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## Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., Named 24th President

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

Fr. Pilarz will assume his duties on 1 July 2003. He will succeed the Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., who will begin service as the 32nd president of Fordham University, New York City, on 1 July.

According to Mr. McDonnell, a national search began in January with the appointment of a search committee that included trustees and representatives from the University's faculty, staff, student body, alumni and administration. Prior to recommending candidates for the consideration of the Board, the search committee, chaired by Trustee Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, consulted broadly through on-campus forums hosted by the University Council, Faculty Senate and Student Senate.

"We were blessed to be able to choose from among a pool of highly qualified Jesuits, which is a testament to the strength and quality of the University," said Mr. McDonnell. "We believe that Fr. Pilarz, an accomplished administrator, teacher and scholar, is an exceptional leader who will continue the remarkable progress that the University has made in recent years."

"In the course of his rich and multifaceted career at Georgetown, Fr. Pilarz has established a solid reputation as a charismatic teacher, an original thinker, a talented administrator and a compassionate pastor. Therefore, it is not at all surprising that his peers and colleagues routinely hail him as one of the most respected Jesuit scholars and administrators of his generation. As a result, I have every confidence that he will serve the University with devotion and with real distinction. Indeed, I am convinced

that under his visionary leadership the University will achieve even greater success than it already enjoys," said Fr. McShane, the outgoing president of the University.

"I am delighted to be at The University of Scranton, and I am honored and humbled by the office entrusted to me by the University's Board of Trustees, chaired by Mr. McDonnell," Fr. Pilarz said.

"...throughout the three years that I've been privileged to serve on the Scranton Board of Trustees, I have become increasingly passionate about this University and its mission – a mission first articulated in 1888 by Bishop O'Hara and appropriated down the years by my Jesuit brothers," he added.

Fr. Pilarz entered the Society of Jesus in 1981 and was ordained a priest in 1992. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Georgetown University, and a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University, New York. He received masters' degrees in divinity and theology from the Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in English at the City University of New York.

As he was completing his studies at Weston, Fr. Pilarz served as a lecturer in the philosophy department of Sts. Peter & Paul



*Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., enjoys a lighthearted moment during a news conference announcing his appointment as President-elect of The University of Scranton. The announcement was made by Frank J. McDonnell, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees.*

Seminary at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. While completing doctoral studies, he was appointed to the English faculty of St. Joseph's University in 1994. In 1996, he joined the Georgetown faculty as an assistant professor of English. In 2002, he was appointed interim University Chaplain.

As University Chaplain, Fr. Pilarz serves as a member of the President's Cabinet and is responsible for leading campus ministry efforts on Georgetown's Main, Medical and Law campuses. He works with the President to promote Georgetown's Catholic and  
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## Four to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

The University will present four Honorary Degrees during its 2003 Commencement ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students on 25 May at the First Union Arena at Casey Plaza.

Honorary Degrees of Humane Letters will be presented to Christopher J. Matthews, television anchor, journalist and best-selling author; Christopher M. "Kip" Condron, President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc. and a member of the AXA Group Management Board; Sister Mary Rose McGeady, D.C., President and Chief Executive Officer of Covenant House; and Sandra Montrone, President of The Penates Foundation.

Mr. Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball" and NBC's "The Chris Matthews Show," and anchor of MSNBC's election coverage, will give the principal address at the University's Commencement ceremony. Mr. Matthews is also host of the "Hardball College

Tour," during which he takes the "Hardball" program on the road for weekly town meetings at universities around the country.

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

As President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc., Mr. Condron heads up one of the world's premier financial services organizations with its holding companies including Equitable Life, Alliance Capital

Management and Sanford C. Bernstein.

Immediately prior to being named to head AXA Financial in May, 2001, Mr. Condron served both as President and Chief Operating Officer of Mellon Financial Corporation since 1999, and

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dreyfus Corporation since 1995. In previous years, he held senior executive positions with such companies as The Boston Company, AYCO, and Condron Associates.

Mr. Condron, a 1970 graduate of The University of Scranton, has served as a University Trustee for two terms and as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, and currently chairs the President's Business Council of the University.

Sister Mary Rose McGeady, a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Covenant House in  
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*Chris Matthews*



*Sandra Montrone*



*Christopher M. "Kip" Condron*



*Sr. Mary Rose McGeady, D.C.*

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Jesuit character, sponsors interreligious dialogue and coordinates interfaith activities on all three of Georgetown's campuses.

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

As a scholar, Fr. Pilarz has delivered numerous papers at scholarly conferences on various aspects of Medieval and Renaissance literature. He has also lectured and published on topics related to Jesuit education. His articles on John Donne, Robert Southwell and Medieval drama have appeared in academic journals and collections of essays, and his

book, *Robert Southwell, S.J., and the Mission of Literature 1561-1595: Writing Reconciliation*, will be published by Ashgate Press in the summer of 2003. In 1998, he received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and he has received three research grants and a competitive junior faculty research leave from Georgetown.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of The University of Scranton, where he serves on the Executive Committee and as chair of the Committee on Mission and Identity. He also serves on the boards of Georgetown Preparatory School and Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, N.J., from which he graduated.

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



Members of the Pilarz family gather following a news conference announcing the appointment of Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D., as the President-elect of the University. From left: Joseph Zandarski, Ph.D., Professor of Accounting, and cousin of Fr. Pilarz's father; Nancy Zandarski; Fr. Pilarz; Joan and Joseph Pilarz, parents of Fr. Pilarz; and Stephen Surovick '96, cousin of Fr. Pilarz.

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## Four to Receive Honorary Degrees (continued from page 1)

1990. Covenant House International, an agency dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of homeless children in 15 U.S. cities and five other countries, has served close to two million children since its inception.

