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Our Events

Wednesday, Jan. 10

• Financial Aid Workshop.

6:30 p.m., Palumbo 1200. Offers a clear explanation of financial aid process from start to finish. For more information, call the Financial Aid Office at ext. 7337.

Friday, Jan. 12

• Gannon's Erie Chamber Orchestra.

Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Conducted by Bruce Morton Wright.
Featuring Shiloh Baptist Church Choir directed by Frederick Dixon. 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 130 E. Fourth St. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Jan. 18

• Gathering in Praise: Prayer for Christian Unity.

11 a.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Community Luncheon to follow.

Saturday, Jan. 20

• Opening Reception, Faculty/Student Art Show.

Schuster Art Gallery exhibit opening, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This mixed media exhibit will showcase works by several GU students and faculty. On exhibit through Feb. 23, Schuster Art Gallery, third floor, Nash Library. Free and open to the public during library hours.



Our Big News

GoFish! lures banks as corporate sponsors

Momentum is growing for GoFish!, the public art project that will land 100 artful fiberglass fish in the streets of Erie this summer. Within the first week of announcing the project, GoFish! signed on its first two corporate sponsors.

"Leaders of Erie's banking industry are stepping forth to be the first to support GoFish!" said Jody Farrell, co-chair of the GoFish! Fish Commish volunteer committee. "The PNC Financial Services Group was the first to bite, followed very closely by National City."

The Fish Commish held a news conference at Gannon Dec. 20 to announce the first corporate sponsors for GoFish!, a public art project designed to promote community pride in Erie. An idea spawned in Erie by Gannon, the GoFish! project was first announced Dec. 13 at a luncheon hosted by Gannon.

Set for summer 2001, GoFish! will hatch 100 fiberglass fish – each approximately six feet long, three feet wide, and four feet high – into the streets of downtown Erie. Each fish will be sponsored by a company, organization or individual, and local artists will transform the creatures into whimsical works of art to lure tourists and enliven cultural activity along the shores of downtown Erie.

The PNC Financial Services Group together with JJB Hilliard Lyons – the investment subsidiary of PNC Advisors – are joining GoFish! as a corporate sponsor at the \$12,000 level, and National City is joining the project as a corporate sponsor at the \$10,000 level, said Farrell, art director at Erie's fishtank creative.

"We are thrilled by the generosity of PNC, Hilliard Lyons, and National City," Farrell said. "Their leadership role in being the first to commit support of GoFish! exemplifies their continued community spirit. Their contributions will help bring public art to the Erie community, and their initiative will undoubtedly create momentum for the project and prompt others to join in this public extravaganza."

Joining the Fish Commish for the announcement were Mark Dombrowski, vice president and manager of corporate communications for PNC Financial Services, and Jim Gehrlein, vice president for small business lending at National

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City.

“The PNC Financial Services Group recognizes that GoFish! is a tremendous opportunity to promote Erie and the diverse resources that are a part of our community,” Dombrowski said.

“We have an extremely talented and creative art community that is working together to both demonstrate their creativity and create a special fund for the benefit of generations to come,” he said, referring to the Gannon University Scholarship Fund and the Erie Public Art Endowed Fund, which will be the beneficiaries of GoFish! proceeds.

“We are pleased and proud to be able to take the first step toward what we know will be a large group of community-spirited corporate sponsors that will support GoFish!,” Dombrowski said.

Gehrlein said the success of similar projects in other communities exemplifies the potential for GoFish! in Erie.

“We see this as a significant opportunity as a tourist attraction to bring people together in our community,” Gehrlein said. “It will promote not only arts and culture, but also the businesses in the area who are sponsors.

“This is a great community event, and we want to be part of it,” Gehrlein said. “Because Gannon is one of our premier educational providers in the community, we take pride in being partners with the university in this event. This is one way for National City to give back to our community.”

GoFish! is modeled after Chicago’s successful 1999 Cows on Parade. Bringing the concept to Erie was the idea of Susan Black-Keim, Gannon’s vice president for university advancement, who has formed a 13-member volunteer committee – dubbed the Fish Commish – to carry out the project. The Fish Commish is co-chaired by Farrell and Mary Alice Doolin, a supporter of Gannon.

Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Jan. 2 for **Robert Spinks**, father of **Laura Spinks**, Gannon student and second shift switchboard operator, Campus Safety. **Mr. Spinks** learned recently of a recurrence of cancer and must undergo treatment.

✠ Prayers were requested Jan. 4 for **Dr. Thomas Szendrey**, professor, History. As you may recall, **Dr. Szendrey** suffered a stroke last May and had been in a nursing home since that time. He returned home just before Christmas and is starting therapy. Cards can be sent to him at 655 W. Eighth St., Erie, Pa., 16502-1208.

✠ Prayers were requested Jan. 4 for **Kathy McCarthy**, sister of **Sr. Anne McCarthy, OSB**, director, Center for Social Concerns. **Kathy** was scheduled to undergo surgery Jan. 8 to remove a small lung tumor.

Please remember all in your prayers.

Welcome to GU

☼ **David Cullen**, part-time security guard, Campus Police and Safety.
☼ **Mary Harsh**, outreach science teacher, Environmental Science Department.
☼ **Edward Hawley**, custodial worker, Physical Plant. ☼ **Darlene Hess**, distribution clerk, Mailroom. ☼ **Ross Jones**, custodial worker, Physical Plant. ☼ **Lynda Moore**, part-time mail clerk, Mailroom. ☼ **Catherine Tenney**, programmer, Administrative Computing, Information Technology Services. ☼ **Maria Candelaria Vega**, secretary, College of Science, Engineering and Health Sciences.

Happy Birthday to...

☺ Jan. 3... **Lesley Hite**. ☺ Jan. 5... **Mary Carol Gensheimer, Shirley Gustafson, Ann Neckers**. ☺ Jan. 6... **Gregory Duffin**. ☺ Jan. 7... **Paul Griesacker, Robin Duke, Heather Cook**. ☺ Jan. 8... **Susan Perry**. ☺ Jan. 9... **Patricia Benekos**. ☺ Jan. 10... **James Kelvington**. ☺ Jan. 11... **Weslene Tallmadge, Rand Garrity, William Haggerty, Feng Yi Kuo**. ☺ Jan. 12... **Jerome Slocum, Jennifer McLaughlin, Erica Kathryn, John Coffman, Gina Hagg**. ☺ Jan. 13... **John Owens**. ☺ Jan. 14... **Daniel Conley**.

New Student Services jobs

The Office of New Student Services asks faculty and staff to encourage students to apply for positions as Summer 2001 Orientation Advisers. Applications are available in the New Student Services Office and should be returned by Friday, Feb. 2.