A Season of Celebrations

Sixty Years of Jesuit Education at the University

The 20th Annual World Premiere Composition

The 20th Anniversary of the NCAA Division II National Championship
The Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D.,
Named the Twenty-Fourth President of the University

The Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., Interim University Chaplain and Assistant Professor of English at Georgetown University, has been named the twenty-fourth President of The University of Scranton. Frank J. McDowell, Esq., Chairman of University’s Board of Trustees, introduced Fr. Pilarz at a news conference held 23 April in the Executive Center of Brennan Hall.

Fr. Pilarz will assume his duties on 1 July. He will succeed the Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., who will begin service as the 32nd President of Fordham University, New York City, on 1 July.

“We were blessed to be able to choose from among a pool of highly qualified Jesuits, which is a testament to the strength and quality of the University,” said Mr. McDowell.

Fr. Pilarz entered the Society of Jesus in 1981 and was ordained a priest in 1992. He received his bachelor’s degree in English from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in philosophy from Fordham University, New York. He received master’s degrees in divinity and theology from the Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in English at the City University of New York, and his dissertation, Sacral Self-Fashioning: The Construction of Priesthood in Early Modern Religious Poetry, won the 1997 CUNY Alumni Achievement Prize for Dissertation Excellence.

As he was completing his studies at Weston, Fr. Pilarz served as a lecturer in the philosophy department of Sts. Peter & Paul Seminary at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. While completing doctoral studies, he was appointed to the English faculty of St. Joseph’s University in 1994. In 1996, he joined the Georgetown faculty as an Assistant Professor of English. In 2002, he was appointed interim University Chaplain.

I am extremely happy to make this place my home, and I count on your help as we realize together The University of Scranton’s boundless potential as a great Catholic and Jesuit university.”

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D.

As University Chaplain, Fr. Pilarz serves as a member of the President’s Cabinet and is responsible for leading campus ministry efforts on Georgetown’s Main, Medical and Law campuses. He works with the President to promote Georgetown’s Catholic and Jesuit character, sponsors inter-religious dialogue and coordinates interfaith activities.

He was recognized by the Georgetown Alumni Association in 2002 with the William Gaston Award for Outstanding Service and was chosen by the graduating class of 1999 to receive the Edward B. Bunn, S.J., Award for Faculty Excellence, an award that recognizes outstanding teaching and service.

As a scholar, Fr. Pilarz has delivered numerous papers at scholarly conferences on various aspects of medieval and Renaissance literature. He has also lectured and published on topics related to Jesuit education. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of The University of Scranton. He also serves on the boards of Georgetown Preparatory School and Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, N.J., from which he graduated.

He is the son of Joseph and Joan Pilarz, Voorhees, N.J.

For additional information, or to view a photo gallery from the news conference, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/transition.
President Bush Speaks to the Nation from the University

In an event that marked the first time a sitting President has visited The University of Scranton, President George W. Bush outlined his solution to a “broken” medical liability system during a nationwide address made from the University’s Byron Complex on 16 January.

The standing-room only crowd of about 1,200 people was joined by a local, national and international audience who followed the President’s visit via the more than 200 media representatives who were on hand to cover the event.

During his remarks, President Bush proposed a $250,000 limit on non-economic damages awarded to patients in medical malpractice suits. He also proposed a cap on punitive awards in such cases.

The University conferred 1,142 bachelor’s, master’s and associate’s degrees during its one hundred and third commencement ceremony on 25 May at The University of Scranton and a momentous day for our entire region,” according to University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J.

Television Anchor Speaks at Commencement

Christopher J. Matthews, host of MSNBC’s “Hardball” and NBC’s “The Chris Matthews Show,” and anchor of MSNBC’s election coverage, gave the principal address at the University’s 2003 Commencement ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students on Sunday, 25 May.

Mr. Matthews is well known for reporting and writing about major political events, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, the first all-races election in South Africa, and the historic peace referendum in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. He has twice received the Washington Post’s “Crystal Ball” award for his successful predictions of U.S. presidential elections.

