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### Beyond All Expectations:

UNIVERSITY DEDICATES BRENNAN HALL
At its meeting on 6 December, the Board of Trustees endorsed a course for the future of the University’s Athletic Program, settling a debate on campus and off about the institution’s Division status.

The Trustees reaffirmed the Division III status of the University’s intercollegiate athletic program and endorsed several recommendations to improve it. The Board was acting on a report from Linhart Consulting, a firm that the Trustees engaged last year to evaluate the University’s intercollegiate athletic program.

“Among the very first questions I was asked after becoming President was whether the University would move to Division I athletics,” said Joseph M. McShane, S.J. “We now have the benefit of a careful study of our athletic area. The Trustees, administration and campus community agree with the key conclusion of the study that the principles of Division III athletics are more reflective and supportive of our mission and identity than other divisional options.”

Linhart Associates considered such issues as divisional status, staffing levels, facilities, student participation, and collaboration between athletics and academics. The recommendations made in the report were discussed and endorsed by the University Senate, Faculty Senate and Student Life Board during the fall semester.

Among the key recommendations adopted by the Trustees were:

• Reaffirm the University’s commitment to membership in NCAA Division III. As a result, Scranton will remain the only Division III Jesuit university in the NCAA’s Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

• Establish fully a high-quality Division III program. Among the key items identified by the consultants were the need to develop a comprehensive facilities vision and plan, to increase student participation rates and to increase funding for athletics, including the addition of more full-time coaches.

• Build solid intercollegiate athletic support through integrated intercollegiate athletic program efforts, athletic fund raising, accommodation of the need for students to balance academics and athletics, expanded marketing, and increased involvement by the external athletic community.

While the Board endorsed the actions above, it directed the University to proceed with “caution” and “in a measured and fiscally wise manner” as new initiatives and plans are put in place.

“Our immediate goal is to establish a multi-year plan to address carefully the operational and facilities issues that the report pointed out,” said James T. Bryan, Ed.D., Vice President for Student Affairs. “We need, for example, to refine early plans to develop the University’s property in Springbrook Township so that it can best support our athletic program.”

The feedback on campus to the recommendation that the University remain Division III was consistently positive. “There was broad support for the recommendation that the University remain in Division III and not attempt to move to Division I now or in the foreseeable future,” said Terrence E. Sweeney, Ph.D., President of the Faculty Senate.

The primary reason for the support is the perception that the philosophy of Division III athletics fits well with the University’s mission and identity. “The general view is that Division III is consistent with our academic culture, and brings to us excellent students who are truly scholar-athletes,” said E. Springs Steele, Ph.D., NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative. “It is also viewed as a recruiting advantage, since we are the only Division III Jesuit college or university among the Jesuit institutions with which we compete for students.”

Caution about the report’s recommendations revolved around the allocation of resources in light of other University priorities. At the University Senate, for example, “When the senators turned to the report’s other recommendations, especially those urging expansion of athletic staff and facilities, and measures to build more support for intercollegiate programs, senators’ comments were again generally supportive, but more cautious and conditional,” said John M. McInerney, Ph.D., Chair of the University Senate.

Members of both senates noted the need for recommendations about operational support and facilities to be prioritized in the context of the University’s Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan.
V.P. for Institutional Advancement to Retire

University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J., has announced that Robert J. Sylvester ’58, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, will retire at the end of the 2000/2001 academic year after serving for 18 years in the post.

In announcing Mr. Sylvester’s intent to retire, Fr. McShane cited his distinguished service and lifelong commitment to Jesuit education, both at the University and at Fairfield Preparatory School in Connecticut, where he served in various roles from 1959-1983.

“Although I have for only three years had the good fortune of working with Mr. Sylvester, in this relatively short time I have come to depend on his wise counsel and to value the many contributions that he has made to the life and ministry of the University,” Fr. McShane said. “As his record of service has enriched the University beyond measure, his resignation will leave a tremendous void in the life of our community.”

Among his accomplishments at the University is the direction of three successful capital campaigns – the Second Cornerstone Campaign, Gateway to the Future Library Campaign and the recently completed Campaign for Scranton. The Campaign for Scranton, for example, raised $46.3 million, well above its $35 million goal.

Mr. Sylvester also stewarded a 400 percent increase in annual giving over the past 16 years, with goals rising from $500,000 to the present $2 million.

