



Under the Arch

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Our Events

May 4-6

- “Conference of the Birds.”

Schuster Theatre production. Curtain times:
May 4, 8 p.m.; May 5, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.;
May 6, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets free to
Gannon Community, \$5 for general public.
Call the Box Office at ext. 7494 for tickets.

Thursday, May 4

- **Student Reading.**

7 p.m., Waldron Campus Center, Pietraszek
Room. Graduate students from Creative
Writing will read from their original poems,
stories and essays. Refreshments served.

Through May 5

- **Faculty/Student Art Show.**

Schuster Gallery, third floor, Nash Library.

Sunday, May 7

- **Midnight Pancake Breakfast.**

Give our students a study break. Serve them
breakfast from 9 to 10:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m.
to midnight. Call Lynn Ross at ext. 7335
to volunteer.

May 8-12

- **Final Exam Week.**

Saturday, May 13

- **Commencement Weekend: Baccalaureate Mass
and Closing Ceremony of 75th Anniversary.**

7 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, 10th and
Sassafras streets.

- **Commencement Weekend: Commencement Dance.**

9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Hammermill Center. Open
at all graduates, their families, faculty and
administration. For tickets, call the Alumni
Office at ext. 7473.

Our Big News

Flying to God at Schuster

Conference of the Birds will be staged at Gannon’s Schuster Theatre May 4-6 as the final performance in the theater’s 1999-2000 season.

Based on a 12th century poem by Farid Uddin Attar, a Persian poet, *Conference of the Birds* tells a simple story about a flock of birds in search of God. During their search, they face many hardships and heartaches and begin to lose hope. Their leader, the Hoopoe, convinces them to stay strong.

The piece offers a new challenge to the student performers. For the first time in many of their acting careers, the students will be working with bird forms and puppets.

As part of Gannon’s 75th Anniversary Celebration, *Conference of the Birds* is part of a special season for the theater that takes a five-decade retrospective look at shows that received great acclaim on campus in decades past.

The production is co-directed by William Doan, Ph.D., associate professor of theater, and Shawn Clerkin, assistant professor of theater.

Conference of the Birds will be staged May 4 at 8 p.m.; May 5 at 7 and 10 p.m.; and May 6 at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and free to the Gannon Community. For reservations, call the Box Office at ext. 7494.

Read more about this subject at www.gannon.edu/new/

CNN’s Bierbauer to speak at Commencement

CNN’s Charles Bierbauer, a native of Allentown, Pa., will deliver the keynote address for Gannon University’s 2000 Commencement May 14.

Commencement weekend also will feature the closing of Gannon’s 75th Anniversary Celebration taking place during the 1999-2000 academic year.

CNN’s senior Washington correspondent, Bierbauer covers critical public policy issues. In 1997, Bierbauer added the Supreme Court and legal matters to his portfolio, which includes the federal budget, tax reform and health care.

In addition to his domestic expertise, Bierbauer has 12 years of experience as an international journalist.

Commencement will begin at 1 p.m. May 14 at the Erie Civic Center.

Other activities highlighting the weekend will be the closing of the 75th Anniversary Celebration during the Baccalaureate Mass at 7 p.m. May 13 at St. Peter Cathedral. The Commencement Dance will begin at 9 p.m. May 13 in the Hammermill Center, and Gannon’s U.S. Army ROTC will hold its Commissioning Ceremony at 9 a.m. May 14 in the Waldron Campus Center.

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Sympathy extended

Regretfully we announce the death of: †**John E. “Jack” Theiss**, father of student **Christine Theiss**, senior. **Mr. Theiss** died Sunday, April 16. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Prayers requested

‡Prayers were requested April 25 for **Jennie Monstwil**, great-grandmother of Gannon sophomore **Ronee Yasher**. **Mrs. Monstwil** suffered a stroke. Please keep her, her family, and her caregivers in your prayers.

Happy Birthday...

