

# THEORY & PRACTICE

THE PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

## Partners in Caring and Community

By Patricia A. Bailey Ed.D., CS, RN

What happens when a faculty member, a student, and a community agency representative get together to enhance a service-learning program? One outcome is that they have become mentors for other universities and communities planning service-learning initiatives. This year Dr. Patricia Bailey, Nursing Department, Mrs. Janet Moskovitz, director of volunteers at the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania, and Mary Grace Dolores, a junior nursing student, have been asked to serve as "team mentors" for a grant program developed by Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) based at the University of California, San Francisco Center for the Health Professions and funded in part by the Helene Fuld Health Trust. Our men-

tor team is one of three national teams created by CCPH.

The University of Scranton team will attend the second Institute in April 2000 in Washington, D.C. They will be assisting the teams to evaluate what they have accomplished in integrating service-learning into their nursing curriculums. Until the next Institute, they will continue to work with each mentee via teleconference and e-mail, in strengthening the development of service-learning partnerships and in establishing a peer group for continued learning and information sharing. This has been an excellent experience for the team as mentors. It has also given national recognition to The Panuska College of Professional Studies at The University of Scranton, which supports service-learning as a challenging and rewarding curriculum model.



*Mary Grace Dolores helps a group identify assets on their campus that will enhance a service-learning program.*

## PT Program Graduates Four Siblings

By Edmund M. Kosmahl,  
PT, Ed.D.

The Haas family comes from Loysock Township in northeastern Pennsylvania, where parents Robert and Theresa maintain their residence. Mrs. Haas worked as a PT aide prior to her marriage to Robert. Both parents cite the Catholic, Jesuit mission of The University of Scranton as an important factor in choosing our PT program.

JoAnn Haas Rohrer lives with her husband, Ken, and children Matt and Michelle in Harrisburg. She works as a PT at Pinnacle Health at Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg, where she is a certified disability examiner and clinical specialist. JoAnn works in an



*The Haas family. Back row: JoAnn, Steven, Brian. Front row: Theresa, Rose, Robert.*

industrial therapy program conducting functional capacity evaluations, work hardening programs, on-site therapy, and body mechanics education. She chose the University of Scranton PT program because of location and the freshman admission policy.

Brian lives with his wife, Angela, in Williamsport. He spent 10 years working as a PT in hospitals, outpatient centers, and private practices in north central Pennsylvania. During this time he became certified as a strength and conditioning specialist and as a key functional assessment specialist. He was active with the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association on the Continuing Education Committee. Recently, Brian accepted a position as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Ortho-McNeil's wound healing division. He chose the University of Scranton PT program because he had heard good things about the faculty from JoAnn, and because of the opportunity to play basketball.

Rosemary Haas Blom works as a PT at Genesis Elder Care in Maryland. Her

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## An International and Collaborative Experience: Nursing and Social Welfare in Vietnam

### A Faculty Perspective

By Patricia A. Bailey Ed.D., CS, RN

Opportunities to engage in international research and to conduct research with a colleague from another university and another discipline do not happen very often. This past spring semester Shirley M. Wilson, MSN, CNS, part-time faculty in the Nursing Department, Kathryn W. Skinner, MSW, Ph.D., associate professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at Marywood University, and I spent four weeks in Vietnam. We worked with the Vietnamese Nurses Association (VNA) on conducting research into the growth and development of the profession of nursing/nursing education and with educators and officials involved with the profession of social welfare.

The VNA wished to gather data on manpower planning and nursing/nursing education throughout Vietnam. Their plan was to conduct focus groups throughout the north, central and southern regions of the country. In response to their need, we prepared a two-day training session on conducting focus groups for their nurse leaders from various areas of the country.



Patricia A. Bailey (left, rear) assisting with a focus group in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

We traveled with the nurses to Quang Ninh Province, Bac Gian Province, Hanoi, Khanh Hoa Province, Can Tho and Ho Chi Minh City to assist them with the focus groups. At each setting we met with the medical director and/or chief administrator of the facility. At the conclusion of each session, we toured the medical facility and had the opportunity to meet with various health/welfare providers.

