New Arnold Professor found a home at Gonzaga

When Bob Carriker came to Gonzaga as an assistant history professor in 1967 little did he know he’d still be here some 35 years later. But Gonzaga’s newest Arnold Professor is happy he has stayed.

“At a certain point you feel comfortable with the system,” Carriker said. “I had come from a Jesuit university (St. Louis). I took one year off in 1971-72 to work as a visiting professor at Arizona State. It was at that point that I realized that my comfort in the Jesuit system was lifelong. I admired a lot about public education, but not as a career choice. The other factor was Fr. Via,” Carriker added. “He was my mentor. He knew how to bring along young people. He provided everything I needed to make a good career. He was a magician in getting the right teaching load, money for research, money for travel. He put no parameters on a person’s ambition.”

Carriker received his bachelor of science degree in public speaking and his master of arts in history from Saint Louis University, and his doctorate in history from the University of Oklahoma. Except for his one-year stint at Arizona State University, Gonzaga has been his only full-time employer.

The author, co-author or editor of 13 books, numerous articles and reviews, Carriker is renowned as one of the country’s authorities on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He is in demand on the lecture circuit on this, the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He has given seven summer institutes on the expedition for classroom teachers, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He’ll give his eighth this summer. Participation in the program includes retracing the steps of the explorers for about 100 miles, camping out along the way.

“I want people who have curiosity about what they do not know, who want to learn just for the fun of it, and I want people with a sense of drama and adventure who are as much fun to be with inside the classroom as they are on the cooking detail at sunrise in the Bitterroot Mountains,” Carriker said in a 1991 interview. His words still hold true today, he said.

The Arnold Professorship was established in 1982 by the Alphonse A. and Geraldine F. Arnold Trinity Trust, an endowment for a seasoned teacher and scholar who is recognized for contributions to liberal arts education. In addition to receiving a reduction in teaching load and development funds for scholarly work, the chair is responsible for organizing the annual Arnold Lecture. Carriker plans to work with the Jundt Art Museum to put together a combined project with art exhibit and artist, talking about southwestern art, to be presented next year.

“I have on my desk two book contracts, one dealing with Lewis and Clark, and one with Catholics in the Pacific Northwest. Both are overdue. Now I have the time and resources to make them a reality. I have some teaching assignments I want to work on. And I’m very much involved in technology improvements in the classroom. I’m just now learning to use a laptop computer that I can take to the classroom with me,” he said.

English Professor Emeritus John Sisk was the first Arnold Professor (1982-86), followed by Math Professor Emeritus John Firkins (86-98), and Religious Studies Professor Helen Doohan (99-2002).
GU seeks ways to engage its alumni, increase giving

Gonzaga has launched the fourth of a four-part series of institutional marketing surveys, this one to determine how to better communicate with, serve and engage Gonzaga’s alumni. The work is being done by Kane Parsons and Associates and Jan Krukowski and Associates from New York City. Previous work conducted by these two firms included surveys of Gonzaga’s potential undergraduate, graduate and law students, from which the University’s admissions marketing strategy was derived.

Kane Parsons will conduct telephone interviews with 800 alumni from a broad range of social, economic and business backgrounds, and Jan Krukowski’s firm will analyze the findings and make recommendations about how best to reach this audience.

“We hope to determine how we can better serve our alumni, and better engage them in Gonzaga activities,” said Margot Stanfield, vice president for University Relations. By engaging alumni, University officials hope to spark an increase in giving. Currently, about 25 percent of Gonzaga’s alumni give back financially to the University. Gonzaga would like to increase that percentage, Stanfield said, as the cost of education continues to rise. Survey results are expected in May.

Araujo’s peace efforts cited

Law Professor Father Robert Araujo, S.J., received the Ralph Bunche Award Jan. 24 during a presentation in Seattle at a symposium on Today’s Challenges to World Peace. The award recognizes Father Araujo’s contributions to international peace, which have included his work on the committee which drafted the statute for the International Criminal Court, and as a representative of the Vatican at the United Nations. Father Araujo presented a lecture entitled, “The Establishment of the International Criminal Court: Bright Promises and Dark Shadows.”

