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Our Events

Tuesday, April 4

- **Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner.**

6 p.m., Bel-Aire Hotel. See story at right.

Wednesday, April 5

- **Soup and Social Issues.**

Noon to 1 p.m., third floor atrium, A.J. Palumbo Academic Center. Featuring Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, on "Jubilee Call to Cancel International Debt." Soup, bread and water provided. No registration needed.

- **GU Concert Band Annual Spring Concert.**

7:30 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Conducted by Bruce Morton Wright. Free.

Friday, April 7

- **Gannon University Annual Fund Awareness Day.**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Waldron Campus Center.

- **Faculty Awards Convocation.**

3 p.m., Yehl Alumni Room, Waldron Campus Center. Reception to follow, Boardroom of Old Main.

- **Gannon University's Erie Chamber Orchestra.**

7:30 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Conducted by Bruce Morton Wright. Featuring Elizabeth Elliott, cello. Free.

Saturday, April 8

- **Swing Night with Dr. Zoot.**

8 to 11 p.m., Hammermill Center. Dance lessons 7 p.m. RSVP at ext. 7335. Free.

Sunday, April 9

- **Open House.**

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See details at right.

- **Founder's Day.**

3:30 p.m., Avalon Hotel Ballroom. Presentation of Senior Awards.

Our Big News

And the winners are... Distinguished Pennsylvanians to be honored April 4

Gannon University will honor the owners of a communications company and the founders of a local medical college April 4 at its 20th Annual Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Bel-Aire Hotel.

Honored will be Rigas Family – John J., Michael J., James P., and Timothy J. Rigas – owners of Adelphia Communications of Coudersport; and the founders of Erie's Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, all four of whom are Gannon alumni: Mary L. Eckert, Dr. John M. Ferretti, Dr. Silvia M. Ferretti, and Michael J. Visnosky.

The event celebrates the vision of William Penn by honoring distinguished Pennsylvanians for their exceptional accomplishments that exemplify Gannon's mission to prepare students for leadership roles in their careers and community life. The honorees serve as important role models for Gannon students, the Erie community and the commonwealth.

Read more about this subject at www.gannon.edu/new/

Welcome to our house: Open House, Founder's Day April 9

Gannon will host its Spring Open House and Founder's Day April 9. Open House registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Waldron Campus Center, and a welcome will be from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Hammermill Center. From 1 to 3:30 p.m., prospective students can meet with admissions and financial aid representatives, faculty, student development representatives, and coaches in the Waldron Campus Center, A.J. Palumbo Academic Center, and Zurn Science Center.

The day also will include a student panel discussion, self-guided tours of the campus, and trolley bus tours of the Erie area. For more information, call the Office of Admissions at ext. 7240.

At Founder's Day activities, Senior Awards will be presented. All faculty, staff and administrators are encouraged to attend the event, set for 3:30 p.m. at the Avalon Hotel Ballroom. For more information and for tickets, call the Office of Student Development at ext. 5618.

Our Sympathies

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of: †**Donald “Dutch” Hoffman**, a member of the Board of Trustees and a Gannon graduate. **Mr. Hoffman** died March 30. Friends may call at the Francis V. Kloecker Funeral Home, 2502 Sassafras St., Monday, April 3, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, April 4, at 11 a.m. in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

†**Kelly Jo Salvo Morey**, a 1990 graduate of Gannon who had been on our prayer list since November. **Mrs. Morey** died March 22 at Hamot Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Please remember all in your prayers.

Our Folks

Older and wiser...

☺April 4... **Richard Dunford**.
☺April 5... **David Eichelsdorfer**. ☺April 6... **Daniel Heher, Jane Blystone, Patricia Doss**. ☺April 7... **Bryan Torain, Donald Tronetti**. ☺April 8... **John Rouch, James Fadden, Lyndia Lee**. ☺April 9... **Michael Sirak, Walter Minot, Joseph Steele, Kathleen Dailey**. ☺April 10... **Bonnie Hamwi**. ☺April 11... **Derick Jackson, Elizabeth Skladanowski**. ☺April 12... **Msgr. James McCullough**. ☺April 13... **Joy Armbruster, Linda Kobler, Anita Miller**. ☺April 14... **Michael Wellington, Sr. Lynette Petruska**. ☺April 15... **Paul King, Harry Diz**.

Welcome to GU

☼**Eleanore Fabian**, temporary assistant to the vice president, University Advancement. ☼**John Benson**, associate reference librarian, head of information technology, Nash Library. ☼**Lori Jones** and **Meghan McFee**, weekend operators, Waldron Campus Center. ☼**Pam Verity**, music coordinator, University Chaplain's Office.

Our 75th Anniversary

Have a swingin' good time with Dr. Zoot

Put on your dancin' shoes and get ready to swing with Dr. Zoot and the City Style Lindy Hoppers April 8. The Swing Night is being hosted by Gannon University and Erie Insurance Group in honor of both institutions' 75th anniversaries.

Dr. Zoot, from Pittsburgh, is a seven-piece horn-driven, neo-swing band that entertains all age groups. Since the band formed in early 1998, its popularity has grown on the east coast and nationally.

The audience will be treated to the jitterbug, fox trot, jump blues, mambo, cha cha and more. The band's repertoire boasts more than 28 original compositions and countless covers.

The event, at the Hammermill Center, is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and free dance lessons will begin at 7 p.m., led by City Style Swing. Then Dr. Zoot takes the stage at 8 p.m. for three hours of swingin' good times.

RSVP to **Lynn Ross**, President's Office, ext. 7335. Refreshments will be served.

Our Notes

Dollar\$ and \$en\$e: It\$ Annual Fund Awarene\$\$ Day

Come out and support the Annual Fund April 7 for the first Gannon University Annual Fund Awareness Day -- a joint effort on the parts of the Office of Development and the Class of 2000!

The spring appeal for 1999-2000 Annual Fund gifts from faculty, staff and administration is taking on a new format this year with the day-long Awareness Day. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Waldron Campus Center.

Come and learn all that the Annual Fund does to contribute to the success of the university. The Fund benefits every student who attends Gannon. Primarily, the Fund supports student financial aid, but it also is used to purchase library books, new technology, and athletic equipment.

Stop by and make your gift count toward the goal of 100 participation from faculty, staff and administration in this year's Annual Fund.

In addition, the Class of 200 will join this celebration by requesting a first-time Annual Fund contribution from their classmates, with the goal of purchasing a class gift of a jukebox for the Waldron Campus Center.

A good book, a food drive, and a Grecian Odyssey

Nash Library will celebrate National Library Week April 9-15.

The library is joining libraries across the state in holding a food drive to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Collection bins will be available in the library for donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items. Monetary donations also will be accepted at the library.

On Tuesday, April 11, **Dr. Thomas Parthenakis**, History, will present "A Grecian Odyssey" at a Brown Bag Luncheon beginning at noon in the Founder's Room. Light refreshments will be served along with a special Grecian treat of baklava.

On Wednesday, April 12, Nash Library will host the Gannon Community for free coffee and brownies throughout the day.