Sister Mary Rose previously served as Executive Director of the Kennedy Child Study Center in New York City and Executive Director of the Astor Home and Clinic for Children in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Mrs. Montrone is President of The Penates Foundation, a private, charitable organization supporting the arts, education and community services that are based in Hampton, N.H. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Mrs. Montrone to the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts, and she served in that capacity until 2001. She was an Incorporator of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation from 1984 to 2002.

Mrs. Montrone was a Founding Director and later President of the Board of Directors of Seacoast Hospice, which earned national recognition when it was selected as a distinguished service organization by the United Nations and was named a Point of Light by the first President Bush.

## The University Recognized for Recycling Initiatives

The University of Scranton was recently awarded second place in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Rush to Recycle Challenge. The University was recognized for an increase of 196% over its baseline for recycled items.

DEP Deputy Secretary for Local Governmental Affairs Jay Moyer (left) presented the University with a plaque and a check for \$1,000 in recognition of its recycling initiatives. Accepting the check on behalf of the University were Tony Laboranti, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds (center), and Jim Devers, Director of Physical Plant (right).



## Six Departments to Relocate This Summer

The offices of six University departments will be relocated and space will be renovated for a new educational center beginning in May.

Following is a description of the relocations that will take place during the spring and summer months. All work is scheduled for completion by late September.

**The University Press**, currently located in St. Thomas Hall, will be moved to the lower level of the Smurfit Arts Center.

**The Office of Instructional Technology** will move from the Communications Wing of St. Thomas Hall to Alumni Memorial Hall.

**The Office of the Provost** will move from the 3rd floor of The Estate to the 5th floor of the Communications Wing of St. Thomas Hall.

**The Graduate School** offices will relocate from the 2nd floor of The Estate to the 2nd floor of O'Hara Hall. A Graduate School student lounge will be created in an area currently occupied by Dexter Hanley College on the first floor of O'Hara Hall.

**The Dexter Hanley College** offices will relocate to the north wing of the first floor of O'Hara Hall.

**The Small Business Development Center, Royal Technology Group and the Center for Public Initiatives** will relocate from the 5th floor of the Communications Wing and the Harper McGinnis Wing of St. Thomas Hall to the Estate.

A new **Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence** will be located on the 5th floor of the Harper McGinnis Wing of St. Thomas Hall.

## Grant Awarded to Theology Professor

Scott Bader-Saye, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology, has received a \$45,000 grant from The Louisville Institute Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grants Program.

The grant is one of just five awarded annually by The Louisville Institute to full-time faculty members in the United States engaged in research projects designed to make the themes of Christian faith more accessible to religious believers in relation to the realities of their contemporary lives. The Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grants Program is undertaken by The Louisville Institute in cooperation with the Lilly Endowment, Inc., as part of its Christian Faith and Life Initiative.

Dr. Bader-Saye will use his grant to support a 2003-2004 sabbatical research project entitled, "Figuring Providence: A Theology of History, and Ethic of Risk." "In the modern period, science and history have provided us with ways of describing the world that do not include reference to God. While these descrip-

tions have validity, they are theologically incomplete," explained Dr. Bader-Saye. "Traditionally, Christians have made sense of the present by looking at how God acted in the past. The biblical text, then, becomes a kind of framework for organizing and understanding both world events and personal experiences."

For example, the Book of Exodus can serve as a template for humankind's desire to be freed from oppression, from ancient to modern times, said Dr. Bader-Saye.

Dr. Bader-Saye's book will be divided into two parts. Part One will reexamine the understanding of providence - God's divine care and guardianship over creation.

Part Two will relate the significance of the doctrine of providence to the moral lives of contemporary Christians.

"I propose that risk is the lived response to God's providence," explained Dr. Bader-Saye. "I will argue that the risk involved in providence is not God's risk but ours - the risk Christians are called to take in light of the conviction that God will provide."

# Junior Awarded Goldwater Scholarship

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



Christopher J. Corey

The Goldwater Foundation was established in 1986. According to the foundation's Web site, Goldwater scholars have been awarded 50 Rhodes Scholarships, 55 Marshall Awards and many other distinguished fellowships.

The Goldwater Foundation Scholarship Program, honoring the late Senator Barry M.

Goldwater, was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

The 2003 Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,093 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of their colleges and universities.

"It is an honor for Chris to be awarded this scholarship identifying him, rightly so, among the nation's most promising science students at the undergraduate level," said Timothy Foley, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry and the University's Goldwater Scholarship faculty advisor. "He has a tremendous enthusiasm and aptitude for science."

A math and science scholar, Mr. Corey intends to utilize both to pursue his dream.

"After medical school, my goal is to conduct research for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," said Mr. Corey.

During his three years at the University, Mr. Corey has worked with three faculty members on student/faculty research projects. Mr. Corey worked with Joan Wasilewski, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, on a Cro-protein research project. He also worked Dr. Foley on a neurochemical research project that will list the 20-year-old as one of the authors when published.

In addition, he is continuing to work with David Marx, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of the Chemistry Department, on a research project involving the interaction of metals in biological systems.

Mr. Corey, a member of the Honors Program, ranks in the top two percent of his class. He is a member of the International Premedical Honor Society, the Chemistry Honor Society, the Biological Honor Society and the National Honor Society for Freshman.

He is the son of William and Joanne Corey of Pittston.

# The Washington Post Magazine Recognizes the University

The University of Scranton has been included among the 100 colleges in the nation to be listed in the *Washington Post Magazine* article "Colleges Worth Considering," published on 6 April 2003. The University of Scranton is the only college in northeastern Pennsylvania listed.

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

The Sunday edition of the *Washington Post Magazine* featured the 20 schools recognized in the mid-Atlantic region only. The Web story edition, published 1 April, profiles all 100 schools.

Additional information on each school is included in Mr. Mathews' book *Harvard Schmarvard: Getting Beyond the Ivy League to the College That Is Best for You*.



The *Washington Post* article noted The University of Scranton for its "small class sizes, high academic expectations, close community environment, a metropolis campus that maintains a community atmosphere and a faculty and staff that are actively involved with the student body."