At the same time, the alumni participation rate in development activities grew to 34.5 percent, the second highest percentage among Jesuit colleges and universities.

In total, the University raised more than $80 million during his tenure.

In the area of alumni relations, the number of alumni chapters of the University increased from seven in 1983 to 21 today, including the University’s first international chapter in Taiwan.

Mr. Sylvester is nationally recognized for his work in institutional advancement. In 1997, the Jesuit Advancement Administrators presented him with its highest award, the J. Barry McGannon, S.J., Award for outstanding professional achievement. In 1994, he was named “Fundraiser of the Year” by the National Society of Fundraising Executives.

He and his wife, the former Joan Luciani, are the parents of three children and have six grandchildren.

Service Program Builds “Bridges to El Salvador”

By Helen Anne Sheedy Ostrosky ’92

From July 22 – 31, a group of alumni will head to El Salvador for a service program that supports the Jesuit experience of promoting faith, hope and justice. Bridges to El Salvador participants will have the opportunity to interact with diverse groups involved in rebuilding the country and society since its 12-year Civil War ended in 1992.

The upcoming trip is being organized by me, my husband, Robert Ostrosky ’92, and Ann Marie Jursca ’97, who will be leading the program while in El Salvador. Assisting our efforts is Brendan G. Lally, S.J., ’70, Rector of the Jesuit Community.

During the summer of 2000, my husband and I had the opportunity to participate in the University’s Bridges to El Salvador program for faculty and staff members led by Fr. Lally. We met with priests and lay members of the Catholic Church, the auxiliary bishop of San Salvador, faculty members of the University of Central America (UCA), community leaders, the “Mothers of the Missing,” former combatants in the civil war, teachers and a number of others. We learned of Romero, the Jesuit martyrs and others who lost their lives in their struggle for justice. We also observed programs intended to provide hope for the future: daycares, clinics, artisan cooperatives and an environmentally sustainable permaculture project. There was an opportunity for daily Eucharist, as well as for group reflections at the end of each day.

During our visit we developed an understanding of the history of El Salvador, the root causes of injustice, and the struggles that Salvadorian people will face in the future. We developed relationships with those we met during our stay and came away with a strong sense of purpose and awareness. The compassion and sharing spirit of the people we encountered and their ability to make the most of their situations presents a challenge for all of us in our own lives. This experience is not meant to be admired and then forgotten, but instead has much greater value when shared with others in both the larger University community and the respective communities of each individual.

For information about Bridges to El Salvador, contact: Helen Anne Sheedy Ostrosky (860) 355-5663, Hostrosky@watsonpharm.com, or Ann Marie Jursca, (610) 896-0366, Mjursca@aol.com.
Board of Trustees Names Officers, Members

At its October meeting, the University’s Board of Trustees elected officers and executive committee members, welcomed four new board members and named a former board member trustee emeritus.

New Officers

The board elected Louis DeNaples, Chairman, and Christopher M. Condron ’70, Vice-chairman.

Mr. DeNaples is President of DeNaples Auto Parts Corporation, Dunmore, and Owner and Operator of Keystone Landfill Corp. and F & L Realty Corporation. He is Chairman of the Board of First National Community Bank of Dunmore and serves on the boards of many local charitable organizations, including Goodwill Industries, the Salvation Army and St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen.

Mr. Condron, a Scranton native, is President and Chief Operating Officer of Mellon Financial Corporation and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dreyfus Corporation. He earned his degree in business management from the University in 1970 and has been a member of the University’s Board of Trustees since 1995.

Abigail Byman, Esq., serves as University Secretary, and Judith Gunshannon is Secretary to the Board.

New Board Members

The new members who joined the board for three-year terms beginning in the fall of 2000 are Patricia Moran ’81, a Partner in the Wilmington, Del., law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom; John D. Dionne ’86, Partner and Managing Director of Bennett Restructuring Funds, Stamford, Conn.; Thomas F. Karam ’68, President and C.E.O. of P.G. Energy; and Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Assistant Professor, English, Georgetown University.

Trustee Emeritus

The University’s Board of Trustees named Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan ’82 a trustee emeritus, only the third person to hold this distinction. The board established the honor in 1999 to recognize former trustees who have provided extraordinary service to the University.

