Six Earn Garnish Scholar Awards

The annual Parents Day celebrations include the presentation of the Garnish Scholarship Awards and the Garnish Memorial Committee Citation.

Today's awards will be presented by Larry Palvino '58 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 Assistant to the Director for External Affairs, and Paul Burgett, Vice-President and Chief Student Affairs Officer for the University.

After the six scholarship awards have been presented, the Garnish Citation Award will be presented. 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. Photographs of the previous winners, along with copies of their certificates, hang in the lobby of Fawver Stadium.

This year, the Citation Award is being made posthumously to James Armstrong '54. He was associated with the University for almost 40 years. He spent 11 years as the Director of the Alumni Relations Office.

He worked with the University’s Development Office as an Assistant Director from 1964-66. He returned to the institution in 1976 and took over the Alumni Office. During his time there, he launched programs that utilized the skills of alumni as recruiters for the University. He passed away in 1989.

The presentation will be made by Roger D. Lathan, Vice-President and General Secretary of the University. He was a classmate of Mr. Armstrong. The presentation will be made to his widow, Priscilla.

Six student-athletes will be recognized today before the Citation Award is presented. These students have shown outstanding accomplishments through their junior year at the University. In addition, they must have achieved a grade point average of 2.70 or higher.

The six students being honored are: Christopher Apple (Millersville, PA) of the men’s soccer team; Matthew Bergin (McQuaid Jesuit HS) of the football team; James Dunlop (Grand Island, NY) of the men’s cross country and track and field teams; Megan Hanushek (Pittsford-Mendon HS) of the women’s soccer team; Daniel Malone (Newark Valley, NY) of the football team; and Jennifer Sherry (Tonawanda, NY) of the women’s volleyball team.

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

Three Teams Honored for Academics

As part of the halftime celebrations today, three teams will be recognized by the University for outstanding achievements last year. These achievements came in the classroom and on the field of play.

For the third year in a row, the women's swimming and diving team was honored by the College Swim Coaches Association for having a cumulative grade point average above 3.0. The NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches got into the act last year as well. The coaches honored both the men's and women's teams at Rochester for having cumulative grade point averages above 3.0.

Women's Swimming and Diving: (Back row, l-r): Paul Irvine (asst. coach), Peter Locke (asst. coach), Cindy Lather, Dana Quattrochi, Sarah Mathes, Monica Farzana, Michele Potempa, Erica Nilsson, Darci Neilsen. (Middle row, l-r): Gayle Dudley (asst. coach), Heather Little, Julianne Myers, Mandy Lopez, Nicole Steinberg, Susi Rubinowitz, Caroline Kaplan, Deb Gofar, Brent Miniels (asst. coach). (Front row, l-r): Marce Neumer (head coach), Astrid Kuefli, Leslie Green, Christina Golday, Regan Jensen, Amy Arden, Nicole Kozy, Jen Czekaj, Lisa Collins (asst. coach).

Men's Cross Country: (Back row, l-r): Tim Hale (head coach), Andrew Silverstone, Marc Gage, David Sullo, Tony Kerr, Chris Reed, Jim Dunlop, Chris Rizzo, Craig McMurtry. (Front row, l-r): Craig Colvard, Dave Boutillier, Bryan Goettsch, Zach Miller, Jerry Pechin, Doug Seimsa.

Women's Cross Country: (Back row, l-r): Sejal Mody, Laura McGill, Rachel Foran, Jennifer Ranck, Jessica Lynn, Ashley Soper, Sherry Hecker, Lisa Vargas, Deb Shaple, Barbara Hartwig (head coach). (Front row, l-r): Jacqueline Jennings, Deanna Kleine, April Studinski, Julie Flachi, Michelle Lourette, Margo Rohrer, Shanna Capps.

(All team photos by Susan Kent.)