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## Scrantastic! Office Convention Puts Scranton in National Spotlight



**The Royals Cheerleaders cheer on "Office" cast members Kate Flannery (Meredith), Creed Bratton (Creed) and Oscar Nuñez (Oscar), and NBC's Al Roker during a live broadcast of the Today show from campus on Oct. 26.**

In many ways, the Office Convention was much like the Emmy-award winning sitcom *The Office*. No one could have predicted the magnitude of its success.

The three-day Convention, chaired by a triumvirate of Scrantonians and organized by a handful of people who ultimately enlisted the support of hundreds of volunteers, drew throngs of *Office* fans, not only from Scranton, but as far away as Wyoming, California, Canada and Ireland.

"We're like the Beatles in Scranton," quipped Ed Helms (Andy) during an Oct. 27 press conference in the University's Byron Complex attended by more than 150 reporters, including representatives from the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today* and other national print and broadcast media.

Many of the events were held on the campus of The University of Scranton, which was an organizer of the Convention and host to thousands over the weekend. By all estimates, a total of 10,000 attended the Convention, which included guest appearances from 15 cast members, as well as the executive producers and a dozen writers of the show.

For The University of Scranton, it was an opportunity to showcase its campus

to a national audience – a chance for this Jesuit jewel to shine even brighter. It all started on Oct. 26. Students lined up the entire night in the cold to give a warm welcome to Al Roker of NBC's *Today* show in a live broadcast from campus that kicked off The Office Convention. In all, more than 3,000 people, including 2,500 University students, turned out in Scranton style to cheer on Roker and nine cast members of

*The Office* who made special appearances during the morning broadcast. They were greeted like rock stars, with cheers from the Royals cheerleading squad and roaring enthusiasm from the crowd.

The excitement of the Scranton community was not lost on Kent Zbornak, an executive producer of *The Office*. "We understood that we had a huge fan base out here, but not to this extent," said Zbornak, who flew out from Los Angeles for the Convention. "This is a great opportunity to reach out and talk to our fans and thank them for being such huge instruments of our success."

The opportunities were immeasurable for Scranton, too.

"This is a great day for the University (of Scranton) and the City," said Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty on the site of the *Today* show. "It allows us to tell our story," he said, referring to the City's revitalization

For The University of Scranton, the story also speaks of growth and great things. "We've always known that the University deserves to be in the national spotlight for all we do, especially our academic excellence," said University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J. "We're

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### Scranton Shines for "Stanley"

The Office Convention provided an opportunity for The University of Scranton to showcase its campus to a national audience – a chance for this Jesuit jewel to shine even brighter.

It clearly caught the attention of Leslie David Baker, who plays Stanley on the Emmy award-winning sitcom, *The Office*.



**Leslie David Baker (Stanley) poses with Scranton students during NBC's Today show, Oct. 26.**

"The campus is breathtaking," he said, adding that the grounds are "impeccable" and the staff accommodating. Himself the product of a Jesuit education, Baker said of The University of Scranton, "I would come here to go to school if I had to do it all again."

## DeNaples Honored at Annual Award Dinner

The University's President's Business Council achieved another record-breaking milestone at its Sixth Annual Award Dinner on October 4 at The Pierre in New York City. Louis A. DeNaples Sr. H'05, President of DeNaples Auto Parts, Keystone Sanitary Landfill, and Mount Airy Casino Resort, received the University's President's Medal before an over-capacity crowd of 760 alumni and friends.

Dinner co-chair Andrew B. Dinnhaupt '89, portfolio manager in the Global Financial Services of RBC Capital Markets, announced that this year's dinner raised a record \$1.56 million. This year's total surpassed the \$1.54 million achieved at the 2006 Annual Award Dinner. Mr. Dinnhaupt also noted that in the six-year history of this event, more than \$6.25 million has been raised. Proceeds from the Annual Dinner go directly to Scranton's Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund, which supports full-tuition scholarships awarded annually by the University to its most academically qualified students.

Kaci E. Haines, a senior majoring in biology with a minor in philosophy from

Spring Brook, spoke on behalf of the Presidential Scholars. She thanked the attendees for their generosity and, on behalf of her fellow scholarship recipients, for providing the encouragement needed to grow.

Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70, president & CEO of AXA Financial, Inc., and chair of the President's Business Council, returned to the role as Master of Ceremonies for the evening after being honored at last year's dinner. Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn '72, pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale, provided the Invocation.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., provided an update on the recent activities of the University, as well as its continued successes as recognized by



**Louis DeNaples (center) gratefully accepts the President's Medal from University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J. (left) and Chair of the President's Business Council Christopher "Kip" Condron '70 (right).**

numerous national publications. Fr. Pilarz referred to a recent meeting with a current parent of two University students in describing the ethos of the campus, "At Scranton, when somebody trips, everybody stops to help them up." Fr. Pilarz noted that Louis DeNaples exemplifies this

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### **Bobby Ray Shafer (Bob Vance, Vance Refrigeration) gets a warm welcome from students in the Business Leadership Program.**

delighted to share that spotlight with the cast of *The Office* and the City of Scranton."

NBC's Roker was a celebrity unto himself, with signs and slogans that were a testament to his popularity. A handmade sign in the crowd said it all. "Art Supplies: \$10.17. Five Cups of Coffee: \$6. Up at 4 to See Al: Priceless." When he started break-dancing with the University's Urban Beat dance team, the crowd went wild.

Iggy, the Royal mascot of the University played by student John Swarts, joined in the fun. "The whole city is excited about this event," he said. "We love *The Office*, and we love NBC."

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Iggy's words were echoed by countless Scranton students.

"We're really excited that our school is getting some hype," said Ben Courtney '11, who, along with Ryan Faherty '11, waited outside from 11 p.m. the night before the *Today* show to get a "front row" spot in the crowd. While waiting, they enjoyed live entertainment from various groups, including the University's Dance Team.

Al Roker signed off at 10 a.m. on Friday, but the signature "Scranton party" didn't stop. Die-hard *Office* fans paid up to \$250 a ticket to attend a multitude of events throughout

the weekend. There was a Street Festival featuring a performance by The Scrantones, Dunder Mifflin Infinity's Office Olympics, food, local vendors selling Scranton-related merchandise, and two open-air stages offering a wide assortment of live entertainment. There was also a Q&A panel with cast members, a Bloggers' Breakfast and a Writers' Block discussion.