We found the people we met throughout Vietnam to be very eager and anxious to improve nursing and the health and welfare care of the people.

Given their commitment and dedication under the most difficult conditions, we believe the professional nurses would be able to make a difference in the health care of Vietnam if the resources needed were made available to them.

We have benefited from this international experience in ways that have increased our cultural awareness of others in this very small world. We hope to bring to our students some of what we have experienced and help them see that the culture we live in is only one small part of this world.

## New appointment: Monique C. Johnson

Monique Carlisle Johnson, D.Ed., Clarks Summit, has been appointed assistant dean of The Panuska College of Professional Studies. Dr. Johnson earned her master's and doctoral degrees, both in counselor education, at The Pennsylvania State University. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts. She is the former assistant director of career services at Marywood University. Previously, she held various administrative positions at Penn State, including career counselor and academic advisor, and group leader for the Freshman Testing Counseling and Advising Program. Dr. Johnson has been an adjunct professor at The University of Scranton and Marywood University. Her

teaching and research interests include multicultural foundations and counseling, student development and career development. Her professional affiliations include the American Counseling Association, the American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the National Career Development Association. She is a member of the African American Arts Alliance and a past board member of the northeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the Lupus Foundation.



## Panuska College Hosts International Interdisciplinary Workshop

On June 2-3, 1999, 35 participants attended the First International Interdisciplinary Workshop, hosted by The Panuska College of Professional Studies. Dr. Dan West was instrumental in obtaining Clavius Funds and coordinating a program that advances global learning experiences. Dr. Bernardo Ramirez was the facilitator for the two-day workshop. He is currently the vice president for international programs of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, a worldwide university and health services consortium for management, policy, and leadership development.

## An International Teaching Experience

### A Student Perspective

By Shannon Marino '97

For as long as I can remember, I had always dreamed of joining the Peace Corps. I'm not even sure how I first heard about it, but I always knew it was something I'd do. Upon graduating from The University of Scranton with a B.A. in elementary education, I chose to make my life-long dream become a reality. My education at the University prepared me well for the teaching profession.

I was assigned to work in Belize, a tiny Caribbean country with a population under 200,000 located between Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras, as a primary school teacher trainer. The

country is, to say the least, breathtakingly beautiful.

Belize, like most developing countries, is economically deprived, but one thing it is not lacking is culture. The four main ethnic groups of Belize are the Creole, Mayan, Mestizo, and Garifuna. Each group comes with its own unique traditions and way of life.

I traveled to remote Mayan villages each day and worked with teachers in their classrooms, as more of a supporter than a trainer. Some teachers asked me to model lessons, some to team teach, and some just to help around the class. The experience was indescribable.



Belizean kindergarten classroom

## Haas Family, ctd.

mom remembers: "We have a picture here somewhere of when Rosemary put a skeleton on Dr. Mattingly's desk chair with the legs up on the desk and a cigar in its mouth."

Steven had just graduated and was seeking employment at the time of the interview for this writing. He remembers the closeness among his classmates and notes that competition was never a problem. Everyone worked together. Steve enjoyed the "small school" atmosphere and the sense of community at Scranton.

While here, he lived in the Spanish Theme House, and Steve's mom remarks about the value of this experience. "Fr. Donald Pantle taught Steve how to cook and gave him new insights into our Catholic Christian faith." Steve mentions that since he was the last sibling, "I was always being quizzed by my brother and sisters whenever I came home."

The PT Department faculty thanks the Haas family and all the siblings who have attended the PT program at The University of Scranton. Our community has been enriched by your participation.



Shannon Marino in the Belizean rainforest. Shannon is a graduate assistant in the Education Department pursuing a master's degree in Reading Education.

I loved everything about the time I spent overseas. It's the people, however, who really make the experience. They welcome you into their country, share their culture with you, and then thank YOU when you leave – that is the experience of a lifetime.

I returned home this past June and have settled in just fine. I'm happy to be back at the University and consider myself very fortunate to have had this opportunity to further my studies. A special thanks must go out to Dr. Deborah Lo for making this all possible and for always believing in me as a professional and as a person.