☺May 1... **Faye Fromknecht**. ☺May 2... **Kathleen Bond**. ☺May 3... **Rajneesh Ahuja, Sheila Dwyer-Grove**. ☺May 4... **David Gabbard, Charles Ramsey**. ☺May 5... **Kimberly Blount, William Doan, Andrew Larson, Michael Panza, Helen Damcott**. ☺May 6... **Richard Gammon, Sr. Michele Healy, Jill Slomski, Roger Lindey**. ☺May 7... **Michael Bucholtz, Samuel Hazen, Sharon Krahe, Richard Gleichsner**. ☺May 8... **Sarah Drexler, Michael Mazanowski**. ☺May 9... **Judith Stainbrook, Jeffrey Costello, Earl Bishop**. ☺May 10... **Fr. Robert Susa, David Steiner**. ☺May 11... **Fred Beil, Rebecca Curtis, Richard Bukowski**. ☺May 12... **Ned Lottie, Denise Winschel**. ☺May 13... **James Brown, Janice Giltinan**. ☺May 14... **Steven Figurski, Patricia Brown, Norman Zambrzycki, Sgt. Shawn Simmons**.

Moving on...

Congratulations on the new jobs to:
♦**Cindy Benovic**, previously of University Advancement and now Mailroom supervisor, ext. 5523; and ♦**Kathleen MacMurdy**, formerly of Finance and Administration and now business manager for Athletics, Rec Center, ext. 7416.

Summer *Under the Arch*

Please note that *Under the Arch* is published on a biweekly, rather than weekly, basis for the summer months. The last weekly edition will be published May 8, and the biweekly schedule will begin May 22.

Expand your mind

Hear original works of poetry, stories and creative essays May 4 as graduate students from Creative Writing read from their works. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Pietraszek Room of the Waldron Campus Center. The reading is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Giving readings will be: **Eric Billings, Molly Buchanan, Mike Cassell, Kris Cooper, Marcia Farrell, Carrie Ann Lego, Heather Malobisky, Rob Meister, Jay Schroyer, Judy Stainbrook, Katie Szkotnicki, and Clark Wren**.

Thanks for your efforts

Dean Loretta Seigley of the College of Sciences, Engineering and Health Sciences extends a “thank you” to all who helped make March Women’s History Month a great success. Special recognition to: **Marilyn Rositer, Colleen Cipriani, Darlene Theisen, Cathy Fresch, Karen Weston, Bonnie Booker, Lisa Campbell, Marion Gallivan, Sr. Anne McCarthy, Kathleen Gausman, Berwyn Moore, Kristie Bates, Sr. Lynette Petruska, Parris Baker, Bruce Morton Wright, the Minority Student Union, the Campus Ministry Task Force, and Fr. George Strohmeier**.

New Datatel system on track

Gannon currently is undertaking an upgrade of the Datatel Administrative system from Release 13 to Release 16, and implementation is on track, according to **Mark Jordano**, director of Information Technology Services.

Besides positioning the university to offer web-based registration and advisement, Release 16 consists of an entirely rewritten student system with significant enhancements and benefits to students, faculty and administrative departments. To achieve those benefits, there is a lot of work that must be done to complete the upgrade.

Because of the completeness of the changes, nearly every administrative office at Gannon will be impacted in some way by this upgrade. The Registrar’s Office, Admissions, Cashiers, Student Living, Financial Aid, Student Organizations and Leadership Development, and Information Technology Services all are very involved in making this upgrade work, and recent progress has been outstanding.

The Release 16 Implementation Team consists of **Marilyn Dombrowski, Laurie Bednar, Carolyn Ross, Sharon Krahe, Ellen Schumann, Beth Shick, Barb Sambroak, Jay DiFrank, Val Bacik, John Crandall, Laurie Wehman, and Carol Ridle**. If you see any of these individuals, thank them for their hard work and dedication to bringing Gannon’s student information systems into the new millennium.