The Convention was the brainchild of Scrantonians Michele Dempsey, DX Dempsey Architecture, Tim Holmes '88 of Times Shamrock Newspapers, and Sara Hailstone of the City of Scranton, who collectively chaired the event. The week-end-long festivities were organized by the City of Scranton, the Lackawanna County Convention & Visitors Bureau, WBRE-TV, Times Shamrock Communication, The University of Scranton, The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and Mohegan Sun.

As the weekend's events unfolded, it became evident that there was something else shared by the *Office* Convention, the blockbuster sitcom, the City of Scranton and The University of Scranton: an extraordinary genuineness.

Executive Producer Greg Daniels described the sitcom as "Comedy that's out of real life" during a Writers' Block Q&A at a packed house at the Scranton Cultural Center on Oct. 28.

That "real life" was defined in a uniquely Scrantonese way by Dan French '08, a Senator for the Senior Class, who spent countless hours with countless other students preparing for the Convention.



**Participants race to collect office supplies during Dunder Mifflin Infinity's Office Olympics, held in the Byron Complex.**

"This is what Scranton is all about – coming together and being together," he said.

Chris Molitoris '08, president of Student Government, who worked tirelessly with about 400 student volunteers, put his own take on the genuine and warm way in which The University of Scranton rolled out the red carpet for the cast, writers, producers, national media and Convention attendees. "Volunteering for this event gave us a chance to give that special University touch to the Convention. We're here to help others and we want to greet people in the most authentic way we can to make the Convention a success," he said.

Amid all the hype, it was hard for Scranton students and Scrantonians to contain the pride they felt for such national recognition.

"We're just proud of our Electric City," beamed junior student Greg Jones, a member of the Business Leadership Program at Scranton.

His sentiments were echoed by fellow Business Leadership student Lauren Benedict. "We don't have a football team, but we have *The Office*," she said.



### **Sebastianelli Named KSOM Professor of the Year**

Rose Sebastianelli, Ph.D., professor of Operations Management, was chosen as the Kania School of Management Professor of the Year by the University's Business Club. The award was presented at the KSOM Annual Dinner following the Kania School's annual Recruiting EXPO on Oct. 11. From left are: Frederick T. Fuchs '10, secretary of the Business Club; Kelly M. Furdin '09, vice president, Business Club; and Dr. Sebastianelli.

### **DeNaples Honored at Annual Award Dinner (cont'd from pg. 1)**

Scranton ethos. Fr. Pilarz went on to offer his gratitude to Louis' wife, Bettyann, and their family for "generously sharing your husband, father and grandfather with the University."

A native and resident of Dunmore, Mr. DeNaples is a self-made businessman. His career began with the founding of DeNaples Auto Parts and has grown into a conglomeration of over 200 companies in which he has business interests, including towing, heavy equipment sales and rentals, landfills, waste hauling, transportation, banking and real estate. In December of 2006, Mr. DeNaples' business interests expanded when the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board selected his application for one of the slot machine licenses that the state was awarding. The Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos opened its doors in October.

An active community volunteer and philanthropist, Mr. DeNaples also established the Mount Airy Foundation, which will manage charitable giving to programs that target youth, low-income families and the at-risk and disadvantaged. He has served on the boards of numerous organizations throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

A longtime friend of the University, Louis DeNaples served two terms as a trustee, including two years as chair of the board. He received an honorary degree from the university in 2005. In July, as recognition of his lifetime of commitment to the University, a new campus center was named in honor of his late parents, Patrick and Margaret DeNaples. The building will open in January 2008.

In his acceptance remarks, Mr. DeNaples humbly offered his gratitude for

this recognition and stated, "Aside from my marriage to my wife, Bettyann, and the birth of our seven children, this is the greatest night of my life." In explaining his family's commitment to support Catholic and Jesuit education, Mr. DeNaples encouraged those present to continue the tradition of generosity. "We are called to the cause of Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition because it offers us a meaningful way to leave a lasting tradition for future generations," he said.

Immediately prior to the President's Medal presentation, two close friends of Mr. DeNaples offered an introduction of this year's honoree. Rev. Joseph F. Sica '77, chaplain of Mercy Hospital in Scranton and a longtime friend of the honoree, described "the style, the vision and the person" of Mr. DeNaples. Fr. Sica described Mr. DeNaples as someone who "sees the finish line long before people know there's even a race" and who combines "personal humility with a firm determination to move forward." John D. Dionne '86, dinner co-chair, immediate past chair of the University's Board of Trustees and senior managing director of The Blackstone Group, provided a glimpse into the entrepreneurial success of Mr. DeNaples. "Nothing takes Louis DeNaples off his game," Mr. Dionne said.

The President's Business Council was formed in 2001 by the University and a prominent group of alumni and friends with the purpose of advancing the mission of the University. 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.

## Autism Advocates Receive Leahy Award



**Patricia Leahy, honorary co-chair of the Conference on disAbility, presents the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Award to Lee Grossman, president and chief executive officer of the Autism Society of America and the Autism Society of America Foundation.**

"Autism Across the Lifespan: Allies in Action" was discussed at a capacity crowd gathered for the 6th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility, held Oct. 18 on campus. The Conference included sessions on education, employment and independent living.

Keynote speakers were two leading advocates for autism in Pennsylvania and America. Dennis O'Brien, the 137th Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and founder and co-chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Autism Caucus, opened the conference with his keynote address, "Pennsylvania Legislation and Commitment to Autism Funding."

Lee Grossman, president and chief executive officer of the Autism Society of America and the Autism Society of America Foundation, discussed the "worldwide pandemic" of autism, the challenges it presents, and the hope for change. "We are here today to talk about hope. More than that, we need to change how people are looking at this condition we call autism," he said.



**Edward Leahy '68 honorary co-chair of the Conference on disAbility, presents the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Award to Jeanne Brolan '01, community organizer for United Neighborhood Centers of Lackawanna County, and mother of a son with autism.**

Grossman also received the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Award in Individual and Systems Advocacy for Autism. Jeanne Brolan '01, community organizer for United Neighborhood Centers of Lackawanna County, received the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Excellence Award in Community Advocacy for Autism.

