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Dr. Patricia Killen, alumna, scholar and 'accidental administrator,' to lead faculty

Gonzaga alumna Dr. Patricia O'Connell Killen, herself a first-generation college student, a historian and theologian, has agreed to become the University's next academic vice president. She will arrive on campus July.

Killen describes herself as a scholar who loves the classroom, a historian who loves old archives, and an accidental administrator who takes pleasure in bringing things together so that faculty and students thrive.

"I do administration on behalf of students and faculty and the project of higher education," she said in opening remarks to faculty when she visited campus in February. "It is the work (of education) that matters."

Killen grew up in western Oregon within a large extended family in a Belgian Catholic community. Her love of books led her to dream of going to college. After graduating from Gonzaga, she earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in religious studies from Stanford University.

As a freshman, Killen lived in Catherine-Monica. During her four years here, "My faculty treated me like I could think," she said. As a senior, Killen studied with sociology Professor **Jane Rinehart**, who was then in her first year of teaching at GU. Rinehart chaired the AVP Search Committee.

At Pacific Lutheran University, Killen is provost and dean of graduate studies as well as professor of religion. Her special areas of research are Catholicism in the United States and religion in the Pacific Northwest. Her own experience crossing social and cultural boundaries contributed to what has been her abiding interest – to understand the intersection of social context, community and spirituality; especially how, in differing social contexts, communities "think" (or don't think) with the wisdom of their religious heritage to address the challenges and novel circumstances they confront.

In addition to publishing widely on religion in public life, Killen writes about teaching and directs workshops for new faculty from the United States and Canada who teach theology and religion. She has received awards for her teaching and her scholarly publications, and in 2007 Gonzaga honored her with a



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Distinguished Alumni Merit Award.

Killen is in her 30th year in higher education. During the 1980s she taught full-time for four years at Loyola University of Chicago, and she is glad to be returning to Jesuit higher education for the last decade of her professional career.

"The invitation to become academic vice president at Gonzaga affords me the opportunity to contribute directly to the project of Jesuit higher education from which I have received so much," she said. "I look forward to collaborating with President **Thayne McCulloh**, the faculty, students, staff and other administrators in moving Gonzaga toward realizing its best aspirations."

Dr. McCulloh welcomed Dr. Killen with warm words:

"I am delighted to welcome Dr. Killen to Gonzaga as our new chief academic officer. I am confident that Dr. Killen, who is an experienced administrator and a well-respected professor and scholar, will help lead our institution to even greater heights of academic excellence. Dr. Killen herself experienced the transformational gift of a Gonzaga University education, and as a result she thoroughly understands our mission and the importance Gonzaga places on effective teaching, advising, scholarship and citizenship."

Carbon footprint: Who knew that we fly nearly 6 million miles a year?

Determining Gonzaga's carbon footprint is both simpler and more complex than you might think. **Ken Sammons**, director of Plant Services, began this project about 18 months ago. He's cautiously optimistic about the results.

The largest portion of the CO₂ produced by Gonzaga – 41.8 percent – comes from purchased electricity. The next largest chunk – about 25 percent – comes from commuting and air travel. About 24.3 percent of the CO₂ stems from natural gas and gasoline for the GU fleet. The final category, "other," accounts for 8.9 percent, and includes use of refrigerants, fertilizer, refuse, wastewater and paper products.

With the establishment of the Advisory Council on Stewardship and Sustainability, the carbon footprint project switched from a relatively simple calculator to the more complex calculator used by the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. The change resulted in a more accurate picture of GU's energy use.

Some items are easy to determine: How much natural gas did we buy, how much electricity did we use? Figuring the total air miles traveled annually was straightforward – and surprising: 5,732,878 miles.

More complex is the task of figuring commuting mileage totals. Plant Services recently asked all employees about their commuting habits so as to arrive at a reasonably accurate total.

Commuting complexity

The average one-way commute for faculty and staff is 9.27 miles, and for students it is 9.25 miles. The number of miles traveled to the University, one way, per day, if all faculty and staff drive on that day, is approximately 12,697 miles. If all students drive to class on the same day, the one-way distance traveled is approximately 28,217 miles. These distances were calculated based on zip code.

To give you an idea of the magnitude of the effect of commuting on our carbon footprint, based on data to date, faculty and staff would commute 5,019,700 miles per year, with students close behind at 4,912,500 miles.

"By defining the University's usage patterns, and thus the amount of CO₂ produced by each category, we can see if there is anything we can do to reduce consumption within that category," Sammons said.

A recent campus energy audit has identified both good news and continuing challenges. Most lighting systems and a large part of the heating systems are in good order, thanks in good part to recent upgrades, including motion sensors.

