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## Groundbreaking to be Held for New Residence Hall



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### Pride, Passion, Promise: Shaping our Jesuit Tradition { The Strategic Plan in Action }

Campus Community: Actively examine and improve the quality of campus life.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m. for a new 386-bed sophomore residence hall.

The project, approved by Scranton's Board of Trustees in May, is being constructed on property owned by the University in the 300 block of North Webster Avenue. Approved by the Zoning Board and Planning Commission of the City of Scranton, construction of the building will begin in September and be completed by the fall of 2008.

Several University properties on North Webster Avenue were razed to establish a site for the new 108,000 sq. ft. seven-story facility. Among the properties were a Webster Avenue house, which served as the campus mosque, and Hill House, which provided housing for

University guests. The University has relocated both the mosque and the guest house to a renovated property on Taylor Avenue.

"The project will improve the quality and consistency of sophomore housing, and will replace older, less desirable facilities," said University of Scranton President, Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. "It also anticipates external forces that are shaping the availability of rental housing in the Hill section, such as the city's

welcome enforcement of zoning restrictions, and creates housing opportunities for juniors and seniors by freeing up existing apartment-style options that upperclassmen find more attractive."

"We are also confident that the high standards by which the building will be designed will enhance the skyline of the university's campus and be an asset to the neighborhood," he added.

"Freshmen report having an extraordinarily positive residential experience at Scranton, due in large part to the consistency and quality of our facilities," said Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for student affairs. "As they prepare for sophomore year, however, our housing options are not nearly as consistent in terms of style and quality. The result is a less satisfied experience for some sophomores."

As part of the project, The University of Scranton will replace 175 beds by discontinuing use of Jerret House, Montgomery House and Leahy Hall as student residences.

"The facilities we are replacing are among the oldest and least popular in our housing stock. Although they have been dutifully maintained, they cannot compete with Redington and Gavigan halls, which together provide 455 beds," said Dr. Carilli.

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## National Rankings Continue for Scranton

During the release of annual fall rankings of American universities, The University of Scranton received three national accolades in just one week.

The University of Scranton was listed as one of the top ten master's level universities in the north by *U.S. News & World Report*. This is the 14th consecutive year that *U.S. News* has ranked Scranton among the top ten schools in the north. The list, published on Aug. 20 in the annual edition of "America's Best Colleges," also listed Scranton among the "Great Schools at a Great Price," which relates academic quality to the cost of attendance. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Scranton has been included among the 15 colleges listed as "Great Schools at a Great Price." Also, for the fourth consecutive year, Scranton has been named among the five schools in its category listed for having the "Highest Graduation Rates."

Scranton was the only college in Northeastern Pennsylvania to be among the elite colleges in the nation profiled in the Princeton Review's *The 366 Best Colleges*, marking the sixth consecutive year that the University made Princeton Review's exclusive list. The guide published on Aug. 21.

Scranton was also the only area college to be listed in Kaplan/*Newsweek's* 2008 publication *How to Get Into College*, which listed Scranton among the nation's "372 Most Interesting Schools" for the second consecutive year. The Kaplan/*Newsweek* guide published on Aug. 15.

## Scranton Welcomes Record-Breaking Number of Students

During Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug 25-26, Scranton welcomed 1,600 incoming students, including a record 1,035 full-time undergraduate students, the largest incoming class in the school's 119-year history. The University also welcomed approximately 60 undergraduate transfer students, 70 non-traditional undergraduate students and 435 new graduate students, which is also a record.

The entering undergraduate students were drawn from 7,608 applicants, marking the sixth consecutive year that the University has set a record for undergraduate applications for admission. This represents an increase of 12.5 percent over applications received last year and more than doubles the 2001 totals for applications received. This year's record marks the first time that Scranton's applicant

pool broke the 7,000 mark. It was only three years ago that applications first surpassed 6,000 and five years ago when applications first broke 5,000.

Applications to graduate programs have increased by 29 percent this year, and new enrollment has increased by approximately 5 percent. The University has also seen its graduate enrollment nearly triple over the past five years through Web-based and off-campus course offerings and new degree offerings such as the doctorate in physical therapy.

The undergraduate class includes 63 children of University of Scranton alumni.



Laura Vahle (third from left), a marketing major from Meadowbrooke, is one of 1,035 undergraduate freshmen at Scranton. Joining her for Welcome Weekend were her parents, Tim and Linda, and her sister, Nicole (right). Laura says she chose the University because "It was small and Jesuit and I just liked the atmosphere."

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In addition, the project includes 201 new beds for sophomores, freeing apartment-style beds in such options as the Clay Avenue houses that are better suited for juniors and seniors. This will enable The University of Scranton to accommodate demand from juniors and seniors who gave up their guarantee of four years of university housing to live in rental properties in the Hill section, but who now wish to return to campus. The University's Residence Life Office currently maintains a waiting list of juniors and seniors seeking campus housing.

"The connections that first-year residential students feel toward each other and toward the University are strengthened by the proximity of their housing options," said Dr. Carilli. "The proposed project would create just such a cluster of sophomore housing, helping this affinity to continue to evolve in ways that our current housing options cannot."

The project does not signal any increase in the Scranton's traditional undergraduate enrollment or any planning to increase the size of its incoming class. It does, however, help to meet the ever-increasing demand of students from near and far to live on campus.

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## A Royal Welcome for Students and Families

### A Look at Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug. 25-26



**Rick Berry (left), was joined by his sister, Allie, and parents Rick and Kathy, during Fall Move-in. An international relations major from Forty Fort, Rick says he chose the University because of its "comfortable atmosphere." Rick says he is looking forward to "meeting a lot of new people."**



**During a New Student Assembly, William Canny '77, country representative for Haiti for Catholic Relief Services (left), received an Honorary Degree from University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. In his remarks, Mr. Canny told the Class of 2011 to "Learn by book and by experience, come out ready to criticize less and do more for a just existence for everyone."**

## Nobel Laureate to Deliver Mullin Lecture

The researcher whose pioneering work on the genetic code paved the way for decades of biomedical discoveries that have advanced the human condition will present this year's annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture.

Nobel laureate Marshall W.

Nirenberg, Ph.D., will discuss "Forty Years after Deciphering the Genetic Code," at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, in the Houlihan-McLean Center. His lecture is free and open to the public.

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.

Dr. Nirenberg holds a doctorate in

biological chemistry from the University of Michigan and an M.S. in zoology and a B.S. in zoology and chemistry, both from the University of Florida.

