

## McCulloh emphasizes academic rigor, *cura personalis*

**A**cademia is notably rich in rituals – and Gonzaga's Fall Faculty Conference is the ritual that signals a new year for faculty who have given years and sometimes decades to the University. It is also the first occasion for this year's new faculty – some 30 strong – to experience the start of the academic year.

President **Thayne McCulloh** reinforced his signature emphasis on collaboration and his characterization of the University's work as a collaborative project. He listed three major external challenges that drive the need for campus-wide collaboration: the national economy, including the stock market and its unsettling gyrations; a bitterly divided Congress and government cuts to education, and a "national drumbeat for accountability in higher education." All three, McCulloh pointed out, are ongoing challenges.

The president congratulated those in admission and financial aid, who have brought in a strong freshman class of 1,150-plus, with the highest GPAs and SATs on record, as well as 150 transfers. Incoming students represent 31 states and nine countries.

Other initiatives mentioned by Dr. McCulloh included:

- A review of the 2012 Strategic Plan, particularly as it links to Gonzaga's Mission Statement.
- An all-encompassing, multi-year effort to reform the University's core curriculum.
- Approval in July by the Board of Trustees for the start of the quiet phase of the University's next fundraising campaign.

Dr. McCulloh also emphasized the two cornerstones of the foundation of Gonzaga: academic rigor and *cura personalis*, or care of the whole person.

"You will be backed by this institution in your efforts to challenge your students," he said. "Do not be afraid to ask them to grow, to mature."

Academic Vice President **Patricia O'Connell Killen** introduced three guest scholars who will be on campus this year:

- The Venerable **Geshe T. Phelgye**, who is a former member of Tibet's Parliament-in-exile, will be Gonzaga's Global Scholar in Residence this year. He will be based in the Center for



*Anna Marie Medina, assistant professor of psychology, center, and Patricia O'Connell Killen, academic vice president, right, catch up at the end of the Fall Faculty Conference. At left is Bob Carriker, professor of history.*

Global Engagement.

- **Patricia Hutchings** is Scholar in Residence this fall for the Center for Teaching and Advising.
- **Mona Tlili**, who comes to Gonzaga from Tunis, is this year's Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant.

Dr. Killen spoke of her goal for a faculty culture of conversation that focuses on student experience and learning. She also spoke about the University's reaccreditation work. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities has asked the University to clarify the relationship between the Mission Statement, Strategic Plan, student learning outcomes and Baccalaureate Learning Goals.

"Is the Mission Statement, which is 40 years old, serving the University as well as it should?" asked Dr. Killen. The accreditation team has asked the University to weigh and answer this question.

Much of the rest of the conference was devoted

to discussion of the core curriculum review, led by **David Boose**, biology, and **Patricia Terry**, English and associate dean of Arts and Sciences. The committee began its work in 2007-08, seeking input from the entire Gonzaga community on the current core and its appropriateness for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With much faculty discussion along the way, the committee has developed two models for a revised core curriculum, a discipline-based model and the Big Question model. Faculty will have several chances this fall for comment on these models. Next spring, the committee hopes to recommend one model to the Academic Council, with adoption of a new core model by end of the spring semester.

In 2012-13, the work of developing a core curriculum from the model will take place. Implementation of the new core is expected in fall 2013.

See [www.gonzaga.edu/core](http://www.gonzaga.edu/core) for more information on the Core Curriculum work.



## Welcome, Dean Korn, to GU law school

New Law School Dean **Jane Korn** is excited to champion Gonzaga's innovative law program.

"I want to spread the word about the great work that is going on at the law school including the curricular reform," Korn said. "Gonzaga law school is at the forefront of innovative curriculum and has instituted a remarkable skills program."

Academic Vice President **Patricia Killen** described Dean Korn as being very much centered around student experience. This semester's new class of 176 law students is 51 percent women. This is a first – appropriately enough, given that Dean Korn is the first female dean of the law school.

Dean Korn will be integrally involved in the law school's preparations for a 2013 site inspection by the American Bar Association. This fall, she will focus on creation of a self-study; a strategic plan for the law school is due in May 2012.