Planning for more efficiency continues. Windows in Madonna and Welch will be replaced this summer. Lighting upgrades are in the works for the fieldhouse, the pool and the pavilion, as well as the lobby/atrium of Jepson Center and for the campus post lights. 'Heat reclaim' units are needed in Hughes' south wing and for the ventilation air from the pool in the Rudolf Fitness Center. A solution for leaking air in the Rosauer Center is being sought, and infrared scans are under way for several buildings.

"Based on preliminary, unconfirmed information, our energy use per square foot appears to be less than the national average, and better than our peer institutions along the West Coast." Sammons said.

Accounting faculty launch Justice for Fraud Victims Project

Accounting faculty in the School of Business Administration have developed a new program that gives accounting graduate students the chance to become men and women for others. The Justice for Fraud Victims Project, which began this semester, gives students experience in investigating cases of alleged financial fraud. Working with Gonzaga faculty and local mentors from the community, students seek to determine if a financial fraud occurred, how it was perpetrated, and an estimate of the financial loss. Without this information, law enforcement cannot prosecute such cases. As a result, students help both victims of financial fraud and Spokane area prosecutors who may prosecute the case.

It all began last summer when an assistant U.S. attorney approached **Gary Weber**, associate professor, and **Sara Melendy**, assistant professor, about such a project. Melendy is teaching the pilot course this semester, which includes 12 students who operate in four teams of three. Each team is assigned a different case. Currently students are working on cases that involve local businesses and non-profit organizations. Identity theft and check forgeries are two examples of the type of fraud that Gonzaga students might investigate.

Weber and Melendy are collaborating on the project with local forensic accountants, law enforcement agencies and prosecutors. Long term, organizers hope the program will expand into a Center for Forensic Accounting, funded by grants, community groups and private donors. Such a center could focus on development of research and creation of resources to aid small businesses that have been victimized by fraud.

"Sara and I are both thrilled by the reaction of the students," Weber said, "as well as by the reception of the law enforcement community and the fraud examiner mentors from the Spokane area. The class has exceeded our expectations in every way, and we are excited for the future of this program."

Tomorrow Made Possible is for faculty and staff, too

At Gonzaga, student tuition alone is not sufficient to fund an entire year of education. On April 14, University Relations will ask the campus community to celebrate Tomorrow Made Possible. The annual event honors all who support Gonzaga – and make that entire year of education a reality. Last year, more than 12,000 donors – a record – supported Gonzaga. "We all faced challenging times last year, and people really came through for us," said **Patti Whitcomb**, assistant director of Annual Giving. To learn more, go to www.gonzaga.edu/tmp.



Annual black-tie event April 15 celebrates mission

And no, it's not mailing in your taxes. It's the annual Ignatian Gala, Gonzaga's signature black-tie event, to be held this year on April 15 in the McCarthy Athletic Center. Created as a way to honor our benefactors, the Ignatian Gala also announces the recipient of the Ignatian Spirit Award, which is given to an individual or group of individuals who exemplify Gonzaga's Mission. Previous recipients include the Jesuits of Gonzaga University and Harry and Colleen Magnuson. For more information, visit www.gonzaga.edu/gala.



Staff Assembly to revise bylaws

Staff Assembly is forming a commission to review and revise its bylaws. The Staff Assembly Council will put any recommended changes to a vote by all staff. The last – and only revision – of bylaws to date took place 10 or 11 years ago, said President **Bill Kostelec**.

One example of why such work is needed is related to his office. Staff Assembly bylaws specify a one-year term for president, which has been a source of ongoing frustration.

"By the time you start to figure out what you're doing, you're just about done. So the president has effectively a nine-month term," Kostelec said.

He also expects the commission will re-evaluate the various Staff Assembly committees and seek ways to improve the way committees and the Staff Assembly Executive Council interact. Again, all changes will be put to a vote by Gonzaga staff.

Three members of the bylaws commission will be drawn from the Staff Assembly council. Three or four more are needed. "We're looking for people who want to be involved," Kostelec said. Anyone interested in serving on the commission should contact him.

The recent Christmas break survey brought an unusually large response. The ad-hoc committee that created the original Christmas break proposal (which was rejected by Father Spitzer), is developing a new proposal, suggesting that the University provide an option of paid days off for either the week of Christmas or the week of New Year's. The proposal will be presented to President **Thayne McCulloh**.

Newly approved by Gonzaga's corporate counsel is another Staff Assembly project, the CARES initiative. This allows staff to use their half-day service benefit to help another staff member who is out sick or off work due to an emergency. Services might include picking up groceries, help with driving to a doctor's appointment or similar needs.