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.

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

## Panel Discussion will Explore Rwandan Genocide

An Interdependence Day event on campus will feature a Panel Discussion about Rwandan Genocide. The panel discussion, "Why Don't We Know More About Rwanda?" will be moderated by Sharon Meagher, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy.

The panel discussion will be held September 12 from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. in Brennan Hall, Room 509. It will be followed by a light lunch.

Among the panelists will be Jacqueline Murekatete, who will talk about Rwandan Genocide from the perspective of a survivor. She will be joined by several higher education and K-12 faculty members.

For further information, contact Sondra Myers, senior fellow for International, Civic and Cultural Projects at the University, at myerss2@scranton.edu



**Janette Vargas, of Queens, N.Y., said she was enthusiastic about starting Scranton. "I'm starting a new chapter. It's a great experience," she said, adding that she chose Scranton because, "It's the kind of school where I can see myself."**



**Katherine McKeaney '08, Student Government vice president, and Christopher Molitoris '08, Student Government president, led a candle-lighting ceremony at the New Student Assembly on Aug. 25.**



**Freshmen and their families were greeted by about 400 student volunteers and hundreds of staff members who helped with move-in.**

# University's New Center to Honor Parents of Louis DeNaples Sr.



**Principals gathered following a July 19 news conference announcing the naming of The University of Scranton's campus center in honor of the late parents of Louis DeNaples Sr. The Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center is scheduled for completion in December 2007. From left: R. Scott Sullivan, project manager, Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman, project architect; Patrick Leahy, vice president for university relations; Christopher Molitoris, president of Student Government; Margaret Q. Mariotti, Au.D., trustee; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president; Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for student affairs; and Anton Germishuizen, managing principal, Burt Hill.**

At a news conference on July 19, the University announced the decision of the President and Trustees to recognize Louis DeNaples Sr., a friend and former Board Chair of the University, by naming its new campus center in honor of his parents.

"The University is pleased to recognize and honor Mr. DeNaples for his unwavering support of and service to our important mission as a Catholic and Jesuit university," said University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz,

S.J. "As a person of great humility and deep devotion to family, it was no surprise that Mr. DeNaples has asked that we honor his parents, the late Patrick and Margaret DeNaples, instead of himself."

"The parents of nine children, Patrick and Margaret DeNaples were deeply devoted to their family and to the Church," Fr. Pilarz added. "Their legacy will remind generations of students of the transforming power of faith and love in our lives."

The late Patrick and Margaret DeNaples were lifelong residents of Dunmore and active members of St. Rocco's Church. Mr. DeNaples was employed as a welder with the State Department of Highways until his retirement in 1970.

Located along Mulberry Street in the heart of the University's campus, the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center is the most ambitious building project in the history of the university. The 118,000 sq. ft. building is scheduled to open in January of 2008.

"The dream of this building dates back to Louis' service as a Trustee on the Facilities Committee and as chair of our Board," said Fr. Pilarz. "As a trustee and friend, he has always emphasized the importance of providing the resources and facilities that our students, faculty and staff need to ensure that a Scranton education remains second to none."

A longtime friend of the University, Louis DeNaples Sr. served two terms as a trustee, from 1987 to 1993 and from 1995 to 2002, and as chair of the board from 2000 to 2002. He received an honor-

ary degree from the University in 2005. An active community volunteer and philanthropist, he established the Mount Airy Foundation, which will manage charitable giving to programs in Paradise Township and Monroe County 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 successful businessman, he is president of DeNaples Auto Parts, Keystone Sanitary Landfill and Mount Airy Casino Resort. Mr. DeNaples' 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.

A native and resident of Dunmore, Mr. DeNaples and his wife, Betty Ann, are the parents of seven children. Their son, Louis DeNaples, M.D., who graduated from the University in 1989, currently serves on the University's Board of Trustees.



**The sign for the newly named Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center is installed on the building with the assistance of a crane and construction workers.**

## A Lighthearted Look at a Serious Subject

**Award-winning Author to Discuss "Humor in the Catholic Church"**

A lecture that will make you laugh? You must be kidding.

Not if you're James Martin, S.J., a Jesuit priest and Christopher Award-winning author, who will deliver the University's J.J. Quinn Memorial Lecture on **Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.** in the **Houlihan-McLean Center on campus.**

While lectures are often serious business, Fr. Martin is hopeful that the takeaways of his own talk will be joy, humor and laughter. If the topic of his lecture is any indication, it's likely that the audience will come away with smiles on their faces. Fr. Martin will discuss "Humor in the Catholic Church."

Contrary to popular belief, "the saints were often quite funny," says the author of the bestseller *My Life with the Saints* (Loyola Press) and associate editor of *America* magazine. "People tend to think of saints as dry, distant historical figures, or people who spent their whole day in prayer. But when you get to know them, you discover that they were lively, regular and funny people who struggle as we do."



**James Martin, S.J.**

For Fr. Martin, the saints are companions who guide him through life. From St. Ignatius Loyola to Dorothy Day (who is not yet a saint), Fr. Martin's book introduces readers to centuries of saints who were both human and humorous. Mother Teresa, for example, experienced a long period of spiritual darkness in which she doubted that God existed. When Pope John XXIII was once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, he quipped, "About half of them."

Not surprisingly, it was a saint who influenced Fr. Martin's decision to become a priest. A graduate of Wharton's School of Business, Fr. Martin was, at the time, working in corporate finance for General Electric. At the end of a long day, he stumbled upon a television documentary about Thomas Merton, a Trappist.

"He was so happy and I wasn't," recalls Fr. Martin. "It started a journey toward religious life."

For his regency, he worked with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Kenya, where he helped East African refugees. "The things

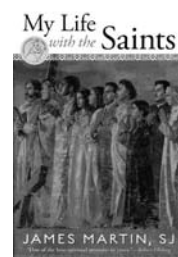
I saw were so powerful that I began to write about them," he recalls. He had his first article published in *America* magazine in 1993.

Since then, he has authored several books, a number of which have gone on to become award-winning titles.

Besides his articles in *America* and other Catholic publications like *Commonweal*, *U.S. Catholic* and *The (London) Tablet*, Fr. Martin has written for *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and other national newspapers and websites. He has commented on religion and spirituality on national and international radio and television, and has appeared on major networks such as CNN, MSNBC, the History Channel, the BBC and Vatican Radio.

