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The good fight well fought, looking ahead

“Losing my hair was not a big deal to me,” said Vice President for University Relations **Margot Stanfield**, who was diagnosed with breast cancer just days before Christmas. “I don’t miss it one bit. Now I can sleep an extra half hour every morning.”

Hair’s gone, but style hasn’t been lost. “I still take my time with makeup, and I’ve learned to appreciate hats and scarves,” said the classy administrator, who is undergoing chemotherapy “to melt the one tumor like a snowball. Then I’ll have surgery in June to remove what’s left, and begin six weeks of radiation treatment in July.

“I’m a fighter, and this just has reinforced that instinct in me,” said Stanfield, who has served Gonzaga for 26 years, the last 19 as vice president. “Maybe more than anything, I’ve grown in my appreciation for others who are fighting this fight, including others here at Gonzaga, and I have a renewed commitment to do as much as I can to beat this disease for others.”

Stanfield joined 123 other Zags who raised \$6,795 as a team and walked in the Susan B. Komen Race for a Cure April 18. Margot raised \$3,250. It was special



Margot Stanfield (center), with husband Irven Just and daughter Laura Calderon.

for her to have her husband, **Irven**, and Washington, D.C., daughter **Laura** join her at the event.

“When I started losing my hair it came out in clumps,” Stanfield said. “I hunted our house and found my dad’s old barber’s shears that must be 50 years old.” I asked Irven if he’d ever shaved a head before. We both broke down laughing so hard that I decided to go to Joe the barber and have a pro complete the job.

“Right now I can’t see any reason to focus on anything else but getting better,” Stanfield said. “I still have so much to do. I will keep raising money and friends for Gonzaga, do what I can to help find a cure for cancer, and find ways to make things better for children, which has always been my passion. I look at this as a detour, something that has helped me reorder some priorities. I hope to be back in the saddle full time in September, moving forward.

“I have always known that this place is a wonderful, loving community,” Stanfield said. “And I thought it would be tough for me to be the person everyone wants to help. People have brought me food and cards, sent e-mails, made phone calls, given me pats on the back. They’ve really shown the true Zag spirit. It truly has been inspiring.”

Faculty honored for academic contributions

Untenured 2010 Faculty of the Year include **Jon Eliason**, associate professor of English; **Kevin O’Connor**, associate professor of history; **Erik Schmidt**, assistant professor of philosophy; **Karen Rickel**, assistant professor of sport and physical education; **Heather Crandall**, assistant professor of communication and leadership studies. Tenured Faculty of the Year are **Ron Large**, professor of religious studies; **Jane Rinehart**, professor of sociology; **Gary Weber**, associate professor of accounting; **Kimberly Weber**, professor of special education; and **Kathy Yerion**, professor of computer science. **Jerri Shepard**, associate professor of Education, earned the faculty diversity leadership award. The faculty community service award for 2010 goes to **Margarite Marin**, associate professor of sociology/criminal justice. Retiring and named as professors emeriti were: **Gail Springer**, nursing; **Helen Donigan**, law; and **Michael Leiserson**, political science.



Front row: Rickel, Eliason, Yerion, Large, Rinehart, Schmidt. Back row: Leiserson, Shepard, Kim Weber, Crandall, Gary Weber, Springer, O’Connor.

Gonzaga nursing program making global impact

The borders of Gonzaga's nursing program have spilled beyond Spokane, outside of the United States, around the world. Several nursing faculty are gearing up to once again travel to international destinations in an effort to improve health issues, social justice and community involvement.

Nursing assistant professor **Dale Abendroth** is traveling to Zambia as part of the Comprehensive Leadership Program. She leaves for Zambezi May 9 and will lead the health project team, working with seven undergraduate students. The health team will work alongside the Zambian healthcare providers and Fr. **Dominic** (Zambezi's parish priest who visited Gonzaga this spring) to assist them in their efforts. Last summer, students worked with the Zambian public health nurses providing immunizations, health checks, HIV/AIDS testing for children in Zambezi and surrounding bush villages, and worked with a group of orphaned children applying dental varnish. This year's health team will also be working with Fr. Dominic's

homecare project making visits to terminally ill persons and their families.