In his speech to the 1,142 bachelor’s, master’s and associate’s degree recipients, Mr. Matthews offered advice about “...how to fight for your best values, find your way in this world, pursue your dream, follow-up on the very best hunch you ever had about yourself.”

During the Commencement ceremony, M r. Matthews also received an honorary degree of Humane Letters, as did Christopher M. “Kip” Condon ’70, Sister Mary Rose McGeady, D.C., and Sandra Montrone.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc., M r. Condon heads up one of the world’s premier financial services organizations with its holding companies including Equitable Life, Alliance Capital Management and Sanford C. Bernstein.

M r. Condon has served as a University trustee for two terms and as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, and currently chairs the President’s Business Council of the University.

Sister Mary Rose McGeady, a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Covenant House in 1990. Covenant House International, an agency dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of homeless children in 15 U.S. cities and five other countries, has served close to two million children since its inception.

Mrs. Montrone is President of The Penates Foundation, a private, charitable organization supporting the arts, education and community services that are based in Hampton, N.H. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Mrs. Montrone to the President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts. She was a Founding Director and later President of the Board of Directors of Seacoast Hospice, which earned national recognition when it was selected as a distinguished service organization by the United Nations.
The University Included in Washington Post Listing

The University of Scranton has been included among the 100 colleges in the nation to be listed in the Washington Post Magazine article “Colleges Worth Considering,” published on 6 April. The University is the only college in northeastern Pennsylvania listed.

Washington Post Staff Writer Jay Mathews compiled a list of universities that he refers to as “hidden gems,” based on responses by guidance counselors and teachers.

Additional information on schools listed in the Sunday edition of the Washington Post Magazine and the Web story edition is included in Mr. Mathews’ book Harvard Schmardvard: Getting Beyond the Ivy League to the College That Is Best for You.

Employer-Assisted Housing Programs Launched

At a news conference held in January, Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty announced that four of the city’s largest non-profit institutions are joining forces to improve and maintain the Hill Section of Scranton by adopting programs to encourage their employees to purchase homes in the neighborhood.

The University of Scranton, Community Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital will fund Employer-Assisted Housing Programs that include a Forgivable Home Purchase Loan that will help employees purchase a home in a specific area of the Hill Section. The programs were developed as part of the Historic Hill Section Revitalization effort being spearheaded by Lackawanna Neighbors.

The Employer-Assisted Housing Programs are being offered in cooperation with Lackawanna Neighbors and Scranton Neighborhood Housing.

Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty announced the Employer-Assisted Housing Programs from 1615 Pine Street, a home that is available for sale through Lackawanna Neighbors.

The University Hosts Schomburg Exhibit

Representatives of the University welcomed Howard Dodson, Ph.D., (third from left) Chief of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library, for the February opening lecture of an exhibition sponsored by the Schomburg Center. The exhibition, entitled “The African Presence in the Americas,” was on display in the Heritage Room of the Scranton Weinberg Memorial Library through early March. From left: Joseph Dreisbach, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Jo Ann Usry, Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity; Dr. Dodson; University Trustee Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn ’72; Beth E. Barnett, Ed.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs.

“Day of Concern and Reflection” Held

Students, faculty, staff and members of the Jesuit community participated in a Day of Concern and Reflection held on 20 March to examine and reflect on the causes of the conflict in Iraq.

In classrooms, students discussed the war with Iraq. In a special Eucharist held in the Byron Complex, the University family prayed for world peace. In Madonna della Strada Chapel, the University community gathered to pray for family and friends who serve in the armed forces.

Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, led a classroom discussion with students about the war with Iraq.
The University Dedicates Leahy Community Health & Family Center

On 27 March, The University of Scranton announced and dedicated a center that will provide free health and wellness services to underserved school-aged children with special needs and their families. The Leahy Community Health & Family Center has been funded through a $455,243 Health Resources and Services Administration grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additional support was provided by The University of Scranton, the Leahy Center and a $15,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation.