Fr. Martin comes to Scranton on the heels of the release of his new book, *A Jesuit Off-Broadway* (Loyola Press). The book is based on Fr. Martin's experience as theological consultant for the New York theater production of *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*.

When he takes the stage at Scranton,



**Fr. Martin is author of the bestseller, My Life with the Saints.**

Fr. Martin will bring his hallmark wit and spiritual insights to the J.J. Quinn lecture series, which honors the late J.J. Quinn, S.J., a professor of English at The University of Scranton for more than four decades. He'll also bring with him a message that is at the core of many of his published works.

"We are all called to be saints. You don't have to be someone who is in the church hierarchy to do the work of God," he says.

Thérèse of Lisieux, his favorite saint, proved this in her "Little Way" of doing small things with great love for God. Thomas Merton, another of Fr. Martin's favorites, captured it beautifully when he wrote, "For me to be a saint means to be myself."

Fr. Martin's own take on the subject goes like this: "Holiness makes its home among human imperfection."

None of us are perfect, but that doesn't mean that we can't find holiness in our own lives, according to Father Martin. Reflecting on the life and works of one of the greatest saints of modern time, he offers a final piece of advice from Mother Teresa: "Find your own Calcutta."

**The J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture is open to the public and is free of charge. For information, call 570-941-7500.**

## Conference to Explore Autism Across the Lifespan

Autism is more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined. In fact, one in 150 people is diagnosed with autism in America. The ripple effect throughout families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, schools and employers is even more profound.

People who are personally or professionally interested in improving the quality of life for individuals with autism will find "Allies in Action" at a daylong conference being held at The University of Scranton on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The 6th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility, entitled, "Autism Across the Lifespan: Allies in Action" will include sessions on education, employment and independent living. Keynote speakers will be 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, will open 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, will discuss "Education and Transition for Individuals with Autism."

The Conference is being presented by the University's J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Endowment. Honorary Chairpersons are Edward R. and Patricia Leahy. The conference Co-chairs are Vanessa Silla, Ed.D., lecturer, Education, and Connie Wisdo, director of technology development and innovation.

The Conference sponsors are the Office of Equity and Diversity and the Center for Professional Training and Development at The University of Scranton, Northeastern

Educational Intermediate Unit #19, The Northeast Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at Friendship House, Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc., Milestones Achievement Center, New York Life, George R. Shadie, CLU, and Step by Step, Inc.

"The epidemic of autism in our society is serious and can be confronted by the sharing of knowledge and experience among all who have direct contact with individuals struggling to obtain a useful education, achieve productivity in a global economy and secure independence in community living," says Patricia Leahy, honorary Conference co-chair. "This Conference will disseminate fresh ideas and concepts and evidence-based practices that can be effectively used back home."

The conference will include sessions and panel speakers on topics covering the full lifespan, from early childhood/preschool years to school-age children and adulthood, including rehabilitation.

A Town Meeting on "Autism and Developmental Disabilities" will be held from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in Brennan Hall. The Town Meeting, which will be moderated by Lori Bruch, Ed.D., associate professor of Counseling and Human Services at the University, will feature a panel of experts including Mr. Grossman, Gene Esopi, a parent of a child with autism, Kevin Casey of the Developmental Disabilities Office and William Gannon, executive director of the Office of the Vocational Rehabilitation. The Town Meeting is open to the public free of charge.

The conference fee is \$95 for professionals and \$35 for consumers, family members and students. Pre-registration is required for the conference, and the deadline to register is Oct. 5. For additional information contact Dr. Silla at (570) 941-5810 or sillav2@scranton.edu. Registration and information are also available on the Web site at [www.scranton.edu/disabilityconference](http://www.scranton.edu/disabilityconference).

## Faculty Promotions, Tenure Decisions Announced

Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., has announced 15 faculty promotions, including tenure decisions, effective at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year.

The following faculty members have been promoted to professor effective the fall of 2007: S. Kingsley Gnanendran, Ph.D., Clarks Summit, operations management; Sharon M. Hudacek, Ed.D., Moosic, nursing; Robert W. Shaffern, Ph.D., Scranton, history; Carol S. Slotterback, Ph.D., Scranton, psychology; Gary N. Wodder, Ph.D., Scranton, exercise science and sport.

The following have been promoted to associate professor and granted tenure beginning the fall of 2007: Robert F. Waldeck, Ph.D., Scranton, biology; Antoinette G. Glover, Ph.D., Scranton, English; Kelli O'Brien, Ph.D., Scranton, theology/religious studies; Krzysztof Plotka, Ph.D., Macungie, math; Christie P. Karpiak, Ph.D., Greentown, psychology.

The following have been promoted to associate professor beginning the fall of 2007: Benjamin J. Bishop, Ph.D., Orangeville, computing science; William B. Anderson, Ph.D., Mountaintop, communications.

The following have been granted tenure beginning the fall of 2007: Eric A. Plumer, Ph.D., Clarks Summit, theology/religious studies; Rev. Timothy J. Cadigan, S.J., Scranton, biology; Robert J. Spinelli, Moosic, health administration/human resources.

The University currently employs 263 full-time faculty members, 86 percent of whom hold doctorate or terminal degrees.

## Laptop Security Plates

A new security plate for laptop computers is available for sale from the Department of Public Safety. The plates, which sell for \$20 each, significantly reduce the percentage of theft by clearly marking equipment as an obvious liability for any would-be thief.

The STOP Security Plate provides a highly-visible ownership and warning label. Under the plate is a chemically bonded tattoo stating "Stolen Property." If a laptop is ever stolen, the prominently displayed plate and the tattoo beneath remove any value the computer might have on the resale market. STOP Plates are also marked with a unique registration number that dramatically increases the incidence of recovery by providing an easy way for someone to report that they have found a lost laptop.

To purchase a plate, stop by the Public Safety Office between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., or call 941-7888.



## Alumni Gather for Leadership Day

Martina A. Martin '80, Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning, Governance, and Volunteer Development, United Way of Central Maryland, was the keynote speaker at the Alumni Leadership Day held on campus, July 14. Ms. Martin discussed "Volunteer Service to the University" to approximately 75 alumni who attended the event.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thomas E. Baker**, associate professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, has had two articles published in the *Encyclopedia of Forensic Science*, s.v., edited by R.K. Rasmussen (California: Salem Press 2007). They are titled, "Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS)" and "Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS)."