The conference also featured a live videoconference with U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, who discussed the bill he is drafting that will allow parents to create disability educational IRAs, as well as the issue of funding for children with disabilities.

"Within every child, there is a bright light burning," said Senator Casey. "Our job is to make sure that bright light within each child shines as brightly as possible in our communities and across our country."

The Conference was presented by the University's J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Endowment. Honorary Chairpersons were Edward R. Leahy '68 and Patricia Leahy.

## Alperin Financial Center Provides High-Tech Teaching Tools to Kania Students



**The new Alperin Center simulates a Trading Floor, complete with an electronic ticker and other news and data displays.**

Business students at Scranton are getting hands-on experience with the stock market, thanks to the new Irwin E. Alperin Financial Center on the main floor of Brennan Hall. The Center simulates a Trading Floor, complete with an electronic ticker and other news and data displays. When complete, students will be able to experience professional applications of the stock market through market simulations, in areas such as portfolio construction and risk management.

The Alperin Financial Center empowers Kania faculty to use high-tech teaching tools to instruct students in financial risk management concepts that will prepare them for the workforce. Already, professors are learning to use the facility to teach. Satyajit Ghosh, Ph.D., chair and professor of Economics/Finance, is using the Alperin Center in his Microeconomics class for undergraduate students.

"I'm using the Financial Center to simulate a real trading market where participants can buy and sell different products or assets," says Dr. Ghosh. "It provides students with a much better understanding of how a real market in all its complexities can operate."

The Financial Center is named in honor of the late Irwin E. Alperin, a benefactor, former trustee and dedicated friend of The University of Scranton and a driving force in the economic growth of Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania. Through his company, Alperin, Inc. and the various companies affiliated with it, Irwin Alperin provided employment opportunities for local residents, while also generously extending his philanthropic reach into the community. At The University of Scranton, he established the Alperin Chair, the first chair in the Kania School of Management, as well as a scholarship that provides financial assistance for outstanding students who might not otherwise be able to pursue a college education.

"He loved the stock market and he loved the University and the excitement of the committees he served on, including the Finance Committee of the Board," Janie Alperin Roth said of her father.

Accordingly, it was fitting that the family chose to memorialize their father

through a leadership gift establishing the Irwin E. Alperin Financial Center.

The Financial Center is being built in three phases. The first phase, now completed, includes LCDs and a ticker behind a glass wall. The second phase is expected to include 40 computers, a surround sound system and conference facilities. The third phase will provide a network of specialized software designed to support the Kania School business curriculum

with simulation capabilities and faculty-student research on financial and commodity markets.

## 25 Join Faculty at Scranton

The University of Scranton has appointed 25 full-time faculty members for the 2007-2008 academic year, according to Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. They are:

Bryan R. Burnham, Ph.D., assistant professor, Psychology; Marzia Caporale, Ph.D., assistant professor, Foreign Languages; Pornthip Chalungsooth, Ed.D., assistant professor, Counseling/Human Services; Arthur J. Chambers, second-year lecturer, Education; Darryl M. DeMarzio, Ph.D., assistant professor, Education; Ellen Dermody, faculty specialist, Theology/Religious Studies; Ann E. Feeney, faculty specialist, Nursing; Jennifer Franko, instructor, Mathematics; Douglas Haladay, Ph.D., lecturer, Exercise Science; Sandra Lamanna, lecturer, Education; Bonnie Lini Markowski, faculty specialist, English; Catherine A. McGeehan, R.N., lecturer, Nursing; Molly Beth Mika, assistant professor, Occupational Therapy; Debra P. Miller, Ph.D., second-year lecturer, Physical Therapy; Phil Nicholas Jr., Ph.D., second-year lecturer, Political Science; Maria J. Orechkina, Ph.D., assistant professor, Education; Meghan Ashlen Rich, instructor, Sociology; Nathan G. Schmidt, lecturer, Philosophy; Paul J. Sevensky, lecturer, Communication; Beth Sindaco, faculty specialist, English; John J. Strain III, faculty specialist, Communication; Kimberly Subasic, instructor, Nursing; Robert C. Walker, Ed.D., lecturer, Education; Patricia Moyle Wright, M.S.N., R.N., assistant professor, Nursing; Ling Xue, assistant professor, Operations Management.

**View the full release with biographical sketches of the new faculty members on the Web at [www.scranton.edu/news](http://www.scranton.edu/news).**



## Mulberry Street Improvement Project Announced

Officials from the City of Scranton and the University unveiled plans for a streetscape project at a news conference on Sept. 20. The Mulberry Street improvement project will beautify and improve safety for a gateway corridor into the city. The University of Scranton will fund the project, which is estimated to cost more than \$1 million. From left: Mayor Chris Doherty, Councilman Robert McGoff, City Councilwoman Sherry Nealon Fanucci, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Council President Judy Gatelli and Hon. Ken Smith, Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

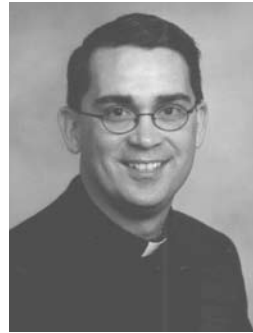
## Nine New Members Named to the University's Board of Trustees



**Thomas J. Davis,**  
CPA '69



**Donna M. Doherty**



**Rev. James F. Duffy,**  
S.J., M.D. '88



**Edward Glynn, S.J.**  
H'90



**Eugene J. Kane Sr.**  
'54



**James Knipper '81**



**James F. Mullery**  
Jr. '86



**Diane Edmunds**  
Murray



**John A. Walsh '66**

Nine new members have been elected to three-year terms on The University of Scranton's Board of Trustees, beginning their terms at the Oct. 4 board meeting.