NOTEWORTHY

New Hires

Stephen Allen, custodian, Plant Services; **Denis Cherni**, custodian, Plant Services; **Judy Noll**, library technician III, Foley Center; **Roberta Wiggs**, advanced registered nurse practitioner, Health Center; **Cory Kittrell**, secretary, Education; **LuAnn Charon**, accounting assistant, Bookstore; **Jacqueline Van Allen**, grant accountant; Controller's Office.

Goodbyes

Eileen Hogan, senior staff accountant, Controller's Office; **Rosanna Peterson**, assistant professor, Law. In Memoriam, **Bud Hazel**, professor, Communication Arts.

Promotions/New Assignments

Sarah Alami, program assistant II, International Student Programs/English as a Second Language; **Sara Varela-Acevedo**, international student adviser, International Student Programs; **Beth Yandell**, administrative assistant, Plant Services.

Anniversaries

20 **Julia Bjordahl**, assistant to vice president, University Relations; **Victoria Loveland**, equal opportunity officer.

15 **John Weingarten**, computer services manager, Law School IT.

10 **Kelly Graves**, head women's basketball coach, Athletics; **Robin Guevara**, manager, Student Employment Office; **Ronald Mahan**, multimedia engineer, TES; **Heather Murray**, associate director, Human Resources; **Marek Zaranski**, language lab multi-media technician, TES. **5** **Merri Hartse**, electronic research librarian, Chastek Law Library; **Kevin Reese**, electrician II, Plant Services.

Cradle Call

Jeff Hart, asst. dean research & special projects, Student Life, and **Patricia Burns-Hart**, counselor, Law Career Services, are the parents of Tierney Hart, born March 8

FOCUS ON . . .

The Birdman from... Armonk, N.Y., welcomes avian visitors to campus

These days, finding an online photo gallery of people and buildings is pretty common – but birds? Who knew?

Thanks to local bird aficionado **Jon Isacoff**, associate professor of political science, you can check out pictures of birds who also call Gonzaga home at www.gonzaga.edu/environmentalstudies. According to Isacoff, an unofficial tally of 88 bird species has visited the Gonzaga campus, from woodpeckers and finches to red-tailed hawks and the magnificent bald eagle.

Isacoff, who is in his sixth year at Gonzaga, also directs the Environmental Studies Program. He has taught global environmental politics since 2000. His primary research and teaching field is Middle Eastern politics, specifically the Arab-Israeli conflict.

So how did his interest in birds get started? Isacoff attributes it to a move his family made from New York City to the wooded suburb of Armonk, N.Y., when he was 10. "I was a bit of a nerd," he said. "I played the cello and didn't know how to ride a bike. My parents put up a bird feeder, gave me an old Peterson's field guide and a pair of binoculars. I haven't looked back since."

For Isacoff, studying birds is more than a hobby; it's something he calls a "recreation."

"Somehow I've found myself involved in more serious aspects, such as compiling the local data for a project called the Washington Year List Project and leading field trips for the Audubon Society chapters of Spokane and



Jon Isacoff loves wilderness, too.

Coeur d'Alene, as well as the Washington Ornithological Society." Isacoff also writes a monthly bird column for *Peak Experience*, the newsletter of the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness organization. Despite this level of involvement, Isacoff is firm in his stance that he is not an ornithologist and has virtually no scientific background.

To receive updates about birds on campus, e-mail Isacoff@gonzaga.edu.

New commencement event honors service

This year's commencement weekend will include a Social Justice Missioning Ceremony to honor those seniors who are committing to volunteer or service opportunities after they graduate and before they embark on careers or continue their formal education. This new event will take place in the University Chapel, 5 p.m. on May 7.

Katie Kaiser, coordinator of CCASL's mentoring programs, suggested adding this event to graduation. Kaiser has arranged for a keynote speaker for the missioning ceremony, **Sabrina Mauritz** ('07), who served a year as an Americorps volunteer at the House of Charity in Spokane. Mauritz was involved with CCASL as a student and lived in GU's social justice theme house her senior year.

Other graduation events include:

- ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Globe Room of Cataldo at 5 p.m., May 7.
- Senior Dessert Social, Bozarth, 7-10 p.m., May 7.
- Baccalaureate Mass, McCarthey Athletic Center, 1:30 p.m. May 8.
- Graduate Commencement ceremony, McCarthey Athletic Center, 4:45 p.m., May 8.
- Senior Commencement ceremony, Spokane Arena, 9:35 a.m., May 9.
- The School of Law Baccalaureate Mass, St. Aloysius Church, 5:30 p.m. May 14.
- Law Commencement ceremony, McCarthey Athletic Center, 9:15 a.m., May 15.

Pioneer deViveiros made a difference, one person at a time

When Dale deViveiros arrived on campus in 1964, trolley tracks lined Boone Avenue and Russell Theatre was still playing host to basketball.

