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Our Events

May 8-12

- **Final Exam Week.**

Saturday, May 13

- **Commencement Weekend: Baccalaureate Mass and Closing Ceremony of 75th Anniversary.**
7 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral.
- **Commencement Weekend: Commencement Dance.**
9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Hammermill Center. Open to all graduates, their families, faculty and administration. For tickets, call the Alumni Office at ext. 7473.

Sunday, May 14

- **Commencement Weekend: U.S. Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony.**
9 a.m., Monsignor Addison Yehl Alumni Room, Waldron Campus Center.
- **Commencement Weekend: Commencement Ceremony.**
1 p.m., Erie Civic Center. Speaker: Charles Bierbauer, CNN's senior Washington correspondent.

Thursday, May 25

- **13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament.**
12:30 p.m. shotgun start, Riverside Golf Course, Cambridge Springs. For information, call Judy Steele, director of Development, ext. 7466.

Monday, May 29

- **Memorial Day.**
University closed.

Our Big News

May 14 Commencement marks 75th Anniversary

Gannon University will send its newest graduates into the workforce May 14 as the university holds its 75th Anniversary Commencement.

The 1999-2000 graduating class totals 670 students and includes graduates from both the winter and spring graduation ceremonies. In the spring ceremony May 14, Thomas S. Ostrowski, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs, will confer 487 degrees, including 370 bachelor's, 100 master's and 16 associate degrees, as well as one post-graduate certificate.

The 1 p.m. ceremony at the Erie Civic Center will feature CNN's senior Washington correspondent Charles Bierbauer as keynote speaker, and the talk is free and open to the public. A native of Allentown, Pa., Bierbauer covers critical public policy issues, such as actions of Supreme Court, legal matters, the federal budget, tax reform and health care.

Bierbauer will join Erie's Dr. Daniel C. Carneval in being awarded honorary doctoral degrees from the university.

An orthopedic surgeon, Carneval is a founding member of Metro Health Center in Erie and serves as staff physician at that facility and at Health South. He also is an associate clinical professor for the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Carneval is a graduate of Gannon, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology. He serves the university as team physician for athletics and as a member of the Board of Trustees, posts he has held for many years. He also has served as a member of the university's Advisory Council and as regional chairman for the Erie area during the university's successful Capital Campaign fundraising effort.

The ceremony will begin with the customary formal procession, this year led by husband and wife Steven Ropski, Ph.D., professor of biology and director of undergraduate research, and Melanie Gustafson-Ropski, a lecturer in the Biology Department, as faculty marshals.

Leading the students will be marshals James Finegan, director of Career Services and Cooperative Education; Gerard Miele, director of New Student Services; James Treiber, director of Financial Aid; and Douglas Zimmerman, assistant director of Student Living.

Sunday's ceremony will cap off a weekend of activities leading to Commencement.

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

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the death of: †**Dr. John Duda**, associate professor of Psychology, who suffered a heart attack May 1 while teaching class. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Our Notes

Slippery solutions

Some 140 students from 10 area schools will be on campus May 9 as the Biology Department hosts a Zebra Mussel Conference. High school and middle school students will present their findings from a university-sponsored research project on the zebra mussel problem.

Schools being represented are: Cathedral Prep.; Conneaut (Ohio) High; Fairview High; Girard High; Harbor Creek High; Iroquois Middle School; North East High; Northwestern High; Strong Vincent High; and Villa Maria Academy.

The day's agenda will include the student presentations, awards, and speaker Randy Neyer, environmental specialist for Presque Isle State Park.

Students began the research projects last fall after their teachers were trained during the summer months by Gannon faculty. Under the project, students studied creeks that are tributaries to Lake Erie to determine if zebra mussels are making their way from the lake into those waterways. The students also studied the characteristics of the water at the creek mouths.

The project is being funded by the \$50,000 grant awarded to the Gannon by the American Honda Foundation, the charitable arm of American Honda Motor Co. Inc. of Torrance, Calif.

The prolific zebra mussel has been found in all of the Great Lakes and in major waterways throughout many parts of the country. It causes problems by colonizing in water supply pipes of hydroelectric and nuclear power plants, public water supply plants, and industrial facilities, thus constricting flow. Zebra mussels were first discovered in North America in 1988 and in all of the Great Lakes by 1990.

Prayers requested

†Prayers were requested April 28 for **Beth Brokenbek**, a December 1999 graduate who was in a car accident April 26 and underwent surgery for her injuries. Please keep her and her medical caregivers in your prayers.

†Prayers were requested April 28 for **Stephen Landini**, father of GU student **Erin Landini**. At that time, **Mr. Landini** was in critical condition in a Pittsburgh hospital. Please keep him and his medical caregivers in your prayers.

†Prayers were requested May 3 for **Bob Revelt**, husband of **Joanne Revelt**, assistant professor of mathematics, as **Mr. Revelt** was hospitalized to undergo tests. Please keep him, **Joanne** and family, and his medical caregivers in your prayers.

Rock-a-bye babies

✪Congratulations to **Chris LaGrow**, assistant director of Career Services and Cooperative Education, and his wife, **Julie**, on the birth of their son, **Daniel James LaGrow**, on April 17 at 8:01 a.m. He was 7 lbs., 12 oz., and 20 inches long.

✪Congratulations to **Paul King**, security guard, Campus Safety, and his wife, **Jennifer**, on the birth of their daughter, **Makayla Marie King**, on May 3. She was 8 lbs., 6 oz.

Welcome to GU

✪**Barbara Flanders**, part-time temporary programmer, Information Technology Services. ✪**Pamela Reynolds**, associate professor, Physical Therapy. ✪**Stephen Glover**, assistant director for networking, ITS. ✪**Tammy Marshall**, general accountant, Finance and Administration.

Happy Birthday...

☺May 8... **Sarah Drexler, Michael Mazanowski**. ☺May 9... **Judith Stainbrook, Jeffrey Costello, Earl Bishop**. ☺May 10... **Fr. Robert Susa, David Steiner**. ☺May 11... **Fred Beil, Rebecca Curtis, Richard Bukowski**. ☺May 12... **Ned Lottie, Denise Winschel**. ☺May 13... **James Brown, Janice Giltinan**. ☺May 14... **Steven Figurski, Patricia Brown, Norman Zambrzycki, Sgt. Shawn Simmons**. ☺May 15... **Doreen Petri, Anita Hotchkiss, Patricia Dombart**. ☺May 16... **Sharon Carl**. ☺May 17... **Timothy Fuller, Vicki Pritchard**. ☺May 18... **David Marino**. ☺May 19... **Berta Weber, Jennifer Williams**. ☺May 20... **Fr. Richard Sullivan**. ☺May 21... **Carl Hultman, Bobbi Jo Fye**. ☺May 22... **Jeffrey Mocny**. ☺May 23... **Nancy Kelly, Scott Miller, Jana Hunt**. ☺May 24... **Paulette Zagorski, Jonathan Strub, Kimberlee Butterfield, Kathryn Kisak**. ☺May 25... **Linda Wagner, Xinozhong Wang, Donna Witherspoon**. ☺May 26... **Ward McCracken**. ☺May 27... **Cathy Fresch, Robert Vincent**. ☺May 28... **Jerry Fisher, Anna McCartney**. ☺May 29... **Michael Victor, Thomas Klobchar, Roy Voshall**. ☺May 30... **Patricia Maughn, Tab Mong, Robin Timko**.