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## Our Events



## Our Big News

### Wednesday, June 7

- **Farewell Reception.**

In honor of Sr. Marilyn Uline, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Sullivan Garden (Student Services Building). Rain location - Upper Lounge, Student Services Building.

### Friday, June 9

- **Gannon University's Erie Chamber Orchestra.**

Featuring Nancy Schechter, violin.  
Conducted by Bruce Morton Wright.  
7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 130 E. 4th St.  
Free and open to the public.

### Friday, June 16

- **"Accent on Women - New Role, New Rules".**

Workshop sponsored by GU's Social Services Department. Noon to 1 p.m., Pietraszek Room, Waldron Campus Center. Discussion and experiential activities to enhance assertiveness. Facilitated by Sr. Lynette Petruska, Marilyn Rositer, Karen Weston. Lunch provided. RSVP to Marilyn Rositer, ext. 5882, by June 14.

### Saturday, June 17

- **Music on the Lawn.**

Featuring Brass Quintet. 7 p.m., Friendship Green (between WCC and the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, West 7th St.) Free and open to the public. Sponsored by St. Paul's and Gannon. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

## GU begins Bay study

Gannon University on June 5 begins a joint study of Presque Isle Bay with federal, state and county officials to determine if sediment contamination levels present a significant threat to human and/or ecological health.

Under the project, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Gannon's Environmental Science and Engineering Department will collect sediment samples from 10 locations around the bay to determine the level of contamination in the sediments, said Rick Diz, Ph.D., assistant professor of environmental science, who will lead the study. Officials from the U.S. EPA, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Erie County Health Department also will be participating in the study throughout the week.

This information, along with other studies, should help determine if contamination in the sediments presents a significant threat to human and/or ecological health and, if so, what action should be taken, Diz said. The bay has been listed as the 43<sup>rd</sup> Area of Concern in the Great Lakes Program by the U.S. Department of State based on the impairment of two beneficial uses: unacceptable fish tumor rates and restrictions on dredging due to chemical contamination.

The project to be undertaken by Gannon faculty and students represents the next step in the process of restoring beneficial uses, Diz said. Gannon's research vessel, the *Environaut*, will be used to collect and initially process the samples. The U.S. EPA's research vessel, the *Mudpuppy*, will be in Erie for the week of June 5 to assist those aboard the *Environaut*.

In addition, the Pennsylvania DEP will locate its mobile chemistry lab at Dobbins Landing to conduct certain initial chemical analyses of the samples. Most of the sample analyses will then be conducted by Gannon students in the university's laboratories under the principle supervision of Diz. Assisting with the project will be Ted Phillips, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Biology Department, and Wes Tallmadge, Ph.D., lecturer in the Chemistry Department.

Once this study determines the rate of sediment contamination, remediation alternatives can be evaluated. According to Diz, remediation alternatives may include natural recovery (no action); assisted natural recovery (actions involving reduction of pollutant loadings to the Area of Concern); *in situ* methods (capping); or removal actions (dredging). Then, a risk assessment and modeling exercise may be conducted to aid in decision making.



## Our Sympathies

### Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the death of: †**Patricia Zarnecki**, sister of **Mary Bensur**, part-time switchboard operator. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



## Our Notes

### Get oriented

The Gannon faculty and administration are invited to participate in the Summer Orientation 2000 events for incoming freshmen.

Faculty and administrators and a spouse or guest are invited to attend the Sunday evening Get Acquainted Socials for students and parents June 18 and 25 and July 9 and 16 in the Nash Library Gardens from 9 to 10:30 p.m. The Parent Socials are set for Monday nights, June 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17 in the Nash Library Gardens from 9 to 11 p.m.

A Picnic Supper will be served in the Waldron Campus Center at 5 p.m. on Mondays, June 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17. Members of your immediate family are invited to attend with you, compliments of New Student Services.

Anyone interested in attending a Picnic Supper must RSVP to New Student Services, ext. 7597, by the Thursday preceding each dinner. Tickets are required for admission to the Picnic Supper.



## Our Folks

### Prayers requested

†Prayers were requested May 24 for **Dr. Thomas Szendry**, professor of History, who was a patient at Hamot Medical Center. Please keep him and his medical caregivers in your prayers.

†Prayers were requested May 26 for **John Byers**, father of Gannon graduate student **Julie Byers**. **Mr. Byers** was undergoing tests. Please keep him and his medical caregivers in your prayers.

### Hey baby

☼Congratulations to **Dr. Steve Frezza**, assistant professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, and his wife, **Margie**, on the birth of their son, **Isaac Champion Frezza**, on May 8 at 8:44 a.m. He was 8 lbs., 13 oz.

### Welcome to GU

☼**Michael Haulik**, part-time security guard, Campus Safety. ☼**Kurt Spence**, programmer/analyst, Information Technology Services. ☼**Cornell Petty**, custodial worker, Physical Plant. ☼**Timothy Wellington**, grounds, Physical Plant. ☼**Catherine McHale**, secretary, University Advancement/Alumni Relations. ☼**Jodi Andres**, campaign coordinator, University Advancement.

### Moving on...

Congratulations on the new position to: **Sharon Dugan**, who is now in the ROTC Office.

### Happy Birthday...

☺June 1... **Frank Bogacki, Suzanne Loss, Jodi Organ, Cindy Popovich.**  
☺June 2... **Randy Dovichow, Mary Shade, Jean Gardiner.** ☺June 4...  
**Dolores Bretz, Carolyn Ross.** ☺June 5... **Paul Cancilla.** ☺June 6... **Patricia Howard.** ☺June 7... **Matthew Andrews, Sr. Lucille DeStefano, Barbara Flanders.** ☺June 8... **Kenneth Kennett.** ☺June 9... **Karen Lumia, Steve Ropski.** ☺June 10... **Mark Jordano, Judith Turner, Anthony Stuczynski, Joseph Brasington, Susan Hurley-Glowa.** ☺June 11... **Jill Hughes, Thomas Ostrowski, Donald MacKellar.** ☺June 12... **John Lange, Joseph Leone.** ☺June 13... **James Nestor, Francis Pelczar, Charles Meacci, Stephen Glover.** ☺June 14... **Lisa Quinn, Sean Doherty, Wayne Doyle.** ☺June 15...  
**Ernest DiSantis, Nancy Holcomb.** ☺June 16... **Susan Moyer, Pamela Reynolds.** ☺June 18... **Eileen Jolls, Ralph Miller, David Tobin, Peggy Black.**