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Our Events

Monday, March 13

- **Knight with Scholars.**

Admissions Office hosts 4th annual event for prospective students to spend a night on the GU campus. Some 150 students attending March 12-13.

- **Women's History Month: Poetry Readings.**

Noon to 1 p.m., Waldron Campus Center.

- **Women's History Month: Dinner Presentation.**

"An Extraordinary Century for Women; Now Imagine the Future." 6:30 p.m., Villa Maria Conference Center. Buffet dinner and program by Erie Playhouse. Cost \$17.50. RSVP to Colleen Cipriani, ext. 5459.

Wednesday, March 15

- **Arts in the Atrium.**

Noon, WCC. Featuring Forsythe Special.

- **Blood Drive.**

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., WCC.

- **Financial Aid Workshop.**

6:30 p.m., Palumbo 1200.

Thursday, March 16

- **Open Community Meeting.**

11 a.m., Yehl Alumni Room, WCC.

March 16-18

- **Schuster Theatre Production.**

"Krapp's Last Tape" and "The Lesson." Two one-act plays by Samuel Beckett and Eugene Ionesco. 8 p.m. Free to Gannon Community. Call the Box Office at ext. 7494.

Friday, March 17

- **Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.**

See details at right.

Our Big News

2-4-6-8, Who do we appreciate? All of GU on March 17

It's your day! Come to Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day March 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Yehl Alumni Room, Waldron Campus Center.

Join your colleagues and enjoy a lunch of pizza, salad, popcorn, dessert and soda. Last year's successful Theme Basket Raffle will be held once again to benefit the Student Medical Emergency Fund.

Then learn to swing from members of the City Style Lindy Hoppers Dance Troupe! They will give a demonstration and offer dance lessons to prepare us all for the April 8 extravaganza featuring the Dr. Zoot Swing Band and the City Style Lindy Hoppers, which is part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Want \$ome hard ca\$h from Micro\$oft?

Students interested in applying for the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program funded by Microsoft head Bill Gates can do so by contacting Gannon.

The university has the scholarship applications available for anyone, said Dick Sukitsch, director of Institutional Research and associate provost. Applications must be postmarked by March 15.

The Gates Millennium Scholars initiative is funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the United Negro College Fund and partners, according to the application materials. The program will award scholarships to some 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

To apply, students must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American or Hispanic American and be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Students must have attained a grade point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, and must have applied to, been accepted into, or be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university for the 2000-01 academic year at the time of the award.

Additionally, applicants must demonstrate significant financial need and must have demonstrated leadership ability through community service, or extracurricular or other activities.

For more information, contact Sukitsch at ext. 7412.

Our Sympathies

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the death of: †**Betty Boyle**, mother of **Debbie Ruppersberg**, custodial worker, Waldron Campus Center. **Mrs. Boyle** died March 2. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Our Notes

Moving around

Please make note of the following office relocations: ♦**Student Government Association**, Power Room, Old Main Annex. ♦**Activities Programming Board**, Power Room, Old Main Annex. ♦**Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council**, Waldron Campus Center.

Art for our sake

Students and faculty can show their stuff April 10 through May 5 in the Schuster Gallery's Annual Faculty/Student Show, and artists currently are being sought.

Anyone interested in participating should call **Jill Chelko** in the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Development at ext. 7657. Each artist is limited to three pieces.

Anyone with questions on the exhibit should call **Lisa Campbell**, director of SOLD, at ext. 7332.

In addition, the Schuster Art Gallery currently is accepting applications for the 2000-01 academic year. Interested artists should call **Jill Chelko** at ext. 7657 for the Guidelines for Consideration and Application Form. Jurying will take place in April to fill next season's schedule.

Our Folks

Prayers requested

†Prayers were requested March 6 for **Eileen Riggan**, grandmother of Gannon senior **Bernadette Stankiewicz**. **Mrs. Riggan** was involved in a serious car accident and was a patient in a Pittsburgh hospital.

†Prayers were requested March 10 for **Linda**, sister of **Lisa Campbell**, director of Student Organizations and Leadership Development. **Linda** will undergo surgery March 14.

Ropski is environmental adviser

Dr. Steve Ropski, professor of biology, is the newest member of the state Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

Ropski attended his first meeting of the council in January.

The council serves as an advisory body to the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It is charged with reviewing conservation and natural resource laws, advising the department on its operations and programs, and to make recommendations to federal agencies and the state Legislature. It also undertakes comprehensive reviews of natural resource and conservation issues.

The advisory council was established by the legislature as part of the law that created the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and it mirrors the function of the Citizen's Advisory Council to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Board member offers wise advice

James A. Schaffner, a member of Gannon's Board of Trustees, had an article published in the March 2000 edition of *Business Report*, the magazine of the Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania. The article was titled "What Should You Expect from Your Certified Public Accountant."

Schaffner, a CPA and a certified valuation analyst, is the managing principal of Schaffner, Knight, Minnaugh & Company, Erie.

He has extensive experience in business and income tax consulting, business valuation and forensic accounting and taxation. He has given expert testimony in various matters, including criminal income tax issues, shareholder disputes and divorce proceedings.

Another year to celebrate...

☺March 14... **Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Marjorie Krebs, John DeAngelo, Wook-Sung Yoo.** ☺March 15... **Douglas Brougham, Susan Grippe, Thomas Loser.** ☺March 16... **Renee DeGeorge, David Johnson.** ☺March 17... **Michael Messina.** ☺March 18... **Lori Grossholz, Arthur Weindorf, Rose Marie Digello.** ☺March 20... **David Smith, Richard Hammar, Deborah West, Robert Litz.** ☺March 21... **Susan Sapone, Lynn Ross.** ☺March 23... **Christine Elliott.** ☺March 24... **Alexander Wojtalik, Robert Sparks.** ☺March 25... **Paul Yoculan, Thomas Szendrey, Christopher Lagrow, Joe Krieder, Ru-Chi Yang.** ☺March 26... **Mary Todd, Marilyn Rositer, Emily Gunter, Susan Heintz.**