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Our Events

Tuesday, Sept. 26

- **Gathering in Praise: Celebrating Work.**
11 a.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.
Community luncheon to follow.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

- **Community Pot Luck Breakfast.**
7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Yehl Alumni Room,
WCC. Bring a dish to share.

Thursday, Sept. 28

- **Grants for Lunch.**
Noon to 1 p.m., Pietraszek Room, WCC.
Workshop on submitting grant proposals.
To register, call Sarah Drexler, ext. 7728,
or Marianne Fisher, ext. 7744.

Friday, Sept. 29

- **Opening Reception: "Archaeology at the Dawn of History: The Khirbet Iskander Collection."**
7 to 9 p.m., Erie Art Museum. Featuring domestic tools and equipment found in the city of Khirbet Iskander, Jordan, dating 2350-2000 B.C. From the collection of Dr. Suzanne Richard, Liberal Studies, who leads all excavations at the site. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, Oct. 1

- **Music on the Lawn.**
4 p.m., Friendship Green (lawn to west of WCC.) Annual Blessing of the Animals and Celtic music by Rakish Paddy.
Free picnic. Sponsored by the Episcopal



Our Big News

GU advances in rank

Gannon University has advanced in college rankings determined by *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college guide, *America's Best Colleges*.

The university made a seven-spot jump this year, landing at 39th in its category among schools in the North sector of the United States. Last year, Gannon was ranked 46th in its category in the North sector. The rankings are published in the 2001 edition of the college guide released this month.

Gannon's overall ranking in the college guide has improved steadily over the past several years, with the most dramatic surge coming between 1994 and 1995 when Gannon moved from 94th to 56th.

"We are quite pleased that Gannon has once again advanced in its rank among peer universities, and we are confident that this upward climb will continue," said Thomas S. Ostrowski, Ph.D., acting president. "Gannon's advancement in rank has been dramatic during the past few years, and that is a direct reflection of our taking deliberate steps to improve the quality of our teaching and learning environment. Improvement is a fluid and continuous process at Gannon, and such actions will continue as we routinely examine ourselves and make Gannon an even better institution of higher learning."

Gannon is classified as a "regional university" in the four-category classification system developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and used by *America's Best Colleges*. The system defines schools by their mission. According to the classification system, regional universities offer a full range of bachelor's and master's degree programs, and some doctoral programs. A "national university," on the other hand, offers a full range of programs at all three degree levels. Like universities, colleges also are divided into "regional" and "national" categories to complete the four-category system.

This year, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked more than 1,400 colleges and universities across the nation, according to publishers. Schools are segmented by the four-category classification system and by geographic location of north, south, east or west. Of those examined this year, 506 were categorized as regional universities, and 146 of those – including Gannon – are located in the North sector.

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

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Our Events



Our Folks

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Cathedral of St. Paul and Gannon.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

● **Graduate and Professional School Fair 2000.**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Yehl Alumni Room, WCC. More than 45 schools representing 100 academic programs in business, education, engineering, health science, law, liberal arts, and social sciences. For information, call Career Development and Employment Services, ext. 7680.

● **Book Sale.**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nash Library, back entrance. Prices: \$2 hard cover; \$1 paper cover; \$.50 pocket books.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

● **Book Sale.**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nash Library, back entrance. Half Price Day.

● **“Storm Chaser.”**

Distinguished Speaker Series featuring Warren Faidley, professional storm chaser and photographer. 7:30 p.m., Zurn 104. Free. Sponsored by the Activities Programming Board.

Oct. 5-8 & 12-14.

● **“Our Town.”**

Schuster Theatre production of Pulitzer Prize-winning classic by Thornton Wilder that depicts life in a New Hampshire village during the first decade of the 20th century. Guest director Marilouise Michel. Curtain 8 p.m. Oct. 5-7 and 12-14, with matinee at 3 p.m. Oct. 8. Tickets \$5, or free to Gannon Community. For reservations, call the Box Office at ext. 7494.

Through Oct. 6

● **“Scratching the Surface.”**

Schuster Art Gallery exhibit featuring Jamie Borowicz. Works in watercolor, collage and other media. Schuster Art Gallery, third floor, Nash Library, is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Sept. 19 for **John Marshall**, brother of **Pat Marshall**, Nursing, as he was undergoing surgery. ✠ Prayers were requested Sept. 19 for **Dr. Michael Panza**, Mechanical Engineering, who was scheduled for surgery. ✠ Prayers were requested Sept. 21 for **Msgr. James McCullough**, retired math professor, as he continues his battle against cancer. ✠ Prayers were requested Sept. 21 for **Viola Gustafson**, mother of **David Gustafson**, Biology, as she was scheduled for surgery.

Please remember all in your prayers.

Welcome baby!

Congratulations to **Jay DiFrank**, Human Resources, and his wife, **Leslie**, on the Aug. 28 birth of their daughter, **Ann Jaycee DiFrank**. She weighed 9 lbs., 11 oz. and was 21 3/4” long. **Jay** passes on his thanks to the Gannon Community for the many good wishes!

Welcome to GU

☼ **Gregory Andraso, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Biology. **Laura Brown**, administrative assistant, Leadership Erie. **Phillip Coletta**, grounds worker, Physical plant. **Sharon Crisman, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Education. **Christine Kelly**, coordinator, Center for Experiential Education, Career Services. **John Kupetz**, instructor, English. **Linda Fleming, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Counseling Psychology. **Addell Hawkins**, secretary, Center for Adult Learning. **Lesley Hite, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Psychology. **Michelle Homan, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Environmental Science and Engineering. **Stacy Kraus**, assistant director, Student Organizations and Leadership Development. **Michael McSkimming, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Criminal Justice. **Robert Mellesh**, part-time stacks attendant, Nash Library. **Judith Mochoskay**, part-time circulation aide, Nash Library. **Thomas Serena, M.D.**, research coordinator, Physician Assistant Program. **Brenda Wilson**, accounts receivable cashier assistant, Finance and Administration.

Send birthday wishes to...

☺ Sept. 25... **John Publicover**. Sept. 27... **Elisa Konieczko**. Sept. 28... **Eileen Toner**, **Amber Power**, **Patrick Headley**. Sept. 29... **John Onorato**, **Ronald Rugare**, **Meghan McFee**. Sept. 30... **Tom Hudson**, **Ronald Cuzzola**. Oct. 1... **Melanie Dunbar**, **Carolynn Masters**, **Ruth Gehly**.