## Students Receive Summer Research Grant

The 1999 Faculty-Directed Summer Research Program Grant was awarded to two occupational therapy seniors, Diane Brown and Holly Hinz (Class of 1999). Their proposal was titled "The Impact of Home Modifications on Performance of Instrumental Activities of Daily Living in Community Dwelling Senior Citizens" and is being supervised by Dr. Jack Kasar.



# Ratio & Usus

**Lori Bruch** (Counseling and Human Services) presented "Ethical Considerations for Rehabilitation Professionals in a Changing Environment" at the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association Professional Development Institute, Harrisburg, April 23, 1999.

**R. Jeffrey Cantrell** (Education), E. Dougherty and **J. Fusaro** (Education) presented "Exploring the Effectiveness of Journal Writing in Learning Social Studies: A Comparative Study" at the 44th Annual Convention of the International Reading Association, San Diego, California, May 4, 1999.

**Dona Rinaldi Carpenter** (Nursing) and **Patricia Bailey** (Nursing) published "Predicting Success on the Registered Nurse Licensure Examination: 1999 Update," *Review of Research in Nursing Education*, Volume VIII, Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

**Shani Carter** (Health Administration and Human Resources) presented "Examination of the Tendency of Coefficient Alpha to Support the Choice of Instruments with Response to Category Restriction" at the Academy of Human Resource Development Annual National Conference, Arlington, Virginia, March 3,

on *Teacher Mathematics*, 1999; published "Reforming Reading, and Writing Mathematics," *Childhood Education*, summer 1999; presented "Assessing the Standards in Elementary Math Classrooms through Peer Talk and Think Aloud Rubrics" at the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Lake Harmony, March 20, 1999; co-presented "Portfolios for Pre-Service Teachers in the New Millennium" at the American Association for Higher Education Assessment Conference in

Denver, Colorado, June 13-17, 1999; was accepted as an NCTAE program reviewer for Elementary Programs by NCATE/ACEI Professional Organizations.

**Ronald Deitrick** (Exercise Science) published "Exercise-Induced Muscle Damage Consequent to Combined Arm and Leg Ergometry in SCI Patients," *Medicine and Science in Sports Exercise*, Volume 31, Number 5, S72, 1999.

**Lee Ann Eschbach** (Counseling and Human Services) and **Vivian Ripley** (Counseling and Human Services) presented "School Counselor Supervision: Principal's Perceptions and Innovative Strategies" at the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association Conference in Lake Harmony, April 1999.

J. Grumpert and **John Greggo** (Counseling and Human Services) received granting/funding for "Collaborative Experiential Learning for Social Justice Education: A Proposal for a Cooperative

Trip Experience" for University of Scranton and Marywood University students.

**Patricia Harrington** (Nursing) and **JoAnn Nicoteri** (Nursing) published "The Human Element in Data Collection: How to Avoid Pitfalls," *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*, Volume 11, Number 4, pages 161-163, 1999.

**Elizabeth Jacob** (Counseling and Human Services) and T. Richardson presented "The Salience of Identity Issues for Asian Indians: A Comparison of Theoretical Models" at the American Counseling Association World Conference, San Diego, California, April 16, 1999.

**Margie Maddox** (Nursing) received The Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Technology Award and presented "Creativity in the Classroom Brings AGING Alive!" at the 10th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April 1999; published "Is There a Place for Spiritual Assessments in Primary Care," *The Nurse Practitioner*; published "Older Women and the Meaning of Health," *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*.

**Kathleen Montgomery** (Education) will present "Designing Classroom Rubrics: An Assessment Tool of the New Millennium" at the National Kappa Delta Pi Convocation in November 1999; designed electronic coursepack "General Elementary Education Methods" for Bell and Howell Learning Information Systems and reviewed by Addison-Wesley Longman Publishers.