New trustees are: Thomas J. Davis, CPA '69, proprietor of a financial advisory and consulting practice; Donna M. Doherty, owner of Heart to Art; Rev. James F. Duffy, S.J., M.D. '88, chaplain of Georgetown University School of Medicine and internist at the Spanish Catholic Center, Washington, D.C.; Edward Glynn, S.J. H'90, president, Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark, N.J.; Eugene J. Kane Sr. '54, chairman of Kane is Able, Inc.; James Knipper '81, president and CEO of J. Knipper and Company; James F. Mullery Jr. '86, president of the Global Sub-Advisory Group at AXA Equitable; Diane Edmunds Murray, co-founder and president of Lavelle Murray, Inc.; and John A. Walsh '66, senior vice president and executive editor of ESPN and the ESPN Internet Group.

Biographical sketches of members of the Board of Trustees may be found on the Web site at [www.scranton.edu/trustees](http://www.scranton.edu/trustees).

## \$488,213 in Grants will Enhance Lab Equipment and Region's Financial Education

Faculty members at The University of Scranton recently received grants totaling \$488,213. The monies will be used for a variety of projects, including new laboratory equipment and the improvement of financial education in northeastern Pennsylvania.

**Assistant Professor of Biology Maria E. Squire, Ph.D., and Professor of Biology Gary G. Kwiecinski, Ph.D.,** received \$287,600 from the National Science Foundation. The monies will be used to purchase specialized equipment to aid research on bone structure in support of research in the Biology and Chemistry departments. Other faculty contributors were **Robert J. Smith, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology; Janice Voltzow, Ph.D., professor of biology; and Jennifer A. Tripp, Ph.D., assistant professor chemistry.**

The new high-resolution micro-computed tomography equipment will allow users to examine specimens without destroying or altering them, thus allowing preservation of the specimens for future or additional analyses. It will help students performing research in chemistry and biochemistry, support the scholarly activities of science faculty members and allow the use of interactive science demonstrations to students participating in Scranton's University of Success program. Installation of Scanco Medical's  $\mu$ CT 80 scanning system expected to take place by the beginning of the spring 2008 semester.

**Physics and Electrical Engineering Professor John R. Kalafut and Anthony P. Pamela, primary lab instructor, physics**

**and electrical engineering,** have received a \$46,881 grant from the National Science Foundation through its Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement Program. They will use the monies to purchase equipment and computers to restructure the department's elementary physics laboratory, used in courses taken by all freshmen physics, engineering and biophysics majors, as well as upperclass students in chemistry, biology, neuroscience, exercise science, mathematics, computer science and physical therapy.

The new equipment will allow students to participate in new and redesigned experiments and will improve the effectiveness of University laboratory instruction. The PASCO Scientific equipment includes computer interfaces and software that will assist students conducting experiments in electricity, magnetism and optics, such as a PASCO Human Eye Model that will enable students to learn about sight, and a PASCO Science Workshop on Interference and Diffraction of Light, which will help students more fully understand the wave nature of light. The computers are now in use, and the remainder of the new equipment will be installed in spring 2008.

**The University of Scranton and Misericordia University** have received a grant in the amount of \$153,732 from Wall Street West, a federal- and state-funded initiative to develop a total back-up solution for New York City's financial institutions in the event of a disaster.

The grant supports the jointly conducted Financial Literacy Institute for Junior and High School Teachers and Students.

The institute strives to interest students in financial services careers and build a stronger, more qualified workforce for the industry in a nine-county region through a \$15 million U.S. Department of Labor grant designed to assist in the Wall Street West initiative. Other partner institutions include Northampton Community College, Economics Pennsylvania (EconPA), Susquehanna Patriot Bank Center for

Economic Education and Intermediate Units 14, 19, 20 and 21.

Beginning in January 2008, 100 eighth- through twelfth-grade teachers in the nine counties will receive instruction in teaching financial economics competencies at both institutions and through interactive video conferencing. They will then teach up to 2,000 students in grades 8-12, as well as other teachers.



### Groundbreaking and Naming Ceremony Held for Condron Hall

On Sept. 6, The University of Scranton broke ground for Christopher "Kip" and Margaret Condron Hall, a new 386-bed residence hall named in honor of Scranton benefactors Christopher M. "Kip" Condron, president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., and a graduate of Scranton's class of 1970, and his wife, Margaret Condron, Ph.D., a Trustee of The University of Scranton. At the ceremony, from left are, Martin Langan, associate vice president for Administrative Services; Carolyne King, student representative; Vince Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for Student Affairs; Margaret Condron, Ph.D.; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University president; Christopher "Kip" Condron; Phil Condron Sr.; Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty; Nobel C. Quandt, president of The Quandt Group, Inc.; Don Flynn, vice president, Burkavage Design Associates; and Bill Burkavage, president, Burkavage Design Associates.

## Professor's Book Breaks New Ground in Biographies of Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Emerson & Eros, is the product of five years of writing and 30 years of thinking by Len Gougeon, Ph.D.**

It's fair to say that Len Gougeon, Ph.D., "wrote the book" on Emerson. (Actually, he wrote two of them.) Now, he's written a third. But this one is different from any other Emerson biography ever published.

In his newly released book, *Emerson & Eros: The Making of a Cultural Hero*, published this summer by the State University of New York Press, The University of Scranton professor of English and Emerson scholar breaks new ground by exploring the heart as well as the mind of one of America's most important cultural figures.

"This book examines the emotional dimension of Ralph Waldo Emerson's life and the effect it had on his character, his values, and his ideas," says Dr. Gougeon. "In Emerson studies, this approach is exceptional."

According to Dr. Gougeon, most research about Emerson takes a decidedly intellectual approach to the subject. This approach is often reinforced by what

turns out to be a misconception that Emerson was an aloof philosopher-poet who was removed from the social turmoil of his day.

In writing *Emerson & Eros*, Dr. Gougeon said his overall goal was, "to understand Emerson, literally, from the inside out and to get at what Emerson 'got at' in his most important and influential writings.

This inward exploration revealed a truly passionate side of Emerson that was deeper and more

life-changing than I had previously imagined."

The book is the product of five years of writing and 30 years of thinking by Dr. Gougeon. What he discovered in his research on Emerson's personal life was a man who experienced several crises – the death of his first wife, Ellen, his subsequent and life-altering departure from the Unitarian ministry, the death of his five-year-old son and other traumatic personal events – that significantly affected his thinking and, eventually, his writings.