This marks the fourth year that Gonzaga nursing students will be participating in the WATER program, which involves travel to Benin, West Africa. "The WATER program is an interdisciplinary program primarily between nursing and engineering that focuses on water-related health issues through sustainable technology and health education. While in Benin, students participate in a water filter manufacturing project, water quality testing, first aid training and providing basic health education," said nursing Professor **Susan Norwood**.

Nursing Instructor Jane Tiedt will be heading to Liberia in May for her second visit to Nimba County as part of a "train-the-trainer" diabetes education grant through the World Diabetes Federation, United Methodist Committee on Relief and Ganta United Methodist hospital. Tiedt is part of a diabetes team that provides training to nurses in Ganta.



GU nursing student Kate Eppler helping last summer in Zambezi.

Franz finds way to make textbook buying bargains

Several years ago, **Scott Franz**, director of Gonzaga's Bookstore, did some volunteering for a local church that was raising funds by selling used books online. And selling them cheap – a penny per book.

"It dawned on me – this was sort of a gigantic garage sale for used books. I wondered how many vendors were selling books without regard for their true market value," Franz said. He sat down one weekend with the shopping list for the bookstore and set out to see how many Gonzaga textbooks were available on "Marketplace," which is Amazon's division for used

books. The results of his research drove a significant change in how Franz approaches book-buying for Gonzaga today.

With the help of GU alumna **Jordanna Chord** and others, Franz came up with software that allows industrial-grade purchasing of used textbooks online. He pulls open a fat manila envelope. Its contents are three inches thick. "This is my Amazon bill from December," he said.

In some cases, the change in price is dramatic. "For instance, there's a calculus book that sells for nearly \$200 new – and we sell the old edition for

\$9.95. In a trial run of our new pricing software the average book price dropped by 11 percent. The newly published books or editions, chosen by some faculty, would not drop at all. But we had other, older titles drop as much as 90 percent."

The discounts should result in more visible savings. "My goal is to scour the market and make sure that Gonzaga students are getting the best deal possible," Franz said. "Professors can help by considering the use of a recent edition, rather than the newest one for their classes."

AROUND CAMPUS

- PACCAR Center for Applied Sciences earned Gold Certification by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system which encourages the development of more sustainable buildings. PACCAR reduced potable water use, achieved an energy cost savings of 30.5 percent, and diverted 210 tons of on-site generated construction waste from landfill.
- A multimedia room in the lower level at Foley Center is equipped with a super powerful computer, full Adobe Creative Master suite, dual 32-inch LCD monitors, a Blu-Ray HD burner, and other media editing tools. A key may be checked out at the circulation desk with GU ID card.
- GU has received NCAA certification for another 10 years.
- Faculty, staff and students celebrated the impact benefactors make on a Gonzaga education at its Tomorrow Made Possible event April 14. For more details, go to www.gonzaga.edu/tmp.
- Staff, faculty and administrators who others have identified as True Zags, talk about what that means to them, at www.gonzaga.edu/zagspirit. Zag Nation has submitted its own True Zags, also visible on the site. This effort is part of GU's Annual Campaign, which helps assure that a quality Jesuit education is attainable to our students.

Bloomsday teams tough – funny, too

It may be a 7.46 mile run, but for mathematics Associate Professor **Gail Nord**, the race begins long before that first Sunday in May.

"By February I knew who was on what team, the names of those teams, how much each participant was expected to pay, and submitted each team's registration," said Nord, who is in her sixth year as team captain of Gonzaga's Bloomsday teams. "I took over the reins from science Profes-



GU bloomies include Shannan Overbay, Jacqueline Van Allen, Vesta Coufal, David Fague.

sor **Harry Davis**. I told him I would do it if I ran the course in under an hour. I did it, so here I am."

