Garnish Awards Presented at Halftime Today

Five student-athletes representing a variety of sports at the University of Rochester will receive the Lytle "Spike" Garnish Scholarship Awards at halftime of today’s football game against St. John Fisher College. A sixth student received his award earlier this year.

In other years, the Garnish Scholarship Awards were presented in conjunction with the All-America awards. This year was part of the gala Homecoming and Parents Day celebrations. In 1990, Homecoming and Parents Day were separated. The All-America awards were presented three weeks ago during the Homecoming festivities. The Garnish Scholar Awards were reserved for today’s halftime.

The awards will be presented by Larry Palvino '59, and Hal Johnson '52, representing the Garnish Scholarship Committee. They will be joined by Jeffrey Vennell, the Director of Sports and Recreation at the University, Pat Stark, former Ur football coach and currently Director of Facilities for Sports and Recreation, and Paul Burgett, Vice-President of Student Affairs for the University.

After the scholarship awards have been presented, Larry Palvino will present the Garnish Citation Award to a member of the University's extended family. This award can be received by an alumnus, a faculty member, or a staff member. Previous winners have included Gerald Zornow, Chuck Resler, and Larry Palvino. Last year, the award was presented to Harmon Potter who worked as an Associate Director of the Office of Admissions and as the Director of the Alumni Relations Office. The name of the winner this year will be revealed during the presentation. Photographs of previous winners, along with copies of their certificates, hang in the lobby of Fauver Stadium.

To qualify for a Garnish Scholarship, a student-athlete must show outstanding accomplishments through his or her junior year at the University. In addition, the student-athlete must have achieved a grade point average of 2.70 or higher. The committee accepts nominations from the University coaching staff and others before making its final decision.

The awards are named in memory of Lytle "Spike" Garnish, former trainer and coach of football, basketball, and baseball at the University from 1930-1949.

Throughout his career and until his death in 1960, "Spike" was intensely interested in students and athletics; his counsel and assistance helped many young athletes to persevere in sports and academics.

These are the six Garnish Scholars chosen for 1990:

PAM DELP (Health and Society major from Kinderhook, N.Y.) - Co-captain of the women's volleyball team ... First Team All-UAA selection as a junior ... Selected to the All-Northeast Regional team by the American Volleyball Coaches Association in 1989 ... Finished second nationally in hitting percentage at .437 in statistics compiled by the AVCA ... Holds UR records for kills in a season and kill percentage in a match ... Earned letters in three sports at Ichabod Crane High School (cross-country, track and field, and volleyball). She captained both track and field and volleyball in her senior year ... MVP of track and field in her final two seasons ... Volleyball MVP as a senior.

KELLY GORMAN (Economics and Health and Society major from Rochester, N.Y.) - Co-captain of the nationally-ranked women's soccer team ... Earned letters for soccer in each of the past three seasons ... One of the leading scorers in each year ... Had five goals in 1989, four goals in 1990, three assists in 1989, three assists as a sophomore, seven goals, one assist for 15 points as a freshman ... Earned four letters for soccer at Gates-Chili ... First Team All-County and All-Greater Rochester as a senior ... Also earned All-State and All-America honors.

MATT JACKSON (Political Science and Sociology major from Syracuse, N.Y.) - Has rewritten the lacrosse scoring records in his sophomore and junior seasons ... As a sophomore, he broke the single-season goalscoring record with 43 goals. He also had 11 assists and his combined total of 54 points was the second highest in school history ... Last season, he shattered his own record by scoring 56 goals in 15 games and adding eight assists for 64 points. (The point total is also a UR record) ... He already owns the all-time scoring marks with 123 career goals and 151 points ... A three-year letterman for lacrosse at Nottingham H.S. ... Captain and MVP as a senior ... All-League in his junior and senior years.

PAUL MUNTER (Electrical Engineering major from Bethesda, Md.) - Three letters for the varsity squash team ... Co-captain as a junior ... Number one singles player for Rochester in sophomore and junior years ... Reached the second round of the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association championships in each of the last two years ... Attended Walt Whitman H.S. in Bethesda ... Received his Garnish Award at Homecoming this year.

DANA QUATTROCHI (Economics major from Longmeadow, Mass.) - Three letters for the women's swimming and diving team ... Co-captain of the team as a junior ... Yellowjacket swimmers have been honored by the College Swimming Coaches Association in each of the last two seasons for team academic excellence (combined GPA above 2.80) ... Quattrochi competed at the NCAA Division III Championships last year, swimming on the 800-yard freestyle relay team ... Earned four letters in swimming at Longmeadow H.S. ... All-Western Massachusetts acclaim for three seasons ... Team captain as a senior.

TOM SCHMIDT (Economics major from Chittenango, N.Y.) - Three letters for the men's soccer team ... Co-captain of the team this season ... Has played midfield for much of his career, but did shift to the crucial defensive position of sweeperback for one game this season ... Had three goals and five assists as a junior ... One of his goals gave UR a 1-0 victory over NYU and a share of the UAA title ... Earned four letters in soccer at Chittenango H.S. ... Team co-captain as a senior ... MVP of the Tri-Valley League as a senior.