



Today's University is situated on a beautiful hillside campus overlooking the city.

The first "campus" consisted of Old Main, a building on Wyoming Avenue in downtown Scranton.



A University Transformed

The history of The University of Scranton is rich in dreams and in stories of faith and sacrifice. Beginning with Bishop William O'Hara's dream of founding a college in which the poor boys of Lackawanna County could learn "manners, morals and manliness," the University's history has been enriched by the collaboration and generosity of generations of men and women who shared his love for education with a difference: an education based on values and directed toward the service of others.



In the intervening years, the college that Bishop O'Hara founded has witnessed tremendous changes, including the advent of coeducation, the introduction of graduate courses and the achievement of University status, the arrival of the Jesuits, and the development of a beautiful hillside campus overlooking the city whose name it proudly bears.

The images that follow illustrate the University's dramatic evolution into a modern, comprehensive institution of higher learning.

In the post-war era, surplus military barracks housed classrooms, offices and other facilities. (above)

Scranton in 1883 (left), looking eastward toward the University's eventual home.



The heart of the campus in various stages of evolution: from the days of Linden Street complete with a service station, to the street's closing in 1978, paving the way for the development of a tree-lined, Z-bricked Commons that unified the University's sense of place in the community.





The Gunster Student Center patio remains a hub of activity, albeit a much more pleasant setting without the vehicular traffic.



The library was moved from cramped quarters in a corner of the campus into a modern, five-story building at the foot of the Commons (an area formerly occupied by basketball and tennis courts). The Weinberg Memorial Library now holds nearly 400,000 volumes and offers abundant space for study.





As computers become ever more integral to how we learn and work, the University has kept pace with technology by providing numerous labs and a campus-wide fiber optic communications network that links students and faculty with each other and to information resources throughout the world.

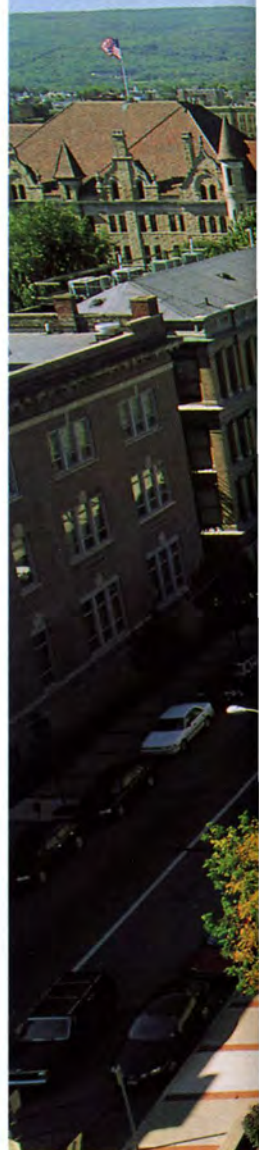




The University Bands and Singers perform in the Houlihan-McLean Center, a restored church that now serves as a regal concert hall.



The McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts, built on a Monroe Avenue site that formerly held a Victorian home that had been used as a juvenile detention center, is home to the Royal Theater where the University Players stage their productions.





A parking lot at Jefferson Avenue and Linden Street has given way to Hyland Hall, a modern classroom building. The University Bookstore, formerly located in the student center, now occupies expanded space in Hyland.





The McCormick-Gannon-Lavis residence complex and the Royal Way, formerly the site of Nevils Beach, is still a focal point of student life.



Prior to the development of Fitzpatrick Field, outdoor sports were played at various local sites. Fitzpatrick, with its artificial surface and lights, gives the University a true home field.





Liturgies were once celebrated in the "E" barracks building, now the site of St. Thomas Hall, which still houses the intimate St. Ignatius Chapel. Campus liturgies are now held in Madonna della Strada Chapel in Rock Hall on Monroe Avenue. Students benefit from a comprehensive Campus Ministry program that is among the most active college programs in the country.



Gavigan Hall (right) and Redington Hall (below), are student residence halls at the top of the Commons.