**William J. Parente, Ph.D.**, professor, Political Science, has had entries on Konrad Adenauer, Charles DeGaulle, Bartolome de Las Casas and Georgetown Distinguished Professor Heinrich Rommen published in *The Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science and Social Policy* (Scarecrow Press 2007). He has also had entries on William Wilberforce, Georges Bidault, Charles DeGaulle and the French Catholic political party, Mouvement Republicain Populaire, in the *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics* (Greenwood Press 2006).

**Kathryn Yerkes**, planning program manager, PAIRO, has been awarded a 2007 Fellowship for Graduate Study from the Association for Institutional Research and the Institute of Education Sciences and National Center for Education Statistics. The fellowships are awarded competitively and fund full- or part-time graduate study leading to a career in institutional research. Ms. Yerkes is pursuing a graduate certificate in institutional research at The Pennsylvania State University.

### NEW EMPLOYEES

The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in May, June and July 2007.

Rosette B. Adera, *Director, Equity and Diversity*  
Joseph E. Beadle, *Custodian, Loyola Hall*  
Deanna L. Beyrent, *LAN Administrator/Lab Support, Desktop and Instructional Resources*  
Kimberly S. Bowman, *Area Coordinator, Residence Life*  
Paul J. Campion, *Painter, Maintenance*  
Christopher T. Cantafio, *Public Safety Officer*  
Emilio J. Casagrande, *Painter, Maintenance*  
Andrew J. Davis, *Admissions Counselor*  
Marc J. Dwyer, *Custodian, St. Thomas Hall*  
Brian P. Hartman, *Project Coordinator, Office of the President*  
Amanda L. Hazen, *Customer Service Representative, Network Services Office*  
Barbara J. Kreidler, *Serials/Digital Services Clerk, Weinberg Memorial Library*  
Dale O. Noldy, *General Mechanic, Residence Halls*  
William T. O'Hara, *Custodian, St. Thomas Hall*  
Michael W. Selvaggi, *Painter, Maintenance*  
John J. Sibio, *Plumber, Maintenance*  
John F. Walters, *Painter, Maintenance*  
Sarah M. Yench, *Area Coordinator, Residence Life*

## Eleven Named Presidential Scholars

The University has awarded 11 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2007-2008. Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high records in both their schools and community involvement. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. The following students were awarded Presidential Scholarships.

A graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, **Edward K. Besse**, Laurel, Md., will major in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a finalist in Maryland's Distinguished Scholars Program and was listed in *Who's Who among American High School Students*. Mr. Besse was an intern at National Institutes of Health. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He served as a lector at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laurel, Md.

**John R. Layton**, Hazleton, was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Hazleton Area High School. A National Merit Commended Scholar, Mr. Layton plans to major in English. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity track and field team and the varsity cross country team. He was also an altar server for the Most Precious Blood Church, Hazleton.

A graduate of Wyoming Area High School, **Victoria A. Lombardo**, Wyoming, will major in biology. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was listed in *Who's Who among American High School Students*. Ms. Lombardo was a varsity cheerleader, the executive board secretary of student council, a member of the Chess Club and the Future Business Leaders of America, and a participant in the Science Olympiad. She was also an altar server at St. Cecilia's Church in Exeter and was active with the parish's youth group.

A graduate of Bishop George Ahr High School, **Caitlin R. Mancuso**, Piscataway, N.J., has not yet declared a major. A member of the Latin Honor Society, Ms. Mancuso was captain of the varsity basketball team and a member of the varsity soccer team. In soccer, she was named to the All County All Division Second Team, the Central Jersey Top 20 and the New Jersey Senior Showcase Team. She was named to the Basketball All-Division Team in her senior year. She also served as Middle States scholar/athlete representative for her school.

A graduate of Jefferson Township High School, **Daniel J. Herr**, Lake Hopatcong, N.J., will major in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology. A National Merit Commended Scholar, Mr. Herr was a member of the National Honor Society, the German National Honor Society and was listed in *Who's Who among American*

*High School Students*. In high school, he participated in theater, the Chamber Choir and the Men's Ensemble. He also volunteered at a nursing home.

A graduate of West Genesee Senior High School, **Elizabeth J. Reedy**, Camillus, N.Y., will major in nursing. In high school, Ms. Reedy was a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the varsity cross county team, and a member of the both the indoor and outdoor track and field teams. She a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and Respect and Responsibilities. She was active with the youth group and music group at St. Joseph's Church in Camillus.

A graduate of Wyoming Area High School, **Maria A. Gubbiotti**, Falls, will double major in biochemistry and neuroscience. In high school, she was president of the National Honor Society and was listed in *Who's Who among American High School Students*. Ms. Gubbiotti was a member of the Key Club and the Science Iditarod team. She won the regional American Chemical Society Chemical Competition and the regional Brain Bee Competition. An accomplished equestrian, she also served on the student board of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Valedictorian of his graduating class at North Pocono High School, **Anthony J. Stefanelli**, Thornhurst, plans to double major in biology and philosophy. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and the History Club. He also was a member of North Pocono's varsity football team and varsity track and field team.

A graduate of Oceanside High School, **Rose M. Trotiner**, Baldwin, N.Y., will major in biology. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society. In high school, Ms. Trotiner was active in musical theater and the swing choir, and was vice president of the French Club.

Valedictorian of her graduating class at West Scranton High School, **Caitlin McCarthy**, Scranton, will major in biology. A National Merit Commended Scholar, Ms. McCarthy was a member of the National Honor Society and was listed in *Who's Who among American High School Students*. In high school, she was the secretary of the French Club and the Community Service Club and a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions. She also serves as a lector at St. Patrick's Church in Scranton.

The salutatorian of her graduating class at Scranton Preparatory School, **Kristen C. Fenocchi**, Jessup, will major in biochemistry. Ms. Fenocchi was a member of the National Honor Society and was listed in *Who's Who among American High School Students*. She was active with Prep Players, the Spirit Club, the Spanish Club and the Math Team. She volunteered at CMC Hospital and was an altar server St. Patrick's Church in Olyphant.

## Four Named to Posts at the University

The University has announced the appointment of two new Deans and two new Directors.

**Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D.**  
*Dean, Panuska College of Professional Studies*  
**Ed.D., Saint Louis University**  
**M.Ed., B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania**



**Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D.**

Before joining the University, Dr. Pellegrino was chair of the Department of Education, director of the master of education programs, and an associate professor of education in the area of literacy and elementary education at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Mo. Additionally, she served as literacy coordinator for the Central City Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Kansas City, Mo.-St. Joseph, and coordinator of the greater Kansas City area children's literature conferences and the annual Read the World Literacy Conference in the Midwest. For several years, Dr. Pellegrino taught grades K-6 in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri, where, in each location, she won awards for her teaching. She has also served as a consultant for Binney-Smith and Hallmark corporations to develop innovative tools to enhance communication arts, and worked with the Kaufmann Foundation in the area of urban literacy. She is the author of many scholarly articles and essays, and has presented papers at numerous professional conferences.

**W. Jeffrey Welsh, Ph.D.**  
*Dean, College of Graduate and Continuing Education*  
**M.A./Ph.D., Bowling Green State University**  
**A.B., Grove City College**



**W. Jeffrey Welsh, Ph.D.**

Before joining Scranton, Dr. Welsh was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. Previously, he was vice president for academic affairs, dean of faculty and professor of history at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. He has also held academic and administrative positions at Surry Community College, Firelands College, and Bowling Green State University, and was a visiting research fellow with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Among his achievements are the development of three regional off-campus learning centers for adult learners at Lees-McRae College, and the promotion of online learning programs at Thiel College and Lees-McRae College. At both Thiel College and Firelands College of Bowling Green State University, he was

responsible for growing graduate programs, and designing and building "Smart Classrooms." An 18th Century American Historian, he has authored a number of scholarly articles, edited a collection of essays on the War of 1812 and presented at numerous conferences.

**Rosette Burakari Adera**  
*Director, Office of Equity and Diversity*  
**M.A., McMaster University**  
**M. Ed., University of Western Ontario**



**Rosette Burakari Adera**

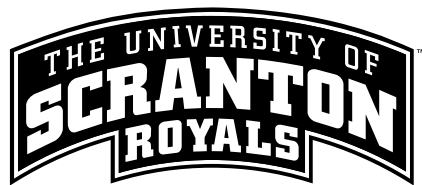
Ms. Adera comes to the University from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where she served as an ESL program coordinator for the Center for Student Development, as well as a member of the Senior Management advisory committee (Office of Human Rights and Equity), where she worked with the university administration to promote diversity and equity at a governance and senior leadership level. She brings over 15 years of combined experience in community development through advocacy and consultation on gender, race, language and ethnicity, immigration, citizenship, war and genocide. She has a passion for adult education and inclusive curriculum design and implementation. She enjoys working with people of diverse backgrounds, learning styles and abilities in the fields of language, literacy and cultural training. She has taught both in Africa and Canada and has presented at national and international conferences.

**Monica S. Thomas, Ph.D.**  
*Director, Center for Health, Education and Wellness (CHEW)*  
**Ph.D., Marywood University**  
**M.S., Elmira College**  
**B.S., Slippery Rock University**



**Monica Thomas, Ph.D.**

Prior to joining the University, Dr. Thomas served as an assistant professor of Health and Physical Education at East Stroudsburg University. She was previously an instructor in Natural Sciences and Mathematics and head women's basketball coach at Keystone College; health and physical education instructor and a fitness challenge coordinator at Marywood University; a part-time physical education instructor at The University of Scranton; and an elementary physical education teacher at the Elmira City School District. She is certified by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) as a reviewer for NASPE/NCATE initial and advanced standards.



By Kevin Southard  
Sports Information Director

## Veteran Women's Soccer Coach Joe Bochicchio Passes Away

The University of Scranton community was saddened by the loss of veteran women's soccer coach Joe Bochicchio, who passed away this summer after a brief illness. He was 61 years old.



A native of Scranton, he took over the women's soccer program in 1984, one year after it was founded, and developed it into a national powerhouse. In 23 seasons, he led the Royals to 298 victories, including 15 Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference championships and 11 NCAA tournament berths, including quarterfinal appearances in 1987, 2001, and 2003. He was named regional coach of the year four times by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (1989, 1999, 2000, 2003) and Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference Coach of the Year on five occasions (1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006). In 2002, he was inducted into the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame and the University's Wall of Fame.

It was, however, the way he handled himself that most impressed colleagues and friends.

"Joe was such a wonderful and loving person," says Toby Lovecchio, director of athletics. "He lived his life always caring for others. He touched our lives and so many others in ways that can never fully be expressed."

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Cortland State University (N.Y.), where he was a member of the men's soccer team and earned all-conference honors. In 1968, he embarked on a 30-year career as a certified health and physical education teacher in the Scranton School District, teaching on the elementary level for four years before moving on to the former Scranton Central High School in September 1972. He taught there until 1991, when Central merged with the former Scranton Technical High School to become Scranton High School, and continued there until his retirement in 1998. Throughout his tenure, he coached a number of sports, including baseball, wrestling and football. His commitment to education remained firm long after his retirement from teaching by serving recently on the North Pocono School Board.

Bochicchio is survived by his wife, Sandy, and sons Matthew, a senior at The Pennsylvania State University, and Jeff, a sophomore and member of the men's soccer team here at the University.

## FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON FALL SPORT!

### Cross-Country

Head Coach: Bill Burke

| Day  | Date     | Opponent  | Time                      |
|------|----------|---|---------------------------|
| Fri. | Aug. 31  | at Bison Open (Bucknell University)                               | 5:00 pm                   |
| Sat. | Sept. 8  | at Vassar Invitational  | 12:00 pm (w)/1:00 pm (m)  |
| Sat. | Sept. 22 | at Misericordia Invitational                                      | 11/11:45 am               |
| Sat. | Oct. 6   | at Goucher Invitational   | 10:30/11:15 am            |
| Sat. | Oct. 13  | at DeSales Invitational   | 10:30 am (m)/12:00 pm (w) |
| Sat. | Oct. 27  | at Landmark Conf. Championships (Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.) | 11 am/12 pm               |
| Sat. | Nov. 10  | at NCAA Mideast Regional (Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.)      | TBA                       |