This year's women's teams are called Law & Order and ZAGalicious; the science team is ZAGionics and the English team is Get Thee to a Runnery. The remaining two teams are the Bulldog Zags and Will This Be on the Exam. At least we know there is a sense of humor running alongside them.

Last year, Gonzaga's teams fared well, with the women's team placing second in their category and ninth overall; **Vesta Coufal** and **Mia Bertagnolli** placing in the top 25 for their age group. "We also had four people run the race in less than an hour," Nord said. "Our top scorer last year was **Lisa Bradley** from the Law School. Unfortunately, she won't be able to run this year, but we have a strong replacement in **Jacqueline Van Allen**, a recent GU hire. I anticipate our competitive women's team will do something amazing this year."

FOCUS ON . . . Hung Phat, enjoying the beat

By day Patrick Nowacki serves as Gonzaga's manager of the Engineering Computer Center. But by night and by weekends, he plays the bass and does sings for his six-year-old band, Hung Phat. "I wanted to build a new band that was based on great music and friendships where everyone shared the same level of passion and professionalism," he said. "Where it wasn't about the money, but it was about a true love of music and sharing that with others."

In addition to Nowacki, three other Gonzaga employees help comprise this five-person band. **Bill Hartman**, Help Desk technician, sings lead vocals and plays harmonica; groundskeepers **Jon McKimney** sings and plays keyboard and **Jimmy Magnuson** plays guitar.

The band performs at numerous motorcycle rallies throughout the region, including rallies in Rosalia, Soap Lake and Colfax. "We project pure energy and pure fun," said Nowacki. "At the Rosalia Motorcycle Rally we played for seven hours straight and only repeated one song." They have more than 100 songs in their playlist and typically only play half their material in a show.

One gig the band looks forward to each year is the Badger Mountain Boogie, a private party held in Step-toe, about 40 miles south of Spokane. "There are



Band enjoys their work away from work: Jimmy Magnuson, Bill Hartman, Jon McKimney, Patrick Nowacki

usually around 1,000 people who attend," said Nowacki. "It's a whole lot of fun for us and something we really enjoy doing."

The band also does its part giving back to the community by performing charity events each year. They

performed in late April to help raise money for the Guild School and have also raised money for breast cancer. The band plays regularly at Cruisers in Post Falls; for more information visit their website at www.hung-phat.net.

NOTEWORTHY

New Hires:

Kurt Heimbigner, director of marketing services, Mar/Com; **Kathy Hill**, grant writer, Sponsored Research Programs; **Linda Lillard**, Web & print designer, Mar/Com.

Goodbyes:

Bo Snyder, user services tech, CCNSS; **Mark Ruhe**, purchasing and inventory control assistant, Library Services; **Erik Harrison**, general maintenance, Plant Services.

Promotions/New Assignments:

Megan Riebe, director of development strategy, University Relations; **Julie Claar**, office manager/assistant to director, Law Clinic; **Bethany Prince**, administrative assistant, Mar/Com.

Anniversaries:

15 Katherine Fairburn, custodian IV, Plant Services.

10 Tom Buck, senior systems administrator, Central Computing/Network Support Services; **Mike Casey**, corporation counsel; **Stacey Chatman**, assistant director, graduate admissions, Business; **Molly Wood**, program assistant II, Nursing.

5 Sajt Alijagic, custodian II, Plant Services; **Jared Hertz**, assistant athletic director of business operations, Athletics.

