

 **Our Events**

Tuesday, March 21

- **Women's History Month: Gathering in Praise - Celebrating Women.**
Ecumenical Prayer Service, 11 a.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

Wednesday, March 22

- **Soup and Social Issues.**
Speaker John Doughty, who spent two weeks in Iraq with the group Voices in the Wilderness and will speak on U.N. sanctions against Iraq. Noon to 1 p.m., Palumbo third floor atrium.
- **Women's History Month: Dressing the Part - Appearance and Behavior in Women's History.**
Dr. Nina Wells explores the historical forces that have influenced attitudes about beauty, fashion, body image. 4:30 p.m., Zurn 101.

Thursday, March 23

- **Women's History Month: Exploring Career Options with GU/Villa Alumnae.**
Dessert reception for Gannon students. 7 to 9 p.m., Yehl Room, Waldron Center.

March 23-25

- **Women's History Month: "Cause It's the Way We Feel."**
Play on domestic violence written and directed by Parris Baker, Social Work. Performed by Gannon students. Mature audiences only due to strong language and subject matter. \$2 students, \$5 public. 8 to 9:30 p.m., Schuster Theatre.

March 24-26

- **First Annual Little Siblings' Weekend.**
Sponsored by APB and Student Living.

 **Our Big News**

Women's History Month events focus on dress, domestic violence

Gannon University continues its Women's History Month celebration this week with a lecture on appearance and behavior in women's history March 22, and an original play, written by faculty member Parris J. Baker, instructor in the Social Work Program, March 23-25.

"Dressing the Part: Appearance and Behavior in Women's History" will be presented at 4:30 p.m. March 22 in Zurn 101 by Dr. Nina de Angeli Walls.

Whether dressing in Victorian bustles or factory overalls, American women have expressed prescribed gender roles, ethnic differences, and practical job reality of daily life, whether at home or at work. In this slide-illustrated presentation, Walls will survey themes in American women's history over two centuries -- from the end of the 18th century through modern day -- involving changing fashions, life and work.

The presentation will explore the larger historical forces that have influenced our attitudes and ideas about beauty, fashion and body image.

The lecture is sponsored by Gannon's Women's Leadership, the American Association of University Women, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council Commonwealth Speaker Program. It is free and open to the public.

Women's History Month continues March 23-25 with "'Cause It's the Way We Feel," a play that addresses the themes and issues of domestic violence against women. To express this theme, the setting of the play specifically focuses on the trials and tribulations of African-American women.

The play uses black colloquiums and culturally specific situations to highlight the issues of violence, power and oppression perpetuated by men against women. The idioms used in the production to illustrate some of the themes are modern jazz, dance, poetry, and a cappella singing of gospel and blues.

The play is for mature audiences due to strong language and subject matter. The play is being presented by Gannon's Minority Student Union.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. March 23-25 in Gannon's Schuster Theatre at Scottino Hall. Cost is \$2 with college ID and \$5 for the general public.

Our Sympathies

Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of: †**Jeanne Costa**, grandmother of Gannon student and seminarian **Matt Costa**. **Mrs. Costa** died March 11. †**John J. Gapinski**, father-in-law of **Larry Maxted**, head of collection, Nash Library. **Mr. Gapinski** died March 14. †**Father of Dr. Mehmet Cultu**, professor, Electrical Engineering. His **father** died March 15. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Prayers requested

†Prayers were requested March 10 for **Tony Ryan**, father of **Karen Ryan**, PSLD Program. **Mr. Ryan** was scheduled to undergo surgery for colon cancer March 13 in Florida.

†Prayers were requested March 14 for a **4-year-old girl** who recently underwent heart surgery and is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

†Prayers were requested March 14 for **Gary Peeples**, brother of **Dr. Charlotte King**, Foreign Language Department. **Mr. Peeples** recently suffered a stroke and faces surgery on carotid arteries in a few weeks. His wife, **Yvonne**, died in February.

Our Folks

Have a Happy Birthday!

☺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.** ☺March 27... **Dolores Corsi.**
☺March 29... **Donald Gunter, Stephen Schillo, Rev. Paschal Kabura.** ☺March 30... **Edward Grode, Ginny Caldwell, Robert Nelsen, Jodi Kest, Mary Moodey.**
☺March 31... **Capt. Hugh McGloin.**

Our Notes

Learn to teach English as Second Language

Gannon and the Northwest Pennsylvania Writing Project will hold a course for teachers beginning March 25 on how to instruct English as a second language.

The course, English as a Second Language Teaching Methodology, is a three-credit course for undergraduate or graduate students. It is appropriate for teachers at all levels from kindergarten teachers through college professors, and those who teach "across the curriculum" courses.

The course will provide a practical overview and application of the various methods and materials available for teaching English as a second language for students from preschool to adult. The course will cover various theories and research in second language acquisition and practice the various methods and approaches to teaching English as a second language.

The course will be held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 25, April 8 and 22, and May 13 and 20. Full or partial tuition reduction is available. For more information or to register, contact Sally LeVan, Ph.D., associate professor of English and director of the Northwest Pennsylvania Writing Project, ext. 7506.

Making history at Gannon

The Department of Political, Historical and Legal Studies is sponsoring a variety of programs in the spring 2000 semester.

The first was History Day hosted Saturday, March 18. The day is the culmination of a contest in which students from high schools in the tri-state area compete in the development of historical research projects. The top 10 papers were presented at the conference for judging by a panel of judges from Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society.

On March 25, the department will host the Fullbright Conference. Participants from Gannon and the region will present summaries of their experiences as Fullbright scholars. Representatives from Washington are expected to attend to present information on the Fullbright programs.

Then on April 15, the Western Regional chapter of Phi Alpha Theta will hold a conference on the Gannon campus.

Spring forth for Springtopia

Springtopia will take place April 25-28, and the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Development looking for vendors and groups to sponsor booths for this annual celebration of spring. Forms are available at the Information Desk of the Waldron Campus Center. The booths will be up April 26 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in A.J.'s Way. Anyone with questions can call **Beth Shick** at ext. 7659.

Learn about an ancient religion

Gannon senior Laila Contractor will speak about her religion, Zoroastrianism, an ancient faith prevalent at the time of the birth of Christ, March 23 in Zurn 101. She also will talk about the homeland of this religion, present day Iran, which she has visited. Traditional ethnic food will be provided. All are welcome, and theology professors are especially encouraged to attend.