**Oliver Morgan** (Counseling and Human Services) published *Addiction and Spirituality: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, St. Louis: Chalice Press; published "Chemical Comforting and the Theology of John C. Ford, S.J.: Classic Answers to

a Contemporary Problem," *Journal of Ministry in Addiction and Recovery*, Number 6, Volume 2, pages 29-66; published (in press) "Prevention" chapter in P. Stevens & R. Smith (Eds.), *Substance Abuse Counseling: Theory and Practice*, New York: Prentice-Hall, 1999; published (in press) "Counseling and Spirituality" chapter in H. Hackney (Ed.), *Professional Issues in Counseling*, New York: Allyn & Bacon, 1999.

**Mary Muscari** (Nursing) published "Prevention: Are We Really Reaching Today's Teen," *MCN*, Volume 24, Number 2, pages 87-91, 1999; published "Maximum Mileage Preventing Teen Auto Death," *Advance for Nurse Practitioners*, Volume 7, Number 2, pages 61-62, 1999; published "The First GYN Exam" *American Journal of Nursing*, Volume 99, Number 1, pages 66-67, 1999; published *Serie de Estudos em Enfermagem Pediatrica*, Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1999.

**Peter Olden** (Health Administration and Human Resources) published "Strategic Hospital Alliances and the Marketing Concept," *Journal of Hospital Marketing*; served as a panel member for Discussion of Doctoral Education and Academic Careers, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, April 24, 1999; discussant for three presentations on "Health Care Organizational Strategy" at the Academy of the Management Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, August 1999.

V. Swindall and **R. Jeffrey Cantrell** (Education) published "Character Interviews Help Bring Literature to Life," *The Reading Teacher*, Volume 53, pages 23-25; M. Hanlon and **R. Jeffrey Cantrell** published "Teaching a Learning Disabled Adult to Spell: Is It Ever Too

Late?" *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, pages 4-11.

H. Streubert and **Dona Rinaldi Carpenter** (Nursing) published *Qualitative Research in Nursing: Advancing the Humanistic Imperative*, 2nd ed., J.B. Lippincott Co, 1999.

**Mary Jane Hanson** (Nursing) published "The Role of Nursing Management in Developing Standards of Patient Care and Measuring Clinical Outcomes," *Journal of Health Management and Public Health*, Volume 4, Number 2, pages 27-30, 1999; published "The Role of the Nurse in Clinical Research: A Comparison of USA versus European Models and Experiences," *Journal of Health Management and Public Health*, Volume 4, Number 2, pages 41-44, 1999; presented "Relationships between Cigarette Smoking Behavior of Adolescent Females and Significant Others in Three Different Ethnic Groups" at the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Fifth Scientific Session, San Diego, California, March 1999.

**Rhonda Waskiewicz** (Occupational Therapy), C. Mascelli, and T. Colyer presented "Service Learning: The Development of a Workable Model" at the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference in Seattle, Washington, March 28, 1999.

**Robert Weir** (Education) presented "Rivers of Exchange: Lessons in Leadership" at the Fourth Annual Northwest Regional and Mid-Continent Planning Workshop, Vancouver, Washington, April 21, 1999.

**Dan West** (Health Administration and Human Resources)

served as project coordinator for a Health Management Education Partnership in the Caucus Region with the Republic of Georgia, sponsored by the American International Health Alliance and United States Agency for International Development, June 1999; presented "Continuum of Health Services Systems and Accreditation" and "Quality Management Planning and Process Design" at Health Care Management for Nursing Management Improvement, Chata Zornicka, Modra Harmonia, Modra, Slovak Republic, March 22, 1999.

**David Wiley** (Education) published *Investigate & Connect Earth & Space Science*, *Investigate & Connect Life Science*, and *Investigate & Connect Physical Science*, all Grand Rapids, Michigan: Instructional Fair/T.S. Dennison; presented "What Research Tells Us about Children's Literature and the Elementary Curriculum" at the National Science Teachers Association, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1999.

**Margarete Zalon** (Nursing) published "ANA Takes a Position on Multi-State Licensure," *The Pennsylvania Nurse*, Volume 54, Number 1, pages 15-17, 1999; presented "Using Technology to Solve Instructional Problems" at Marywood University, Scranton, 1999; received grant from National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health for "Correlates of Older Adults Recovery After Major Surgery."