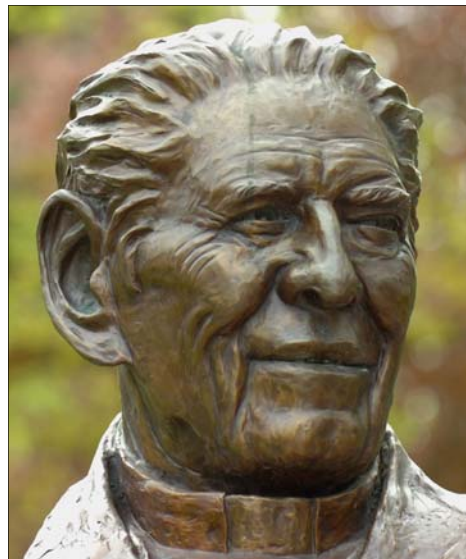
Cradle Call:

Steven Mencarini, residence director, Student Life, and wife Joanne are parents of Jonathan, born March 24; **Christopher Stevens**, assistant professor, Business, and wife Heather are parents of Elijah, born March 20; **Christopher Johnson**, director of ticket operations & travel, Athletics, and wife Meghan, are parents of Kenedee, born March 12; **Lisa Misphey Fortier**, assistant women's basketball coach, and husband Craig are parents of Marcus, born April 3.

Fr. Dussault's nurturing spirit still visible all over campus

As you cross campus past trees and shrubs in their pastel finery, remember Father **Art Dussault**, S.J. The Johnson Family Mall and landscaping in front of College Hall is due in large part to Fr. Dussault. He first worked to close Boone Avenue, creating the campus as it exists today.

The Dussault Foundation continues to work on landscaping and historic improvements to campus.



Fr. Art Dussault, S.J.

Donations from those who loved Fr. Dussault created the foundation after his death.

Fr. Dussault's commitment to making the campus beautiful stemmed from his own arrival in 1924 as a freshman from Montana, explains **Chuck Murphy**, vice president of finance. At that time, an iron and granite fence bordered the front of the then-Administration Building, and just beyond was Boone Avenue. The fence reminded Fr. Dussault of Montana's state prison at Deer Lodge. It was a memory that stayed with him over the years.

"If there is one thing that Fr. Dussault would have taken the most pride in that we've accomplished, it would be what we've done in vacating city streets and replacing them with landscaping and trees," Murphy said. "That's really created a campus in the real sense of the word." When Murphy graduated in 1974, traffic still rushed past the then-Administration Building. Not until the early '80s did the closure of sections of Boone begin.

The Dussault Foundation funded many of the pavers for the Johnson Mall and helped to pay for the bust of **Father DeSmet** in front of College Hall. It regularly puts aside money for replacement trees and shrubs, and the annual flowers. Landscaping improvements at the Bozarth Mansion are due to the foundation, as are some of the historical monuments on campus. With the help of the foundation's original donors, Father Dussault is still beautifying our campus today.

Humble, yet fierce



Ignatian Spirit Award winner Don Herak

Don and Carol Herak would never draw attention to the fact that they have given to nearly every aspect of Gonzaga. From athletics to academics, facilities to scholarships, their generosity parallels none. The Heraks were honored in April with this year's Ignatian Spirit Award.

Born at a Mission hospital in St. Ignatius, Mont., Don was connected with the Jesuits from his earliest days. The vision of St. Ignatius, being "men and women for others," has never shone stronger.

"He's fierce," said Tom Tilford ('66), longtime friend and Trustee Emeritus. "When he was selling concrete he was a fierce competitor. He's a fierce Catholic. He's a fierce lover of Gonzaga. And yet, Don is one of the sweetest men you'll ever meet."

Carol Herak, a long-time supporter, passed away in 1998, yet her legacy lives on. A scholarship in the School of Education bears her name. Don Herak is the longest-tenured Trustee on the Board of Trustees. The Herak name adorns the engineering building, a conference room in the School of Business, and a banquet room in the McCarthy Athletic Center. This is just a sampling of the Herak footprints found throughout the campus.

