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Our Events

Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 19-21

● Feeling Stressed Out?

Stop by the BACCHUS table in the Waldron Center on Monday, Nov. 19, for a complimentary stress ball made by BACCHUS members. You can also register for a drawing for one of three massages being given away by PROMISE.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

● Gathering in Praise.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with the Gannon community. Waldron Center first floor piano lounge, 11 a.m. Home made pie sold for \$1 a slice; money will be used for Social Work Christmas Party. Pie slicers needed; contact MC Gensheimer at ext. 7495 or Ginny Caldwell at ext. 7560.

● China Study Tour.

The deadline for submission of China Study Tour grant applications has been extended until Tuesday, Nov. 20. Deposits are also due on Tuesday. For information call Dr. Gary Mahan at 7588.

Nov. 29-30; Dec. 1-2 & 6-8

● Gannon University Schuster Theatre.

"The Other Shore," by Gao Xingjian. Fast and furious comedy directed by Ed Helenski, starring Gannon students. Curtain 8 p.m. except for Dec. 2 matinee at 3 p.m. Free to students and staff.



Our Big News

Mayor-elect Filippi returns to alma mater

Erie Mayor-elect and Gannon graduate Rick Filippi last week was on campus to address the Gannon Business Ambassadors.

Filippi, who overwhelmingly was elected mayor on November 6, spoke to the Ambassadors during their breakfast meeting. He discussed a number of his goals for the city.

"My vision, and the one which you have embraced, of Erie in the 21st century is that of a vibrant, exciting region with a modern economy, high-paying jobs, and a quality of life which builds upon and far surpasses what we experienced growing up here," said Filippi, who will be inaugurated on January 7, 2002.

"We need to take the best of our past and along with bold new ideas solve the challenges of today and create a new tomorrow, one which allows us to compete on a statewide, national, and even international basis. As mayor I will bring the energy, drive, perseverance, and commitment to not only articulate this vision of 21st century Erie, but to also remake the government of the City of Erie."

In terms of specific goals for his administration, Filippi told the Ambassadors that city government must be a "user-friendly" provider of municipal services. "This will require ... opening the lines of communication between citizens and public officials, including myself but not limited to just the mayor," he said.

Filippi said his top priority is economic development. He pledged to develop a comprehensive marketing program to "sell" the city to outside businesses for investment and relocation. "The city must become a more investor-oriented climate if we are to realize the promise of our resource base," he said. "We need to do a better job of partnering with the private sector."

Filippi also discussed goals related to growing the population within the city of Erie as well as constructing a new public safety building. "A new building is a priority, as is upgrading the technology available to our police and fire depart-

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Sympathy extended

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

✠ **James C. Levinson**, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1978-91.

✠ **Mathias Young**, father of **John Young**, chair and professor, English Department.

✠ **Vincent DiJoseph**, father-in-law of **Linda DiJoseph**, program director of occupational therapy.

✠ **Margaret Arp**, mother-in-law of **Virginia Arp**, director of academic computing and end-user technology.

✠ The **grandmother** of Gannon student **Dave Minet**.

Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested Nov. 14 for **Anna DiJoseph**, mother-in-law of **Linda DiJoseph**, program director of occupational therapy. Anna is ill in the hospital.

✠ Continued prayers were requested Nov. 14 for **Kristy Spinks**, sister of **Laura Spinks**, night switchboard operator in the Police and Safety office. **Kristy** has begun radiation treatment for brain cancer.

Light the candles...

☺ Nov. 19... **Geraldine Miller, Laurie Jo Curlett.** ☺ Nov. 20... **Alan Swigonski, Shawn Walsh.** ☺ Nov. 21... **Andrew Martin, Carmen Toscano, Grace Fisher.** ☺ Nov. 23... **Donald Roth, Sharon Thompson, Susan Black-Keim.** ☺ Nov. 24... **Marilyn Konieczny, Parris Baker, Sr. Mary Claire Kennedy.** ☺ Nov. 25... **Valerie Bacik, Cheryl Maruso, Linda Kish.** ☺ Nov. 26... **Cynthia Fiske, Judith Quinlan, Sandra Trocki.** ☺ Nov. 28... **Patrick O'Connell, Rick Prokop.** ☺ Nov. 30... **Daniel Morales.** ☺ Dec. 2... **Kathleen Gausman, Connie Lehner, Marion Gallivan.**

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ments. Protecting our citizens is a full-time job, not a part-time job for the mayor," he said, adding that he hopes to reinstate the position of Director of Public Safety.

He concluded, "There must be a fundamental change in the way we think about ourselves as a community and the way in which we operate as a community in the 21st century. We know that new ways of thinking are critical to our future. We must develop today the consensus, teamwork and partnerships that will enable us to meet the challenges, seize the opportunities, and move forward into a prosperous tomorrow."

Toward that end, Filippi said he was looking forward to establishing possible partnerships with Gannon. He graduated from Gannon in 1989 with a B.S. in Biology and in 1992 earned a Juris Doctorate from the Duquesne University School of Law.

Filippi has served on Erie City Council since 1998 and is a partner with the Erie law firm of Patberg, Carmody, Ging, and Filippi.

The Gannon Business Ambassadors program is comprised of local business leaders who periodically gather for presentations on regional and national business matters. The members receive hands-on learning experience through the university's academic programming and activities.

Members include Erie Insurance Group, Building Systems Inc., PNC Bank, National City Bank, Eriez Magnetics, and PHB Industries.

Honors students attend conference

Seven students from the Gannon Honors Program attended the 36th annual Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council in Chicago from Oct. 31-Nov. 4. The conference theme was "Fields of Discovery." Rev. Robert Susa, Director, and seven students—Jeanette Penquite, Sarah Bilski, Jaime Flick, Lidia Malyszko, Sarah Sunseri, April Doratio, and Christine LeBlanc—participated.

Father Susa gave a presentation titled "Honors Programs in Faith-Based Institutions." Penquite and Bilski presented a workshop titled "Student-Run Honors Program: As Good as Its Leaders." Penquite also participated in a workshop titled, "Honors Students' Perspectives on Teaching and Learning in Honors: A 'Fishbowl Format.'"

Many thanks

Carol Dundon would like to thank the Gannon Community for their prayers and kind words for her husband **Bob**, who recently underwent surgery and is home recuperating. The surgery and pathology reports rendered good news. **Carol** also extends a special debt of gratitude to **Father Nicholas Rouch**, vice president for mission, for his kindness.