The center was dedicated in honor of Edward R. Leahy, Jr., the late son of University of Scranton benefactors Patricia and Edward R. Leahy ’68. Edward, Jr., was born with serious disabilities and died at the age of eight years, nine months. Mr. Leahy and U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood played an active role securing funding for the endeavor. Both were recognized at the dedication.

The center will be run by faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students of the University’s Panuska College of Professional Studies, which offers degree programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, exercise science, education and counseling. Services for children with special needs and their families in Lackawanna County will be provided by, or supervised by, Pennsylvania licensed faculty and staff.

Located in lower level of McGuurrin Hall, The Leahy Community Health & Family Center began operation in April. Full services will begin in the fall of 2003.

At a reception following the opening and dedication of the Center, Mr. Leahy said: “The Center will serve as another strong bond between the University and the communities in the Scranton area – a bond whereby service learning in the Jesuit tradition and our considerable expertise and training can provide a practical health care benefit to disabled children and their families in our area.”

His strength of character touched so many people and, in my memory, we have tried to engage in a continuous celebration of his life by helping others, particularly children, with special needs but without sufficient resources to address those needs.

Edward R. Leahy ’68
Reflecting on the life of his late son, Edward, Jr.
The University Receives Education Grant for Math Program

The University of Scranton’s Education Department has received a $50,000 grant from Mid-Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory, Deans and Superintendents Network (MDSN), to assist and support teachers in the Scranton School District in the implementation of a collaborative mathematics program launched in 2002.

The three-year partnership grant between The University of Scranton and the Scranton School District will be used to support teachers in the implementation of a problem-based mathematics program. The grant will also be used to identify ways to raise Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) standardized test scores in grades 3, 5 and 8 in three Scranton District schools that have a high concentration of learners who come from economically disadvantaged families and who have limited proficiency in English.

THE ARTS

Art Gallery Features Work of Noted Women Artists

The University of Scranton Art Gallery featured the work of two women artists during a spring exhibit.

“Sunday in Tlacolula: Recent Works by Arlene Love,” featured a variety of drawings and photographs of rural Mexico. Her 1992 bronze sculpture, “Jacob Wrestling with the Angel,” rests atop the University’s Commons.

New York based artist Berenice D’Vorzon presented “In Nature: Recent Works by Berenice D’Vorzon,” featuring paintings and mixed media works that explore our spiritual and biological connections to the environment.

Players Present “High Society”

The University Players concluded their 2002-2003 season with a presentation of “High Society.” This musical adaptation of Philip Barry’s classic play, “The Philadelphia Story” features the music and lyrics of Cole Porter, with the book by Arthur Kopit and additional lyrics by Susan Birkenhead. In early May, the Players held a New Directors’ Workshop consisting of ten-minute scenes from a wide selection of plays.

“Education for International Understanding” Explored During Trustee Day

Trustee Day, held 24-25 February, provided a forum for students, faculty, staff and trustees to consider ways in which the University can foster international understanding through education.

“To be able to explore and react to socio-political, economic, cultural and religious issues of today’s global village is a gift and responsibility of our freedom,” Trustee Day Co-chairs Rev. Gerald Fogarty, S.J., and Jeanne Bovard stated in a message to the University community.

The breakfast meeting included presentations from faculty about The University of Scranton and Universidad Iberoamericana’s Cooperative Education Program. Thomas Collins, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Jacob, Ph.D., co-directors of the program, made presentations about the collaborative educational program between The University of Scranton and Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, announced in the fall of 2002.

The luncheon meeting included discussions from four faculty members who explored the theological, economic and philosophical aspects of “Education for International Understanding.”
STUDENTS

Senior Receives Prestigious Graduate Scholarship

Michael Venn '03 has received one of only 43 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarships awarded in the nation. The graduate scholarships will provide up to $50,000 annually to the elite group of graduating seniors for up to six years of graduate or professional studies. Individual scholars may receive as much as $300,000 over a six-year period.