"Emerson was always looking for the universal truth," says Dr. Gougeon. "He sought to take the formative experiences of his own personal life and to discover in them the universal truth that gives meaning and purpose to human experience."

In writing *Emerson & Eros*, Dr. Gougeon sought to recover and explore the personal experiences that led to the discovery of this universal truth. Early reviews about *Emerson & Eros* suggest that Dr. Gougeon achieved his goal.

Jay Parini, a well-known poet, biographer, and scholar, who received an honorary degree from The University of Scranton in 2005, gave the book high praise. "I've read this book with immense pleasure; it is a compelling work of scholarship and spiritual exploration." The *Midwest Book Review*, which reviews books for schools and colleges, gave *Emerson & Eros* a five-star rating, noting that, "Students and scholars of Emerson's classic works will find the meticulous dissection and reconstruction of Emerson's intellectually formative influences an eye-opening, thoughtful, and compelling assessment." The book also has been favorably reviewed by *The New York Sun*, which observed that a reader of *Emerson & Eros* can "absorb [Emerson's] biography and his main ideas with surprising ease" and that the work overall possesses "an admirable lucidity."

Dr. Gougeon's two previous books, *Virtue's Hero: Emerson, Antislavery, and Reform* and *Emerson's Antislavery Writings* (co-edited with fellow Emersonian Joel Myerson) were published by the University of Georgia Press (1990) and Yale University Press (1995), respectively.

In 1999-2001, Dr. Gougeon served as President of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society, an international group of scholars dedicated to the study of Emerson's

thought. In July 2006, he made a presentation at Oxford University on Emerson and the British. In 2003, he was one of a small group of invited scholars who spoke at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Historical Society as part of the Emerson Bicentennial celebration. This presentation was later published by the Massachusetts Historical Society in a volume titled *Emerson Bicentennial Essays* (2006).

Dr. Gougeon joined the faculty of the University in 1974 and was named professor of English in 1982. He earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada, and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Massachusetts. In 2003, in recognition of his accomplishments as a scholar and a teacher, he was named a Distinguished University Fellow by the University.

### Correction

A story in the September issue of *The Scranton Record* contained an omission. The story, "Faculty Promotions, Tenure Decisions Announced" neglected to include that Yaodong Bi, Ph.D., was promoted to professor of computer science. *The Scranton Record* apologizes for the omission.

## Accounting Professor Receives PICPA Award

Daniel P. Mahoney, Ph.D., professor of accounting at The University of Scranton, has been chosen as the 2007 Outstanding Educator by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA). He was

recognized at PICPA's annual Leadership Conference held in Hershey on Sept. 24.

Dr. Mahoney earned a bachelor of science degree and master of business administration degree from The University of Scranton in 1981 and 1985, respectively. He received a doctorate at Syracuse University. He also holds a CPA certificate in Pennsylvania and is a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Dr. Mahoney joined The University of Scranton faculty as an assistant professor of accounting in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996 and professor in 2002. Prior to joining the University, he worked primarily as an internal auditor for The Prudential Insurance Company.

Dr. Mahoney has been the recipient of several awards at The University of Scranton, including Teacher of the Year in 2001 and the Edward Gannon, S.J. Award for Teaching in 2004. He was subsequently selected as the University's nominee for CASE Professor of the Year. In the fall of 2006, The University of Scranton Business Club voted him Teacher of the Year in the Kania School of Management. He has also held the three-year position of Alperin Teaching Fellow.

Dr. Mahoney's articles have been published in professional journals such as *The CPA Journal*, *Internal Auditor* and *Accounting Enquiries*.

## Nobel Laureate Discusses Genetic Code Research at Lecture

Nobel laureate Marshall W. Nirenberg, Ph.D., discussed "Forty Years After Deciphering the Genetic Code" at the annual Harry Mullin, M.D. Memorial Lecture in the Houlihan-McLean Center, Oct. 17.

Dr. Nirenberg's pioneering work on the genetic code paved the way for decades of biomedical discoveries that have advanced the human condition.

Dr. Nirenberg shared the 1968 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for "interpretation of the genetic code and its function in protein synthesis." While working at the National Institutes of Health, he determined how RNA transmits the information encoded in DNA in order to combine amino acids to make proteins. Dr. Nirenberg's presentation of his results at the International Congress of Biochemistry in Moscow in 1961 was almost instantly applauded and turned the famously modest scientist into an international figure.

He continued to study the genetic code and within five years had deciphered

the entire series of RNA codons -- the "code words" of messenger RNA -- for all 20 major amino acids. Considerable recognition followed, including his Nobel Prize, the National Medal of Science and the National Medal of Honor.

Over the last few decades Dr. Nirenberg has conducted research in neurobiology. He continues to work at NIH and also teaches at the University of Maryland and at George Washington University Medical Center. He has been recognized for his contributions by numerous prestigious scientific societies.

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



**The Mullin family welcomes Nobel Laureate Marshall W. Nirenberg, Ph.D., to the annual Harry Mullin, M.D. Memorial Lecture. Seated: Dr. Nirenberg and Ethel Mullin. Standing: Brian Mullin, M.D., '66 and Robbin Mullin.**



**By Kevin Southard**  
Sports Information Director

Senior Randy Arnold, who has started 81 consecutive games and was a 2007 Cousy Award finalist as the nation's top point-guard, will lead the men's basketball team in their first season in the Landmark Conference.



Randy Arnold



Kathleen Daly

Senior forward Kathleen Daly is one of seven letter-winners returning from the Lady Royals' women's basketball team 2007 team that advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament and finished the year ranked in the top 10 in two national polls.

The men's ice hockey team will begin competing in the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League this winter, taking on the likes of Penn State, Rhode Island, Drexel, Delaware and Navy. Seniors Mike Fitzgerald and Harry Lawall will serve as co-captains.



Mike Fitzgerald

Juniors Erin O'Connor and Joseph Veselovsky will lead the men's and women's swim teams during the upcoming 2007-2008 season. O'Connor is a four-time conference champion and currently holds the Scranton record in the 400 individual medley (4:42.56), while Veselovsky is one of only three male swimmers in Royals' history to win a conference title.