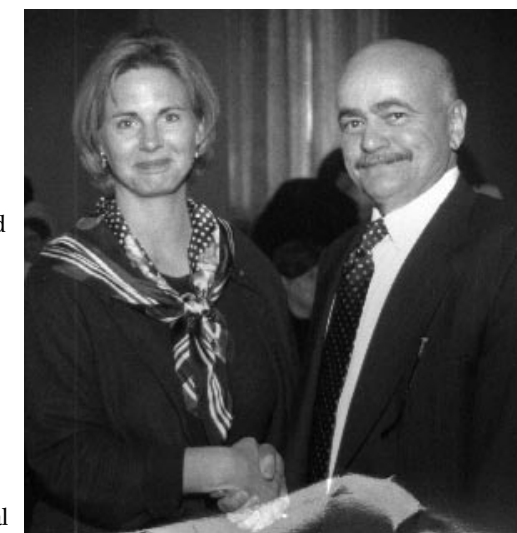


CPS Dean James J. Pallante chats at a private reception at the governor's home in Curacao with The Honorable Jamie M. Saleh, governor general of the Netherlands Antilles, about opportunities for students to study abroad at The University of Scranton.

1999; will publish *Assessment: Reader's Guide to the Social Sciences*, London: Fitzroy Dearborn, January 2000.

**Thomas Collins** (Counseling and Human Services), **Lee Ann Eschbach** (Counseling and Human Services), and **Oliver Morgan** (Counseling and Human Services) serve as members of the Editorial Review Board for the *Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association*.

**Barbara Cozza** (Education) published "Changing the Faces of Mathematics: Perspectives on Latinos," *National Council*



Dean Pallante presents the College's Distinguished Service Award to Dona Rinaldi Carpenter, Ed.D., RN, CS, at the faculty appreciation luncheon on May 24, 1999. Dr. Carpenter is a professor in the Nursing Department.



## Student SHRM Chapter Is Seventh in Nation

The University of Scranton Student Chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) earned a Superior Merit Award for the 1998-99 academic year with a total of 2,795 points out of a possible 3000 points.

Three hundred fifty student chapters were eligible to participate in the award process. The University of Scranton ranked seventh in the nation. This is not the first time the student chapter has been substantially recognized. In 1997-98 the chapter was ranked sixth in the nation; in 1996-97 the chapter ranked seventh.

This distinction was earned through a combination of superior organizational skills, developing and conducting professional development programs for students, and active and regular involvement with both the national SHRM organization and our local professional chapter, NEPA SHRM. The student chapter conducted six professional development sessions: HR Consulting; Health, Safety and Security; Efficient Management of an HR Department; Recent Developments in Employment Law; Line Managers Perspectives on HR; and Employee Assistance Programs. Five workshops were conducted to assist stu-

dents in preparing to sit for the national professional certification exam. Students attended a variety of professional meetings on the local, regional, and state levels. Tours and information sessions also were conducted at local companies so students could experience first-hand human resource departments in action. Newsletters were prepared and distributed to students to keep lines of communication open between the student chapter and the staff and faculty of the HRA program.

Chapter leaders for 1998-99 were Scott Haynes, *President*  
Will Weissman, *Vice President*  
Lavinia Garcia, *Secretary*  
Abby Turkel, *Treasurer*

Sara Parry, *Program Chair/Fundraising*  
For more information about the Student SHRM Chapter, please contact Bill Wallick, SPHR, student chapter advisor, at 941-4128.

## Second Place for Publication of the Year

The article "Well-Being Revisited: Improving the Health of a Population" by Peter C. Olden, Ph.D., and Dolores G. Clement, Dr.P.H., recently won second place in the national 1999 Sodexo Marriott Health Care Services Faculty Publication of the Year Award of the American Academy of Medical Administrators. The article — published in the *Journal of Healthcare Management* — uses a public health model and organizational case studies to inform health care managers how to go beyond the traditional medical care system to create health for their local population. This competition was open to health care administration faculty to submit articles published in peer-reviewed journals. The articles were then judged on multiple criteria including originality, contribution to current health care administration, and writing excellence. Dr. Olden teaches in the undergraduate and graduate Health Administration programs and performs community health research and service.