The colleges were ranked based on the number of times mentioned by guidance counselors and teachers. The University is ranked 95 in the nation and 18 in the mid-Atlantic region.

# Scranton Native Named Truman Scholar

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



Sara J. Shoener

Ms Shoener plans to focus her career as an advocate in women's health policy.

"This scholarship will allow me the chance to combine what I do well with what I love to do," said Ms. Shoener. "I have always been proficient at science and have been involved in women's advocacy issues since I was a child."

She is the daughter of Carol Shoener, Scranton.

## A Community of Scholars

A student-centered community of scholars characterized by intellectual rigor

## Celebration of Student Scholars to be Held

The University will hold its Third Annual Celebration of Student Scholar Day on 6 May. This all-day event will celebrate both undergraduate and graduate student scholarship by featuring the work of students in a physical display to be held in the lobby of the Long Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Celebration of Student Scholars is part of Scholarship Month and will complement the exhibit of faculty publications on display in the Scranton Heritage Room of the Library. As part of the celebration, the University will also hold a luncheon honoring faculty and student scholars, and an evening reception for student scholars, their families and mentors.

A resident of east Scranton and valedictorian of Scranton High School's class of 2000, Ms. Shoener is the fifth University of Scranton student to be named a Truman Scholar. In the past three years, the University of Scranton has nominated six students for Truman Scholarships, five of whom became national finalists, with two, including Ms. Shoener, being named as Truman Scholars.

"Sara's outstanding academic record, her extensive public service activities and her long-standing dedication to the personal and health care needs of abused women make her a Truman Scholar of exceptional standing," said Gretchen Van Dyke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science and the University's faculty representative for the Truman Scholarship.

Congress established the Truman Scholarship Foundation in 1975 as a memorial to the 33rd President of the United States. The Foundation awards merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

Ms. Shoener will receive \$3,000 for her senior year at the University and \$27,000 for three years of graduate study. She plans to pursue a juris doctor and master's in public health through a dual J.D./M.P.H. program offered by Georgetown University Law Center and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

## 2003 Commencement Activities

### Saturday, 24 May

- ROTC Commissioning, 9:30 a.m., Royal Theater, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts, followed by a reception in the Lobby.
- Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 1 p.m., Aula, Houlihan-McLean Center, followed by a reception in The Coopers Atrium.
- Baccalaureate Mass, 4 p.m., Byron Complex.
- Dinner for Graduates and Parents, Gunster Student Center, 6 p.m. Tickets are required. Call 941-6233.
- Awards Ceremony for Graduate Students, 6 p.m. Brennan Hall, Room 228
- Reception for Master's Graduates, 6:30 p.m., Brennan Hall, 5th floor
- Class Night Awards, 8 p.m., Aula, Houlihan-McLean Center, followed by a reception in the Lobby.

### Sunday, 25 May

- Breakfast for Graduates and Parents, 7 - 9 a.m. Gunster Student Center. Tickets are required. Call 941-6233.
- Commencement, Noon, First Union Arena, Wilkes-Barre

## The University Dedicates Leahy Community Health & Family Center

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

The center, located in McGurrin Hall on Jefferson Avenue, was dedicated in honor of Edward R. Leahy, Jr., the late son of University of Scranton benefactors Patricia and Edward R. Leahy '68. Mr. Leahy and U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood played an active role in securing funding for the endeavor. Both were recognized at the dedication.

The center will be run by faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students of the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies, which offers degree programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, exercise science, education and counseling. Services for children with special needs and their families in Lackawanna County will be provided by, or supervised by, Pennsylvania licensed faculty and staff and will include, but not be limited to, skilled therapy, counseling, nursing services and special education.

"The Leahy Community Health & Family Center blends so completely the unique quality of The University of Scranton with our Jesuit mission," said

University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J. "The center will provide a place for research, scholarship and practical experience for faculty and students alike while responding to the needs of children in our region who have special needs."

"This is another example of the strong relationship between The University of Scranton and the people of our region," said Congressman Sherwood (Pa.-10). "The Leahy Community Health & Family Center will be a beneficial new resource for children with special needs and their families, while enriching the educational experience of students who are pursuing careers in health care fields."

The Leahy Community Health & Family Center began operation in April; full services will commence in the fall of 2003. The center includes a reception area, administrative offices, interview rooms with observation and closed circuit video capabilities, examination rooms, and a large group activity/conference area.

It will also include the region's only motion analysis system, capable of analyzing movement and motor activity of people from infancy to advanced age.

The Leahy Community Health & Family Center will be able to operate without the restrictions of insurers to provide health screenings and referrals for other medical services. It will also provide caregiver support and education and develop recreational programs that provide opportunities



The Leahy Community Health & Family Center was announced and dedicated at a news conference on 27 March in McGurrin Hall.

for socialization within an educational and therapeutic context.

Known for their benevolence, Mr. and Mrs. Leahy endowed a center at The University of Scranton eight years ago to support research on behalf of individuals, particularly children, with disabilities. The Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Center for Faculty Research and Development was established in honor of their late son Edward, Jr., who was born with significant disabilities and passed away at the age of eight.

"Edward had the kind of spirit that I loved," said Mr. Leahy at a luncheon following the new center's dedication. "His strength of character touched so many people and, in his memory, we have tried

to engage in a continuous celebration of his life by helping others, particularly children with special needs, but without sufficient resources to address those needs. This dedication today is a continuation of that celebration of Edward's life, and it stands as proof that the youngest and the smallest among us can make a real difference."



### THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COMMUNITY

*"The University of Scranton will continue to use its expertise and resources to meet the critical needs of the region it calls home."*

## Cultural Expert to Deliver 21st Annual Morris Gelb Lecture

The University of Scranton's 21st annual Morris Gelb Lecture will feature noted cultural expert Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. The lecture, presented free of charge, will be held Thursday, 15 May, at 8 p.m. in the Eagen Auditorium of the Gunster Student Center.

