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Our Events



Our Big News

Friday, November 1

●Gannon University's Erie Chamber Orchestra.

Conducted and directed by Bruce Morton Wright. Soloist: Presque Isle Choral; director, Brenda Dolwick. Offered at 7:30 p.m. in the Central High School auditorium, 3325 Cherry Street.

Sunday, November 3

●Annual Fall Open House.

Optional mass at 11 a.m. in the Chapel. Registration 11:30 a.m. to noon in Waldron. Welcome from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m., followed by presentations on admissions and financial aid, and opportunities to meet with faculty and coaches and tour campus.

Friday-Saturday, November 8-9

●Gannon University Model United Nations.

Some 500 high schoolers will be on campus for the 50th Anniversary of the program.

Sunday, November 10

●Fall Fest at GU.

Students and staff will welcome nearby residents of the campus for games and refreshments. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Waldron.

Saturday, November 16

●Free financial aid workshop.

10 a.m. in 1200 Palumbo. Presented by Jim Treiber, Gannon's Director of Financial Aid.

OT students recognized for backpack study

Is your child carrying around too much weight in their backpack? That's the question that about 30 Gannon University occupational therapy students are attempting to answer.

On Oct. 23, the students conducted a study at three local schools: Tracy Elementary School, 2624 West Sixth; Perry Elementary School, 955 West 29th; and Wilson Middle School, 718 East 28th.

According to guidelines from the American Occupational Therapy Association, children should not carry more than 15 percent of their body weight in their backpacks. However, AOTA estimates the average student carries about 25 percent of their body weight in books and other items. And, three of every 10 students carry up to 33 percent of their body weight at least once a week.

Many students also do not carry their backpacks in the proper manner. The heaviest books should be placed closest to the back, and both shoulder straps should be worn. In addition, the waist belt should be used, if the backpack comes equipped with one.

Gannon student Nichole Popich is leading the study. "A lot of children carry too much weight because they don't have lockers and they have to carry all of their books with them," she said.

Carrying around excessive amounts of weight can have adverse effects such as chronic back pain and poor posture.

The Gannon students weighed 100-200 students — in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades — at each of the three schools. The children's backpacks also were weighed separately to determine what percentage of body weight the students are carrying.

The Gannon students will report their findings to administrators at each of the schools.

Today's edition of the *Erie Times-News* has a related article by David Bruce on the students' efforts. See page 1C.



Our Folks

Sympathy extended

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

✠ **Mary Ann Bragg Smith**, mother of **Susan Grippe**, Secretary, English Department. Susan wishes to thank the Gannon Community for their very comforting prayers and kind expressions of sympathy.

✠ The **grandfather** of student **Megan Brayley**.

Prayer request/update

✠ Prayers were requested Oct. 23 for **Owen Kirby**, grandson of **Susan Black-Keim**, Vice President of University Advancement. **Owen** was to undergo surgery on Oct. 24.

✠ Prayers were requested Oct. 28 for **Jared Beck**, nephew of **Colleen Cipriani**, Chaplain's Office Coordinator, and cousin of senior **Tony Cipriani**. **Jared** was in serious condition at Hamot following a weekend traffic accident.

Current Birthdays...

☺ **Lori Jasinski**. ☺ **Bryan Morse**. ☺ **Greg Fahy**.
☺ **Mahesh Aggarwal**. ☺ **Scott Harrington**.
☺ **Donald McAleer**. ☺ **Tim Natale**. ☺ **Richard Bedoya**. ☺ **Patricia Rogers**. ☺ **Jill Newcomer**.
☺ **Kenneth Hanas**. ☺ **Richard Jepson**. ☺ **Monica Lewis**. ☺ **Cynthia Williams**. ☺ **Darlene Hess**.
☺ **Francis Grandinetti**. ☺ **Valerie Baker**.
☺ **Harry Rudge**. ☺ **John Carrig**. ☺ **Barbara Niebauer**. ☺ **Debra Thompson**. ☺ **Suzanne Sturdivant**. ☺ **Donna Ziegler**. ☺ **Tina Curtis**.
☺ **Patricia Welser**.

Halloween event

The Minority Cultures United Office will sponsor an alternative trick or treating event on Oct. 31. The Gannon Community is invited to bring their children for treats and coloring, games, and other activities. Offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Club LaRiccia.



Our Big News

Annual Fall Open House November 3

Faculty and staff who know a high school student considering college should encourage them to attend the annual Fall Open House on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Students and their families can register from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Waldron Center. President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., and members of Admissions will welcome the students and their families from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., attendees can hear presentations on admissions and financial aid, tour the campus at their leisure, meet with faculty, administrators and athletic coaches, or take trolley tours of the Erie area. An optional Mass is being offered at 11 a.m. in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Scholarly faculty to be recognized Nov. 14

On Nov. 14 at 3:30 p.m., Provost Donna Dalton, Dean Timothy Downs, Dean Hamid Torab, and President Garibaldi will recognize the scholarly accomplishments of Gannon faculty in the Yehl Room. After learning of the numerous scholarly contributions of the Gannon faculty over the last two years, Dr. Garibaldi requested individual publications and scholarly contributions of faculty at the end of the last semester.

The faculty's extraordinary list of books, articles, presentations, and other scholarly exhibits has been compiled in a publication that will be distributed at the Nov. 14. Faculty Scholarship Reception. At that time, those faculty who have produced publications and scholarly exhibits will be honored for their commitment to scholarship and research.

Cooke Foundation scholarship information

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has announced its second annual Undergraduate Scholarship Program competition. The foundation will award up to 30 student scholarships in the spring of 2003 to be used beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year.

The award amounts will vary up to a maximum of \$30,000 annually for tuition, room and board, and fees for the remainder of the scholar's undergraduate degree. The awards are based on a combination of merit (academic ability, will to succeed, leadership, volunteerism, critical thinking, and appreciation for the arts and humanities) as well as financial need.

To be eligible for a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship, a nominee must: be enrolled at an accredited four-year college or university located in the United States, be a junior in the Fall 2003 semester; and have a high level of achievement as demonstrated by superior grades (cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale).

Current students are invited to apply, and faculty members and department chairs are encouraged to nominate students. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Robert Susa (ext. 5628) in Palumbo Center 3000E on or before Wednesday, November 13.