Founder's Green.



Remarks by Frank O'Hara Alumni Award recipient Neil P. McLaughlin, S.J., (at podium, inset photo) were warmly received by the audience, including fellow O'Hara Alumni Award recipients,



seated, front row, from left: Jack Sweeney '61, Eudes Clarke G '96, Atty. John Dunn '50, Sharon Lehman, M.D., '81, Msgr. Michael Delaney '81 and Belinda Juran, Esq., '81.