Msgr. McGowan was a University trustee from 1974 to 1980, serving as chairman from 1978 to 1980. He is a current member of the Board of Regents (formerly the University Council), an advisory board to the President and administration of the University. Msgr. McGowan co-chaired the Northeastern Pennsylvania Committee of the University’s Second Cornerstone capital campaign in 1988 and served on the National Leadership Committee of the Campaign for Scranton.

In 1981, the University named a full-tuition Presidential scholarship in his honor. He received an honorary degree from the University in 1982.

Thanks, Royal Recruiters!

Sixty-seven alumni spanning 29 years of the University’s graduating classes served as alumni-admissions volunteers at college nights and career fairs during the fall 2000 student recruiting season. Special thanks goes out to the Royal Recruiters listed below. Anyone interested in serving as a Royal Recruiter this fall should contact Admissions at (570) 941-7540 or 1-888-SCRANTON.

Carolyn Amato ’96 (Hoboken, N.J.)
Cynthia Lynn Bacon ’84 (Princeton, N.J.)
Dennis Barlow, Jr. ’93 (Nutley, N.J.)
Patrick Beacham ’95 (Hoboken, N.J.)
Jennifer Berry ’94 (Norwood)
Colleen Davis ’89 (Cranford, N.J.)
Michael Demaio ’96 (Waltham, Mass.)
Joan Dennin ’91 (Drexel Hill)
Brian Fisher ’77 (Dayton, N.J.)
Elise Fleckstein ’95 (Morristown, N.J.)
Marc Fusaro ’96 (Evaston, Ill.)
Michelle Giancatrino ’98 (Baltimore, Md.)
Pat Grady ’62 (Stroudsburg)
Laura Gribbin ’95 (Dublin, Ohio)
Marianne Hillerman ’99 (Philadelphia)
Marie Houli ’92 (N. Valley Stream, N.Y.)
William Jolie ’98 (Lansdale)
Mary Jo Kanzler ’84 (Monroe, N.J.)
John Kent ’82 (Commack, N.Y.)
Jennifer Lichly ’93 (Catasauqua)
Andrew Lovell ’96 (Philadelphia)
Kathryn Ott Lovell ’96 (Philadelphia)
Michael McDermott ’71 (Oak Hill, Va.)
Lawrence Morton ’61 (Moscow)
Dan McGarrey ’88 (Old Bridge, N.J.)
Molly McGowan ’90 (Pottsville)
Skip Minakowski ’67 (Cockeysville, Md.)
Elaine Minenkoff-Rizza ’92 (Park Ridge, N.J.)
Ryan Monahan ’93 (Charlotte, N.C.)
Moira Mullin ’93 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Frederick Ott ’98 (Philadelphia)
Phyllis Ottoviano ’98 (Stamford, Conn.)
Jocelyn Pereira ’97 (Robbinsville, N.J.)
Denise Peters ’94 (Summit, N.J.)
Kristine Reilly ’99 (Berkeley Heights, N.J.)
Vincent Reilly ’80 (Philadelphia)
Pat Rooney ’64 (Lebanon, N.J.)
Heather Rowan ’95 (Emsmidsburg, Md.)
Robert Rudnick ’67 (Gaithersburg, Md.)
John Salisbury ’98 (Wayne, N.J.)
Daralyn Sceboro ’97 (Buck, N.J.)
Tara Scoppa ’99 (Eminon, N.Y.)
Bob Shields ’59 (Binghamton, N.Y.)
Anthony Simonetti ’76 (Shelton, Conn.)
Maria Squire ’91 (Bethlehem)
Christopher Steel ’99 (Oradell, N.J.)
Craig Steel ’99 (Oradell, N.J.)
Timothy St. Clair ’97 (Clifton, N.J.)
Matt Sullivan ’97 (Auburn, N.Y.)
John Swift, MD ’58 (Miami, Fla.)
Fran Tucker ’92 (Loveland, Ohio)
Janice Tyne ’97 (Camillus, N.Y.)
Susan Vanderbeek ’89 (Somerset, N.J.)
William Vita ’51 (Huntington, N.Y.)
Marjorie Waltz ’84 (Huntington, N.Y.)
Ted Waterman ’88 (Rosindale, Mass.)
Michael Wilensky ’88 (Monroe, Conn.)
Ted Wolff ’74 (Bettlehime)
Joseph Yale ’81 (Danville)
Holly Zappalla-Gaare ’90 (Babylon, N.Y.)
Bessoir to Retire from Coaching

Bob Bessoir ‘55, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, has announced that he will retire from coaching following the 2000-2001 season. He will, however, remain with the University in his current position as Professor of Exercise Science and Sport.