Mr. Venn will pursue an MPhil degree in European Studies at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. After he completes his master's degree, he will pursue his doctorate in European Studies, focusing on the new legal order within the European Union. He will receive the scholarship for all six years.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation established by the late Jack Kent Cooke to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. The foundation has become one of the nation's most prominent and generous scholarship providers.

Four Graduates Win Prestigious Fellowships

Three members of The University of Scranton's class of 2003 have been awarded Fulbright Fellowships and another graduate has been awarded an Austrian Government Teaching Assistantship, which is administered through the Austrian Fulbright Commission.

Jennifer Bradley '03, who completed her MBA this year, and Nicole Sublette '03, who majored in psychology and carried a minor in art history, have won Fulbright Teaching Assistantships to South Korea, where they will teach English as a second language while each researching different aspects of Korean art.

Elliott Gougeon '03, who majored in German and carried a minor in French, will spend the year in Germany on a Fulbright/Padagogischer Austauschdienst Teaching Assistantship in English. He will research the German response to increased school violence during his Fulbright year.

Kate Christiansen '03, who majored in international studies and carried a minor in German, has been awarded an Austrian Government Teaching Assistantship in English to Austria.

Over the last 32 years, 111 University of Scranton students have received grants in the competitions administered by the Institute of International Education (Fulbright) and International Rotary.

Students from approximately 500 colleges and universities nationwide submit applications each year for Fulbright fellowships, which were established in 1946 by Congress “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries.” It is named after the late J. William Fulbright H'83, the U.S. Senator who sponsored the program.

Pre-med Student Named to USA TODAY's College Academic Team

Stephanie L. Tessing, a neuroscience and philosophy major at the University, was named among the nation's brightest college students in USA TODAY's 2003 ALL-USA College Academic Team. A total of 60 students were listed on three academic teams representing some of the nation's most prestigious schools including Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Dartmouth.

Stephanie Tessin was named to the third team.

Ms. Tessing plans to pursue a doctor of medicine and master's degree in public health. Upon completion of her graduate studies and residency, she plans to seek a position as a public health physician.

Junior Awarded Goldwater Scholarship

University of Scranton junior Christopher Corey will be forever etched in record books as the first University student to be awarded a Goldwater Scholarship. Mr. Corey, who is a triple major in biochemistry, biophysics and biomathematics, was among the 300 undergraduates in the nation to be awarded the scholarship.

The Goldwater Foundation Scholarship Program, honoring the late Senator Barry M. Goldwater, was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

Mr. Corey plans to pursue a degree in medicine. After medical school, he hopes to conduct research for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Fulbright Advisor Susan Trussler, Ph.D. and University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J., congratulated 2003 Fellowship Recipients at a reception in their honor. From left: Dr. Trussler, Kate Christiansen '03, Jennifer Bradley '03, Elliott Gougeon '03, Nicole Sublette '03 and Fr. McShane.
Fifth Scranton Student Named Truman Scholar

Sara J. Shoener, a mathematics and philosophy major at the University, is one of only 76 students from 63 colleges in the nation to be selected as a 2003 Truman Scholar. They were selected from among 635 candidates who were nominated by 305 universities.

Ms. Shoener is the fifth University of Scranton student to be named a Truman Scholar. The Truman Foundation awards merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

Ms. Shoener plans to pursue a dual J.D./M.P.H. degree and intends to pursue a career as an advocate in women's health policy.

Applications to the University Reach All-time High

The number of students applying to the University's undergraduate programs for the fall of 2003 has surpassed last year's record-breaking count.

As of March, 5,643 students had applied for admission to the University's 57 full-time undergraduate programs for the fall of 2003. This represents an increase of ten percent over applications received by the same time last year and an increase of more than 54.8 percent above 2000 totals.

For 2002, the University received 5,123 applications, which broke the 1989 record of 4,871, to become the highest number of applications on record.

Applications have increased from all primary areas served by the University, including Scranton and Northeast Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and other areas on the East Coast. Applications have also increased throughout nearly all of the undergraduate programs of study offered at the University. Some of the disciplines that have seen the largest increase are criminal justice, nursing, and elementary and secondary education.