### Field Hockey

Head Coach: Colleen Mahon

| Day  | Date     | Opponent                         | Time    |
|------|----------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Fri. | Aug. 31  | at Gwynedd-Mercy                 | 4:00 pm |
| Thu. | Sept. 6  | at Vassar                        | 4:00 pm |
| Sat. | Sept. 8  | at Hartwick                      | 1:00 pm |
| WED. | SEPT. 12 | MONTCLAIR ST.                    | 7:00 PM |
| Sat. | Sept. 15 | at Manhattanville                | 3:00 pm |
| WED. | SEPT. 19 | ITHACA                           | 3:00 PM |
| Fri. | Sept. 21 | *at Susquehanna                  | 7:00 pm |
| TUE. | SEPT. 25 | MISERICORDIA                     | 7:00 PM |
| FRI. | SEPT. 28 | *DREW                            | 7:00 PM |
| TUE. | Oct. 2   | LEBANON VALLEY                   | 7:00 PM |
| Thu. | Oct. 4   | *at Moravian                     | 4:00 pm |
| Sat. | Oct. 6   | *at Catholic                     | 1:00 pm |
| TUE. | OCT. 9   | RICHARD STOCKTON                 | 7:00 PM |
| THU. | OCT. 11  | ELIZABETHTOWN                    | 4:00 PM |
| SAT. | OCT. 13  | *JUNIATA                         | 1:00 PM |
| WED. | OCT. 17  | MUHLENBERG                       | 7:00 PM |
| SAT. | OCT. 20  | *GOUCHER                         | 1:00 PM |
| Wed. | Oct. 24  | at King's                        | 3:00 pm |
| Sat. | Oct. 27  | at Houghton                      | 2:00 pm |
| Wed. | Oct. 31  | Landmark Conference Semifinals   | TBA     |
| Sat. | Nov. 3   | Landmark Conference Championship | TBA     |

\*Landmark Conference Games

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

### Men's Soccer

Head Coach: Matt Pivrotto

| Day  | Date     | Opponent   | Time     |
|------|----------|--|----------|
| FRI. | AUG. 31  | GWYNEDD-MERCY  | 7:00 PM  |
| SAT. | SEPT. 1  | LEBANON VALLEY   | 7:00 PM  |
| WED. | SEPT. 5  | ROWAN  | 7:00 PM  |
| SAT. | SEPT. 8  | WIDENER  | 2:00 PM  |
| Wed. | Sept. 12 | vs. Penn State-Altoona (Balls Mills Soccer Complex, Williamsport, Pa.) | 7:00 pm  |
| Sat. | Sept. 15 | *at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy                                       | 12:00 pm |
| WED. | SEPT. 19 | FDU-FLORHAM  | 7:30 PM  |
| FRI. | SEPT. 21 | *SUSQUEHANNA   | 7:00 PM  |
| Mon. | Sept. 24 | at DeSales   | 4:00 pm  |
| Sat. | Sept. 29 | *at Drew   | 4:30 pm  |
| Wed. | Oct. 3   | at Gettysburg  | 7:30 pm  |
| SAT. | OCT. 6   | *CATHOLIC  | 11:00 AM |
| Sat. | Oct. 13  | *at Juniata  | 3:30 pm  |
| WED. | OCT. 17  | *MORAVIAN  | 4:00 PM  |
| Sat. | Oct. 20  | *at Goucher  | 3:00 pm  |
| Mon. | Oct. 22  | at Wilkes  | 3:00 pm  |
| Sat. | Oct. 27  | at Centenary   | 3:30 pm  |

\*Landmark Conference Games

HOME MATCHES AT FITZPATRICK FIELD IN CAPS

### Women's Soccer

Interim Head Coach: Toby Lovecchio

| Day  | Date     | Opponent                              | Time      |
|------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sat. | Sept. 1  | vs. Mary Washington (Gettysburg, Pa.) | 3:30 pm   |
| Sun. | Sept. 2  | vs. William Smith (Gettysburg, Pa.)   | 1:00 pm   |
| Tue. | Sept. 4  | at William Paterson                   | 7:00 pm   |
| Fri. | Sept. 7  | vs. Muhlenberg                        | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 8  | vs. St. Mary's (Allentown, Pa.)       | 3:00 p.m. |
| Tue. | Sept. 11 | at Wilkes                             | 4:00 pm   |
| SAT. | SEPT. 15 | ELIZABETHTOWN                         | 4:00 PM   |
| WED. | SEPT. 19 | KING'S                                | 5:00 PM   |
| SAT. | SEPT. 22 | *SUSQUEHANNA                          | 1:00 PM   |
| Mon. | Sept. 24 | at Misericordia                       | 7:00 pm   |
| Sat. | Sept. 29 | *at Drew                              | 1:30 pm   |
| Tue. | Oct. 2   | at Ithaca                             | 4:00 pm   |
| SAT. | OCT. 6   | *CATHOLIC                             | 1:00 PM   |
| THU. | OCT. 11  | LEBANON VALLEY                        | 7:00 PM   |
| Sat. | Oct. 13  | *at Juniata                           | 1:00 pm   |
| TUE. | OCT. 16  | *MORAVIAN                             | 7:00 PM   |
| Sat. | Oct. 20  | *at Goucher                           | 12:00 pm  |
| Wed. | Oct. 24  | at Delaware Valley                    | 3:00 pm   |
| Sat. | Oct. 27  | at Oswego St.                         | 3:00 pm   |

\*Landmark Conference Matches

HOME MATCHES AT FITZPATRICK FIELD

### Volleyball

Head Coach: Jud Holdredge

| Day   | Date        | Opponent                                | Time       |
|-------|-------------|---|------------|
| F/Sa. | A31-S1      | at Oneonta State Invitational           | 2 pm/9 am  |
| F/Sa. | Sept. 7-8   | at Gettysburg Invitational              | 3 pm/TBA   |
| F/SA. | SEPT. 14-15 | SCRANTON TOURNAMENT                     | 4 pm/10 am |
| Mon.  | Sept. 17    | at FDU-Florham                          | 7:00 pm    |
| Thu.  | Sept. 20    | at Baptist Bible                        | 7:00 pm    |
| Sat.  | Sept. 22    | at *Juniata with *Moravian              | 3/6 pm     |
| Sun.  | Sept. 23    | vs. *Goucher with *Catholic             | 3/6 pm     |
| TUE.  | SEPT. 25    | WIDENER                                 | 7:00 PM    |
| F/Sa. | Sept. 28-29 | at Nazareth Invitational                | 3/12:40 pm |
| WED.  | OCT. 3      | LYCOMING                                | 7:00 PM    |
| Sat.  | Oct. 6      | at *Goucher & *Susquehanna              | TBA/3 pm   |
| Sun.  | Oct. 7      | vs. *Juniata & *Merchant Marine Academy | TBA        |
| TUE.  | OCT. 9      | DeSALES                                 | 7:00 PM    |
| TUE.  | OCT. 16     | MARYWOOD                                | 7:00 PM    |
| Wed.  | Oct. 17     | at Elmira                               | 7:00 pm    |
| Sat.  | Oct. 20     | at Baptist Bible Invitational           | 11:00 am   |
| MON.  | OCT. 22     | WILKES                                  | 7:00 PM    |
| Sat.  | Oct. 27     | at Lebanon Valley with Gallaudet        | 11 am/3 pm |

