



## Under the Arch

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### Our Events

#### Tuesday, Feb. 15

- **President's Open Office Hours.**

2 to 3 p.m., Old Main.

- **Research Presentation Day.**

College of Sciences, Engineering and Health Sciences faculty will present research in oral and poster formats. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Palumbo third floor atrium.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 16

- **Arts in the Atrium.**

Featuring Mary Alice Brown Trio. Noon, Waldron Campus Center. Free and open to the public.

- **APB Distinguished Speaker Series.**

Featuring Dr. Mary Frances Berry. 7:30 p.m. Zurn 104. Free, open to the public.

#### Friday, Feb. 18

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

"Guess the Composer Concert." Orchestra ensemble directed and conducted by Bruce Morton Wright. 7:30 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Free, open to the public.

#### Saturday, Feb. 19

- **Annual Alex Clemente Fundraiser.**

"Forever Plaid." Don't miss the final performance by the same cast that was an Erie Playhouse hit, featuring Gannon's own Shawn Clerkin. One performance only. Reception, 7:30 p.m.; Curtain, 8 p.m., Schuster Theatre. Tickets \$20 per person. For reservations and information, call Marianne Fisher, University Advancement, ext. 7744.

### Our Big News

#### Students host Civil Rights chair for APB lecture

Mary Frances Berry, Ph.D., chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, will be the Black History Month speaker Feb. 16. Her free lecture, part of the 1999-2000 Distinguished Speaker Series, will be at 7:30 p.m. in Zurn 104.

Berry has been chair of the commission since being appointed in 1993 by President Clinton. She was first appointed as a commissioner in 1980 by President Carter. She was later fired by President Reagan after she criticized his civil rights policies, but she sued him and won reinstatement in federal district court.

Berry currently is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches history and law.

She is one of the founders of the Free South Africa Movement, which instigated protests at the South African Embassy in the struggle for democracy in South Africa. She was arrested and jailed several times in the cause.

Berry has appeared as a guest on numerous television news shows, has received 27 honorary doctoral degrees and numerous awards for her public service and scholarly activities, and has written seven books.

*Read more about this subject at [www.gannon.edu/new/](http://www.gannon.edu/new/)*

#### Relive '50s and '60s harmony at *Forever Plaid*

The humorous and popular *Forever Plaid* will be staged at Gannon's Schuster Theatre for one performance only Feb. 19 to raise funds for the Alex Clemente Fund for the Performing and Related Arts.

The show will mark the final performance of the cast that was a hit at the Erie Playhouse: Gannon's own Shawn Clerkin; Jeff Brown; Brian Gresley; and Jason Lawergren.

*Forever Plaid* is the story of four unlikely heroes whose dreams of musical glory come true when they miraculously return to earth. This endearing harmony group was "snuffed out mid coda" in a collision with a school bus of eager teens who were on their way to see the Beatles' debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in 1964. Now, through a hole in the ozone layer and some "astro technical stuff," these nerdy crooners with angelic voices come back to do the show they never got to do in life. The show includes '50s and '60s hits like "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing," "Perfidia," "Three Coins in the Fountain," and much more.

In the spirit of the show, audience members wearing plaid to the performance will be eligible to win a door prize.

The evening will begin with a dessert reception at 7:30 p.m., and curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased by calling Marianne Fisher, University Advancement Office, ext. 7744.

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## Our Sympathies

### Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the deaths of: †**Robert K. Jordan**, former faculty member, who died Feb. 5; and †**Yvonne Peebles**, sister-in-law of **Dr. Charlotte King**, associate professor of Foreign Languages, who died Feb. 2. Please remember all in your prayers.



## Our Folks

### Sincerest 'Thank you'

**Dolly Bretz**, Gannon Bookstore, who is undergoing chemotherapy, wishes to pass on to the Gannon Community: "Thank you. It is hard to express how grateful I am to have friends and coworkers like you. You've helped to make a tough time easier, you gave me a lift just when I needed it. What I appreciate the most is the fact that my friends and coworkers are thinking about me and praying for me. Thanks!"

**Ken Baer**, Distribution Center, and family wish to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for his daughter, **Mary Ann Noel**, who was eight months pregnant when diagnosed with a tumor and was on our prayer list since Jan. 21. She gave birth Feb. 1 to **Tyler Baer Noel**, who weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz., and the tumor was successfully removed. Mother and son are reported to be at home and doing well.

### Happy Birthday

☺Feb. 15... **Howard Glaubach, Susan Cramer.** ☺Feb. 16... **Pamela Anderson, Ralph Breiding.** ☺Feb. 17... **Msgr. Robert Smith, David Kozak, Lisa Gillette, Georgia Chludzinski.** ☺Feb. 18... **Sr. Joyce Lowrey, Robert Teliski, Mary Bensus, Merrienne Gaber, Ruth Zeisloft, Elisa Seibert.** ☺Feb. 19... **Roberta Barilla, Kimberly Jablonski, John Linden.** ☺Feb. 20... **Richard Decker, Jane Mallin.** ☺Feb. 21... **Lawrence Maxted.** ☺Feb. 22... **James Nunes, Karie McGranor, Leslie Yaniv.**



## Our Notes

### Attend meetings for new health insurance information

The Human Resources Department is holding a series of meetings this month to explain new health insurance options and costs, and all colleagues are encouraged to attend in order to make an informed decision regarding what health care plan is best for you.

Meetings will be: ♦Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Pietraszek Room, Waldron Campus Center; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Zurn 104; and 3 to 4:30 p.m., Zurn 104. ♦Wednesday, Feb. 16, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Pietraszek, WCC; noon to 1:30 p.m., Zurn 104; and 1:30 to 3 p.m., Pietraszek, WCC. ♦Tuesday, Feb. 22, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Zurn 104; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Zurn 104; and 1 to 2:30 p.m., Zurn 104.

### Take advantage of this relaxing opportunity

The Gannon Health Center's student health awareness group, PATCHES, is promoting a new and unique service to the Gannon Community. Every Wednesday throughout the spring semester, a certified massage therapist will offer chair massages in the Waldron Campus Center.

Massages will be by appointment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 for a 10 minute massage. Call the Health Center at ext. 7622 for an appointment.

### Wanna take on Mercyhurst, Behrend, and others?

The American Cancer Society's Erie Unit has issued a challenge to the five Erie County colleges and universities to participate in the annual Relay for Life fundraiser. Sign up to join a 12- to 15-person Gannon team and go toe-to-toe against teams from Mercyhurst, Edinboro, Penn State Behrend and LECOM.

The 24-hour relay walk/run will be from noon Saturday, July 15 until noon Sunday, July 16. Anyone interested in joining a team and beating our competitors while beating cancer should call **Jeannie Kloecker**, secretary, Office of Communications, at ext. 5816.

### Make note of Institutional Review Board meeting

Due to faculty requests, the Institutional Review Board has added another review meeting to this semester's schedule. In addition to the March 7 and April 25 meetings, the IRB also will meet on Tuesday, April 4. Please remember that all standard reviews should be submitted to the IRB at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

### President's schedule

A brief synopsis of major commitments on the president's calendar for the week of Feb. 14: ♦Feb. 14-15, Travel, Arizona. ♦Feb. 16, Off-campus appointments. ♦Feb. 17, Staff, budget, and President's Council meetings. ♦Feb. 18, On-campus appointments.