This increase in applications has made the admissions process more competitive. The University anticipates an incoming class of about 970 highly qualified students for the fall of 2003.
Sharon Hudacek, RN, CS, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Nursing at the University, was invited to deliver the keynote address at "The Great 100 Nurses Celebration" hosted by American Nursing Services, Inc., in April in New Orleans. Dr. Hudacek is author of the book, Making a Difference: Stories from the Point of Care.

Scott Bader-Saye, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology, has received a $45,000 grant from the Louisville Institute Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grants Program. The grant is one of just five awarded annually by the Louisville Institute to full-time faculty members in the United States engaged in research projects designed to make the themes of Christian faith more accessible to religious believers in relation to the realities of their contemporary lives.

Research by John C. Norcross, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, was published in a 2002 issue of the Journal of Clinical Psychology. Dr. Norcross's research indicates that a person is 10 times more likely to change a desired behavior if they make a New Year's Resolution than if they don't.

**SPEAKERS AND LECTURERS**

Dr. Peter W. Geis, Chairman of the Department of Surgery at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., was the keynote speaker at the 19th Francis P. Boland Memorial Surgical Symposium at the University of Scranton and Mercy Hospital in April.

Standing next to some of the authentic African artifacts that were displayed during a series of events held in February by the University's Office of International Programs and Services, are from left: Jem Spector, Ph.D., Associate Provost and Director of the Office of International Programs and Services; Leon Fuerth, former National Security Advisor to Vice President Al Gore; and Gabrielle Prutisto, Reporter for WYOU TV-22, sponsor of the event.

The University of Scranton's 21st annual Morris Gelb Lecture featured noted cultural expert Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. Dr. Whitfield's lecture, presented in May, was titled "In Search of American Jewish Culture." A widely recognized authority on American culture, Dr. Whitfield has published numerous books and articles, has served as book review editor for American Jewish History, and is a contributing editor to Judaism.

The Center for Ethics Studies at the University sponsored a lecture by Leon R. Kass, Chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics in March. In his lecture entitled, "L'Chaim and its Limits: Why Not Immortality?", Dr. Kass discussed the effort to increase, through gene therapy and cloning, the maximum life span of a human being and even to overcome mortality. Dr. Kass is a physician and biochemist who, for more than 30 years, has focused on the human meaning of science and especially on ethical and philosophical issues raised by biomedical advances.

Leon Fuerth, the former National Security Advisor to Vice President Al Gore, spoke to students and faculty about AIDS and terrorism in Africa and other emerging threats to American foreign policy.

The lecture, presented in February, was sponsored by the University's International Center as part of a series of events to spotlight the art, dance, music, food and culture of Africa.

Anthony P. (Tony) Smurfit '85, President and Chief Operations Officer of Jefferson Smurfit Group Ltd., Dublin, Ireland, was the featured speaker at the University's President's Breakfast in May. Mr. Smurfit discussed "A World Outlook from an European Perspective." Jefferson Smurfit is recognized as the world's largest corrugated paper company, with facilities in more than 20 countries worldwide and affiliates in another 10 countries.

Anthony (Tony) Smurfit '85 met with Jane Oppenheim, Vice Chair of the Board of Regents, following the President's Breakfast in May. The background, are John E. "Jack" Brennan '68 (left) and Robert Mckeage, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Management and Marketing (right).

Meg McGowan Behrend '83, Deputy Division Chief, Transportation Security Administration Law Enforcement Academy, was the featured speaker at the University's President's Breakfast in April. Ms. Behrend discussed "Transportation Security Administration: Behind the Badge." As a Deputy Division Chief for the TSA Law Enforcement Academy, she is actively involved with developing course curriculums and providing training for Federal Air Marshals as well as Federal Flight Deck Officers. Ms. Behrend received a Director's Award for assistance rendered immediately following the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks when she and the USMS Training Academy provided security to the traveling public at LaGuardia and JFK Airports in New York.
Celebrating 60 Years of Jesuit Education at the University


Later that evening of 24 June, the two Jesuits dined at the Bishop's Residence on Wyoming Avenue and then walked up the street to see the Scranton Estate where the Jesuits would establish their religious community and begin decades of service as administrators of The University of Scranton.