The World Peace Through Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association, the United Nations Association of Seattle, and the Public Legal Education Council presented the Bunche Award.

Foley offers wireless laptop connectivity

Wireless laptop computers now are available for three-hour checkout from the circulation desk in the library, for use in the Foley Center only by faculty, staff and students. Instead of being bound to the public computers, wireless connectivity will enable patrons to do research in the library catalog and databases or “surf the web” from any location in Foley. “This will be of particular advantage for student and faculty groups who are working collaboratively on projects requiring internet access,” said Linda Pierce, chair of public services at Foley.

When a laptop is checked out the patron will be given an instruction sheet with information about how to login and how to print. When the laptop is returned the drives will be wiped and the machine configured and ready for another user.

Speaker series attacks war

Gonzaga faculty members will host a series of anti-war presentations titled, “Ain’t Gonna Study War No More: A Chorus Against the War,” which are free and open to all in the Jepson Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5: David Boose, assistant professor of biology, “War and the Environment”
Feb. 19: Ted Nitz, assistant professor of history/director of international studies, “Understanding Iraq”
Feb. 24: Pat McCormick, associate professor of religious studies, “The Churches Against the War”
March 5: English Associate Professor Beth Cooley and English Assistant Professor Patsy Fowler, “Anti-War Poetry and Songs.”

This series is sponsored by the Religious Studies Department, the Justice Committee and the Women’s Studies Program.
New Hires:
Brenton Snyder, desktop support specialist, Herak; Greg Stapleton, electrician in training, Plant Services.

Goodbyes:
Helen Doohan, Religious Studies Professor; Roderick Gorton, office manager, Gonzaga-in-Florence; Francie Mortensen, nurse practitioner, Health Center; Lynn Robinson, assistant professor, Chastek Library; Greg Turpin, instructor, Chemistry.

Promotions/New Assignments:
Beth Cullitan, from custodian I to custodian II, Plant Services; Jack Downs, from custodian I to custodian II, Plant Services; Pamela Gilchrist, from circulation assistant I to library assistant II, Chastek Library; David Knight, from custodian I to custodian II, Plant Services; Patrick Mulick, from instructor to assistant professor, Psychology.

Anniversaries
20 Maribeth Frazier, accounting assistant II, Payroll; Diane Imes, business manager, Mater Dei.
15 Raymond Reyes, associate vice president for diversity.
10 Jacinta Connall, assistant to the president, President’s Office; Yolanda Nelson, housekeeper, Jesuit Community.
5 Ryan Navrat, operator I, Switchboard; Robert Wood, officer, Security.

Parents and prospective students should already pick up in the recruitment and admission process a sense of the University,” said Phil Ballinger, Dean of Admission. “That’s why we focus on personal contact, hospitality, and an emphasis on quality, fun, and outcomes.”

The Admission staff of 16 full-time employees, 20 work-study part-timers and 50-60 student volunteers do their best to present Gonzaga in a genuine and positive light to about 35,000 inquirers annually. It’s a daunting chore.

“But Gonzaga is easy to represent,” said Senior Assistant Dean Anne Thomas (’91). “Especially now that there is name familiarity around the country.”

Gonzaga receives inquiries over the Internet, by E-mail, telephone and by personal contacts at college fairs and high school visits. Admission counselors annually spend 500 travel days on the road, saturating Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and spending time in every state west of Minneapolis except North and South Dakota, and Wyoming. Counselors each spend about seven weeks on the road every fall visiting high schools. Each day usually includes four high school visits and a college fair or individual student interviews in the evening. “It’s not very glamorous,” Ballinger said. “Then in the spring, each counselor spends another two weeks on the road representing GU at fairs and hosting gatherings for admitted students and their parents. Our job isn’t complete until the student enrolls in the fall,” Ballinger said.

“We keep trying to get Phil to send us to Tahiti to recruit,” Thomas joked, “but he hasn’t budged yet.”

In addition to the visits and personal contacts, the Admission Office has developed a systematic communication plan for each student inquirer, which includes personal letters from the dean, letters from academic deans and professors, publications and visual productions. Prospective students also may receive personal contact from current students, alumni in their area, and the University’s trustees and regents. Every admitted student even receives a welcome letter from the mayor of Spokane.

