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A look at Gonzaga's multifaceted Jesuits

A professor, a chaplain, a mentor and a friend. These characteristics among others describe the 40-plus Jesuits who live on campus and participate in the greater Gonzaga community. The gentlemen, from 35 to 90 years old, are here to help Gonzaga grow in understanding of what it means to be a Jesuit school.

With 27 Jesuits active within campus life and another couple dozen living at Jesuit House and Cardinal Bea House, their presence is not small. They permeate most of the academic departments and nine Jesuits live in the residence halls.

"Faculty members who travel abroad with students come back knowing more about them," said Fr. Steve Kuder, S.J., rector of Gonzaga's Jesuit community. "They are surprised to know that, having lived with the students in residence halls, we truly know our students' total lives."

Jesuits also hold positions of leadership within the University with Fr. Bernard Coughlin, S.J., as chancellor, Fr. Steve Hess, S.J., vice president for Mission

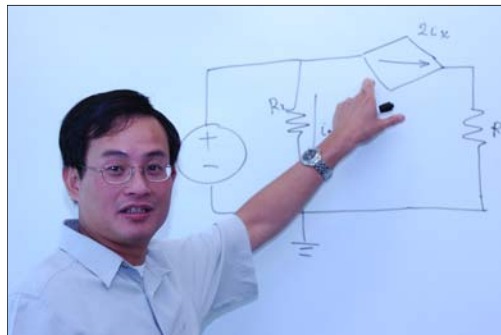
and Fr. Al Morissette, S.J., interim associate dean of Arts & Sciences, to name a few. Others, including Fr. Mike Maher, S.J., and Fr. Gary Uhlenkott, S.J., serve as chairs of their departments.

It doesn't stop there. Jesuit House is home or home-base to an artist and a writer in residence, the pastor of St. Aloysius Parish and another on special assignment in Africa. The eight Jesuits who live at the Manresa community at Gonzaga Prep also visit Jesuit House often.

"The Jesuits are a worldwide organization. Half of our mind is aware of what is going on elsewhere and being able to bring that into our experiences here," said Fr. Kuder. "We are contemplatives in action. That's where we find God, out working in the world."



Fr. Craig Hightower, S.J., serves as the chaplain for the men's basketball team.



Fr. Dat Tran, S.J., is one of the newest faculty members in the engineering department.



Fr. Ken Krall, S.J., tends the garden at Jesuit House.

The Jesuit community celebrates mass at 5:15 p.m. every Wednesday in Jesuit House. Once per month, the Wednesday mass is held in the University Chapel and is open to all faculty and staff. They also have a community night every Wednesday and participate in a retreat at the beginning of the academic year. Once a month, they gather on a Sunday afternoon for apostolic conversation.

"We are friends in the Lord," said Fr. Kuder. "This is really a great life, all these guys here interested in what you're doing, supporting the Mission."

Campus flu outbreak sporadic, prevention key

With 20 confirmed student cases of Influenza A (through Sept. 29), Gonzaga's numbers pale in comparison to the recent outbreak at WSU. This doesn't, however, mean the precautions should fade.

"Students are taking it seriously," said Vicki Olson, director of Gonzaga's Health Center. "They are helping each other out and self-isolating when they experience symptoms."

Olson notes that the illness may increase as we

head into the winter months and the more typical flu season; for now, cases are coming in sporadically.

"Wash your hands often, get a flu shot, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, clean surfaces regularly, avoid contact with sick people, and don't share food, utensils, drinks, etc."

For the latest news and information about free flu shots for faculty and staff, visit www.gonzaga.edu/healthcenter.

Interim or acting: Gonzaga leaders providing University stability

Joan Allbery has worked here for nearly 40 years (Some think that perhaps she began here when she was 9 and employment laws weren't as strict as they are today). **George Critchlow** has nearly 30 years on the job. **Marty Martin** and **Father Steve Hess, S.J.** are relative newcomers, but all four have been around long enough to know that this place doesn't run without a great deal of effort and organization.