When the Jesuits arrived in Scranton, they were the third religious order and the fourth group to direct the University since its founding in 1888. Sixty years later, they have earned the distinction of serving the University community longer than any of the previous administrators.

The changes in the past 60 years have been dramatic and decisive. Yet the commitment to the centuries-old foundation of Jesuit education have remained unchanged.

The Arrival of the Jesuits


Mr. Springer, (front row, second from left), now Rev. Robert H. Springer, S.J., the only living member of the original group, recently celebrated his 85th birthday. He resides at Fordham University.

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Ignatian Identity Celebrated During Ignatian Week

The University celebrated its Ignatian identity during Ignatian Week, 6 - 12 April.

The week’s events included a special Mass, lunchtime discussions about Jesuit and laity as campus colleagues, and sessions on The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

A highlight of the week’s events occurred during the University Assembly on 9 April with the presentation of the annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian Mission and Ministries.

The Arrupe Award is named in honor of the late Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus from 1965 to 1983. The University instituted the award in 1996 to further its namesake’s vision by recognizing men and women for outstanding contributions in a wide variety of Ignatian-inspired ministries.

For the first time, the Arrupe Award was presented to two people: Maureen A. Fay, O.P., Ph.D., President of the University of Detroit Mercy, and David O’Brien, Ph.D., Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies and Past Director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at the College of the Holy Cross. From left: Joseph M. McShane, S.J., University President; Brendan G. Lally ’70, Rector of the Jesuit Community at Scranton; Sister Maureen Fay; Dr. O’Brien; and Terrence Toland, S.J., Director of the Center for Mission Reflection.

A New Jesuit Residence

On 8 September 1987, the University dedicated Campion Hall, a new Jesuit residence replacing The Estate building where the Jesuit community had lived since arriving in 1942.

The Library

The Library was located in “Old Main” in 1927. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Memorial Library, completed in 1992, offers a collection of over 450,000 volumes in a setting that is fully integrated into a campus-wide voice, video and data network.

Liturgical Celebrations


Today, Masses are held at Madonna della Strada Chapel, St. Ignatius Chapel and in the Byron Complex for larger events involving the entire University community.
Rev. John J. Quinn, S.J.
Sixtieth Anniversary of Entrance into The Society of Jesus
30 July 1942 – 30 July 2002

The Rev. J.J. Quinn, S.J., Professor Emeritus of English at The University of Scranton, marked the 60th anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus at a gathering held in his honor, 10 August 2002.

About 100 family members, friends and members of the University community honored Fr. Quinn at a Mass at Madonna della Strada Chapel, followed by dinner at Brennan Hall on campus.

Following is text of the remarks delivered during the 10 August 2002 celebration.

Rev. John J. Quinn, S.J.
Professor Emeritus of English,
The University of Scranton

Fr. Quinn earned an A.B. in English from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. in 1942. He entered the Jesuit Order at the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues, Wernersville, Pa., in 1942 and was ordained a priest in 1954.

Fr. Quinn joined the University’s English Department in 1956. Throughout his more than four decades of service to the University, Fr. Quinn has served as a professor, dorm counselor, moderator of drama and founder of the literary magazine Esprit.

Following the completion of his Ph.D. in American Studies at King’s College at the University of London, England, he introduced a four-course film program into the English curriculum at the University. He was the first University of Scranton liaison officer with the Peace Corps in its earliest days. He conducted student tours to London, counseled students and chaired the change of governance to the newly created Faculty Senate in 1991.

Alumni, former students and the Jesuit community at Scranton have honored Fr. Quinn by establishing the Rev. J.J. Quinn, S.J. Scholarship.