Erin O'Connor



Joseph Veselovsky

Rich Russell enters his senior year tied for 13<sup>th</sup> on the Royals' all-time list for most victories with 46. Russell and



Rich Russell

his teammates will compete in the Metropolitan Wrestling Conference for the second straight year.

# FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE WINTER SPORTS TEAM!

## Men's Basketball

Head Coach: Carl Danzig

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	Nov. 16	at Tom Masano Tip-Off Tournament	6/8 pm
		Point Park vs. Walsh College	6 pm
		Scranton vs. Alvernia	8 pm
Sat.	Nov. 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> -Place/Championship	1/3 pm
TUE.	NOV. 20	MISERICORDIA	7 PM
Sat.	Nov. 24	at Ramapo	3 pm
Wed.	Nov. 28	at Elizabethtown	7:30 pm
SAT.	DEC. 1	*MORAVIAN (WALL OF FAME DAY)	3 PM
Wed.	Dec. 5	at Messiah	7:30 pm
SAT.	DEC. 8	CABRINI	3 PM
MON.	DEC. 17	HARTWICK	8 PM
SAT.	JAN. 5	RADISSON INVITATIONAL	4/6 PM
		LYCOMING VS. WESLEY	4 PM
		LANCASTER BIBLE VS. ROYALS	6 PM
SUN.	JAN. 6	RADISSON INVITATIONAL	1/3 PM
		3 <sup>RD</sup> -PLACE GAME	1 PM
		CHAMPIONSHIP	3 PM
Fri.	Jan. 11	*at Susquehanna	7:30 pm
Sat.	Jan. 12	*at Juniata	4 pm
Tue.	Jan. 15	at Albright	7 pm
FRI.	JAN. 18	*GOUCHER	7:30 PM
SAT.	JAN. 19	*CATHOLIC	4 PM
Sat.	Jan. 26	*at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	7:30 pm
Sun.	Jan. 27	*at Drew	4 pm
FRI.	FEB. 1	*JUNIATA	7:30 PM
SAT.	FEB. 2	*SUSQUEHANNA	4 PM
SAT.	FEB. 9	*DREW	7:30 PM
SUN.	FEB. 10	*U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY	4 PM
Sat.	Feb. 16	*at Catholic	8 pm
Sun.	Feb. 17	*at Goucher	4 pm
Sat.	Feb. 23	*at Moravian	7:30 pm
Wed.	Feb. 27	Landmark Conference Semifinals	TBA
Sat.	Mar. 1	Landmark Conference Championship	TBA

\*Landmark Conference Games

HOME GAMES AT LONG CENTER IN CAPS

## Women's Basketball

Head Coach: Mike Strong

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	Nov. 16	at Scotty Wood Tournament (Allentown, Pa.)	TBA
Sat.	Nov. 17	(Muhlenberg, New Paltz, Villa Julie)	TBA
Tue.	Nov. 27	at Messiah	7:30 pm
SAT.	DEC. 1	WIDENER (WALL OF FAME DAY)	1 pm
TUE.	DEC. 4	*MORAVIAN	7 PM
FRI.	DEC. 7	DIVERSIFIED INVITATIONAL	7 PM
		HAMILTON VS. LADY ROYALS	7 PM
SAT.	DEC. 8	DIVERSIFIED INVITATIONAL	5 PM
		BARUCH VS. HAMILTON	5 PM
SUN.	DEC. 9	DIVERSIFIED INVITATIONAL	1 PM
		BARUCH VS. LADY ROYALS	3 PM
MON.	DEC. 17	MT. ST. MARY (N.Y.)	6 PM
WED.	DEC. 19	KEAN	7 PM
Fri.	Jan. 4	at Puerto Rico-Mayaguez	TBA
Mon.	Jan. 7	at Puerto Rico-Bayamon	TBA
Tue.	Jan. 8	at Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	TBA
Fri.	Jan. 11	*at Susquehanna	5:30 pm
Sat.	Jan. 12	*at Juniata	2 pm
FRI.	JAN. 18	*GOUCHER	5:30 PM
SAT.	JAN. 19	*CATHOLIC	2 PM
Sat.	Jan. 26	*at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	5:30 pm
Sun.	Jan. 27	*at Drew	2 pm
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Sun.	Feb. 17	*at Goucher	2 pm
Sat.	Feb. 23	*at Moravian	1 pm
Wed.	Feb. 27	Landmark Conference Semifinals	TBA
Sat.	Mar. 1	Landmark Conference Championship	TBA

\*Landmark Conference Games

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## Ice Hockey

Head Coach: Bill Fitzgerald

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Nov. 10	*at Drexel	4:30 pm
SUN.	NOV. 11	*DREXEL	4:30 PM
Fri.	Nov. 16	*at Navy	7:30 pm
Sat.	Nov. 17	*at Navy	7:30 pm
FRI.	NOV. 30	*RHODE ISLAND	4:30 PM
SAT.	DEC. 1	*RHODE ISLAND	4:30 PM
SAT.	JAN. 12	*NAVY	4:30 PM
SUN.	JAN. 13	*NAVY	4:30 PM
Fri.	Jan. 18	at Syracuse	6:30 pm
SAT.	JAN. 19	SYRACUSE	4:30 PM
Fri.	Jan. 25	*at Rhode Island	7 pm
Sat.	Jan. 26	*at Rhode Island	7 pm
FRI.	FEB. 1	*DELAWARE	4:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 2	*at Delaware	5 pm
Sat.	Feb. 9	*at Drexel	4:30 pm
SUN.	FEB. 10	*DREXEL	4:30 PM
Fri.	Feb. 15	Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League Tournament	TBA
Sun.	Feb. 17	(U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.)	TBA

\*Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League Games

HOME GAMES AT THE ICE BOX SPORTS COMPLEX, SCRANTON

## Swimming

Head Coach: Tomm Evans

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Oct. 27	at Cabrini	12 pm
SAT.	NOV. 3	WIDENER	1 PM
SAT.	NOV. 10	DICKINSON	1 PM
SAT.	NOV. 17	*JUNIATA & *GOUCHER	1 PM
SAT.	DEC. 1	*SUSQUEHANNA	1 PM
Sat.	Jan. 5	*at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	1 pm
Sat.	Jan. 12	*at Catholic	1 pm
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Elizabethtown	1 pm
Sat.	Jan. 26	*at Drew	1 pm
SAT.	FEB. 2	FDU-FLORHAM (PARENTS'/ALUMNI DAY)	1 PM
F/Su.	Feb. 15-17	at Landmark Conference Championships (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.)	TBA