Joan Allbery

And although all are either interim and acting VP or dean, they each address their job as if it was theirs to keep.

Allbery is interim vice president for administration and planning. She was ready to leave the University three years ago after serving 37 years in technology, and seek new breadth in her career. Then-vice president for administration and planning **Thayne McCulloh**, now *interim* president, asked her to serve as director of adminis-



Marty Martin

trative operations. Three months later he left his role to become *interim* academic vice president, and then President Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., asked Allbery to become *interim* vice president for administration and planning, a role she has now held for over two years as Dr. McCulloh is now two positions removed.

"I don't know how long it'll last," she said, "but frankly, it's an honor to serve in this role as long as Dr. McCulloh wants me to. I have such a greater appreciation for all that it takes to run this university."

Critchlow became *acting* dean of the Law School when Dean Martin (not the actor) became *acting* academic vice president, succeeding the new *interim* president. He says he's *acting* because a search is under way for a permanent replacement. In reference to the H1N1 virus, Martin said, "We are planning for worst-case pandemic scenario. If the University has to shut down, we'll have to be able to offer academics without classes. I'm also looking for places where we can streamline processes and become more efficient so



George Critchlow

that when the new AVP arrives he or she will have sufficient time to engage in more long-term planning."

In the meantime, Critchlow, who previously served as *interim* dean between the terms of Dan Morrissey and Martin, is comfortable in his supporting *acting* role. "I'm looking forward to my 30-year pen," he said. "Seriously, with Marty coming back in a year, I'm in much more of a caretaking role than the others. Marty and I confer on most things."

That leaves Fr. Hess, who, like Allbery, isn't sure how long he'll be in his interim role. "I'm looking to provide new programs for faculty and staff, to give them tools to incorporate the mission in their work, to hear their ideas," Fr. Hess said. "So whoever takes this job permanently will have the background of our people. I want to help our constituents understand what is happening in the Jesuit world and how that impacts us here at Gonzaga. You see the committed people have to this place everywhere."

Just as we do in these four interim/acting professionals.



Fr. Steve Hess, S.J.

AROUND CAMPUS

- Gonzaga University and Sherry Pratt Von Voorhis Landscape Architects recently received the Mayor's Urban Design Award for the **West Boone Walking Mall Project**. The Urban Design Awards are given to projects which contribute to Spokane's quality of life and help implement the City's Comprehensive Plan through good urban design.
- Gonzaga's theater season kicks off this month with "**Pride and Prejudice**," based on Jane Austen's classic novel and adapted for the stage by BBC writer Marcus Goodwin. Catch a 7:30 p.m. performance on Oct. 23, 24, 29 and 30 or at 2 p.m. on Oct. 24 and Nov. 1 in the Harry & Colleen Magnuson Theatre.
- Tracy Ellis-Ward** brings a wealth of experience to Gonzaga as the new director of UMEC, or the Unity Multicultural Education Center. In more than 15 years of local and national leadership roles, she has advocated for diversity and first-generation students, worked in various positions in the sports industry including collegiate, professional and ministry. Among other projects, Ellis-Ward will be mentoring the eight Act Six students this year. Act Six is an urban scholarship program that is new to Gonzaga. "I am honored to be part of the Gonzaga community and look forward to serving in an environment that embraces diversity and is committed to addressing challenges collaboratively," said Ellis-Ward.



Tracy Ellis-Ward

Gonzaga awarded grants for Posadas Project, course assessment work

Mark McGregor, S.J., assistant professor in communications arts, received a \$57,000 grant award from the Catholic Communication Campaign to promote the celebration of "Las Posadas," a traditional Advent procession from Mexico, and immigrant education and advocacy. According to Fr.



Fr. Mark McGregor, S.J.

McGregor, director of the Posadas Project, this effort to promote hospitality and solidarity with immigrants is an outstanding example of Gonzaga's commitment to its mission of faith and justice. "The grant allows me, along with some Gonzaga students, to be in touch with a national network of people who work to integrate immigrants into society," Fr. McGregor said. "I was greatly moved by the students who participated in Gonzaga's first Posadas in December 2008, because I saw people building bridges to one another through their faith."

