Congress has adjourned for the year leaving behind some very good news for Gonzaga and the Inland Northwest Natural Resources Research Center.

The Interior Appropriations Bill for FY 2004, which has been signed into law, contains $600,000 in the U.S. Forest Service budget for the INNRRC. In addition, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2004, which Congress will complete work on in January, includes $350,000 in the Department of Education budget for Gonzaga. Gonzaga has already received $4.5 million in federal funding for this project.

“These actions represent a vote of confidence in our University and in the preservation of the valuable natural resources of our region,” said Vice President for University Relations Margot Stanfield. “We are tremendously grateful to Congressman George Nethercutt and his staff for making this funding possible. It just would not have happened without him.”

Another $950,000 appears headed to INNRRC

After almost two years of effort, members of the Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee will meet on Jan. 8 to make final changes and approve a lengthy set of recommendations to the final draft of the Accreditation Self-Study Report.

The Steering Committee, appointed by the president, conducted an extensive and comprehensive report-building process, examining virtually all areas of University life. Following the Steering Committee’s sign-off, the President will receive and review the report before approving it for release to the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities and the evaluation team. The Commission must receive the report by mid-February.

“Although the report itself is nearing completion, there is still a lot left to be done prior to the evaluation team’s visit in April,” said Thayne McCulloh, associate academic vice president and chair of the Steering Committee. “January will be the last opportunity for the president to receive feedback from the community on the Self-Study Report before submitting it to the Commission in mid-February. Then, we will spend the remaining two months insuring that all of the required documents are properly catalogued and ready for the team when they come. Fortunately, the members of the Steering Committee have been exemplary in collecting documentation and data throughout the process.”

Once the final report has been approved by the president, copies will be made available to departments and via the accreditation website (http://guweb.gonzaga.edu/accreditation). The Steering Committee asks that all members of the GU community remember to mark their calendars for the evaluation visit dates: April 19-21.
Three Rembrandt prints, Picasso linocut in recent gift to Jundt Art Museum

One of Rembrandt’s most recognizable prints, “Jan Lutma, Goldsmith” from 1656 is among 35 works on paper donated to the Jundt Art Museum by Norman and Esther Bolker, Corvallis, Ore. The three Rembrandt works included in this donation bring the total number of works by Rembrandt to 17 housed in the Jundt collection.

Other works are by such old masters as Anthony Van Dyck, Jan Lievens, Jacob Houbraken, and Adriaen van Ostade. The gift also includes a large color “linocut” by the 20th century giant, Pablo Picasso, who invented what printmakers today call the “reduction print” process. Between 1958 and 1968 in a series of approximately 150 prints Picasso transformed the linocut into a colorful art form that previously was considered a craft suitable only for children.

In fall 2005, the Jundt Art Museum will exhibit a major overview of the Bolker Collection, curated by Norman and Esther Bolker. The Bolker Collection was established at Gonzaga in 1984, when the Bolkers gave 480 works on paper to the University. A second gift followed in 1995 and the recent gift extends the Bolker Collection to nearly 750 prints, drawings and watercolors. The Bolker Collection represents 25 percent of GU’s holdings of original works on paper.

The new acquisitions may be viewed in the print study room by appointment. Call Paul Brekke, assistant curator at ext. 6613.

Communications, leadership core of new master’s program

Under the direction of John Caputo, the master of arts in communication and leadership studies degree program has been added to the University’s offerings. It is designed to provide graduate-level expertise for solving communication problems in modern organizations and social systems from a communication and leadership perspective.

“By their very nature, organizations depend upon complex communication functions for effective operation — formal and informal, and increasingly technologically based, communication networks,” Caputo said. “What is likely to distinguish the 21st century from the 20th is the unprecedented degree to which communication and information technology enable creation of active networks linking individuals, functions and organizations that exchange messages and data on a regular basis.”

The Program is grounded in both scientific and humanistic theory and methodology, global communication and ethics, and is relevant for those seeking leadership in corporate communications, public relations, media management, media criticism, human resources, marketing, strategic planning, training and consulting, media literacy, community college teaching or Ph.D. work in communications.

The Communication and Leadership Studies master’s degree is designed to meet the needs and schedules of working adults as well as continuing students from undergraduate programs. Flexible scheduling, weekend, evening and Internet courses will be offered. The program consists of 36 credits.

Admission inquiries off the chart

The word about Gonzaga continues to spread like wild fire. Inquiries from prospective students reached 43,734 by Dec. 12, a 39-percent increase over inquiries received by the same time last year. Typically, about 10 percent of those who inquire about Gonzaga complete applications.

“We’re on course to receive a record 4,000 applications,” said Julie McCulloh, Admission dean. “The increasing recognition of Gonzaga throughout the country through basketball, Father Spitzer and word of mouth have intrigued prospective students. They want to look a little closer. Once they’re intrigued, it’s our job to capture them.”

Admission counselors chose to accept applications from about 1,100 students from the first pool in mid-December, McCulloh said. “That’s between 80-90 percent of our application pool. We’ll look at the next group in early March, and we’ll look to admit around 60 percent of that pool,” she said.