Dr. Whitfield's lecture is titled "In Search of American Jewish Culture."

A widely recognized authority on American culture, Dr. Whitfield has published numerous books and articles, including *Into the Dark: Hannah Arendt and Totalitarianism*, *Voices of Jacob*, *Hands of Esau: Jews in American Life and Thought*, *A Death in the Delta: The Story of Emmett Till*, *American Space*, *Jewish Time*, *The Culture of the Cold War*, and *In Search of American Jewish Culture*. He has served as book review editor for *American Jewish History*, and is a contributing editor to *Judaism*.

Dr. Whitfield is a resident of Lexington, Mass.

The Morris Gelb Memorial Lecture is named in honor of the late Morris B. Gelb, Esq., in tribute to his more than 50 years of community service and his role in the development of The University of Scranton's Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute. Mr. Gelb's wife, Mae, has continued the family's civic and charitable endeavors.

The Gelbs were among the founders of the Judaic Studies Institute, which was created in 1979 through an endowment funded by the local Jewish community. The institute fosters an understanding and appreciation of Judaism, Israel and their histories. It supports visits to the University by Jewish scholars, writers and leaders, and supports library acquisitions, publications, faculty research travel and other scholarly endeavors.

The work of the institute was further enhanced by a \$1 million gift from the Weinberg Foundation in 1990.

## McGowan Scholarship Presented



Matthew Ross, Montvale, N.J., has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship for his senior year at the University through the William G. McGowan Scholars Program. Named for the late William G. McGowan, founder of MCI Communications Corporation, the program benefits outstanding students who plan to enter the field of business. From left are: Paul J. Strunk, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Ronald D. Johnson, DBA, Dean of the Kania School of Management; Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan, Trustee Emeritus and brother of the late William G. McGowan; Mr. Ross; and Joseph M. McShane, S.J., President of the University.

## Internationally Known Surgeon Speaks at Symposium



Stephanie Franko (second from left), a pre-medical student at the University, received the Francis P. Boland Scholarship at a dinner preceding the 19th Francis P. Boland Memorial Surgical Symposium. From left: Paul J. Strunk, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, The University of Scranton; Ms. Franko; Charles J. Bannon, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Mercy Health Partners; James J. Mackrell, M.D., Chairman, Surgical Education Committee, Mercy Health Partners; W. Peter Geis, M.D., keynote speaker and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Saint Peter's University Hospital; and Joseph M. McShane, S.J., President of The University of Scranton.

Dr. Peter W. Geis, Chairman of the Department of Surgery at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., was the keynote speaker at the 19th Francis P. Boland Memorial Surgical Symposium at The University of Scranton and Mercy Hospital on 11 April.

Dr. Geis' evening lecture, delivered to an audience of approximately 150 in Eagen Auditorium of the Gunster Center on campus, was entitled "Technology and Surgery; Limitations and Benefits."

Stephanie Franko, a pre-medical student at the University, was presented with the

Francis P. Boland Scholarship at a dinner preceding the lecture. The scholarship, established in 1988 by members of the Mercy Hospital staff, and Dr. Boland's friends and colleagues, provides financial aid for pre-medical students from Lackawanna County for their junior and senior years at The University of Scranton.

Sponsored as a cooperative educational endeavor by the Surgical Department of Mercy Hospital and the University, the symposium was created to foster an open forum for the discussion of the latest surgical advances with fellow surgeons, the

medical community at large, and pre-med students and faculty.

Dr. Geis, internationally known for his work with minimally invasive surgery, has served as the director of the Minimally Invasive Services Training Institute at St. Joseph Medical Center in Baltimore and as a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

A prolific author, Dr. Geis has written hundreds of articles for medical journals.

## Information Session for Adult Students Slated

The University of Scranton will hold a Graduate and Adult Student Information Session on Sunday, 4 May. Concurrent sessions will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the 5th floor Executive Center, Brennan Hall, Madison Avenue. Faculty, current adult students and representatives from admissions, financial aid and career services will also be available to answer questions.

The University's Dexter Hanley College for adult and part-time students offers more than 60 associate and baccalaureate programs. The university's Graduate School offers 23 master's degree programs, 18 certification programs and seven supervisor's certificates. Detailed information about the university's graduate programs offered in business, counseling, education and nursing will be provided that evening. Information will be available about the more than 100 computer training and computer certificate programs, as well as other professional development programs offered by the Center for Continuing Education.

For information or reservations, call 1-800-366-4723 or visit [www.scranton.edu/adults](http://www.scranton.edu/adults).

## Five Faculty Members Receive Summer Grants

The following faculty members have received Summer Grants for 2003.

- **E. Springs Steele, Ph.D.**, Chair of the Theology Department, "Catholic Spirituality: A Practical Introduction"
- **Robert Parsons, Ph.D.**, Chair of the Foreign Languages Department, "Making Service Learning an Essential Component of Upper-Division Spanish Course Offerings: A Curriculum Development Proposal"
- **Tata Mbugua, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Education, "Early Childhood Education in Kenya"
- **Steven Dougherty, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Mathematics, "Connection between Self-dual Codes Over Rings, Unimodular Lattices and Modular Forms"
- **Rita Flemming Cottr ell**, Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, "Linking Mental Health OT Theory to Psychosocial Practice: The Development of Clinical Case Management Skills"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Midori Yamanouchi, Ph.D.**, Professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, gave a presentation about her book, *Listen to the Voices from the Sea*, on 8 April in the Community Room of the Lackawanna County Children's Library. The book is the translation she and fellow University Professor **Father Joseph L. Quinn, S.J.**, made of the Kike Wadatsumi no Koe, a moving collection of letters, notes and wills written by Japanese university students, who were mobilized and died during World War II.

