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Our Events

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.

Saturday, Dec. 1

● **Gannon Christmas Dinner and Dance**

Rainbow Gardens, 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. Call Kathi Lieb at ext. 5633 by Wednesday, Nov. 28 for tickets.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

● **Distinguished Speaker Series.**

“Live Life at Performance Level.” Curtis Zimmerman will discuss ways to become better aware of your habits and how to modify your behavior to realize your ultimate potential. 7:30 p.m., Zurn 104.

Friday, Dec. 7

● **Prayer Vigil.**

A weekly vigil, “Pray for Peace: No More Victims,” will be held on Fridays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. at State Street and the Bayfront Parkway.

Saturday, Dec. 8

● **Social Work Club Christmas Dinner.**

Gannon’s Social Work Club will sponsor its 24th annual Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and Needy. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hammermill Center.



Our Big News

Kaisers’ work shown at Schuster Art Gallery

A special exhibition, “Father and Son,” featuring the work of Vitus J. and Michael J. Kaiser, runs through December 14 in the Schuster Art Gallery at Gannon University.

V.J. Kaiser, a landscape painter and Erie native, is well known and revered for his distinct look at Presque Isle as well as the Erie region. This exhibition represents his eighth showing at Gannon. V.J. has developed a real passion for painting with Michael, his son, and talks about the experience they share as “uplifting and exciting.”

Michael echoes his father’s sentiments. “This companionship provides me with an opportunity to vocalize my love for what I see and be connected with a kindred spirit,” he said.

V.J. received his training at the North Carolina State College, Erie Veteran’s School, and the University of Pittsburgh. He has won several awards for his work and is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Watercolor Painters.

Michael J. Kaiser, an Ohio resident, sees his work as “environmental communiques” and loves to work in watercolor as well as acrylic. His work has been showcased in numerous local and regional galleries. He received a BFA from Columbus College of Art and Design. He is the past president of the Central Ohio Watercolor Society.

The Schuster Art Gallery is located on the third floor of Gannon’s Nash Library. The Gallery is free and open to the public.

Regular hours are: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-midnight; Friday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sunday 12:30 p.m.-midnight.



Our Sympathies

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.

Prayers requested

† Prayers were requested Nov. 16 for **Bev Thompson**, supervisor in Doc's Landing. **Bev** was awaiting test results.

Light the candles...

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Remember a food item

Non-perishable food items and cash donations will be collected at the door at the Gannon Christmas Dinner and Dance, December 1 at Rainbow Gardens. Any food items and money collected will be distributed to local social service agencies.

Special recognition for Campus Center

The Waldron Center's masonry work received "Special Recognition" honors in the 2001 Western Pennsylvania Golden Trowel Awards, coordinated by the International Masonry Institute. Gannon's award came in a category for higher education institutions.

The \$7.7 million Campus Center was dedicated in 1999.



Our Notes

Brendley earns \$20,000 grant

Bryan Brendley, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, has earned a four-year grant totaling \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year) to aid in research toward finding ways to clean the environment using plants. The funds were contributed by anonymous donors.

These funds are in addition to two Pennsylvania Sea Grants totaling \$20,000 that Brendley is sharing with the Philadelphia University Department of Chemistry to work on this research project. The Sea Grant awarded \$10,000 to the two universities in 2000-01 and has renewed the funds for 2001-02 due to the success of the project.

Brendley and colleagues at Philadelphia University are working to determine if plants will utilize certain pollutants.

In his research, Brendley is growing ferns in dishes tainted with a pollutant known as MTBE, a gasoline additive, to see if the ferns will take up the pollutant. He found that the ferns were, in fact, taking up the pollutant and using it as an energy source and the more pollutant the plant received, the more it grew. That finding is what prompted the Sea Grant program to renew its funding for 2001-02.

Brendley's role in the research includes testing plant growth and examining the plants proteins, while Philadelphia University researchers' role includes computer molecular modeling.

Food drive sets record for collections

Gannon's 25th annual Golden Harvest Food Drive, held November 17, proved to be the most successful ever, according to organizers.

The student, faculty, and staff volunteers collected 14,977 pounds of non-perishable food items, easily surpassing the former record and considerably ahead of the 11,000 pounds collected last year. In addition, the volunteers collected \$330 in donations. The money and food goes to Erie's Second Harvest Food Bank.

About 300 students and 38 faculty and staff volunteered. Teams canvassed neighborhoods in Erie, Millcreek, and Wesleyville.

Pie-for-all brings in \$454

Last week, \$454 was raised from the sale of pie in the Waldron Center. The money will be used for the Gannon Social Work Club's Christmas Dinner for the homeless and needy on December 8.

More than 70 pies were donated, according to organizers, who extend their gratitude to all who brought in a pie or otherwise helped make the event a success.