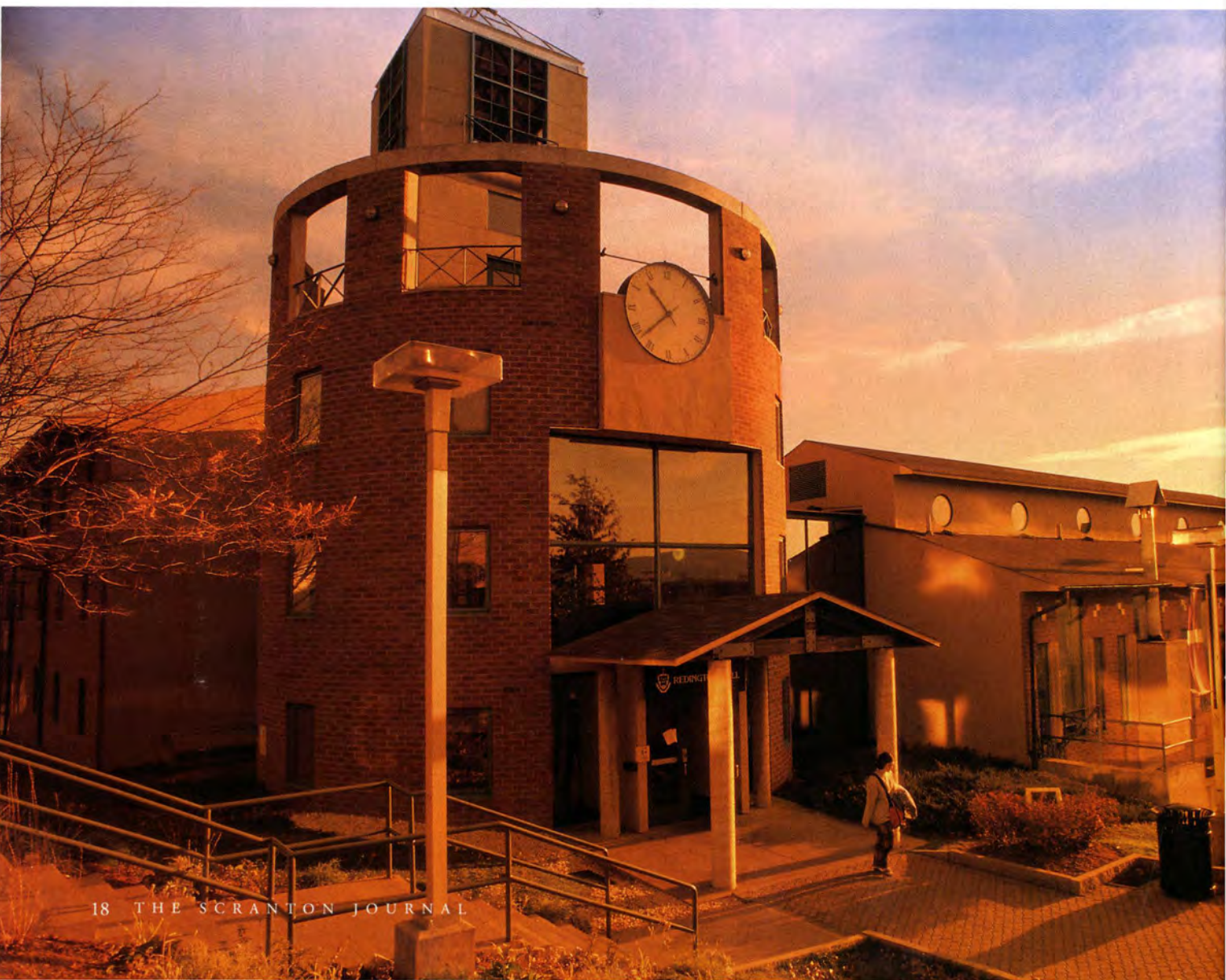
“Despite all these changes over the years, the University has not lost those qualities that have always made it a university with the feel of a family,” says University President Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J.

“Neither has it lost sight of the dreams and values that gave it birth, values and dreams that flow from its Catholic and Jesuit traditions.”

In order to attract and retain high-quality students and faculty, he says, we must continue to improve the educational environment of the University. Thus, we must provide our faculty and stu-

dents with academic, spiritual, residential and recreational facilities that are commensurate with the quality of our programs, “and worthy of our dreams.”

“At the same time, our goals must be balanced against the cost of producing them. One of the greatest challenges that the University faces is the challenge to remain affordable, and hence accessible, to families who dream of sending their sons and daughters to Scranton. We continually strive to offer the kind of education that meets our ideals in the face of rising costs. The support of our alumni and friends is vital; it enables us to pro-





While technology can enhance the modern classroom, the emphasis on teaching and a strong Jesuit presence remain the most vital elements of the learning experience.

vide high-quality education to students from all economic backgrounds.”

Father McShane notes that a comprehensive strategic planning process is underway involving broad consultation within the University community. When completed, “it will provide the framework for the decisions that we will make to shepherd the University into the new millennium.

“Each generation of The University of Scranton family is entrusted with the legacy of those who have gone before them, and challenged to enrich that legacy and pass it on to those who will follow them,” he adds. “No one guarded the legacy of the past or enriched it with more vision than Father J.A. Panuska, the University’s second founder and twenty-second president.

“The challenge that lies before us is to continue the legacy for future generations of students.”

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