**Michael Knies**, Assistant Professor and Special Collections Librarian, has published an article titled "The Pennsylvania Coal Company: New Insights from the James Archbald Papers, 1850-1851" in *Canal History and Technology Proceedings* (Vol. 22). He also spoke on the topic at the Canal History and Technology Symposium at Lafayette College, Easton, on 15 March.

The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in March 2003.

**Bryant Benjamin**, General Mechanic  
**Timothy Burgh**, Sergeant, Public Safety Department  
**Frank Ferraro**, General Mechanic  
**Lary Greenfield**, Corporal, Public Safety Department  
**Margaret Marshall**, Social Worker, Healthy Northeast Access Program  
**Maria McGraw**, Outreach Coordinator, Healthy Northeast Access Program  
**Bridget O'Malley**, Research Technician, IMBM  
**Paul Rowlands**, Research Technician, IMBM  
**Matthew Shoener**, Public Safety Officer, Public Safety Department  
**Alicia Zazzera**, Operations Manager, Healthy Northeast Access Program

## Black History Conference to be Held 1 - 3 May

The 26th Annual Conference on Black History, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), will be held on the University campus, 1-3 May.

The conference, entitled "American Migration, Immigration, and Integration" will examine patterns of immigration and integration in the northeastern region of Pennsylvania.

The keynote speakers will be Joe William Trotter, Jr. and Thomas Dublin. Mr. Trotter is Professor of History and the Head of the History Department at Carnegie Mellon University.

Mr. Dublin is Professor of History at the State University of New York at Binghamton and co-director of "Women and Social Movements in the United States."

For more information and to register, phone Karen James at (717) 783-9871.

## Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award Presented to Two During Ignatian Week



The University presented the seventh annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award at a 9 April University Assembly held during Ignatian Week. For the first time, the award was presented to two people: Maureen A. Fay, O.P., Ph.D., President of the University of Detroit Mercy, and David O'Brien, Ph.D., Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies and Past Director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at the College of the Holy Cross. From left: Joseph M. McShane, S.J., University President; Brendan G. Lally, Rector of the Jesuit Community at Scranton; Sister Maureen Fay; Mr. O'Brien; and Terrence Toland, S.J., Director of the Center for Mission Reflection.

# SPORTS

By **Kevin Southard**  
Sports Information Director

## SPRING SPORTS

The biggest opponent the Royals have faced so far this spring has been Mother Nature. With winter hanging on in Northeastern Pennsylvania a lot longer than usual, all six University of Scranton spring sport teams have scrambled between the raindrops and snowflakes to begin their quest towards Middle Atlantic and/or Freedom Conference titles.

With less a month remaining in the regular season, a number of teams are battling for playoff spots and the opportunity to advance in either the NCAA Division III and/or Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs. Here is a capsule summary of all spring sport teams here at the University.

### Baseball

Under the direction of first-year head coach Mike Bartoletti, the baseball team has already doubled its win output from a year ago. The Royals opened the season by winning three games during a trip to Florida over spring break before returning home to open a three-game Freedom



Steve Urbanovich

Conference series against Delaware Valley, which included a no-hitter by sophomore pitcher

**Steve Urbanovich (Nutley, N.J./Nutley)** on Sunday, 23 March, in a 7-0 victory at Connell Park. Other highlights include junior outfielder **Brian Grady (Clarks Summit/Scranton Prep)** and senior infielder **Matt Beggan (Jessup/Valley View)**, both of whom are hitting over .300.

### Golf

Coach Ed Karpovich's men's golf team, led by junior **J.T. Yarem (Moosic/Riverside)** and senior **Sean Burke (Nanuet, N.Y./Cathedral)**, is 4-1 in dual-match competition and appears to be gearing up for the Middle Atlantic Conference championships at the historic Shawnee-on-the-Delaware Golf Club in late April. Yarem, who has carded two sub-80 rounds, including a season-low of 75 in a sweep of Wilkes University, College Misericordia and Arcadia University, leads the team with an 80.25 strokes per round average, while Burke is next at 81.67. Junior **Lee Alvarez (East Brunswick, N.J./St. Joseph's)**, who earned all-MAC honors a year ago, is next in the lineup at 83.75.

### Men's Lacrosse

An injury-plagued men's lacrosse team has regrouped after a 1-4 start and is in the hunt for one of four playoff positions in the Middle Atlantic Conference. With three league games remaining, veteran head coach Warren Breig is hoping his scoring-by-committee mentality continues as the Royals look to qualify for the playoffs for the second straight year. Seven players have scored 10 or more points this year, led by junior midfielder **Rob Loderstedt (Mendham, N.J./Mendham)** and senior attackers **Timothy Miller (Glen Cove, N.Y./Chaminade)** and **Brian Lipski (Philadelphia/LaSalle)**.

Defensively, junior goalkeeper **Tom Kenyon (Chittenango, N.Y./Chittenango)**, with help by freshman long-stick **Andrew Davis (Havertown/St. Joseph's Prep)** and senior defender **Ryan Crowley (Cicero, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy)**, have held seven opponents to less than 10 goals.



Tom Kenyon

### Men's Tennis

Even though head coach Jack Lennox's men's tennis team features seven freshmen and two sophomores, the youthful Royal netters have made quite a statement in the Freedom Conference so far this year. Freshman **Dan Kiers (Yonkers, N.Y./Iona Prep)** leads the team with an 8-1 record in singles and is 6-1 in doubles with partners **Mike Wanchisen (Clarks Summit/Scranton Prep)** and **Mike Schmitt (Moosic/Riverside)**. Schmitt has also enjoyed a solid freshman year by posting a 4-4 mark in singles.

### Softball

The Royals opened the spring campaign by dropping a pair of close games to defending Freedom Conference champion King's College on Saturday, 22 March, in Wilkes-Barre, but got back into the thick of things by splitting a league doubleheader with Wilkes on 27 March and winning both games of a doubleheader against FDU-Florham on Sunday, 13 April, at Tripp Park.