"If there is anything at all I wish we could give them (current students), it would be a dose of Don Herak," said Dennis Horn, dean, school of engineering. "If only we could find that magic elixir that would graduate students who were not only good engineers, but had that generous giving spirit . . ."

Don accepted the award, on Carol's behalf, with a simple "thank you" to his family and the 400-plus guests in attendance that evening for the gala.

"He believes in Gonzaga. He believes in the faith mission. And he has a deep, deep love for students," said Gonzaga interim President Dr. **Thayne McCulloh**. "For us, you (Don) are Mr. Gonzaga. You bleed Gonzaga blue, you love this place. This place is your passion and you have committed a lifetime to make it better."

Trustees approve Native American concentration, summer renovation work

The Board of Trustees approved a Native American studies concentration and a new music minor in conducting. They also approved a number of summer renovation projects at their April 16 meeting on campus.

In addition, the Physical Facilities Committee of the Trustees and the Board of Regents informed the Board that they will report at their July Spokane meeting on other physical plant renewal and renovation work that needs to be done soon.

Renovation of the first floor of the Plan Center Building (where Human Resources is housed) on Boone at Ruby, will begin this month. The Controller's Office will eventually move into those quarters. Then, the current Controller's Office space in College Hall will be renovated for the Modern Languages Department. The Crosby Center was reroofed over spring break, and the Martin Centre will be reroofed this summer. New lighting for night play on Jundt Field will be installed for club and intramural use. Entry keypads will be installed on the

front doors of all residence halls as a security measure. The heating and ventilation system in the Herak machine shop will be upgraded, and improvements will be made to the biology lab in Hughes

President **Thayne McCulloh** and his vice presidents reported on the state of the university with cautious optimism. The Board of Members thanked the Trustees for their great contribution to the University and expressed appreciation to the administration for its analysis of both the successes of the past year and challenges ahead. "We are very pleased with the overall success of the operation," said Father **Kevin Waters**, S.J., presiding officer of the Board of Members.

In other business, President McCulloh gave kudos to coaches **Kelly Graves** and **Mark Few** for the performance of both women's and men's teams during the season and in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. The next joint meeting of Trustees and Regents is July 15-16 in Spokane.

Community collaboration ties Gonzaga, Spokane

Gonzaga's impact on the Spokane community, and the community's impact on Gonzaga, is significant. From that initial meeting in 1881 between Father **Joseph Cataldo**, S.J., and city fathers asking the Jesuit priest to build a college in this town, the partnership has grown.

To illuminate this partnership and try to tighten the ties between town and gown, the University is publishing a community impact booklet and creating a Web site ([www.gonzaga.edu/community impact](http://www.gonzaga.edu/community%20impact)) highlighting some compelling facts and figures (both available by mid-May).

Did you know?

- Spokane is home to 7,800 Gonzaga alumni, not to mention most of its 7,600 students
- Gonzaga is Spokane's fifth-largest non-governmental employer with 1,132 employees (add adjunct and student employees, and that number is almost 3,800)
- Gonzaga has infused more than \$200 million into the local economy over the past 10 years through construction projects, and has plans to invest another \$100 million over the next five years
- Patients at area hospitals and care centers receive nursing assistance from GU students and faculty, nearly 2,000 hours per week
- This year Gonzaga awarded \$53 million in its own (not state or federal) financial aid to students



Thayne McCulloh believes partnerships are key.

- More than 200 educators in Spokane Public Schools earned their advanced degrees at GU
- Faculty and staff serve as board members, volunteers and donors in more than 425 Spokane organizations
- Campus Kitchen at Gonzaga has provided almost 15,000 meals to low-income Spokane residents
- 250 immigrants and refugees, including entire families, attend GU's summer English language camp
- Spokane receives approximately 15,000 Gonzaga visitors annually
- Gonzaga draws 51.4 percent of its students from out of state, and 19.7 percent of our current freshman class are students of ethnic minority
- Students volunteer more than 100,000 hours to community service annually