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Our Events

Through March 5

- **Spring Break.**

March 6-31

- **Women's History Month: Jan Lutz.**

Watercolors, oils and pastels. Schuster Gallery, third floor, Nash Library. Special opening March 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free.

Wednesday, March 8

- **Women's History Month: So'journer Truth**

Enactment of So'journer Truth by Betty Walker, portraying the life of a Civil War slave. Sponsored by the Stackpole-Hall Foundation. Noon to 1 p.m., Pietraszek Room, Waldron Campus Center. Free.

Thursday, March 9

- **Senior Salute.**

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Waldron Campus Center. Seniors can finalize all graduation details in one place. Prizes, refreshments.

March 9-11 and 16-18

- **Schuster Theatre Production.**

"Krapp's Last Tape" and "The Lesson." An evening of one-act plays by Samuel Beckett and Eugene Ionesco. Curtain 8 p.m. Free to Gannon Community. For reservations, call the Box Office at ext. 7494.

Friday, March 10

- **Employee Appreciation Day.**

Our Big News

Faculty member secures \$500,000 engineering software gift

Gannon's School of Engineering and Computer Science has received a gift of \$548,000 in engineering software from Integrated Systems Inc. of Sunnyvale, Calif.

The software, MATRIXx and pRISM+ development tools, will be used in a required course for upper-level undergraduate students majoring in computer engineering and in an elective entry-level graduate course for students obtaining their master's degrees in embedded software engineering, said Hamid Torab, Ph.D., P.E., director of the School of Engineering and Computer Science and a professor of mechanical engineering

Torab noted that Gannon is one of only a few universities offering an embedded software engineering program, which the University started four years ago with support from local industry.

Aydin Yesildirek, Ph.D., an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering who was instrumental in securing this donation, will be responsible for implementation of the software in the electrical and computer engineering labs.

Students will begin using the two software programs this semester in labs to develop computer system models and implement them in an embedded environment. MATRIXx is a graphical tool applied to the design of control software for dynamic systems. It is used for the design of flight software in such applications as the International Space Station Alpha. pRISM+ embedded development tools provide initial hardware bring-up and firmware development, application development and debugging, and system profiling and performance optimization.

Read more about this subject at www.gannon.edu

Don't miss these two big awards dinners

GU colleagues who know Sister Leonie Shanley, SSJ, will want to mark their calendars for the April 1 Distinguished Alumni Dinner.

Sr. Leonie will be presented with the Monsignor Wilfrid J. Nash Principles of Christian Conduct Award. She was the president of the former Villa Maria College, now part of Gannon, and currently is the administrator of the Villa Maria Center. In addition, 11 other alumni awards will be presented at the dinner, set for 6 p.m. in the Waldron Campus Center.

Then on April 4, Gannon will hold its 20th Annual Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Bel-Aire Hotel. Honored will be the Rigas Family of Adelphia Communications, and the founders of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine: Mary L. Eckert, Dr. John M. Ferretti, Dr. Silvia Ferretti, and Attorney Michael J. Visnosky.

Watch for details in the coming weeks, or call Cindy Benovic at ext. 7473.

Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Feb. 18 for **Betty Boyle**, mother of **Debbie Ruppberg**, Housekeeping, and grandmother of **Pam Ruppberg**, student. **Mrs. Boyle** is terminally ill. Please keep her, her caregivers and family in your prayers.

✠ Prayers were requested Feb. 18 for **Donald "Dutch" Hoffman**, member of the Board of Trustees, who is battling an illness at this time. Please keep him, his doctors, wife and family in your prayers.

Five things you should know

Fr. Scott Detisch, Ph.D., director of the Center for Pastoral Studies, had an article published in the February 2000 issue of *U.S. Catholic*. The article is entitled "Five Things Every Catholic Should Know About Mass." It is written for use in parishes as a guide to liturgy planning and catechesis on the eucharist.

Call him Monsignor

Congratulations to **Fr. James McCullough**, retired professor, who was among 15 priests in the Diocese of Erie to recently be named monsignors by Pope John Paul II. **Fr. McCullough** was named a monsignor with the title "Chaplain of His Holiness."

Wish them Happy Birthday

☺Feb. 28... **Joseph Vergona**. ☺Feb. 29... **Jane Benson Kanter**. ☺March 1... **Jeffrey Shaw, Patty Holstein**. ☺March 2... **David Prizinsky, John Campbell, Scott Mahle, Patricia Puzar**. ☺March 3... **Rebecca Wagner, Alma Jean Coman, Colleen Hetrick, William Elias**. ☺March 4... **Kimberly Kirsch, Edward Phillips**. ☺March 5... **Suzanne Richard, David LeVan, Tina Stasiewski, Georgia Schwenk**.

75th Anniversary logo, ad series national winners

Marketing efforts for Gannon's 75th Anniversary Celebration were awarded national honors in the 15th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards Competition sponsored by *Admissions Marketing Report Magazine*:

♦ The official 75th Anniversary logo, similar to the ring pictured above, was awarded a third place Bronze Medal in the Logo/Letterhead Design category. The 75th Anniversary Committee devised the basic design concept, and the Gannon Press and Lynch & Hagerty Advertising Design executed the design.

♦ The series of full-page 75th Anniversary ads that ran on the back cover of the Times Publishing Co.'s "XX Century" tabloids was awarded a fourth place Merit Medal in the Newspaper Advertising/Series category. The ads were conceptualized by the Communications Office and executed by the Times' Advertising Department.

Swing night special -- practice makes perfect

Get ready to swing April 8! Gannon University and Erie Insurance, both celebrating 75th Anniversaries, will present the Dr. Zoot Swing Band and the City Style Lindy Hoppers Dance Troupe at 8 p.m. April 8 in the Hammermill Center.

Don't know how to swing? Have no fear. Swing lessons will be offered March 10 in the Yehl Alumni Room of the Waldron Campus Center as part of the Employee Appreciation Day activities. Stay tuned for more details.

 Our Notes

President's Annual Report earns national kudos

The 75th Anniversary marketing wasn't the only Gannon item winning kudos from the *Admissions Marketing Report Magazine*. (See story above.) Last year's *Annual Report of the President* was awarded a fourth place Merit Medal in the Annual Report category. The report is published by the Office of the President and the Communications Office. It is designed by Lynch & Hagerty Advertising Design of Erie and printed by Hoechstetter Printing of Pittsburgh.

Countdown to Commencement: Senior Salute March 9

Spread the word to your seniors: Senior Salute will be March 9 in the Waldron Campus Center from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors can finalize all graduation details in one place: pick up caps and gowns; order announcements and class rings; and meet with various offices such as Registrar's, Financial Aid, Alumni Relations, Career Services, Graduate Admissions and more. Participants will be eligible for prizes, and refreshments will be served.

Dazzle 'em with daffodils from American Cancer Society

Members of GUSSA are again selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society. Orders and payments are due March 10 and can be placed with **Melissa Lesniewski**, x7597; **Carol Dundon**, x7329; **Joanne Bucceri**, ext. 5351; **Eileen Toner**, ext. 5600; and **Lori Jasinski**, x5849.