\*Landmark Conference Meets

HOME MEETS AT BYRON CENTER IN CAPS

## Wrestling

Head Coach: Al Russomano

Day	Date	Opponent/Event	Time
Sun.	Nov. 4	at Washington & Jefferson Tournament	8 am
Sat.	Nov. 10	at Monarch Invitational (King's College)	10:30 am
Tue.	Nov. 13	at Wilkes	7 pm
WED.	NOV. 14	LYCOMING	7:30 PM
Sat.	Nov. 17	at Red Dragon Invitational (Oneonta St.)	9:30 am
Tue.	Dec. 4	at King's	7 pm
Sat.	Dec. 8	at Delaware Valley	10 am
Sat.	Dec. 8	at Elizabethtown	4 pm
Sat.	Jan. 12	at Washington & Lee Invitational	10 am
Wed.	Jan. 16	at Muhlenberg	7:30 pm
Sat.	Jan. 19	at York (Pa.) Quad Meet	12 pm
Sat.	Jan. 26	at Centenary (N.J.)	4:30 pm
Sat.	Feb. 2	at Bridgewater (Mass.) Invitational	10 am
SAT.	FEB. 9	THE COLLEGE OF N.J./OSWEGO ST.	10 AM
SAT.	FEB. 16	NYU/HUNTER/MORRISVILLE ST.	12 PM
Sun.	Feb. 24	at Metropolitan Wrestling Conference Championships (Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.)	TBA



# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## November

*Exhibit:* Pennsylvania Art Education Association Juried Exhibition, Hope Horn Gallery, 4th Floor, Hyland Hall, through Nov. 16

*Exhibit:* 22nd Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Hope Horn Gallery, 4th Floor, Hyland Hall, Nov. 26 through Dec. 7

**6** 6:00 p.m. The Schemel Forum, *Potency: Masculine Aggression As a Path to the Soul*, Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305. Also Nov. 13 and 20.

**7** 6:00 p.m. Schemel Forum Film, "Superheroes." Questions and answers with writer/director, Alan Brown and cast members. Brennan Hall, Room 228

**9** 8:00 p.m. University of Scranton Players present: "The Grapes of Wrath", adapted by Frank Galati from the novel by John Steinbeck, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. Also Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**12** 6:00 p.m. Schemel Forum, *The Iliad of Homer*, Provost's Conference Room, St. Thomas Hall. Also Nov. 19 and 26 and Dec. 3.

7:30 p.m. "Voyages", Intercultural Journeys with Ohad Bar-David, cello, and R. Carlos Nakai, Native American Flute, Houlihan-McLean Center

**14** 6:00 p.m. Schemel Forum Film, "The Town That Was." Questions and answers with George Rowland. Brennan Hall, Room 228

**15** 6:00 p.m. Judaic Studies Lecture, Brennan Hall, Room 509

**22** University closes for Thanksgiving break until Nov 26.

**28** 7:30 p.m. "In Concert," The University of Scranton Symphonic Band, Houlihan-McLean Center

**29** 4:00 p.m. World AIDS Day Event, through December 1, 9:00 p.m., Leahy Hall, Jefferson Auditorium

## December

**1** 8:00 p.m. 40th Annual Noel Night presented by University of Scranton Singers, Chamber Choir and Small Ensembles, with guest pianist Aaron Diehl, Houlihan-McLean Center. Prelude begins at 7:10 p.m.

**5** 7:30 p.m. "Empty Stocking Fund Benefit Concert" presented by The University of Scranton Concert Band and Concert Choir, Houlihan-McLean Center.

**6** 8:00 p.m. University of Scranton Players present: "An Evening of One Act Plays: A Thousand Cranes" by Kathryn Schultz Miller and "Our Mother Who Art on Earth" by Anton Istaru, translated by Linda Ledford-Miller, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts. Also Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**7** 6:00 p.m. 22nd Annual Juried Student Exhibit public reception, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor. Awards presentation at 6:30 p.m.

**11** 7:30 p.m. "In Concert" Performing Arts Institute of Wyoming Seminary Civic Symphony Orchestra, Houlihan-McLean Center

**24** University closed for Christmas break until Jan. 2, 2008

## January

*Exhibit:* Hobo Homes During the Depression: Photographs of the "Scranton Jungle" by R.W. Jeffers, on display January 4 through January 25 Hope Horn Gallery, 4th Floor, Hyland Hall

**4** 5:00 p.m. Gallery Lecture: "Documenting the Hobo Jungle", Brennan Hall, Room 228, featuring Darlene Miller-Lanning, PhD., director, Hope Horn Gallery, followed by a public reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor

**28** 7:30 p.m. Dominick Farinacci Quartet, Houlihan-McLean Center

## February

*Exhibit:* "Back Track: Paintings" by Bruce Lanning, Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor, February 1 through March 14

**1** 5:00 p.m. Gallery Lecture: "Back Track," Brennan Hall, Room 228, featuring Bruce Lanning, Exhibiting Artist, followed by a public reception at 6:00 p.m. Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor

**5** 6:00 p.m. The Schemel Forum, "Ulysses," Provost's Conference Room, St. Thomas Hall

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**Economist Delivers Lecture**  
*Prominent economist David H. Romer, Ph.D., discussed "Avoiding Fiscal Ruin: Failed Strategies and New Approaches to U.S. Budget Policies" at the University's 22nd annual Henry George Lecture on Oct. 25.*

## Awards Presented at Convocation



Stephen Casey, associate professor of theology (at podium), was presented the John L. Earl Distinguished Service Award during the University Convocation on Sept. 7. This award is presented annually to the member of The University of Scranton faculty whose service to the University and the wider community best represents the tradition of generosity and dedication that Dr. Earl, a professor of history, exemplified during his tenure at the University from 1964 - 1996. Looking on, from left: University President Rev. Scott, R. Pilarz, S.J., Pauline Earl, wife of the late Dr. Earl, Karen Earl Kolon, M.D., and Jacqueline Earl Hurst.