Junior pitcher **Sarah Rhodes (Short Hills/N.J./Millburn)** reached a personal milestone against FDU-Florham by striking out the 200th batter of her career. Rhodes is the Royals' all-time leader in strikeouts with 205. Junior shortstop



Shalissa Dougherty

**Shalissa Dougherty (Eynon/Scranton Prep)** leads the team in hitting with a .429 average. Also providing help on the offensive end

are sophomore outfielder **Tracy Granozio (Liverpool, N.Y./Liverpool)**, junior designated hitter **Megan Wasilik (Harrison, N.Y./School of the Holy Child)** and junior infielder **Jennifer Miller (Jersey Shore/Jersey Shore)**, all of three of whom are batting over .300 for the season.

### Women's Lacrosse

In just their fourth season of intercollegiate competition, the Royals have already established themselves as one of the top programs in the Middle Atlantic Conference by qualifying for both the league and Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs in each of the last two years. Scranton heads into the final two weeks of the season in first place with an unbeaten league record, thanks, in part, to the play of senior attackers **Liz Baumbach (Long Valley, N.J./West Morris Central)** and **Bridget Lee (West Nyack, N.Y./Albertus Magnus)**.

Baumbach, the all-time leading scorer in Royals history, surpassed a personal milestone on Saturday, 12 April, by scoring the 300th point of her career in a 14-10 victory over Messiah College in Grantham. Lee is also closing in on the 300-point plateau, needing only 12 points in the final three regular-season games to join Baumbach in that exclusive company.



Liz Baumbach

## WINTER SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

Ken Andrews, commissioner of the Middle Atlantic Conferences (MAC), has announced that 23 student-athletes from the University have been named to MAC Academic Honor Roll for winter sports.

In order to qualify, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

Those named include:

### Men's Basketball

**Dan Loftus (Doylestown/Central Bucks West)**

**James Rudolph (Stewart Manor, N.Y./Chaminade)**

### Women's Basketball

**Katie Dougherty (Philadelphia/Nazareth Academy)**

**Judy Flounders (Havertown/Archbishop Carroll)**

**Megan McMurdo (Chalfont/Central Bucks West)**

**Kate Pierangeli (Springfield/Springfield)**

**Eileen Webster (Wilmington, Del./Ursuline Academy)**

### Women's Swimming

**Julia Azeff (Gwynedd Valley/Gwynedd Mercy Academy)**

**Laura Bassolino (Bayside, N.Y./Townsend Harris)**

**Jamie Cherry (Mantua, N.J./Clearview Regional)**

**Kitty Fromtling (Westfield, N.J./Westfield)**

**Tara Garner (Warrington/Central Bucks East)**

**Christina Giannetti (West Henrietta, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy)**

**Jill Hamnett (Newtown/Council Rock)**

**Allyson Jengo (Hasbrouck Heights, N.Y./Immaculate Heart)**

**Elizabeth Moss (Bellerose, N.Y./Mary Louise Academy)**

**Jamie Smith (Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill East)**

**Kim Towle (New City, N.Y./Clarkstown)**

### Wrestling

**Darren Buseman (Mullica Hill, N.J./Kingsway Regional)**

**Tim Grover (Selden, N.Y./Centerreach)**

**Tom Phillips (Middlebury, Conn./Pomperaug)**

**Ron Saglimbene (Wyckoff, N.J./Don Bosco Prep)**

Jennifer Goodrich, executive director of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA), announced recently that 10 members of the field hockey team have been named to the 2002 NFHCA Division III Academic Squad. The NFHCA honors student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher. Those named include:

**Meghan Blair (Sr., Lake Peekskill, N.Y./Walter Panas)**

**Maureen Bole (Sr., West Chester/Villa Maria)**

**Jennifer Bostwick (Fr., Warminster/Gwynedd Mercy)**

**Leah Hegstrom (Jr., Clinton, N.J./North Hunterdon)**

**Lauren LiCalzi (Sr., Garden City, N.Y./Garden City)**

**Amanda Massaro (Fr., Valhalla, N.Y./Valhalla)**

**Carrie Moran (Sr., Glen Head, N.Y./North Shore)**

**Erin Sweeney (Sr., Philadelphia/St. Basil's Academy)**

**Katie Szczepanski (Jr., Elizabethtown/Lancaster Catholic)**

**Jillian Varley (Sr., Suffield, Conn./Longmeadow-Mass.)**

## 12th ANNUAL SENIOR STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS BANQUET TO BE HELD 2 MAY

The University will formally honor more than 70 senior student-athletes at the 12th annual Senior Athletes Awards Banquet on Friday, 2 May, at 5:30 p.m. in lobby of the John J. Long Center.

Highlighting the evening's festivities will be the presentation of the Father Fitzpatrick, Frank O'Hara, Ron Willensky and the Senior Scholar-Athlete awards.