His career at the University spans six decades, first as a player from 1951-1955, and then as an Assistant Coach for three years (1958-61) under Fiore Cesare and for five seasons under Nat Volpe (1967-1972). For the last 28 years, he has served as Head Coach, producing an overall record of 539-252 (.681), which includes two National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III titles (1976, 1983), a second-place finish in 1988, and a third-place showing in 1977.

In addition to leading Scranton to 18 NCAA Division III tournament appearances and a 31-18 record in those games, Mr. Bessoir is the most successful coach in the history of the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC). He will, however, remain with the University with distinction as both a coach and a professor for more than a quarter of a century. University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J. said at a news conference announcing Mr. Bessoir’s retirement, “In the course of that time, he has filled the gymnasium of the Long Center with excitement and populated its trophy cases with local, league and national honors.”

Mr. Bessoir is the recipient of the 1977 Cyrano Award presented by The University of Scranton Graduate School for outstanding community service, the 1985 Frank O’Hara Award for distinguished achievement presented by the University’s Alumni Association and the 1988 University of Scranton Centennial Medal. He was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society in 1988. During his four-year playing career as a student at the University, he guided a team led by then head coach Pete Carlesimo to an overall record of 42. He etched his name into the Scranton record books with an incredible 43-rebound effort on 5 March 1955 in a 78-76 victory over King’s College, a record that still stands today. In his junior year, he was named the first recipient of the Les Dickman Award, which then was given to the most valuable player on the team and is today awarded to the most valuable senior.

“To me, Bob Bessoir is University of Scranton men’s basketball,” said Toby Lovecchio, Director of Athletics. “I admire his commitment and dedication to our athletics program.”

Alumni Invited to Become Class Ambassadors

University alumni interested in maintaining strong connections with their alma mater are invited to become Class Ambassadors. This new program provides an opportunity for alumni to be involved with the University community in a variety of ways, including:

• establishing and strengthening common bonds with classmates;
• becoming involved with the University’s Career Mentor Program and/or the Royal Recruiters Program;
• supporting local alumni chapters; and
• assuming an active role in addressing the University’s long-range plans as leaders in garnering donor support for the University’s priority needs.

If you are interested in becoming a Class Ambassador, please contact the Annual Giving Office at (570) 941-7725 or via email at catalano2@scranton.edu.

Presidential Scholarships Awarded to 10 Freshmen

The University has awarded full-tuition Presidential Scholarships to 10 freshmen and named the scholarships in honor of people who have played important roles in the development of the University and the community.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high school records both inside and outside the classroom. 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 2000 - 2001 Presidential Scholars and honorees are:

The University has named Michael A. Hardisky, Ph.D., Professor of Biology and Biology Department Chair, as the holder of the Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Chair of Biology through August of 2003.

As the Hyland Professor of Biology, Dr. Hardisky will receive support for his research endeavors, which have included ecosystem research from the tidal marshes and coastal regions of the East Coast to the tundra of Alaska.

The Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Chair of Biology is named in honor of the parents of University alumnus and benefactor Bernard V. Hyland, M.D., '47.

"Dr. Hyland remains one of the University's most loyal and generous graduates," said University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J. "Generations of students will forever benefit from his gifts to the University. The Hyland Chair is just another example of his deep devotion to education and his commitment to providing a living memorial to his parents."

"My father died when I was 19," Dr. Hyland said. "Were it not for the hard work, sacrifices and support of my mother, there would not be a Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Chair of Biology, there would not be a Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Hall and there would not be a McGurrin Hall. I and the University should never forget that."

"I and the McGurrin Family are pleased by the selection of Dr. Michael Hardisky as the recipient of the Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Chair of Biology," he added.

Dr. Hardisky is only the second professor to hold the Hyland Chair. Joseph T. Evans, Ph.D. was the named the inaugural occupant of the chair in 1993 in recognition of his 40 years on the faculty and his leadership that guided the University to one of the best medical school placement records in the country.

Dr. Hardisky joined the University faculty in 1984 as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1989 and Professor in 1995. He has served as an Ecological Consultant to Coastal and Estuarine Research Inc., Lewes, Del., since 1984. His previous positions included serving as a research assistant with the College of Marine Studies at the University of Delaware and at the University of Georgia Marine Resources Extension Center. He also served as Chief of the Data Management and Special Projects Section of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Resources Division.