When he left campus for the last time yesterday, he walked down the red-brick Johnston Family Mall and past the Harry and Colleen Magnuson Theatre, which, in part, was a creation of deViveiros, Ken Sammons and others who took what Dale and Ken created in 1969 and perfected it.

In 1969, deViveiros received his bachelor's degree from Gonzaga in theatre arts. He has worked here as a student, and full time since then. He met his wife, Christy, here, and spent a career helping others in multiple and interesting facets of work life. He was a pioneer.

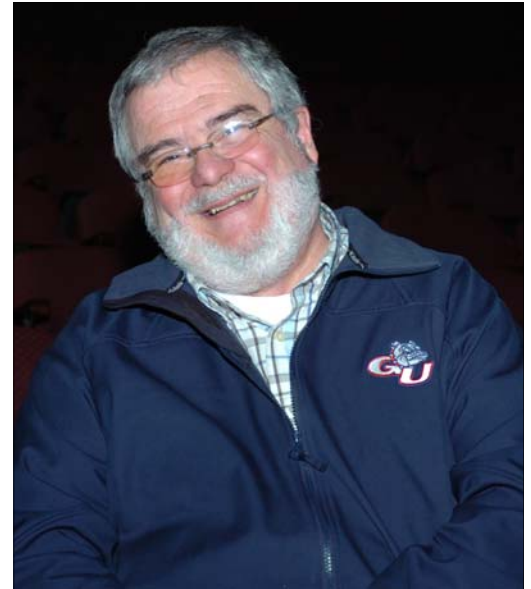
He helped turn the basketball arena into Russell Theatre, rewiring, lighting, creating staging, whatever needed to be done. He was Dorothy Darby Smith's student in the '60s, her colleague as technical director in the '70s. "Glass Menagerie" was the first show he staged. "Dorothy had great vision for what a good stage picture looked like. Her blocking was in constant dynamic movement. The composition was amazing," DeViveiros remembers. His last show was "1776," and

he packed staging into two trucks and toured with 30 students around the Pacific Northwest.

He moved from theatre arts to help Rod Clefthon and Lee Norton build a broadcast studies department in 1979. He took a one-year sabbatical to study audio visual technology at Washington State, and returned to build an AV Department for then-vice president Stan Fairhurst.

When plans began forming for a new library on campus, then Dean of Library Sciences Bob Burr recruited deViveiros to help craft a technologically advanced structure that would cater to the needs of 21st century students and faculty. Once that was completed in 1992, deViveiros developed what is now Information Technology Services. Perhaps his best hire was Chris Gill, now chief information officer and who would later serve as Dale's boss.

"Dale gave me my start as an employee of Gonzaga," said Gill. "I can't adequately describe how important Dale's guidance and support have meant to me over the years, but without them I certainly wouldn't be where I am today. That sums up Dale's role so in many peoples' lives. He's the epitome of servant leadership, quietly but consistently making a difference, one person or project at a time."



Dale deViveiros' Gonzaga career, including his student years, spanned 47 years.

Whether you know it or not, we all count on the Telecom Men



Telecom techs Scott MacGregor and Gordon Carolan, left, and John Correia will be updating the Audix voice mail system over the next few weeks.

Security has never been as tight on campus as it was when then-vice president Al Gore visited in 2001. Gonzaga Telecom Technician Scott MacGregor remembers distinctly.

"I hooked up phones for the White House Secret Service," the 16-year Gonzaga veteran explains. "During the testing I used my girlfriend's phone to call the vice president's red phone, which directly connects him to the president. She tried to reach me later in the day, at that number, and the Secret Service was wondering who was calling on behalf of the president."

MacGregor and fellow telecom technician Gordon Carolan (14 years) later received commendation from the White House Secret Service for their work in preparing for the visit. Telecom partner John Correia joined "the boys" shortly thereafter. They've got a load of stories they could tell . . . but choose discretion.

This three-pack work out of the "Club House," as they call it, in the sub-basement of College Hall. They are surrounded by computers and wires and servers. Employees know them as the men who cordially hook up their phones when they move offices or replace equipment. But that's not all they do.

"There are 300 surveillance cameras in and outside buildings around campus," Carolan said. "We maintain those cameras."

"Eight of them are outside and have pan, tilt and zoom capabilities," Correia explained. "We can zoom in on a gnat's nose at the Law School from a camera on Pac-car Center."

"We also maintain fire communicators, burglar alarms, our Comcast connections and the conversion from (phone) wire to fiber optics," MacGregor said.

Over the next two weeks, they will update the University's Audix voice mail system. Among the new features will be the ability to get voice-mail messages on one's computer.

All in the life of the boys from the "deep under."