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Our Events

Aug. 28-29

- **“Speed-the-Plow.”**

Schuster Theatre production of a hilarious and witty play by David Mamet. Featuring students Charles Drexler, Mike Leone, and Jenine Mineo. Directed by Shawn Clerkin. Curtain 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public as a special “welcome back.” Seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

Aug. 28-31

- **Preview GU.**

Activities to acclimate new students to college life. See details in your mailboxes.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- **Open Community Meeting.**

8:15 to 9:30 a.m., Breakfast in Yehl Alumni Ballroom. Brief update on state of the university; overview of plans for 2000-01.

- **Ecumenical Service - Gathering in Praise:**

- **Celebrating Welcome.**

11 a.m., Friendship Green. Welcome prayer service for faculty and staff.

- **Arts in the Atrium.**

12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Friendship Green. Featuring Armor & Sturtevant.

- **Opening Prayer Service & Ice Cream Social.**

9 p.m., A.J.'s Way.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- **First day of classes.**

Monday, Sept. 4

- **Labor Day.**

University closed.



Our Big News

Bishop names Presidential Search Committee

A Presidential Search Committee has been named by Bishop Donald W. Trautman, chair of Gannon's Board of Trustees, to select a new president. In an Aug. 28 letter to the Gannon Community, Bishop Trautman announced that the 13-member panel will be led by Monsignor Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, Ph.D., chancellor of the Diocese of Erie and a member of Gannon's Board of Trustees, as chair.

The selection process, which will be a national search, is expected to take eight to 10 months to complete, Brandt said.

The Presidential Search Committee, in accordance with university policy, is comprised of seven members of the Board of Trustees; two faculty members, one of whom must be a priest; one alumnus/alumna; one administrator; one member of the President's Advisory Council; and one student, in addition to the chairperson.

Trustees named to the committee were: L. Scott Barnard, a 1965 Gannon graduate; Dr. Daniel C. Carneval, class of '51; Thomas C. Guelcher, class of '62; Sr. Mary Rita Kuhn, SSJ, Villa class of '60, Gannon master's '68; Thomas J. Loftus, MBA '74; Monsignor Robert J. Smith; and James F. Toohey, class of '56.

Also named were faculty members Monsignor Addison Yehl, professor of chemistry, and Michael DeSanctis, Ph.D., president of Faculty Senate; alumnus Donald M. Carlson, class of '73; student James Theisen, in-coming president of the Student Government Association; Presidential Advisory Council member Arnold Bergquist, class of '58; and administrator Loretta Seigley, Ph.D., Villa class of '83, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Citing confidence in the committee's determination to recommend the candidate best representing the highest scholarly credentials and the deepest commitment to Gannon's mission and its Catholic identity, Brandt said he views the committee “as a crucial group constituting a ‘committee of the whole’ for the entire university and not just representing the constituencies from which the members come.”

During the committee's organizational meeting Aug. 24, Monsignor Brandt explained that the committee will begin its work in initiating a needs assessment of Gannon to identify the strengths and challenges a new president would have to address. A national advertising campaign to attract presidential candidates will begin soon. Until the Board of Trustees elects a new president, Thomas S. Ostrowski, Ph.D., will continue as acting president.

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



Our Sympathies

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the death of †**Mrs. Minnie Galleur**, mother-in-law of **Rand Garrity**, plumber, Physical Plant. **Mrs. Galleur** died Aug. 22.

Please remember all in your prayers.



Our Notes

PROMISE continues

The Student Development staff would like to ask those who took part in last year's PROMISE Photo Shoot (the big "GU" spelled out on the Rec Center lawn) to wear your PROMISE t-shirts Tuesday, Aug. 29. Show your continued support of the PROMISE and encourage our new freshmen to take the PROMISE on that day also. Thanks to all for your show of support.

Be German for a day (or two)

Bev Pochatko, Admissions, and **Dave Dahlkemper**, active organizers of Erie's annual German Festival, extend an invitation to the Gannon Community to attend this year's 4th Annual German Heritage Festival Sept. 2-3.

The festival will be at St. Nick's Picnic Grove, 5131 Old French Road, Erie, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days. Catholic Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The festival features live music and dancing; traditional German foods, beverages and pastries; a German Marketplatz; and Kinderplatz, featuring the Alpine Climb, tractor rides, jumping balls, and petting zoo.

Admission is \$3 per person, with children under 12 free, with plenty of free parking and with provisions for individuals with disabilities.



Our Folks

Moving on up

The Finance and Administration Division wishes to pass on congratulations to their colleague **Cynthia Fiske** on her recent promotion from accounts payable assistant to senior accounts payable assistant.

Send birthday greetings to...

☺Aug. 28... **James Robbins, Robin Powers.** ☺Aug. 29... **Susan Glunt, Brian Helm, Christopher Kibler.** ☺Aug. 30... **Linda Loader, James Finegan, Brandon Valek.** ☺Aug. 31... **Lucinda Kurczewski, William Strub, Natasha Wallace, Richard Ferko.** ☺Sept. 1... **Fr. Nicholas Rouch, Mary Kooker, John Benson.** ☺Sept. 2... **Susan Miceli, Anne O'Neill-Klemensic.** ☺Sept. 3... **Howard Ferguson, Sr. Anne McCarthy.** ☺Sept. 4... **Mary Heberle, Charlotte King, Betty Holden, Raymond Olson.** ☺Sept. 5... **Mary Wagner, Daniel Gunn.** ☺Sept. 6... **Barbara Townsend, Brian Lawry, Theresa Howell.** ☺Sept. 7... **Colleen Cipriani.** ☺Sept. 8... **Jay DiFrank, Abdelrahman Aburachis, Ludwik Medeksza.** ☺Sept. 9... **Susan Grande, Cynthia Lashinger, Roberta Schomburg.** ☺Sept. 10... **Michael Krahe, Judith Van Rheen.**



Our Newsmakers

Making GU famous

More thanks to all in the Gannon Community who have participated in media interviews during the summer months. Many were listed in last week's *Under the Arch*, and the list continues. Representing Gannon in the spotlight were:

In July: ♦**Robert Brooker, Ph.D.**, director of the Business Technology Scholars Program, with Ch. 35 regarding the International Business School Computing Association conference at GU. ♦**Constantine Kliorys, Ph.D.**, associate professor of Management, with the *Erie Daily Times* regarding his selection as a Fulbright Scholar. ♦**Berwyn Moore**, associate professor of English, with Ch. 12 on the unique spelling of "dinor" in Northwestern Pennsylvania. ♦**David Kozak, Ph.D.**, professor of Political Science, with Ch. 12 and 35 from the Republican National Convention. ♦**Mark Jordano**, director of ITS, with the *Times* on the state of technology at GU.

In August: ♦**Robert Ottman**, SBDC director, with Ch. 12 on an SBDC seminar for small retailers competing against Wal-Mart. ♦**Cathy Fresch**, director of Alumni Services, with Ch. 24 on Alumni Weekend. ♦**Thomas Ostrowski, Ph.D.**, acting president, **Carolynn Masters, Ph.D.**, chair of Nursing, and **Sarah Drexler**, director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, with various media after a news conference announcing a grant to establish a community nursing center.