Fr. McGregor's award-winning film "Posada" and its Web site, www.posadas-project.com, connect the story of Las Posadas – Joseph and Mary seeking shelter – to the experiences of unaccompanied immigrant children who seek shelter in the United States.

The grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign supports replication, promotion and distribution

of 8,000 copies of the Posadas DVD and an expanded companion guide. Most of these will go to three significant points of contact and integration for immigrants: worship communities, high schools and universities. Fr. McGregor is exploring distribution via public television, in hopes of reaching an audience of more than 32 million in the top 16 Latino markets.

Teagle grant

Gonzaga University, in partnership with Seattle University, collaborated in a \$25,000 Teagle Planning Assessment grant between spring 2007 and summer 2008. That made the two institutions eligible for an implementation grant that began in January 2009 and runs through December 2011, providing \$100,000 annually. According to **Mike Herzog**, English professor and senior faculty adviser to the president, the implementation grant helps each university to "develop embedded assignments to assess and improve the majors and to revise Core curricula based on student learning outcomes."

Receiving these two grants validates that Gonzaga and Seattle universities are engaged in innovative thinking and work, Herzog said. The Teagle Foundation supports efforts to improve education through creative assessment work that has the potential of being widely replicated.

NOTEWORTHY

New Hires

Emmanuel Cannady, residence hall director, Housing; **Joshua Cox**, ticket manager/travel coordinator, Athletics; **Sarah Crisp**, administrative assistant, Plant Services; **Tracy Ellis-Ward**, director, Unity Multi-Educational Center; **Erik Hoffman**, counselor, Admissions; **Andrew Main**, assistant director, Rudolf Fitness Center; **Nicola Miller**, resident hall director, Housing; **James Pugh**, custodian, Plant Services; **Joseph Sammut**, residence hall director, Housing; **Michael Sass**, counselor, Admissions; **Louise Torgerson**, CHAMPS life skills coordinator, Athletics; **Fr. Quan Tran**, S.J., coordinator, University Ministry; **Becky Wilkey**, associate director, Security; **Debra Wiseman**, senior faculty assistant, Biology/Chemistry; **Erin Yastro**, residence hall director, Housing.

Goodbyes

Nichole Bogarosh, program specialist, School of Education Graduate Admissions; **KayLynn Brandon**, administrative assistant, Plant Services; **Megan Ewens**, counselor, Admissions; **Johnny Gurule**, custodian II, Plant Services; **Margaret Hanratty**, librarian, GIF; **Darryl McLeod**, custodial lead, Plant Services; **Molly Schneider**, assistant women's soccer coach I, Athletics; **Matthew Walton**, counselor, Admissions.

Promotions/New Assignments

Sheree Abbott, medical assistant, Health Center; **George Critchlow**, acting dean, School of Law; **Elizabeth Marshall**, visit office specialist, Admissions; **Colleen McMahon**, associate professor, Communication Arts; **Matthew McPherson**, associate professor, School of Business; **Donny Thomas**, programmer/analyst, CCNSS.

Anniversaries

30 **Dwight Smith**, lead officer, Security.

25 **Keith Gauthier**, working maintenance supervisor V, Plant Services.

20 **Karen Koberstein**, buyer V, Plant Services.

10 **Jason Kissinger**, custodial lead, Plant Services.

5 **John King**, HVAC tech II, Plant Services; **Clarice Moser**, assignments coordinator, Housing; **Gale Snyder**, secretary, Teacher Education.

FOCUS ON . . . Greg McGuire on call

Greg McGuire has a voice that's hard to forget and a work ethic that's easy to see. It's no surprise, then, that he is a graduate of the Edward R. Murrow School of Communications at WSU and is now the audio-visual technical supervisor in Campus Services here at Gonzaga.

McGuire can frequently be spotted, with at least one phone in each hand, at just about any Gonzaga event that requires audio-visual equipment. "We want people across campus to know that we're here to help ensure their events will go off without a hitch," McGuire said. "I cover all of the audio-visual needs for events that are assigned in the Cataldo Globe Room, but our Campus Services department is here for the entire University."

