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## Our Events



## Our Big News

### Saturday, Sept. 22

- **“Counseling and Spirituality: Theories, Skills and Applications.”**

Gannon Psychology Department’s Fourth Annual Conference on Counseling and Spirituality. 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Waldron Campus Center. Keynote speaker, Fr. George Freemesser, M.D., on “The Power of Paradox.” Call Dr. Donna Ziegler, ext. 7521, for registration and cost information.

- **Middle States Committee Tailgate Party.**

Alcohol-free event, 11:30 a.m., Carneval Athletic Pavilion lawn. Picnic lunch, \$2. Wear your PROMISE t-shirt for free soft drinks. Then attend the football game against St. Joe’s at 1 p.m.

- **Celebrity Auction & Murder Mystery Evening.**

Nash Library benefit featuring hundreds of autographed items from celebrities, authors and sports figures. Plus the zany murder mystery “Ladies ‘Naught’ Out,” written by Deb West of the library and starring Gannon faculty and staff. Live, silent, and Chinese auctions. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Refreshments. Tickets \$10. Call ext. 7666 to reserve tickets.

### Wednesday, Sept. 26

- **Blood Drive.**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Yehl Alumni Room. Sponsored by PATCHES and Student Health Services.

## GU named among 15 Best Values

*College guide cites graduation, retention rates*

Gannon has been named one of the top 15 best values in its category by *U.S. News and World Report’s* annual college guide, *America’s Best Colleges*.

In the magazine’s “Great Schools at Great Prices” list of “Best Values,” the university is tied for 11<sup>th</sup> place in its category among 167 schools in the North sector of the United States and for the fifth consecutive year is ranked overall in the second tier of that category.

Additionally, Gannon tied, also at 11<sup>th</sup> place, among schools with the highest graduation rates. Gannon’s graduation rate was 72 percent in 2000, the year on which the guide’s rankings are based.

The list is published in the 2002 edition of the college guide released this month.

“We are very pleased that Gannon University has been recognized for providing a high quality education at a great price and for having a high graduation rate,” said Gannon President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D. “As a Catholic university with a 76-year history of being values-centered and student focused, Gannon has a long and distinguished record of exposing its students to the best academic curricula and preparing them for leadership roles in their professions and society. This excellent educational experience continues to be provided at an affordable price to large numbers of Gannon students, 80 percent of whom receive some form of financial aid.”

As Gannon’s new president, Garibaldi said one of his top goals is to raise more external dollars so that more undergraduate and graduate students can receive scholarships, grants and loans to finance their private college education.

“Gannon has a solid academic reputation, and many of our 27,000 alumni continually tell us that the faculty and staff who taught and influenced them are the reason for their personal and professional success,” Garibaldi said. “Our current recognition shows that the Gannon tradition of small classes with extensive faculty and staff contact continues to be effective, and I hope to build upon that reputa-

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## Our Sympathies

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### Sympathy extended

Please remember all in your prayers as we regretfully announce the death of:

† **Harold E. Eisert Sr.**, father of **Deacon Marty Eisert**, adjunct lecturer, Theology.



## Our Folks

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### Prayers requested

† Prayers were requested Sept. 17 for **Peggy Devine**, sister of **Patti Howard**, word processing specialist, Gannon Press, as she continues treatment for cancer.

† Prayers were requested Sept. 17 for **Bob Potalivo**, coordinator, Risk Management Program, who is hospitalized.

† Prayers were requested Sept. 17 for **Morgan Mai Tyson**, four-month-old granddaughter of **Dave Fabian**, special assistant to the president and director of Public Affairs and Marketing, as she undergoes medical tests.

† Prayers were requested Sept. 17 for **Carolyn VanHorne**, mother of **Cathy McHale**, assistant to the vice president of University Advancement, as she has surgery.

### Birthday wishes to...

☺Sept. 17... **Louanne Barton, Mickey Maholtz.**  
☺Sept. 18... **Donna Skelly, James McPherson.**  
☺Sept. 20... **David Tompkins.** ☺Sept. 21... **Diane Dill.** ☺Sept. 22... **Mary Beth Belczyk.** ☺Sept. 23... **Berwyn Moore, James Perrotti, Nicholas Konzel, Lynn Colantoni.** ☺Sept. 24... **Gregory Mello, Edward Rogers, Catherine Gillespie, David Blaetz, Michelle Costello, Katherine Chitester.** ☺Sept. 25... **John Publicover.** ☺Sept. 26, **Antoine Garibaldi.** ☺Sept. 27... **Elisa Konieczko.** ☺Sept. 28... **Patrick Headley.**  
☺Sept. 29... **John Onorato, Thomas Johnston, Ronald Rugare, Meghan McFee.** ☺Sept. 30... **Thomas Hudson.**



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tion by making Gannon a world-class university and one of the top Catholic universities in the country.”

With respect to the retention rate, the college guide’s statistics on Gannon show that the university boasts a freshman retention rate of 81 percent, compared with the national average of 72 percent for public and 75 percent for private institutions. Additionally, 35 percent of the 2000-01 Gannon freshmen class graduated in the top 25 percent of their high school classes.

The university also offers small class sizes, with 55 percent of its classes having fewer than 20 students, and no classes having more than 50 students. The university maintains a student to faculty ratio of 13 to 1.

Gannon is classified in the magazine’s Master’s (Comprehensive) Colleges and Universities I regional category, the top of two master’s categories. According to publishers, institutions in this group offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education through the master’s degree. They award 40 or more master’s degrees annually across three or more disciplines.

Gannon offers 17 master’s degrees in the fields of business, education, humanities, health sciences, and science and engineering. For the academic year 2000-01, Gannon awarded 286 master’s degrees and 503 bachelor’s degrees.

In the *U.S. News* classification system, schools are further segmented by region, and Gannon is located in the North sector. Gannon is one of 167 schools classified as a Master’s I school in the North region in the guide’s 2002 edition.



## Our Notes

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### GoFish! for sale

Wanna buy a fish? Come to the GoFish! Fish Market Oct. 12 and place your bid on one of 25 GoFish! sculptures. Artists will be on hand to answer questions about each fish. Set for the Yehl Room, the event is black-tie optional, and cost is \$50 per angler. An hors d’oeuvres reception begins at 6 p.m., with the auction starting at 7:30 p.m. To receive an invitation, call **Cindy Stadler** in Development at ext. 7608.

Want a beautiful, quality keepsake of GoFish!? Place your order now to reserve a copy of *GoFish! The Offishial Tale*, a coffee table book being published by the Fish Commish. Full of beautiful color photos, stories behind the fish, and more, the book will be available in mid-October. Reserve your copies by calling **Cathy McHale** in University Advancement at ext. 7468. Cost is \$34.95. Supplies are limited.

Still fishing the streets of Erie? Free copies of the latest fish maps are available at the Information Desk of Waldron Campus Center. The maps are included in an updated version of the GoFish! tabloid printed in the *Erie Times*.