### The Panuska College of Professional Studies

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## Spring 1999 Board of Visitors Meeting

The Board of Visitors meeting held March 24-25, 1999, discussed "College-focused Marketing and Recruitment Strategies." The 46 attendees on Wednesday and 42 attendees on Thursday found the topic interesting and referred to the presentation by Maguire and Associates as educational and informative. In addition, attendees praised the presentation "Perspectives from Marketing and Recruitment," facilitated by Ellen Kosar and Susan Pomeroy. Participants would have liked additional time for small-group discussion and more feedback on the improvements made as a result of the last Board meeting.

Recommendations for future topics include providing a diversity focus, partnering with schools and businesses for more community partnerships, and working with families to redefine "consumer" needs and inter-organizational linkages.

## "Planning" Is Theme for Fall Board of Visitors Meeting

The semi-annual Board of Visitors meeting will be held on October 20-21, 1999, and will include a retrospect of Board Programs to date. In addition, the Board will review University's Strategic Plan and the College of Professional Studies' Operational Plan.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Counseling and Human Services

New for the Human Services Association this year will be the beginning of a relationship with a village in El Salvador with the help of Gustavo Pallamares, S.J. This project will include several fundraising activities to help this village, as well as activities to expand the cultural awareness of Human Service Association members. It is planned that village residents will send the Human Service Association photographs and information and stories about the village in order to establish a lasting relationship.

Dr. Vivian Ripley and School Counseling student Otsile Sento attended the Education Trust Training in Denver, Colorado, in September 1999. This is a national initiative with selected participants to examine the training of school counselors and initiate innovative training models.

Several members of the Counseling and Human Services faculty will be presenting at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference on October 23-24, 1999, in Harrisburg. Dr. Elizabeth Jacob and Dr. Vivian Ripley will present "New Trends in Cultural Diversity: Implications for Counselors." Dr. Vivian Ripley, Dr. Lee Ann Eschbach and student Otsile Sento will present "Innovative Strategies in Supervision." Professor John Greggo will present "The Family-of-Origin Experiences of Counseling Professionals: Implications for Practice." Dr. Lori Bruch will present "Rehabilitation Counseling in the 21st Century." Dr. David Hall will present "Legislation and Licensure Update."

Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Elizabeth Jacob and Dr. Ann Marie Toloczko will present "The Use of Story, Song, and Cinema in Counselor Education" at the Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors Conference, October 27-31, 1999, in New Orleans.

Dr. John Greggo and James Muniz will present "Strategies in Developmental Education" at the National Association for Developmental Education National Conference, March 2000, in Biloxi, Mississippi.

### Education

Dr. Barbara Cozza was invited to present at the European Early Child Educational Research Association International Conference (EECERA) held at the University of Helsinki, Finland, September 1-5, 1999. The presentation was titled "How Does Peer Talk and Reflective Thinking During Mathematics Problem Solving Encourage Life Long Learning for Your Children?" While in Finland, Dr. Cozza visited the International School of Helsinki. Dr. Cozza also received a 1999 AT&T Learning Network Teaching and Technology Grant. This is a collaborative college grant with Iona College in New York and Bellarmine College in Kentucky. The objective of the year-long grant is to create a pilot program of pre-service teachers trained in creating web-based, digital portfolios that are used as assessment tools in the evaluation of their preparation to teach in a global and technologically oriented society. Participants will be student teachers, college supervising teachers, school administrators, principals from area school districts, and teacher preparation program professors. The project will be implemented in the undergraduate teacher education program in all three institutions. Currently, all three institutions implement traditional paper-based portfolios, with some efforts at incorporating a few technology components.

### Exercise Science

Ronald W. Deitrick, Ph.D., FACSM, presented a research paper at the National American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) annual meeting in Seattle, Washington. The paper was entitled "Exercise-Induced Muscle Damage Consequent to Combined Arm and Leg Cycle Ergometry in Spinal Cord Injury Patients." Over 5,000 professionals in the field of sports medicine and exercise science attended the meeting. Dr. Deitrick also attended a two-day preconference meeting on "Diet, Supplements, and Current Issues in Sports Nutrition," which was held in association with The American Society of Clinical Nutrition and ACSM, and sponsored in part by the University of Washington.