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## MAY

- 1** 7:30 p.m. The Italian Film Festival sponsored by the University's Italian Studies Program presents a screening of, "La Traviata," Room 205, Brennan Hall. Free and open to the public. 941-6323
- 8 p.m. The University Players present "New Director's Workshop," an evening of student directed scenes, today through 3 May, Royal Theater, McDade Center. 941-4318
- 2** 2003 Ignatian Alumni Retreat, today through 4 May, Conference and Retreat Center, Chapman Lake. 1-800-SCRANTON
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The University Art Gallery and NEIU #19 workshop for elementary and high school students, teachers and/or parents, "In Nature." Workshops in landscape abstraction, Fridays through 30 May, Fourth Floor, Hyland Hall. 941-4214
- 8 p.m. The University will host the 20th Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert featuring the University's concert band and choir with guest composer/conductors Wycliffe Gordon and Lawrence Wolfe, Houlihan-McLean Center, Free and open to the public. 941-7624
- 5** Last week of classes, no exams today through 9 May
- 7 p.m. New England Alumni Chapter Business Meeting, The Green Brier Restaurant, Brighton, Mass., 1-800-SCRANTON
- 6** 10 a.m. Third Annual Celebration of Student Scholars, Long Center. 941-6190
- 8** 6 p.m. Catherine Manley Coffey Memorial, Mutual of New York, 320 Park Ave., New York. 1-800-SCRANTON
- 8 p.m. The University Reading Series presents Roger Fanning reading from his newest collection of poems, "Homesick," Royal Theater, McDade Center. Free and open to the public. 941-7619
- 9** Last Day of Class
- 10** Study Day, today and tomorrow
- 11** Mother's Day
- 12** 9:30 p.m.-12 a.m. President's Breakfast and Reception, Second Floor Cafeteria, Gunster Student Center. 941-4253
- Final exams begin
- 7:30 p.m. The Wyoming Seminary Performing Arts Institute Civic Symphony, including members of the University String Quartet, perform "In Concert," Houlihan-McLean Center. Free and open to the public. 941-7624
- 13** Noon Scranton/Pocono Northeast Alumni Chapter Business Meeting, 1942 Room, The Estate, 1-800-SCRANTON
- 14** 7 p.m. Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Business Meeting, 1-800-SCRANTON
- 15** 8 p.m. The Morris Gelb Memorial Lecture guest speaker, Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D., a widely recognized authority on American culture will present "In Search of American Jewish Culture." Eagen

- Auditorium, Gunster Student Center. Free and open to the public. 941-7956
- 16** 6:30 p.m. Pro Deo et Universitate Reception, Induction and Dinner, Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Student Center. 941-7500
- Semester ends
- 17** Armed Forces Day
- Noon University housing closes
- 19** Noon First Annual Women's Basketball Golf Tournament, Glen Oak Country Club. 1-800-SCRANTON
- 20** Noon Final grades due
- 21** 7:15 p.m. The Alumni Society Class of 2003 Induction Ceremony, Long Center, 941-7660
- 22** Noon Ten Year Award Ceremony, Reception and Luncheon, Room 509, Brennan Hall. 941-7500
- 24** 9:15 a.m. Physical Therapy Graduation Awards Ceremony, Room 509, Brennan Hall. 941-4314
- 9:30 a.m. ROTC Commissioning, Royal Theater, McDade Center, followed by a reception in the Lobby. 941-7457
- 1 p.m. Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Aula Room, Houlihan-McLean Center followed by a reception in The Coopers Atrium. 941-4345
- 4 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass, Byron Complex. 941-6153
- 6 p.m. Awards Ceremony for Graduate Students, Room 228, Brennan Hall. 941-6300
- 6:30 p.m. Reception for Master's Graduates, Fifth Floor, Brennan Hall. 941-6300
- 8 p.m. Class Night Awards, Aula, Houlihan-McLean Center, followed by a reception in The Coopers Atrium. 941-7560
- 25** Noon Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement, First Union Area, Wilkes Barre.
- 26** Memorial Day, Staff Holiday
- Noon University housing closes

## JUNE

- 1** Noon Summer Session I, University Housing opens
- 2** Summer Session I, Classes Begin
- 7 p.m. New England Alumni Chapter Business Meeting, The Green Brier Restaurant, Brighton, Mass., 1-800-SCRANTON
- 3** Summer Session I, Last Day to Add
- Summer Session I, Last Day to Request Credit/No Credit Option
- 4** Summer Session I, Last Day 100% Tuition Refund
- 5** Summer Session I, Last day to Drop/50% Tuition Refund
- 6** Alumni Reunion today through 8 June, 1-800-SCRANTON
- 13** Summer Session I Last Day to elect audit option

## 162 Inducted to Honor Society

The University inducted 162 students into the Richard H. Passon Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for freshman, at a ceremony held on 6 April.

The 162 inducted met the honor society's requirement of a minimum scholastic average of 3.5 or above, based on their first full semester average of their first year in college. In addition, to be inducted, students must have been registered for a full course of study leading to an academic degree and must have ranked in the top 20 percent of their freshman class. Inductees are:

Allison M. Ahl	Amanda Celii	Salvador Decelles	Nancy M. Duda	Lauren Gobbo	Kimberly Lieber	Scott Peslak	Erica Rachael Swatok
Bijan Ahmadzadeh	Renee Cerrati	Jason Del Piano	Caitlin Dyer	Wesley Dickinson	Matthew Lucas	Julee Plastow	Theresa Szczepanski
Casey L. Aiello	Ryan Champagne	Teresa DeLaurentis	Diana Elwell	Gougeon	Robert Lyons	Christine Pusateri	Christopher
Melissa M. Badenhop	Salvatore J. Cherra	Anthony F. Demola	Kevin Erhard	Danielle Graziano	Amy E. Martin	Michael Quartuccio	Szewczyk
Agatha K. Berger	III	Chelsea M. Didonato	Courtney Esposito	Kristy E. Hare	Amanda Massaro	Michelle Richwine	Renee Szumski
Maeghen Bradley	Will Cicale	Elizabeth	Theresa Evans	Kevin Hauck	Colleen McEntee	Alexandra Riggio	Eric S. Tallman
Julia C. Braunstein	Cari Cinamella	Dobrowolski	Christopher Fahs	Meaghann Hayes	Karen A. McGuigan	Nora Roberti	Nicholas P. Truncale
Amy Brightbill	Stephen Clark	Jennifer R. Doles	Adrienne M. Fallon	Robert Heaney	Justine M. McGuire	Danielle M. Rodier	Nina Tufano
S. Pearl Brilmyer	Ashley B. Connors	Kristin Donohue	Holly Farris	Michael P. Hill	Kathryn McKenna	Tricia M. Ross	Stephanie Tulaney
Lauren Burke	Nicholas A. Costanzo	Melissa R. Doyen	John Ficucello	Morgan J. Hillery	Kimberly McManus	Amber Rugletic	Joseph Ulichny
Michelle Burke	James Costanzo	Kristin Doyle	Brittany Finch	Cindy Hodakoski	Mary E. McNamara	Gregory J. Russick	Elizabeth Valdegas
Leighanna Buryk	Erin Creaghe	John W. Doyle	Polly Fino	Zachary Huard	Kathleen M. Mee	Alicia M. Savarese	Amber L. Vargo
Stephen Cavazzini	Thomas Damiano	Diana Drogalis	Casey Finneran	Michael Jenkins	Tricia A. Mesaris	Lauren Scanlon	Diana Viera
			Kathleen J. Fleming	Robert Judge	Lauren N. Miller	Michael J. Schmitt	Lauren Wade
			Donna Fortunato	Mary Jo A. Kelly	Julie Morley	Shawn M. Seiden	Amy E. Wagner
			Jacquelyn Fox	Erica Kish	Cheryl Mrazik	John Sheehan	Lindsay A. Walker
			Stephen M.	Paul Klebon	Patrice R. Muller	Jason Shrive	Andrew D. Wally
			Fredmonski	Heather M. Koehl	Diana Murray	Christina M. Smith	Patricia M. Webb
			Kristy Ann Frick	Kyriake Kontogiannis	Natalie Myck	Allison Smith	Sarah Werther
			Alyssa M. Garnich	Dan Kottke	Thomas Noonan	Amy Smurkowski	Megan E. Yanoshak
			Matthew Gautier	Elizabeth Krebs	Carolyn Novak	Courtney Southard	Andrea Youngs
			Meaghan Gay	Jonathan Kuhar	Duane Nowakowski	Patrick J. Sparrow	Chad Zack
			Alice Gilhool	Leah M. Laspina	Megan Olsen	Katherine V. Sporre	Susan E. Zengel
			Jennifer Giordano	Eric J. Ledesma	Cynthia M. Olsheski	Kathleen Spring	Patricia Zeuner
			Steven Glaser	Kelly Lewandowski	Seth Opeil	Dayna Steele	
			Meghan M. Glynn	Erica Licata	Ashley L. O'Shea	Kathryn G. Stroh	

# Task Force Begins Developing University Assessment Plan

A recently established Task Force has made considerable progress in the formative steps of developing a University Assessment Plan by December 2004.

The plan will provide a foundation for assessing outcomes across all academic and administrative departments of the University.

"The University has a good reputation for assessing student outcomes," said Marie A. George, Ph.D., Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. "We wish to build upon this foundation and formulate an institutional-wide approach to our assessment plan and activities."

According to Trudy A. Dickneider, Ph.D., Chair of the Task Force, the development of a University Assessment Plan is tied to the continual growth and improvement of the University.

The Task Force of 15 consists of six faculty members nominated by Faculty Senate, six staff members nominated by divisional vice presidents, two members of the Assessment and Institutional Research Office (AIRO) and a committee chair (Dr. Dickneider). The Task Force reports to Dr. George who, in turn, communicates recommendations to the Provost, President and Administrators' Conference.

The first task of the group, following its formation in February, was to take inventory of assessment activities in all academic and administrative offices of the

University. The Task Force was divided into working groups, with each group being assigned an area to survey.

"We suspected that there was a lot more assessment going on than we might have expected – and our instincts were right," said Dr. Dickneider.

The groups are continuing to collect information that will be compiled into ultimately form a searchable database through AIRO.

The second task undertaken by the group was to study the assessment plans at institutions that are considered by accrediting agencies to have best practices. Each of the working groups was assigned two institutions to study with the objective of identifying common elements and characteristics of successful assessment plans.

During the inventory and survey the Task Force is, according to Dr. Dickneider, compiling a glossary of assessment terms.

"We want to make sure that we are using the words in the way that they are used within the assessment community, and that we familiarize members of our University community with the meanings of these words," said Dr. Dickneider.

The final tasks to be completed by the end of the spring semester are to write a statement of assessment principles and to develop of an outline for the Assessment Plan. "The statement of principles speaks to our philosophy, as well as 'why'

and 'how' of the plan," added Dr. George.

Once developed, the statement of assessment principles will be presented in the fall to the University Council and Faculty Senate for their review and approval.

The Task Force is also developing an outline for the Assessment Plan, to serve as a starting point for their work next year. This outline of essential elements of the plan will be completed by the end of the spring semester.

Beginning in this fall the Task Force members will work with academic and administrative departments to "help them develop their goals and objectives and integrate their work into the University Assessment Plan," said Dr. Dickneider.

Through ongoing dialogue with departments throughout campus, the Task Force will develop a comprehensive Assessment Plan designed to improve the effectiveness of all programs and services that support the University's educational mission.



Members of the University Assessment Task Force, seated, from left: Barbara Cozza, Ph.D., Cynthia Cann, Ph.D., Duncan Perry, Ph.D., Trudy Dickneider, Ph.D., Marie George, Ph.D., and Marian Farrell, Ph.D. Standing, from left: Charles Kratz, Christie Karpiak, Ph.D., M. Jayne Lucas, Peter Galbraith, Paul Perhach, Bonnie Thomas-Sharksnas, Ph.D., Brigid Frein, Ph.D., and Robyn Dickinson.

## Preparing for a World Premiere



(From left) Marisa Reuber, Jill Beckish, Tim Astleford and other members of the University Concert Band rehearse for the upcoming performance of the University's 20th World Premiere Composition. The performance, which is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 May, in the Houlihan-McLean Center, will feature The University of Scranton Concert Band and Choir with guest composer/conductors Wycliffe Gordon and Lawrence Wolfe. The corporate sponsor is Pennstar Bank, and the performance is free and open to the public. For information, call 941-7624.

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