Most recently vice dean at the University of Arizona, she teaches employment law, employment discrimination, and civil procedure and has written widely in those areas. She currently is writing an article exploring how the law treats anorexia compared to the legal treatment of obesity.



Dean Jane Korn is the first woman to lead Gonzaga's School of Law.

## Nobel laureate Maathai on campus Oct. 6

The second annual event in the Presidential Speaker Series will bring Dr. Wangari Maathai to campus on Oct. 6, 6 p.m., in the McCarthy Athletic Center. The event is open to the campus community and the public.

The event opens with a screening of *Taking Root*, a documentary on Maathai's work, followed by her presentation and discussion. Maathai was the first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctorate degree, as well as the first woman to serve as chair and associate professor for the Department of Veterinary Anatomy at the University of Nairobi.

Maathai received the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation. She is most widely known for creation of the Green Belt Movement in the late 1970s. The movement encourages women's groups to plant trees to conserve the environment and improve their quality of life. Maathai has helped women plant more than 30 million trees on their farms and in school and church compounds across Kenya. By the late 1980s, a Pan-African Green Belt Movement emerged, encouraging African countries to use grassroots participation to solve local challenges.

Maathai is a visiting fellow at Yale University's Global Institute for Sustainable Forestry.

For more information, contact **Angela Ruff** at [ruff@gonzaga.edu](mailto:ruff@gonzaga.edu).

## University Ministry builds capacities with new outreach, programming

University Ministry has welcomed Rev. **Janeen Steer** into a coordinator's position. Her responsibilities will include developing and overseeing programming for Catholic and non-Catholic students. Rev. Steer comes to Gonzaga from Spokane's First Presbyterian Church.

"She will bring a different perspective to all our students," said Father **C. Hightower**, S.J., director of University Ministry.

The University Ministry staff is brimming with programs, events and a desire to ensure that students know about and avail themselves of faith-related resources.

"Our role in University Ministry is to help students develop in their faith life, as Catholics and in other faith traditions," Fr. Hightower said. "If you are here as a Catholic, we want to help you become a better Catholic. If you are here as a Protestant, we want to help you become a better Protestant." The same is true, he said, for Jewish students, Moslem students – for students of all faith traditions.

As was true last year, 11 Masses will be offered weekly in the University Chapel and three other chapels on campus; additional Masses are offered at St. Aloysius Church.

A University Ministry blog with a daily reflection is in the works, as is more outreach on campus.

"We are here to build the kingdom of

God," Fr. Hightower said, "and for the greater glory of God." *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, or the greater glory of God, is the Latin motto of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Hightower emphasized that Gonzaga is a Jesuit, Catholic and humanistic University. "You cannot make a separation between Jesuits and the Church. Jesuits offer a particular lens into Catholicism."

He encouraged faculty and staff to join together with students for the Sept. 17 Pilgrimage, an annual event for the entire Gonzaga community to reflect on and celebrate Gonzaga's Jesuit mission. Fr. Hightower said that Gonzaga's retreat programs are known and respected among other Jesuit universities. Gonzaga's Bozarth Mansion, 20 minutes north of campus, was purchased as a retreat center and gives Gonzaga the infrastructure to support its robust retreat programs.

Christian Life Communities is a fast-growing student program that is organized through University Ministry. Small CLC student groups are organized around a common desire for those particular students. A freshman CLC group might focus integration into Gonzaga, while another group could declare a focus on dating or, for seniors, preparation to transition into careers.



On Sept. 17, the 43rd annual Pilgrimage retreat will conclude at the Sacred Heart Mission, the oldest standing building in Idaho. The campus community is encouraged to attend.

## Pigott Lecture Series launches

Take your entrepreneurial spirit over to the Wolff Auditorium in Jepson on Thursday, Sept. 22, to attend the inaugural Pigott Entrepreneurial Lecture Series, made possible by Mark C. Pigott's generous endowment for the Pigott Professor of Entrepreneurship. Former Visa executive William L. Powar's talk is titled, "You Don't Have to Start a Company to Be an Entrepreneur." The 6:30 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

**Todd Finkle**, who holds the Pigott Entrepreneurism Professorship, plans other events this fall, including a trip to Omaha, Nebraska, where he and several Gonzaga students will spend a day learning about business, ethics and life from billionaire Warren Buffet. Finkle created a new entrepreneurship concentration, which opens this fall to students from any discipline.