### Health Administration and Human Resources

Peter C. Olden, Ph.D., was invited to speak at the annual meeting of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration held in Chicago last June. This is the primary meeting each year for health administration faculty in the United States and Canada. He joined a speaker from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in a plenary session to explain how national research on health care system change in varying markets around the country can be used in the classroom, thus combining research and teaching. Dr. Olden presented a teaching method for health administration education that he developed and has used at The University of Scranton. This approach to education involves the national research funded by RWJF and an assigned semester-long project modeled after the research. The project integrates classroom learning with fieldwork, analysis and synthesis, quantitative and qualitative data, discovery and evaluation, conceptual and real-world knowledge, oral presentation and written report. It has both educational value in the classroom and practical value on the job for working health administration students.

Dr. Shani Carter attended a conference in Atlanta, Georgia, entitled "Innovative Teaching in Human Resources," June 10-13, 1999. Faculty from across the world presented information on their most innovative teaching methods used in human resource classes. Dr. Carter also attended "Jesuit Education 21" at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, June 25-29, 1999. The conference, which focused on the history and future of Jesuit higher education, was sponsored by the Jesuit colleges and universities across the world.

### Nursing

Jo Ann Nicoteri has been invited to participate in the Healthy Northeast Pennsylvania Initiative, a regional community-based partnership involving Luzerne and Lackawanna counties. Administered by the United Way and

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sponsored by health care providers, its goal is to improve the health and quality of life through the collaborative efforts of organizations and citizens. Professor Nicoteri also presented a poster, "Assessment of the Nurse Practitioner," at the Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in June 1999, and her article, "The Human Element in Data Collection," co-written with Dr. Patricia Harrington, appeared in the April 1999 issue of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' Journal.

Dr. Marian Farrell recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Women's Health Care program. She passed her board examination and is now a certified registered nurse practitioner, certified in women's health by National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and National Nursing Specialists (NAACOG).

Drs. Sharon Hudacek and Dona Carpenter will be panelists at Teacher's College, Columbia University's "Celebrating a Century of Influence" in October 1999. Dr. Hudacek will be addressing "Nursing History, the Federal Sector and the International Dimension." Dr. Carpenter will focus on "Nursing Education, Nursing Service Administration, and Nursing Research." Drs. Carpenter and Hudacek also presented "Educating Generation X" at Allegheny's Nursing Education 1999 conference in June.

### **Occupational Therapy**

The newly accredited Department of Occupational Therapy is pleased to

announce the results of their first graduating class (1998) on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). NBCOT reported that 33 students sat for the national examination in January 1999 and achieved an outstanding passing rate of 97 percent.

Department Chair Dr. Jack Kasar recently attended a workshop on linking the NBCOT certification examination blueprints to curriculum design at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky, in June 1999. The department is updating its curriculum design to reflect the newly adopted American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) (1998) Standards for an Accredited Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist and is preparing to present a five-year master's proposal

to the University this fall. The AOTA voted at its national conference in April 1999 to require a master's-level entry for all OTR programs. The target date for the new master's program is fall 2000, with possible options for currently enrolled occupational therapy students and past graduates of the program.

### **Physical Therapy**

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy recently reported pass rates for licensure examinations taken between July 1998 and June 1999. The 1998 University of Scranton PT class achieved a pass rate of 95 percent. This accomplishment outpaced the results for all accredited Pennsylvania programs (85.7%), all accredited United States programs (81.1%), and all examinees (69.9%).



*Associate Professor Daniel J. West, Jr., Ph.D., FACHE (right) receives congratulations on his appointment to full professor at Trnava University in Slovakia from (left to right) Vladimir Krcmery, Ph.D., M.D., Dr.Sc., FRSH, professor and dean of the School of Public Health and Nursing at Trnava University; Professor, Mudr. Josef Novotny; and Dr. Jozef Migas, president of the Slovak Parliament.*

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