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Our Events



Our Big News

June 22-25

• *Esther.*

Schuster Theatre production. A musical Vaudeville of Biblical proportions by Elizabeth Swados (composer/lyricist of *Jonah*.) Stage and musical direction by Shawn Clerkin. Lighting and scenic design by Craig Kosnik. Costume design by Sarah Andrews. Curtain 8 p.m. June 22-24, and 3 p.m. June 25. All seats \$5. For reservations, call the Box Office at ext. 7494.

Tuesday, July 4

• **Independence Day.**

University closed.

August 4-6

• **Alumni Weekend 2000.**

All Gannon and Villa Maria alumni and current faculty and staff welcome to join in the festivities and celebration of friendship. Highlights include: *Aug. 4*, Alumni Golf Tournament. *Aug. 5*, Presque Isle Bay Excursion, Walking Tour of Erie's Historical Sites, Tent Party and Barbecue, Renewal of Marriage Vows Mass, Dinner Cruise aboard the Victorian Princess. *Aug. 6*, Alumni Memorial Mass, Reunion Brunch. Watch for more details.

Field of dreams begins

Work has begun on development of a multipurpose field recently approved by the Gannon Board of Trustees at its May meeting.

Work is underway to convert the university's practice field into an astro-turfed, multipurpose athletic field capable of hosting games for football, baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and cross country. Also, a two-lane, 18,000 square-foot rubberized track will be installed around the perimeter for recreational use. Crews have begun excavating the site in preparation for turf installation.

Beyond hosting intercollegiate sports, the facility will be widely used for intramural sports - an area in which more than 70 percent of all Gannon students participate - and also will be an asset to the community by accommodating various events and activities, said Gannon Director of Athletics Mike Corbett.

According to a feasibility study, the 154,000-square-foot area, located between West Fourth and West Fifth streets and bordered by Peach and Sassafras streets, could be laid out to include five NCAA regulation fields.

Upon project completion in late summer or early fall, select Gannon athletic teams no longer will be forced to play at off-campus venues like Scott Park, Erie Veterans Stadium, Family First Sports Park, and Ainsworth Field. As a result, the university will realize a cost savings in several areas, including field fees and transportation of athletes to and from games and practices. Another benefit will be a significant reduction in the amount of class and study time lost to travel time.

With games being more accessible to the university's student body, Corbett expects attendance to increase significantly. Corbett also hopes the facility will be a drawing card for alumni who haven't been back to campus recently.

Building Systems Incorporated, which constructed the Waldron Campus Center last year, will excavate the practice field and serve as the site liaison. AstroPlay of Leander, Texas, will provide the turf, which will be installed by Southwest Recreational Industries Inc., also of Leander.

Gannon has applied for a state grant of \$500,000 to help defray the costs of the project. Additionally, the university has received about \$1.2 million in contributions from alumni and friends. To date, the largest single gift has been a contribution of \$750,000, made by an anonymous donor. Several Gannon trustees also have made substantial gifts.

Gannon's Vice President of University Advancement Susan Black-Keim hopes to bring in an additional \$1.6 million in gifts by the end of the year.

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



Our Sympathies

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of: †**Louise Jasinski**, mother-in-law of **Lori Jasinski**, administrative secretary, Student Living, who died June 16; and †**Edward James Kaiser**, brother of **Ann Bolash**, records assistant, Registrar's Office, who also died June 16. Please remember all in your prayers.



Our Folks

Prayers requested

†Continued prayers were requested June 13 for **Dolly Bretz**, merchandise clerk, Follett Bookstore, who continues to be at home and receiving treatments for cancer. Please drop her a card at her home: 628 Boyer Road, Erie, Pa., 16511. Please keep her and her medical caregivers in your prayers.

Make a birthday wish

☺June 19... **Julie Srnka, Michele Mason.**
☺June 20... **Edward Helenski, Carol Odell, Katina Trimper, Kathleen DeSante, Dorothy McCleary, Jerry Petty.** ☺June 21... **Peter Mannarelli, Robert Ottman, Sgt. Walt Sitarek, Tara Woodard.** ☺June 22... **Candace Jaruszewicz, Jami Charles, Sgt. Shawnette Haynes, Charles Shaffer.**
☺June 24... **Melissa Lesniewski.** ☺June 25... **Sr. Joachim Onuffer, Barbara Akin, Robert VanRheenen, Rose Ann Garbulinski.** ☺June 26... **Sherry Masotto, Charlene Newport, Maria Gao, Zeynep Ozenc.**
☺June 27... **Fong Mak, Randy Fyock.**
☺June 28... **Fr. George Strohmeyer, Msgr. Gerald Orbanek, Eraldo "Hoss" Scacchitti.** ☺June 30... **Corine Fischer, Steven Fall.** ☺July 1... **Thomas McDonald, Dawna Mughal, Elizabeth Brown.**



Our Notes

Get oriented

The Gannon faculty and administration are invited to participate in the Summer Orientation 2000 events for incoming freshmen.

Faculty and administrators and a spouse or guest are invited to attend the Sunday evening Get Acquainted Socials for students and parents June 18 and 25 and July 9 and 16 in the Nash Library Gardens from 9 to 10:30 p.m. The Parent Socials are set for Monday nights, June 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17 in the Nash Library Gardens from 9 to 11 p.m.

A Picnic Supper will be served in the Waldron Campus Center at 5 p.m. on Mondays, June 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17. Members of your immediate family are invited to attend with you, compliments of New Student Services.

Anyone interested in attending a Picnic Supper must RSVP to New Student Services, ext. 7597, by the Thursday preceding each dinner. Tickets are required for admission to the Picnic Supper.

It's Greek to everyone!

Dr. Thomas Parthenakis, associate professor of History and an active organizer of Erie's annual Greek Festival, extends an invitation to the Gannon Community to attend this year's 12th Annual Panegyri Greek Festival July 7-9 at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4376 West Lake Road, Erie.

Admission and parking are free. The festival features live music and dancing, Greek foods and pastries, a Greek Boutique, raffle, Gold Mart, arts and crafts, and church tours.

Hit the links

It's the return of the Gannon University Golf Outing and Dinner! Sign up now for the Aug. 11 tournament at Elk Valley Golf Course in Girard. All levels of play are encouraged to participate.

The 18-hole scramble tournament will begin with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Foursomes may include all men, all women, or a combination. In the spirit of camaraderie, only two people from the same university department should be on a team. In addition to players, volunteers are needed.

Cost is \$30 per person for golf, cart, lunch, and dinner; \$25 per person for golf, cart, and lunch; or \$10 for lunch and dinner only.

For non-golfing colleagues, you are encouraged to volunteer at the tournament, or be excused from work to enjoy the afternoon as you wish, but you are invited to join the golfers and volunteers at 6 p.m. for dinner.

For more information or to register, call **Colleen Cipriani** at ext. 5459.