Dr. Hardisky earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Lebanon Valley College and a master of science and doctorate in marine studies at the University of Delaware. His research grants have included support from the NASA, the National Science Foundation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Marine Fisheries Service.

A native of Scranton, Dr. Hyland completed his pre-medical studies at the University in 1947. He earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He completed his radiology residency at Jefferson Hospital in 1957 and was certified by the American Board of Radiology.

An exceedingly generous benefactor of the University for more than two decades, Dr. Hyland endowed the Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Biology Award in 1980. The University, in 1982, named the Loyola Hall tiered Biology Lecture Hall in memory of his parents in recognition of his generosity.

In 1988, Hyland Hall was named in grateful memory of his parents in recognition of his support to the Second Cornerstone Campaign. In 1992, Dr. Hyland endowed the Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Chair of Biology as an expression of gratitude to his parents for their gifts of life, nurture and education.

In 1999, the University named McGurrin Hall in loving memory of Dr. Hyland's niece Mary Eileen Patricia McGurrin, R.N., M.S.N., in recognition of his pledge to the Campaign for Scranton. His campaign contribution represents the largest gift from a physician alumnus in University history.
Biology Major Named Gates Millennium Scholar

Anthony Zamcho, ’01, a biology major at the University, has been named to the nation’s first group of Gates Millennium Scholars.

Mr. Zamcho is originally from Cameroon, Africa, and lived in Potomac, Md., before coming to the University. He was selected from more than 62,000 nominees from around the country to receive the award. In total, 4,100 students will receive funds to assist with the cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal of the foundation is to promote higher education and provide the opportunity to expand academic horizons for hard-working minority students from low-income families.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is administered by the United Negro College Fund in partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund. It is a 20-year, $1 billion initiative aimed at enabling 20,000 minority American students to attend the undergraduate and graduate institutions of their choice on their path to succeeding as leaders in their professions and communities.

Mr. Zamcho was selected for the program through a rigorous application process. He was eligible for nomination by having at least a 3.3 GPA, being accepted or enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate degree program, showing significant financial need, and demonstrating leadership skills through community involvement. He is actively involved in the community as a tutor at local high schools and a companion at nursing homes. On campus, Mr. Zamcho is a member of United Colors and the International Club.

News & Noteworthy

Private Collection Makes Public Debut

Selections from the rare book collection of Edward R. Leahy, Esq., ’68 were on exhibit at the University from November 2000 through early February. The exhibit, entitled A Modern Renaissance Library: 200 Selections from the Collection of Edward R. Leahy, featured the first edition of Spenser’s The Faerie Queene, the second Speght edition of Chaucer’s Works, a privately printed edition of Beatrix Potter’s The Tale of Peter Rabbit signed by Noel Moore, and numerous other well-known titles in extraordinary condition. The exhibit marked the first time that this part of Mr. Leahy’s private collection had been publicly shown.

Mother, Daughter Authors Honored

Two of the country’s most popular fiction authors were on campus 23 September to receive the Distinguished Author Award from the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library. Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark, spent several hours autographing books at the University’s bookstore before attending a “Meet the Authors” reception to benefit the Library’s Endowment Fund. The Distinguished Author award is presented to authors who have made a significant contribution to either fiction or non-fiction, and who have connections with Jesuit education. Mrs. Higgins Clark received an honorary degree from the University in 1995.

President’s Breakfasts Feature Internationally Recognized Speakers

William J. Wilkinson ’71, Senior Vice President of Human Resources for the Walt Disney Company, was the guest speaker at The University of Scranton President’s Breakfast held 13 October.

Mr. Wilkinson was named to the post in 1996, shortly after Disney acquired Capital Cities/ABC, where he had been Vice President of Human Resources and Executive Assistant to the Chairman.

Human Rights Legal Expert William G. O’Neill spoke at the 29 November President’s Breakfast. Mr. O’Neill, who has served with the United Nations’ missions from Kosovo to Afghanistan, is the Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the International Peace Academy in New York City.

Nobel Prize Winner Presents Mullin Lecture

Nobel prize winner and American surgeon Joseph E. Murray presented the Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture at the University on 31 October. Dr. Murray received the 1990 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for his work in organ transplants. The Mullin lecture series, established in memory of the late Dr. Harry Mullin ’31, honors a person who gave a lifetime of service to his profession and community.

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