If McGuire looks or sounds familiar, chances are you've run into him when he was a tour train operator at Riverfront Park (a job he held for three-and-a-half summers) or when he was the entertainment director for Riverfront Park's Ice Palace (a 10-year tenure). "I absolutely loved being the tour train operator," he said. "I used to tell everyone, 'Welcome to the best tour train in Spokane...then again, it's the only tour train in Spokane.' It was the perfect job during high school and college."

After graduating from WSU, Greg was an intern for KXLY and an on-air announcer for Spokane radio stations KZZU and KKZX FM. He was also the PA announcer for the Gonzaga baseball team's inaugural season at Patterson Baseball Complex and Washington Trust Field. He's pinned microphones on Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer when he worked for Microsoft and, closer to home, provided his vocal skills at the Gonzaga staff assembly summer parties three out of the past five years. Oh, and then there's the three different companies he managed in Spokane: mobile DJ, audio-visual and entertainment contracting services, all at the same time.

"I found myself working 70 hours a week, 40 Saturdays a



Greg McGuire knows just which buttons to push to make sure Gonzaga events run smoothly.

year and one day I just hit the wall," he said. "I've entertained at over 400 receptions in the past 19 years and close to 1,000 parties or events. With my partner Tera's help, I made a career change and became the media technical director at Central Washington University. I fell in love with the students' passion, energy and the sense of community on the campus."

Two years later, Greg and Tera moved to Spokane for her new job. "We stayed at her parents' place, I picked up the newspaper and looked through the classifieds, which is something I never do," he said. "And right there was an ad for an audio-visual technical supervisor at Gonzaga University."

Greg works closely with **Jim Ryan**, his full-time assistant who specializes in video production and manages 14 work-study students.

School of Engineering and Applied Science marks 75 years

Gonzaga's School of Engineering and Applied Science began in response to a public demand for engineers to help construct massive public works projects implemented under Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal." Seventy-five years later, the school is again responding to public need, including the development of a power transmission and distribution certification program that will meet an ever-increasing need for power engineers in the United States.

"I see so many opportunities for the future of Gonzaga engineering during a critical time for our global society," said Dean Dennis Horn. "We want to graduate engineers with the latest technical know-how, a sense of social responsibility and a desire to work for the common good as they solve these problems."

Gonzaga's engineering school continues to train engineers to imagine a future world through the windows of innovation and service, Horn said. From environmental sustainability to renewable energy; from clean water in Africa to recycling computers for kids -- GU engineers are studying not just engineering theory but "engineering with a pur-



Gonzaga's School of Engineering and Applied Science is celebrating 75 years as an innovative, mission-driven source of quality engineers and computer scientists.

pose." In the past year engineering students have also worked on developing life-saving sensors for emergency workers in distant locations, solar grain dryers for Third World countries and better tracking of adverse drug reactions.

With a record freshman engineering class of nearly 200 students and a sharp increase in the number of women engineering students, this school is thriving, Horn said.

Sodexo and Gonzaga celebrate 50 years of partnership

Sodexo and Gonzaga University recently celebrated 50 years of partnership at a black-tie dinner in Cataldo Globe Room in late September. Dignitaries from both organizations were there to celebrate the event.



Tom Post, president of Sodexo, stated that "our association with Gonzaga is one of the longest and most special relationships we have," noting that Gonzaga has been with the company when it was first known as Saga, then Marriott and finally as Sodexo. Sodexo has only three other clients who have reached the 50-year mark: North-

west Nazarene University, Western Washington University and Rocky Mountain College.

Paul Komelaski, district manager of Sodexo, worked on the Gonzaga campus for Sodexo from 1986-1998. "What I remember most are the people," he said. "One of the founding members of Saga was **Bill Laughlin**, who was a Gonzaga Trustee at the time. He was very instrumental in building Cataldo Hall. It's wonderful coming back here and seeing a lot of the same faces."