The Admission goal is to enroll 930 students next fall.

- English Associate Professor Beth Cooley has published a novel entitled, “Ostrich Eye,” the winner of the 20th Delacorte Prize for First Young Adult Novel. The story involves 15-year-old Ginger, who meets a photographer visiting her town. The photographer befriends Ginger, her 7-year-old half-sister, Vivian, and her boyfriend, Nicholas. As Ginger gets to know the man better, she is convinced he isn’t who he claims to be. As she tries to figure out his real identity, she realizes she may have put herself, Vivian and Nicholas in danger. The novel is a coming-of-age story about family, misperceptions and remaining loyal to those who are most important in our lives. The book is due in book stores in January. Cooley will read at Auntie’s Feb. 13.


- Staff members celebrating their anniversaries at the University will now receive $10 in Bulldog Bucks, which may be used at the Bookstore, any Sodexo food outlet, Faculty Services, and the Ticket Station in Crosby. They also may be used to order pizza from Domino’s or Papa John’s that deliver in the GU district. The $10 will be added to each staff member’s ID card on their anniversary dates.

- Heads Up Gonzaga (HUG), the Staff Assembly’s annual professional development half-day session, will occur in February, although a specific date has yet to be set. Dealing with workloads is the general area.

- Six additional tribal insignias have been installed in the Barbieri Courtroom at the Law School, making the full complement of nine.

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New Hires:
Peter Hanlon, systems administrator, Central Computing (CCNSS); Katie King, assistant director, Major Gifts; Brian Parker, admission specialist/counselor, Law; Ray Perdue, custodian in training, Plant Services.

Goodbyes:
Juan Adams, HVA technician III, Plant Services; Linda Pierce, faculty chairperson, Foley Library.

Promotions/New Assignments:
Ruslan Aleksandrov, from custodian I to custodian II, Plant Services; Rocque Conceicao, from groundskeeper IV to groundskeeper V, Plant Services; John Correia, from telecom tech in training to telecom tech I, Plant Services; Dennis Gagooin, from counselor to assistant dean, Admission; Roselyn Kissinger, from custodian lead II to working custodian supervisor in training, Plant Services; Shannon Palomba, from director of development, Mater Dei to secretary of special education, School of Education; Lisa Reffner, from program assistant II to program assistant III, The Career Center; Joan Sarles, from counselor to assistant dean, Admissions; Kathy Sherrick, from administrative secretary, Help Desk to administrative secretary II, University Relations; Emily Talley, from secretary, Student Life to assistant director, Major Gifts.

Anniversaries:
30 Jane Rinehart, professor, Sociology.
25 Helen Donigan, professor, School of Law.
20 James Helgeson, professor, Marketing; Luciia Huntington, assistant professor, English Language Center; Richard Magnuson, general maintenance, Plant Services.
15 Jane Archer, accounting assistant II, Campus Services; Eileen Hogan, senior accountant, Controller’s Office; Oliver Pierce, sports information director, Athletics; Carlos Tavora, professor, Electrical Engineering.
10 Annette Barta, academic affairs officer, AVP Office; Scott Franz, textbook manager, Bookstore; David Heinze, director, Bookstore; Carol Wilson, graduate studies coordinator, School of Business.
5 Marcia Menard, housekeeper, Jesuit Community; Karin Olsen, assistant dean development/alumni relations, School of Law; Shannon Stiles, head women’s soccer coach, Athletics.

Cradle Call:
Erin Bishop, secretary, School of Education, and husband Roger are the parents of Luke. Born Nov. 20, he was 8 lbs. 2 ozs and 20½ inches long.

In the School of Education there is a lot of love for their dean, Shirley Williams, center. Perpetrators, er, others pictured are Associate Professor Dan Mahoney, Assistant to the Dean Cynthia Smutney, Assistant Professor Foster Walsh, and Educational Community Liaison Joan Kingrey.

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The School of Education is Gonzaga’s second largest after the College of Arts and Sciences. It enrolled this fall 3,613 students, including 417 off campus. It offers three undergraduate majors and 10 master’s degree programs. The School was established in 1928. Here is a brief look at the School of Education today:
- 26 faculty (24 with terminal degrees),
- 13 staff members, including four administrators, two professional and seven clerical staff
- Bob Bialozor is the School’s longest-standing faculty member at 28 years, but Tim McLaughlin is right behind at 27 years served
- Departments are: Educational Leadership and Administration, Counselor Education, Special Education, Sport and Physical Education, Teacher Education
- Bachelor’s Programs in Physical Education, Sport Management, Special Education
- The School certifies school personnel in elementary, secondary, special education, professional, school counselor, program administrator, principal and superintendent
- The School offers master’s degrees in administration and supervision, curriculum and instruction, teaching, anesthesiology education, educational administration, counseling psychology, counseling, special education, sport and athletic administration,

initial teaching
- A $600,000 grant from Next IT Corp., has made the School a cornerstone in the Gonzaga Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, a partnership that will develop a web-based environment for learning that enhances access to improved math throughout the classroom, district, region and nation
- A recent $150,000 grant to Gonzaga and the Catholic Diocese of Yakima from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will help increase collaboration between teachers and faculty, fund teacher development, improve University programs and provide leadership training. It also allows for the Blackboard course management and content sharing system at GU to be updated and shared with the Catholic schools of Yakima and Spokane.