“We couldn’t be successful without the help of faculty, staff, current students, alumni and friends of the university, who pitch in and help us reach out to students,” Ballinger said.

Ballinger and Administrative Secretary Darlene Almanza have been at GU for nearly 15 years, while Associate Dean Julie McCulloh (’92) and Thomas have passed the 10-year mark.

High-tech classrooms expand professors’ palettes, information resources

Blackboards, chalk, overheads and 16mm film were the teaching tools of the past. Data projectors, computers, the Internet and DVD players are now the teaching tools. Colleges and universities across the nation are initiating a renaissance in classroom and pedagogical re-design. In 1995, Gonzaga had seven multimedia classrooms. In 2003, Gonzaga has more than 30 of these teaching environments located in every corner of the campus. In the past year, nine multimedia classrooms were added with more on the way. Media classrooms can open the door to a vast array of information. This immediate access to information has the potential to greatly enhance the teaching and learning process. Each of these classrooms supports the large screen projection of computer data, VHS tape playback, DVD playback, a stereo audio system, a direct connection to the Internet, and a document camera. The document camera, which is actually a high resolution video camera, allows for the large screen display of opaque and transparent classroom materials. A great deal of emphasis has been placed on operational reliability, standardization of the hardware, simplicity of control and a user-friendly operational interface.

The creation of multimedia classrooms is a collaborative effort between Instructional Technology Support Services, Central Computing and Network Support Services, Desktop Support Services, and Plant Services. These classrooms are the result of hours of consultation with deans and faculty, and are under constant review and revision, said Dale deViveiros, director of Instructional Technology Support Services.
New format protects top seeds in WCC Tourney

The West Coast Conference basketball tournament returns to the University of San Diego’s Jenny Craig Pavilion March 6-10 as both Gonzaga men’s and women’s teams compete for the league’s automatic berths into the NCAA Tournament.

The women’s tournament will run March 6-9, and the men’s tournament March 7-10, with the late men’s semifinal (Sunday) as well the championship game (Monday) being televised live nationwide on ESPN at 9 p.m.

The tournament formats have changed this year to protect the higher seeds. On the first day of both tournaments, the No. 5 team will play No. 8, and No. 6 will play No. 7. Those two winners will face Nos. 3 and 4 on the second day. The league champions and runnersup will play the second-day survivors on the third day in the semifinals, and the two winners will play for their respective tournament titles—the women on March 9, the men on March 10.

“The new format protects the higher seeded teams, especially one and two,” said Athletic Director Mike Roth. “We have long been an advocate of that. We also believe it will add some excitement to the regular-season schedule. Instead of playing for seeding, teams are now playing for byes. The top four teams don’t have to play the first day, the top two teams don’t have to play the first two days. It gives some meaning to those games late in the WCC season when teams are battling for position.”

Last fall when the WCC executive committee approved the new format, it also voted to send the WCC tournament to Santa Clara University in 2004 and to the University of San Francisco in 2005. In 2006 and 2007 the tournament will move to the Northwest schools with Portland and Gonzaga both having the opportunity to bid for the right to host. League officials plan to continue rotating the tournament between the southern schools, the Bay area schools and the Northwest schools each two years. In 2008 and 2009 the tournament will revert back to the Los Angeles/San Diego schools.

Holzer swaps oars for skates, wins nationals

Former Gonzaga rower Kristine Holzer has excelled in another athletic avenue as the 1996 Gonzaga graduate recently won two United States Championships in speedskating at the U.S. Long Track Speedskating Championships, Dec. 27-30 in Kearns, Utah. Holzer won the ladies' 3,000 meters and the 5,000 meters. With her victories at the U.S. Championships Holzer advanced to the United States North American/Oceania Regional Qualifier on Jan. 25-26. The Regional Qualifier, which was held at the Utah Olympic Oval, serves as the qualifier for the World Allrounds Speedskating Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, Feb. 8-9, 2003.

Holzer, a native of Boise, Idaho, was a member of the Gonzaga women's crew team earning All-West Coast Conference and All-Pacific 10 Conference honors in 1997. She was also named the Gonzaga Senior Athlete of the Year in 1997.