

# GANNON



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## Our Events



## Our Big News

### Monday, Nov. 20

- **Pie for All.**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., WCC. \$1 a slice.  
Proceeds to benefit the Social Work  
Christmas Party for the Homeless and  
Needy.

- **Thanksgiving Prayer Service.**

12:15 and 9:15 p.m., Mary, Seat of  
Wisdom Chapel.

### Nov. 23 & 24

- **Thanksgiving holiday.**

University closed.

### Tuesday, Nov. 28

- **Insurance Update and Election Session.**

11 a.m., Palumbo 1200. Important  
information on GU's Flexible Spending  
Plan and the Dental Plan.

### Wednesday, Nov. 29

- **Insurance Update and Election Session.**

3 p.m., Palumbo 1200. Important  
information on GU's Flexible Spending  
Plan and the Dental Plan.

### Nov. 30-Dec. 2

- **"Red Scare on Sunset."**

Schuster Theatre production of a comedy  
that finds Mary Dale, a musical comedy  
star, horrified to discover that those  
closest to her are involved in a commu-  
nist plot to take over the music industry.  
Curtain 8 p.m. Tickets \$5 general  
admission; free to Gannon Community.  
RSVP to Box Office at ext. 7494.

## Chautauqua-at-Gannon lecture: The president's first 100 days

A "Report to the President Elect" will be the topic of the Fall 2000 Chautauqua-at-Gannon lecture Nov. 29 on the Gannon campus.

Dr. David M. Abshire, chief executive officer of The Center for the Study of the Presidency, Washington, D.C., will discuss what the president's -- whoever that may be -- crucial first 100 days in office should be like.

For the past several years, Abshire has undertaken a major study of transitions and presidencies in their first 100 days. His recommendations will be based on interviews with former presidents, former high-level White House assistants, and noted students of the American Presidency.

Abshire will present a number of lessons learned concerning hitting the ground running, having an effective 100 days, developing effective teamwork with congress, and avoiding early pitfalls and maximizing early opportunities.

Abshire has been the U.S. ambassador to NATO and was special counsel to President Reagan in the aftermath of the Iran-Contra Scandal. A graduate of the Military Academy at West Point, he holds a doctorate in history from Georgetown University.

The address will be the 26th event in the Chautauqua-at-Gannon series, which had featured many prominent Chautauqua platform lecturers addressing various topics of public and international affairs.

Dr. Daniel Bratton, out-going president of the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N.Y., and Dr. David Kozak, Gannon professor of political science and a long-time Chautauqua lecturer and public affairs consultant, will preside over the program.

Abshire will deliver his talk at 7:30 p.m. in Zurn 104, with a reception to follow at 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.



# Our Folks

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## Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of:

✠ **Albert DiFrank**, father of **Jay DiFrank**, assistant director, Human Resources. The elder **Mr. DiFrank** died Nov. 10.

✠ **Roberta Knapp**, mother of Gannon student **Brandi Knapp**. Mrs. Knapp died as the result of an automobile accident Nov. 15.

Please remember all in your prayers.

## Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Nov. 17 for **Sue Duda**, wife of the late **Dr. John Duda**. **Mrs. Duda** was hospitalized at Hamot Medical Center following an automobile accident.

✠ Prayers were requested Nov. 17 for **Eloise Wright**, mother of **Bruce Morton Wright**, conductor and director, Gannon's Erie Chamber Orchestra. **Mrs. Wright** was undergoing tests at St. Vincent Health Center.

✠ Prayers were requested Nov. 17 for **Genieve Dana**, sister-in-law of **Colleen Hetrick**, accounts payable assistant. **Ms. Dana** is undergoing treatment for bone cancer at Twinbrook Medical Center.

Please remember all in your prayers.

## Sing Happy Birthday to

☺ Nov. 20... **Irma Miller, Alan Swigonski.**

☺ Nov. 21... **Andrew Martin, Carmen**

**Toscano, Grace Fisher.** ☺ Nov. 23... **Donald Roth, Sharon Thompson, Susan Black-Keim.**

☺ Nov. 24... **Marilyn Konieczny, Parris**

**Baker.** ☺ Nov. 25... **Valerie Bacik, Cheryl**

**Maruso, Linda Kish, Amadou Diop.** ☺ Nov.

26... **Cynthia Fiske, Judith Quinlan, Vincent**

**Humes, Melissa Bidinger.**



# Our Notes

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## Important insurance meetings

Two Information Sharing Meetings will be held in November regarding Gannon's Flexible Spending Plan and Gannon's Dental Plan.

It is essential that ALL full-time colleagues plan to attend one of these sessions in order to sign up for enrollment in the Flexible Spending Plan for the coming year, as well as to receive updated information regarding the Dental Plan.

The sessions will be: Tuesday, Nov. 28, 11 a.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 29, 3 p.m. Both sessions will be in Palumbo 1200.

For more information, see the Human Resources webpage at <http://insidegu/depts/hr/Benefits/Index.html>. Then click on Insurance Update and Information Sessions.

Anyone with questions can contact the HR Department.

## RSVP your way to a Merry GU Christmas

It's time again to get those RSVPs in for the Gannon University Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance. The party date is Dec. 2, and RSVPs are due by this Wednesday, Nov. 22 to the Human Resources Office.

On Dec. 2, the Chaplain's Office invites the Gannon Community to begin the evening by celebrating liturgy together at the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Dec. 2.

The party will begin at 7 p.m. at Rainbow Gardens. Music will be provided by Angel Fire.

## Be a Christmas Angel

Participate in Gannon's Holiday Sharing Project, designed to help Gannon students in need. Volunteer "angels" are needed to purchase and donate gifts to children, and cash contributions are needed to purchase practical items, such as soap, tissues and toothpaste.

Last year, the project helped 31 students and provided gifts to 42 children. Additionally, children from the Neighborhood Art House and SafeNet Center for Domestic Violence also received gifts.

To participate, call Marilyn Rositer, REAP, ext. 5882, or Melissa Lesniewski, New Student Services, ext. 7597.

## Being civil

Gannon University supports the Civility Counts campaign, a 14-week campaign in schools, churches, businesses and the community led by the Millennium Commission. Throughout the rest of 2000, each week will feature a theme to remind us that civility counts. Watch *Under the Arch* each week for a new theme. **This week's theme: Be Thankful.** See more on civility at [www.GoErie.com/together2000](http://www.GoErie.com/together2000), or at <http://2000.erie.net>.