$11,349 gift inspired by passion for U.S. history

Shauna Terhune (’95) remembers the passionate history lessons she would receive from her grandfather, William P. Sherman, every time she visited him in Montana. It was his inspiration that persuaded Shauna to become a history teacher. And when Shauna took a history class from education Professor Jennie Nelson, she saw in Nelson the same passion for the subject that her grandfather had held.

When Sherman died, he left $11,349 in the form of an IRA gift to Gonzaga to use to promote quality teaching in U.S. history. Nelson was a natural to put the money to use. So over the past semester she has developed a mini-library in the School of Education for students to use in their student teaching experiences. The library of U.S. history materials includes a variety of resources from software to video to poems to audiotapes and books.

“This gift will make a huge difference to our students,” said Associate Academic Vice President Deborah McDonald. “It will do wonders for the teachers we put out there in the field. Mr. Sherman wanted his love for history to be passed on, and Jennie Nelson has made sure we will do that.”

Shauna is a history teacher in Stockton, California.
President outlines funding priorities, strategic planning timeline

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ubstantially, all Momentum 2007 goals have been met, President Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., announced in December at his financial presentations to the community. Then he listed the institutional funding priorities for fiscal 2004-05, dependent on growth in net revenues. Other funding priorities will come from area vice presidents.

- Fully fund annual survey adjustments, promotions and sabbatical requests
- Fund new faculty and staff positions necessary to keep pace with enrollment growth, new facility requirements
- Fund second-year enhancements to the pension plan, which are being phased in over a four-year period
- Continue to increase funding for contingency, renewal and replacement funds
- Provide funding for fixed expenditures such as utilities, library periodicals, etc.
- Increase funding for technology improvements for classrooms, labs and network infrastructure
- Budget for increased revenues and expenses associated with the new arena (a self-supporting project)
- Continue funding for Ad Building renovations
- Budget for anticipated increases in property and liability insurance, and attempt to maintain coverages under existing medical insurance plan (subject to claims experience)
- Identify and fund strategies to increase faculty development funding
- Increase Admissions funding necessary to accommodate continued growth in inquiries and applications
- Budget for increased costs associated with the School of Business addition
- Consider temporary revenue or expense measures associated with Florence exchange rate
  “Because goals for Momentum 2007 have been substantially reached, it’s time to address recommendations coming from the accreditation process, and to begin a new strategic planning process,” Fr. Spitzer said. “It will be in four stages.”
  The first stage (completed) has involved development of a long-term planning model that will help administrators reflect revenue and expenses through 2012, based upon given assumptions. The second phase (now through March 10) is developing the revenue portion of the strategic plan. The third stage (March-October 2004) is developing an academic strategic plan, which will involve extensive faculty input. The fourth stage (completed by March 2005) is developing the non-academic plan, which will involve input from the entire community.

Cataldo opens this month, Herak addition, new residence hall being studied

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econstruction of Cataldo Hall is nearing completion. Jazzman’s Café, in the new, expansive lobby entrance, will open Jan. 12, serving coffee and pastries. It will include bar and sofa seating. The new Globe Room, which has more than doubled in size from 2,170 square feet to 6,130 square feet, also will open Jan. 12. Pandini’s, a new mid-scale Italian restaurant in the Captain’s Room, will tentatively open March 1 and will feature pasta, pizza and salad offerings during lunch and dinner hours. The room itself will be open for use from 7 a.m.-midnight, said Sue Wetz, vice president for Student Life. Times will be set aside each weekday afternoon for use by faculty and staff only, she said. Specific hours have yet to be set.

Contingent upon receiving federal funding, plans are moving forward to add a new energy transmission engineering wing onto the Herak Center, extending south of the current building between the two new south entrances, said Ken Sammons, director of Plant Services. The addition would be approximately 20,000 square feet and would stand two stories. With this addition would come a new south facade for the building. This new space also would accommodate new offices and classrooms. University officials are studying the feasibility of building a new Dillon-style residence hall in the East 800 block of Boone Avenue, where currently the University operates two apartments. This is an effort to get students out of the Red Lion River Inn. Plans are still being made to convert the Colonial Bowl block into upper class, apartment-style housing.

Dance, diss, do what you can in first annual talent show

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t’s time to step up to the microphone. April’s Angels and the Center for Community Action and Service Learning are calling on faculty and staff members to put their talents on display in the first annual Faculty and Staff Talent Show, Feb. 19 in Cataldo Hall. If you have a performable talent, contact Tyler Martin to register, at tmartin2@gonzaga.edu, or ext. 5524. Proceeds from this event will help April’s Angels renovate St. Charles Elementary School this spring.

Performing in the talent show will be Gail Nord, Mike Stebbins, Milad Abid, James Hunter, Mike Millham, Suzanne Ostersmith, Tony Osborne and Steve Schennum. Organizers are seeking additional talent, especially, but not confined to, comedic acts to lighten up the fare.