In June 2002, Fr. Quinn received the Frank J. O’Hara Award for University Service. The O’Hara Award is the highest honor bestowed jointly by the University and its Alumni Society.
Thank You, Lord God

REMARKS BY J. J. QUINN, S.J.

“Life is not measured by years, but by celebrations of the heart.”

And such celebrations should be shared by family and friends who made them possible. That is why we are all here. And we remember those special people not here in person but in spirit.

“We must learn to write our hurts in the sand and to carve our blessings in stone.”

Otherwise, “If we always do what we always did, we will always get what we always got.”

We all know that the past is history and dust; the future is a promise of hope. What every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Don’t cheat yourselves. Read the New Testament afresh. Put yourself in the scenes of His life as participant, not spectator, from His Crib to his Cross.

We put meaning into our lives only when we put God into our lives.

“I live by Faith in the Son of God, who loves me and sacrificed Himself for me.” (Gal 2:20)

When we mistake a loving, paternal, caring God for a party-pooper or despot or dictator, we flounder in the “either-or” world of destruction.

In the precious, few, sobering moments, fear paralyzes some people.

They forget – or ignore – the “both-and” world of reality. They forget the Lord’s own words in our times of trouble. He said: “Fear is useless. What is needed is trust.”

We can’t trust a monster. We can trust a loving, paternal, real, true, eternal God – Our Father.

Replace fear with trust in Him – and self and human others.

We can do this when we make St. Paul’s vision our own.

“I live by Faith in the Son of God, who loves ME and sacrificed H Imself for ME!” (Gal 2:20)

Then, we can confidently pray: “Help us to embrace the world you have given us, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the new life and joy and true light of your saving grace.”

God bless us all – and he does – always.

Don’t miss life, love God. There will be no celebration of the heart for you. Pity, that! Don’t make your eyelids your horizon. Don’t ever expect to wake up in heaven, wondering how on earth you got there!

Even before I began my Jesuit odyssey, I had learned from my parents and family: It’s all in your vision and attitude: the source of your human, meaningful, active life of service.

“I fear the “either-or” vision.

St. Ignatius’ vision is Christ’s vision of reality.

Simply stated, it is the “both-and” vision. Both creator and creatures – especially persons (since all of us are made to the image and likeness of God), both eternity and time, both spirit and matter, both divine and human, both supernatural and natural, both grace and nature, both soul and body, both pain and joy, both here (earth) and hereafter (heaven), both true God and real person.

The vision – ever ancient, ever new – contradicts the blur that comes whenever one substitutes the “either-or” for “both-and.”

History – especially the greatest love story, The Bible – shows what we finite sinners can accomplish with the infinite sinless God’s help (both-and). As the Portuguese proverb puts it, “God writes straight with crooked lines.”

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“Life is not measured by years, but by celebrations of the heart.”

We all know that the past is history and dust; the future is a promise of hope. What every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Better to make the most of His precious gift now.

An ancient prescription for healthy living admonishes us to:

“Look to this day for it is Life. The very life of Life. In its brief course lie all the realities and truths of existence:

The joy of growth,

The splendor of action,

The glory of power.

For yesterday is but a memory, and tomorrow is only a vision. But, today well-lived makes yesterday a memory of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore to this day.”

St. Paul reminds us: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)

St. Ignatius’ vision is Christ’s vision of reality.

Simply stated, it is the “both-and” vision.

Both creator and creatures – especially persons (since all of us are made to the image and likeness of God), both eternity and time, both spirit and matter, both divine and human, both supernatural and natural, both grace and nature, both soul and body, both pain and joy, both here (earth) and hereafter (heaven), both true God and real person.

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in what has provoked our awe. Wonder is the wellspring of praise. We have reason for our praise: we are God’s children, made in His image. Psalm 8 should stir our hearts to revive the attitude of gratitude.