Special guests for the evening included **Miss Edie**, who retired from Sodexo earlier this year after 30 years of service on the Gonzaga campus, and **Gloria Spencer**, who for 25 years has worked in the Bea House as a breakfast cook.

Sean Finnagan, Sodexo's marketing director for the western region, has worked for Sodexo for 23 years and is also a Gonzaga alumnus. "I started working as a banquet server while I was a student," he said. "Today I work for the company based out of Colorado Springs."

Rick Waldt, district manager, noted numerous changes over the past five decades between the two institutions. "In 1983 this campus was a totally different place," he said. "Spike's used to be called Gladys' in honor of **Gladys Drovdahl** who cooked for us for 40 years. The dining program was very basic in that it delivered 21 meals a week and we only had one retail outlet. Today, students can choose to eat what, when and where they want on campus."

Coaches vs. Cancer approaches \$4 million

The eighth annual Coaches vs. Cancer event hosted by **Mark and Marcy Few** in late August raised \$490,000, including \$63,000 in Camp Goodtime Scholarships, a medically supervised week-long camp for children ages 7 to 17 affected by cancer. This year's event brings the eight-year total to just under \$4 million. Event highlights included a reunion of the coaches and players from the 1999 Gonzaga Men's Basketball team that soared to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament.

"Marcy and I continue to be humbled by the generous support of the Spokane community and Gonzaga family," Mark Few said. "This weekend was a great opportunity for us to celebrate the wins, acknowledge the losses and come together to further the battle."

Gonzaga's Coaches vs. Cancer organization was created by the Fews in 2002 and is part of



the national Coaches vs. Cancer organization. The annual "Coaches vs. Cancer Golf Classic and Basketball Gala" brings local sponsors and celebrities from across the nation to Spokane every August for a two-day golf tournament and black-tie dinner/auction. The Fews will host next year's event Aug. 27-28.

Alumni, parents combine for campus shindigs Oct. 23-25

Gonzaga's campus will spring to life – in the fall, no less – from Oct. 23-25 as two events highlight the weekend: Fall Family Weekend and alumni reunion for the classes of '64, '69, '79, '84, '89, '99 and all GIF class years.

According to **Susie Prusch**, FFW organizer, more than 425 families have already registered for the weekend with "more coming in every day." The weekend is packed with events, from an Autumn Gala in McCarthy, theater and art shows, athletic events, Sunday Mass and more. For more details, visit www.gonzaga.edu/ffw.

Reunion weekend events are just as busy, according to **Bob Finn**, alumni director. "Classes have set up specific celebrations both on and off campus," Finn said. "It should be a really fun weekend for everyone." For more information, visit www.zagsonline.org.

Staff matters

Staff Assembly Executive Council members may be dropping in on you soon. Staff Assembly President **Bill Kostelec** announced plans for officers to stop in on every office this fall to say "Hello," to both gather and disseminate information, and to reiterate "that in these troubling economic times the key to the success of the University and to all the members of its community is a strong commitment to working together for the common good."

"Staff matters," Kostelec said. "The overall concern of the Staff Assembly is with all of the various MATTERS that affect the lives and work of the members of the University staff; and secondly, STAFF really do matter in the life of the University."

Kostelec asked that staff members be prepared to share issues and concerns with the Staff Assembly, and "let us know what we should be working on," he said. In addition, Staff Assembly ice cream socials will continue as a way to bring the community together.

Fall sports HOME schedules

Men's Soccer

Oct. 9	vs. Loyola Marymount	3 p.m.
Oct. 11	vs. San Diego	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs. Portland	2 p.m.
Oct. 30	vs. Santa Clara	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	vs. Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Nov. 13	vs. San Francisco	1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 23	vs. San Francisco	3 p.m.
Oct. 25	vs. Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	vs. Santa Clara	1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Oct. 3	vs. Portland	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs. Pepperdine	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	vs. Loyola Marymount	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	vs. San Diego	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	vs. Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	vs. Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	vs. San Francisco	12 p.m.