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Our Events



Our Big News

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.

● "A Report to the President Elect - The First 100 Days."

7:30 p.m., Zurn 104. Chautauqua-at-Gannon fall lecture featuring David Abshire, Ph.D., chief executive officer of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Washington, D.C. He is a leading authority on the presidency and a specialist on deadlocked elections. Reception follows lecture. Free and open to the public.

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 communist 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.

Help Erie's needy Dec. 2

Gannon University's Social Work Club will host its 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner for Erie's less fortunate residents Saturday, Dec. 2.

The party will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2 in Gannon's Hammermill Center, Peach Street and South Park Row. A complete turkey dinner will be served beginning at 11 a.m.

In addition to the dinner, the party will feature a visit from Santa, Christmas presents for children, and free clothing for all guests to choose from.

The party is supported through donations of food, clothing and toys as well as monetary contributions from Gannon faculty, staff and administration and numerous area businesses.

Some 500 needy area residents are expected to attend. The event is free and open to the public.

To volunteer or make a donation, call the Social Work Office at ext. 7263.

GU adds computer master's degree

Gannon is offering a new master's degree in computer and information science. The Pennsylvania Department of Education recently approved the degree program, which will begin in the spring semester, said Hamid Torab, Ph.D., director of Gannon's School of Engineering and Computer Science.

The graduate program in computer and information science is a two-track program in computer science and management information science. Through either track, students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to hold advanced professional positions in the administration, development and design of systems.

Through the computer science concentration, hardware advances and software developments are examined in order to address their role in the technical challenges facing science and industry, Torab said.

The management information science concentration focuses on software developments and systems assessment in order to define the technology horizon facing industry and business, he said.

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Friday, Dec. 1

● **Exhibit Opening: Charles Ventrello.**

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Schuster Art Gallery, third floor, Nash Library. Opening reception. Works of collage and assemblage of original and found photos with three-dimensional objects, print medium clippings and assorted detritus. On exhibit through Jan. 10. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Dec. 2

● **Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy.**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hammermill Center. 23rd Annual dinner sponsored by Social Work Club. To volunteer or make donations, call the Social Work Department, ext. 7263.

● **Faculty and Staff Liturgy.**

5 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

● **Christmas Dinner and Dance.**

7 p.m., Rainbow Gardens. RSVP to Human Resources.

Sunday, Dec. 3

● **First Sunday of Advent Liturgy.**

11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Monday, Dec. 4

● **Advent Candlelight Prayer Service.**

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

Tuesday, Dec. 5

● **“The Meaning of Kwanzaa.”**

11 a.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Kwanzaa celebration sponsored by Minority Student Union. Featuring guest speaker Homer Smith Jr. of St. James A.M.E. Church. Underwritten by a grant from the Stackpole-Hall Foundation.

Friday, Dec. 8

● **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

8 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:35 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.



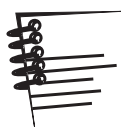
Our Folks

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of: †**Michael Rohaly**, father of **Dr. Suzanne Richard**, associate professor, Liberal Studies. **Mr. Rohaly** died Nov. 18. †**Ken Troutman**, father of Gannon student **Tracy Troutman**. **Mr. Troutman** died Nov. 19. Please remember all in your prayers.

Birthday wishes

☺Nov. 28... **Rick Prokop, Patricia Schlosser, Allison Judd.** ☺Nov. 29... **Edward Babowicz.** ☺Nov. 30... **Daniel Morales, Paul Foust, Ray Beckwith.** ☺Dec. 1... **Judith Steele, William Williams.** ☺Dec. 2... **Kathleen Gausman, Connie Lehner, Marion Gallivan.** ☺Dec. 3... **Jennifer Wallen.**



Our Notes

Making civility count

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 Generous.** See more on civility at www.GoErie.com/together2000, or at <http://2000.erie.net>.

Computer master's degree

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“An individual interested in understanding the core technology of the future would select the computer science concentration,” Torab said. “An individual interested in understanding and managing the essential resource that information is to the future would select the management information science concentration.”

The 30-credit program can be completed in one-and-a-half to two years of study, Torab said. Graduates will be equipped with technical skills to meet the challenges of a very dynamic field.

“The job market is quite good for technology-related fields, especially computer and information jobs,” he said. “Graduates earning this master's degree can gain employment in many various areas – from service industry to manufacturing – all types of businesses need information people and computer people.”

The curriculum provides the latest technological developments in the field and benefits from partnerships with local companies that offer internships to Gannon students, he said, adding that some companies offer scholarships as well.

In addition to the new master's degree, the school already offers graduate degrees in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, embedded software engineering, and engineering management.