Three employees were honored with the annual Sursum Corda Award during University Convocation on Sept. 7. The award, which means "Lift Up Your Hearts," was established in 2002 to recognize those members of the University staff who have made outstanding contributions to the life and mission of the University. One award is presented to an employee in each of three areas: professional/paraprofessional, clerical/technical and physical plant. From left: University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., presented this year's awards to Paulette Burton, secretary in the University Ministries office, Barbara Wagner, director of Clinical Education in the Physical Therapy Department and Kevin Grebeck, electrician in the Physical Plant office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thomas E. Baker**, associate professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, published a peer reviewed article entitled "Public Safety Administration: Crisis Intervention Learning Strategies" in *The Journal of Police Crisis Negotiations: An International Journal*.

### New Staff

*The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in August and September.*  
**Katharine B. Breuninger**, Information Receptionist, Public Relations  
**Michael G. Bufalino**, Custodian, Weinberg Memorial Library  
**John C. Costanzi**, Manager, Mail Center  
**Rebecca A. Davis**, Assistant Director/Head Coach, Women's Lacrosse  
**Karen A. Dolan**, Student Payroll Coordinator, Treasurer's Office  
**Robert F. Keegan**, Custodian, Gavigan Hall  
**Calvin A. Krzywiec**, Network Engineer, Network Services

**Bertha E. Ludwikowski**, Custodian  
**Amy L. McKiernan**, Program Coordinator, Jane Kopas Women's Center  
**Corey W. Mitchell**, Custodian, Long Center  
**Mary E. Papi**, Secretary, Printing Services  
**Jennifer R. Pennington**, Secretary, Office of Equity & Diversity  
**Harry C. Pierson**, Custodian, Loyola Hall  
**Ryan M. Puksta**, Public Safety Officer  
**Amy L. Rarrick**, Classroom and Schedule Coordinator, Registrar's Office  
**Nichole M. Revesz**, Custodian, Brennan Hall  
**Sheila M. Strickland**, Secretary, Advising Center, College of Graduate and Continuing Education  
**Jason S. Todd**, Public Safety Officer  
**Diane M. Valentino**, Special Initiatives Assistant, Registrar's Office  
**Prudence Wehnert-Skinn**, Technical Director, Royal Theater

## 500 Families Come to Campus



About 500 families joined Scranton students for Family Weekend on campus, Sept. 28-30. The weekend's events included the annual carnival sponsored by the University Student Programming Board, a book discussion, the J.J. Quinn Memorial Lecture delivered by award-winning Jesuit author James Martin, S.J., a luncheon and a Family Mass.



## "Singin' in the Rain"

The rain didn't stop students from all four undergraduate classes from participating in the first Alma Mater showdown – a chance for students to learn and sing the University's Alma Mater. Students gathered under umbrellas on the Gunster Patio on Oct. 11 for the friendly competition. The Senior Class took the trophy for the largest class participation.

## A "Green" Light for Scranton: DeNaples Center Receives LEED Certification

The University of Scranton is in the LEED when it comes to sustainability.

LEED certification, that is.

The new Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center, scheduled to open in January 2008, will be the first University building to obtain LEED certification. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a cutting-edge system for certifying design, construction and operations of "green" buildings, coordinated by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Some environmentally friendly highlights of the new DeNaples Center are reduced light pollution, a drip irrigation system and optimized energy performance. In addition, over 50 percent of the construction waste of the building will be recycled. The building also features products with recycled content, daylight harvesting, occupancy sensors for lighting control, water-saving fixtures, and a kitchen ventilation system that monitors heat and smoke and will adjust ventilation requirements according to need and not merely according to building occupancy schedule.

And that's not all the University is doing to create a green campus.

In 2005, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., created The University of Scranton Task Force on Sustainability, which includes staff, faculty and student members. The task force has implemented many projects to promote sustainability.

University projects include the Green Lights Program, the Local Foods Initiative Program, and the Faculty Development Workshop on Sustainability.

The Green Lights Program reduces pollution by means of reducing electricity usage through installing energy saving lighting systems. More than 550,000 gross square feet of the campus is currently using energy saving lighting, which saves \$160,000 per year.

Senior Rebecca Prial, a student member of the Task Force, took the lead in coordinating the efforts of Dining Services, local farmers and local food suppliers to organize a Local Foods Initiative Program. In September, more than 200 people attended a dinner featuring food produced exclusively in the Scranton area, such as organic vegetables, artisan cheeses, pasture-raised chicken and pork and sprouted whole-grain bread. The program has helped educate the campus and local community on the benefits of local foods.

The Faculty Development Workshop on Sustainability is by far the most important and powerful academic Sustainable Program on campus. Sharon M. Meagher, Ph.D., and Michael C. Cann, Ph.D., direct the Faculty Development Workshop on Sustainability. The workshop is responsible for infusing sustainability into 25 courses thus far.

"The University's purpose is to educate, and following LEED practices is a great way to help educate Northeastern Pennsylvania on environmentally friendly construction," says Mark Murphy, assistant director of utilities and plant engineer for the University. "We're introducing LEED to the area by requiring the architects, engineers, construction manager and all subcontractors working on the DeNaples Center to meet LEED requirements. As they're implementing the techniques, they

are all becoming more familiar with Green Building construction and operations."

Future projects include distributing energy saving light bulbs to residence hall students and an Electronic Recycling Event on campus. Murphy and Corey Henfling, area coordinator for the Office of Residence Life, are collaborating on a program to distribute compact fluorescent light bulbs to resident students for use in dorm rooms.

"We're hoping that not only will students use them here, but will go home and ask their parents to use them. We're not just handing out light bulbs; we're educating the students about them by

giving out literature on the benefits of using the bulbs," says Murphy.

"If we reduce the amount of electricity being used, then power plants don't have to make it, and we can reduce the amount of pollution made in the creation of the electricity," adds Murphy, noting that more than half of the electricity used in the U.S. is generated by coal.

He again stresses that education is key to saving energy.

The Electronic Recycling Event, a joint effort supported by the Marketing Club, Physical Plant, and Waste Management, will be held Nov. 16 and 17.

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