\*Landmark Conference Matches

HOME MATCHES AT LONG CENTER IN CAPS



### Royals Begin Playing in Landmark Conference

Beginning in September, the Royals will begin competing in the Landmark Conference. The other members of the Landmark Conference are the Catholic University of Washington, D.C.; Drew University of Madison, N.J.; Goucher College of Baltimore, Md.; Juniata College of Huntingdon, Pa.; Moravian College of Bethlehem, Pa.; Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa.; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy of King's Point, N.Y.

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## September

**7** 3:30 p.m. University Convocation, McDade Center for the Literary and Performing Arts

Today, through October 12 Hope Horn Gallery exhibit, "The Lyric Grace of Gesture," recent works by Robert Schatz; Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall

**12** 10:30 a.m. "Why Don't We Know More About Rwanda?," a panel discussion featuring Jacqueline Murekatete, who will talk about the Rwandan genocide from the perspective of a survivor, and several higher education and K-12 faculty members. Room 509, Brennan Hall.

**14** 3:30 p.m. National Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education. Room 509, Brennan Hall

**21** September 21-23, 28-30 University Players present "More Fun than Bowling" by Steven Dietz. McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts

**28** Lecture: "Service Learning in the Ignatian Tradition: Spanning the Continents" featuring Dr. Edwin P. Bernal and Dr. Winstin Tellis. An interdisciplinary faculty seminar to share successful service learning experiences. Room 228, Brennan Hall.

7:30 p.m. The Fourth Annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture, featuring Reverend James Martin, S.J., associate editor of *America* Magazine

September 28-30 Family Weekend for students and families. Various events on campus and in the surrounding area.

**29** 7:30 p.m. "In Concert" the Carmen Intorre Jazz Quartet. Houlihan-McLean Center.

## October

**4** 6:30 p.m. President's Business Council 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Dinner, The Pierre Hotel, New York.

**10** 7:30 p.m. The University of Scranton Student Musicians "In Recital." Houlihan-McLean Center

**11** 7:30 p.m. Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library Presents: "The Reluctant Sorcerer: The Fantastic Appeal of Harry Potter," a lecture by Douglas Rosentrater. Room 228, Brennan Hall

**17** 8:00 p.m. Mullin Lecture featuring Nobel Prize winner Marshall W. Nirenberg, Ph.D.

**18** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility, "Autism across the Lifespan: Allies in Action." Brennan Hall

**19** 7:30 p.m. "In Recital" baritone/bass voice Cailin Manson. Houlihan-McLean Center

**21** Open House for high school juniors and seniors.

Today through November 16 Hope Horn Gallery exhibit: "The Pennsylvania Art Education Association Juried Exhibition," presented in conjunction with the PAEA Conference 2007. Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall.

**24** 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Concert featuring French singer Eric Vinson, Jefferson Auditorium, Leahy Hall

5:00 p.m. The Shrimp Bowl reception for High School Guidance Counselors, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brennan Hall

**31** 7:30 p.m. The University of Scranton Jazz Ensemble with special guest artist trombonist Wycliffe Gordon "In Concert." Houlihan-McLean Center

## November

**2** 6:30 p.m. Alumni Memorial Mass, Madonna della Strada Chapel

November 2-4, 9-11 University Players present "The Grapes of Wrath" by Frank Galati (from the novel by John Steinbeck). McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts.

**4** Open House for high school juniors and seniors.

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

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## Expanding Schemel Forum Announces Diverse Schedule for Fall Semester

Covering subjects ranging from Elizabethan poetry to race in America, from the Greek classics to what it means to be masculine, from damaged souls to damaged towns, this year's Schemel Forum presentations continue the University's efforts to support cultural enrichment and education in the Scranton community.

Founded in 2006 through generous gifts to the Rev. George Schemel, S.J., Fund, the Schemel Forum is a series of illuminating, participatory learning experiences whose aim is to cultivate the intellect and the imagination through study and discussion of classical texts and current policies, from the arts, history and philosophy to technology and theology. The Forum has grown quickly from a handful of informal lectures to a comprehensive collection of study, dialogue, performances and special events.

This fall's schedule is as follows:

### Lectures and discussions

- Poetry and Politics in Elizabethan England | Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President

September 5, 12 and 19, 5:00-6:15 p.m. | Room 305, Weinberg Memorial Library

- *The Iliad*, by Homer | Joseph P. Wilson, Professor of Foreign Languages

Mondays, September 17 through December 3, 6:00-7:15 p.m. | Provost's Conference Room, St. Thomas Hall

- Race in America: From Slavery to Affirmative Action | Morey Myers, Esq.

Wednesdays, September 26 through October 31, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 305, Weinberg Memorial Library

- Potency: Masculine Aggression as a Path to the Soul | Eugene Monick

November 6, 13 and 20, 6:00-7:15 p.m. | Room 305, Weinberg Memorial Library  
Session 1: *The ABC's of Jung Sessions 2-3: Potency: Masculine Aggression as a Path to the Soul*, by Eugene Monick, available at The University of Scranton Bookstore

### Film series

#### *Superheroes*

Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m. | Room 228, Brennan

Q&A with writer/director Alan Brown and cast members

Set in and around New York City in the autumn of 2005, *Superheroes* is about the relationship between two Americans: a wounded Iraq War veteran who struggles to live with the psychological scars of battle, and the aspiring filmmaker who accompanies him to a cabin in the Catskills to document his story. *Superheroes* follows the course of this friendship to explore the damage inflicted on one man by war, and the limitations of redemption.

#### *The Town That Was*

Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m. | Room 228 Brennan

Q&A with co-director Georgie Roland

In 1962, a trash fire ignited a seam of anthracite coal beneath Centralia, Pa., a once-thriving mining town of more than 1,600 people. After estimating the cost of extinguishing the fire at over \$500 million, the government opted to raze the town and relocate its residents. Filmed over a period of five years with interviews ranging from former residents to members of Congress, *The Town That Was* is an intimate portrait of John Lokitis, the youngest remaining Centralian.