“When I see the heavens, The work of your hands, The moon and the stars, which you arranged, What is man that You should keep him in mind, Mortal man that You care for him? You have made him little less than a god; With glory and honor You crowned him, Gave him power Over the works of your hand, Put all things under his feet. All of them, sheep and cattle, Yes, even the savage beasts, Birds of the air, and fish That make their way through the waters How great is Your Name, O Lord our God, Through all the earth!

Let us praise the God whose mystery fills us with reverence for You who alone are God." (John 10:10)
Our creator God works and labors for us all in all creatures upon the face of the earth. All our blessings and gifts descend from above. Our limited power comes from the supreme and infinite power above, so, too, justice, goodness, mercy descends from above as the rays of light descend from the sun, and as the waters flow from their fountains.

We forget our eternal worth in our temporal gloving for life – easing luxuries. We try to escape the pain and struggle, the defeat and victory in our monotonous and grim routine of faith – discarded things.

Our petty, selfish, childish, worldly, sensual myopic vision of our divine - human history summed up in the lust for pleasure.

"'Be like J' is faith: Faith in a higher power."

Excerpts of the Homily

Delivered by Brendan G. Lally, S.J.

Fr. JJ Quinn has influenced the lives of literally thousands of people over the years, both young and old, Jesuit and lay, as both a scholar and as a priest. He has given significant attention to many of these people in the area of his scholarship and through the gift of his priesthood. But he gave his heart to only one person: not to the rich or the famous, but to the person of Jesus Christ! This is the power of JJ Quinn; it is his greatest strength and his most significant accomplishment.

"Why are we celebrating 60 years of a Jesuit's life today? Because for 60 years this one Jesuit has heard that call of Christ to discipleship and has allowed it to penetrate deeply into his heart and soul.
The University presented Frank J. O’Hara Awards to seven people during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

O’Hara Awards recognize alumni and others who have achieved distinction in their professions or personal endeavors.

The Frank J. O’Hara Awards are named for the late administrator who served the University for 53 years. It is the highest honor bestowed jointly by The University of Scranton and its 35,000-member Alumni Society.

John E. (Jack) Brennan ’68, Old Tappan, N.J., received the award for management. Mr. Brennan is Vice Chairman of the Board of Southern Union Co., the fourth-largest natural gas distribution company in the United States. Brennan Hall, dedicated in 2000, is named after Mr. Brennan in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the University.

Paul M. Borick, Ph.D., ’47, Goose Creek, S.C., received the award for science and technology. Dr. Borick worked for 37 years in the pharmaceutical and medical surgical industries, where he was instrumental in the introduction of many new medical and drug products, and anti-microbial agents used as chemical sterilizing agents in hospitals.

Deborah J. Gougeon, Ph.D., ’73, Moscow, received the award for education. Dr. Gougeon is completing her twenty-fourth year at The University of Scranton, currently as an Associate Professor of Business Statistics and Quantitative Methods in the Kania School of Management.

Lawrence J. Howard, M.D., ’68, Clarks Summit, received the award for University service. Dr. Howard has been actively involved in family medicine since 1975. He has also dedicated years of service as the physician to the Jesuit Community at The University of Scranton. In 1995, an Ignatian Scholarship was named in his honor.

Jane Oppenheim, Scranton, received the award for community service. Mrs. Oppenheim has devoted much of her life to the betterment of education, the improvement of social conditions of the poor, and strengthening of volunteerism in Scranton. She is Vice Chair of the Board of Regents of the University and is actively involved in many other community organizations.

Joseph F. Lydon, Sr., M.D., ’43, Rocky River, Ohio, received the award for medicine. Dr. Lydon’s career in medicine spans decades of service in the public and private sectors, and in the U.S. military. He trained and served with the Special Operations section of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal and Combat Medical Badge.

Joseph J. Kadow, Esq., ’78, Tampa, Fla., received the award for law. Mr. Kadow is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Outback Steakhouse, Inc., (OSI), a New York Stock Exchange company with annual revenues of more than $2.5 billion. Mr. Kadow is OSI’s chief legal officer and has been counsel to OSI since it was founded in 1988.