Next spring's Schemel offerings include the following:

- *Ulysses*, by James Joyce | Stephen E. Whittaker, Professor of English
- Philosophy and the City: Understanding Citizenship, Urban Policy and City Planning | Sharon M. Meagher, Professor of Philosophy
- Do You See What I See? Looking at Contemporary Art with a visit to the Philadelphia Museum of Art | Josephine M. Dunn, Associate Professor of History
- "Insights into Africa" | Three luncheon seminars

The cost for each series is \$60 per person and \$100 per couple. Single session fees are \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. Additionally, various membership levels are available.

For more information, contact Sondra Myers, director of the Schemel Forum, at (570) 941-4089 or [myerss2@scranton.edu](mailto:myerss2@scranton.edu), or Kym Fetsko, events coordinator, at (570) 941-7816 or [fetskok2@scranton.edu](mailto:fetskok2@scranton.edu).



## Cheers for Scranton's Football Alumni

The Royals Cheerleaders greeted nearly 100 alumni from three decades who returned for a Football Alumni Reunion in August, the third such event since football ended in 1960. Joining the "Tommies" for their reunion was Lucy Carlesimo, widow of Pete Carlesimo, who coached Scranton's football team and served as the athletic director during his tenure from 1953 - 1968. He continued his career at Fordham University.

## Presidential Colloquy Engages Presidential Scholars



**Scholars participating in the summer course on leadership and civic engagement are, from left, first row: Mat Mercuri, Gina Fullam, Dawn Leavy, Billy Pugh and Doug Jones. Second row, from left: Kevin Musto, Jenna Gilligan, Marny Smith, Anna DiColli Jennifer Moakler, Joe Quinn, Clark Veet. Third row: Stephen Whittaker, Ph.D., professor of English, who taught the course.**

The University of Scranton will initiate a Presidential Colloquy for its 40 Presidential Scholars this academic year.

"Developing a formal program to ignite the intellect of our Presidential Scholars has been one of my goals since I became president," said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., who will lead separate discussions with each class of scholars during the fall semester. "I am greatly looking forward to meeting regularly with our Presidential Scholars to discuss poetry, literature, and other great works of mind and spirit. This will give our scholars a chance to get to know each other and to realize better their potential both at the university and beyond."

In addition to the academic discussions led by the president, the colloquium will include discussions with the provost and faculty about topics raised by speakers making invited presentations on campus. In addition to participating in these discussions, Presidential Scholars will be encouraged to engage in service programs and to develop individual goals for their undergraduate education. In the summer of 2008, Presidential Scholars in the class of 2011 will be invited to participate in a seminar on leadership and civic responsibility. This seminar, to be offered for the second time in 2008, will include both Presidential Scholars and selected freshmen who have been nominated by their

faculty or program directors as outstanding leaders.

"The Presidential Colloquy will engage students eager to learn and challenge themselves both in and out of the classroom," said Mary Engel, Ph.D., director of health-professional school placement and fellowship programs at Scranton, who is planning the seminar on leadership and civic responsibility with Stephen Whittaker, Ph.D., professor of English.

Dr. Whittaker recently completed the inaugural offering of the Seminar on Leadership and Civic Responsibility with the Presidential Scholars in the class of 2010. For the three-credit interdisciplinary course, the Presidential Scholars and five invited students met for a week-long session in May to discuss readings from current topics in many disciplines. The students then wrote several reflection papers during the summer break and returned a week prior to the fall semester classes to complete course work and volunteer alongside incoming students participating in F.I.R.S.T. (Freshmen Involved in Reflective Service Together).

In addition to the summer course, the lectures the Presidential Scholars will discuss will cover multiple disciplines, and will include the J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture Celebrating the Catholic Intellectual Tradition; the Henry George Lecture, which focuses on economics and social justice; the Francis P. Boland Surgical Symposium; and the Mullin Lecture, which has brought some of the world's most distinguished scientists to Scranton.

## Emergency Notification System Launched

Notification about campus emergencies and weather-related delays and cancellations is just a text or e-mail message away. The University has just launched a free text message notification system for students, their parents and relatives, and University employees.

University emergency and weather-related alerts will automatically be sent via text message or e-mail to students and employees who subscribe to the service. As an added feature, members of the University community can also choose to receive occasional messages about University news and events. Students may enter up to four other cell phone numbers and three additional e-mail addresses for parents and other relatives who wish to receive messages. A text message will be sent to the cell phones and e-mails provided. **It is up to students to register their parents, guardians or relatives for this service.**

Text message fees may be charged by your cell service provider, and your cell phone must be enabled to receive text messages. All subscribers will receive a verification text message. You can unsubscribe from this service at any time.

**Employees and students can register for the emergency notification service via the MyScranton portal at [www.my.scranton.edu](http://www.my.scranton.edu).** Click on the "Emergency Notification" channel on the right side of the page.

## Family Weekend Events Announced

More than 800 families are expected to join their Scranton students Sept. 28-30 for Family Weekend.

The weekend begins with the fourth annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. (See story on pg. 3). Then on Saturday, parents will have a chance to share their thoughts on the same book their freshmen students have been assigned to read, *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. The Parent Book Discussion is scheduled for 10 a.m. in Brennan Hall.

From noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, The Joseph Boga Jazz Trio will entertain students and their families during the new Family Weekend Luncheon, scheduled to take place in the Eagen Auditorium and Trophy Room of the Gunster Student Center. The Family Mass with Scranton President Scott R. Pilarz,

S.J., will take place on Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Byron Complex.

Back again this year are some old favorites, including a carnival on Founder's Green on Saturday afternoon, a free concert with the Carmen Intorre Jazz Quartet in the Houlihan-McLean Center on Saturday night, a movie and the University Players' production. This year's theater production will be Stephen Dietz's "More Fun Than Bowling." Performances will take place on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., in the University's Joseph M. McDade Center for the Literary and Performing Arts.

For more information, a complete schedule of events or to register, visit [www.scranton.edu/familyweekend](http://www.scranton.edu/familyweekend). Additional questions and concerns can be directed to [familyweekend@scranton.edu](mailto:familyweekend@scranton.edu), and the Family Weekend Information line at (570) 941-4418.

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