## NOTEWORTHY

### NEW HIRES:

**Samuel Allen**, assistant debate coach, debate; **William Barmes**, women's assistant soccer coach, Athletics; **Frank Case, S.J.**, vice president for University Mission; **Tamara Conger-Fischer**, administrative secretary II, Counseling Center; **Sabra Davidson**, budget and personnel officer, College of Arts and Science; **David Garcia**, program coordinator, academic advising and assistance; **Floyd Grillo**, manufacturing support engineer, Engineering; **Andrew Johnson**, post doctorate researcher, Air Force of Scientific Research Grant; **Tracy Martin**, senior graphic designer, marketing and communications; **Jane Koelle**, program assistant II, financial aid; **Jane Korn**, dean, Law School; **Zoeanna Mayhook**, evening and weekend assistant, library services; **Kurt Meyer**, assistant professor/senior reference librarian, Chastek Law Library; **Glen Putyrae**, women's crew coach, Athletics; **Marcie Robles**, assistant women's crew coach, Athletics; **Julie Shaw**, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics; **Christina Turner**, senior data analyst, institutional research; **Jessica Vanderwood**, area coordinator, housing/Residence Life; **Michael Walker**, custodian, Plant Services.

### PROMOTIONS/NEW POSITIONS:

**Cindy Arlt**, program assistant III, nursing, to program coordinator, Law; **Carol Bradshaw**, assistant to dean, School of Education, to assistant to dean/accreditation specialist, Education; **Luann Charon** accounting assistant, bookstore, to alternative channel manager, accounts receivable assistant, Zag Shop/bookstore; **Jean Coffey**, senior faculty assistant, math/physics, to assistant to chair/senior faculty assistant, math/physics; **Teresa Crane**, senior program assistant III, organizational leadership, to program specials, organizational leadership; **Claire Davis**, admission counselor, to senior admission counselor; **Michelle Elliott**, assistant woman's basketball coach, Athletics, to director basketball operations, women's basketball; **Esther Gaines**, residence director, housing/residence life, to area coordinator, housing/Residence Life; **Joan Henning**, senior financial aid counselor, to assistant director, financial aid; **Cari Johnson**, secondary, counselor education, to program assistant III, counselor education; **Matthew Lasma**, associate director Residence Life/housing, to senior associate director

Residence Life/housing; **Margaret Loberg**, staff psychologist, counseling center, to assistant director/counseling services coordinator, counseling center; **Daniel Marx**, computer lab/web coordinator, Education, to computer lab/web and distance education specialist; **Fernando Ortiz**, assistant director/counseling services coordinator, counseling and career assessment center, to director counseling center; **Shannan Palomba**, program assistant III, special education, to program assistant III and assessment coordinator, Education; **Makayla Pedey**, program assistant III, financial aid, to financial aid counselor; **Katrina Rambo**, program assistant II, student employment office, to senior state work study program specialist; **Christine Rehwald**, secretary, Student Life, to administrative secretary; **Adrian Reyes**, admission counselor, to senior admission counselor; **Michael Roden**, director of academic support services, Athletics, to assistant athletic director, student athlete support services; **Gale Snyder**, secretary, teacher education, to program assistant III; **Jason Vernado**, program coordinator assistive teaching, DREAM, to assistive teaching specialist, DREAM; **Sarah Wagoner**, administrative assistant, Plant Services, to program assistant III, academic advising and assistance; **Amy Walker**, coordinator parent programs, Student Life, to assistant director, parent programs; **Linda Wilson**, accounting assistant II, senior project assistant, Controller's Office, to compliance specialist and project coordinator; **Molly Wood**, program assistant III, nursing, to clinical coordinator specialist.

### GOODBYES:

**John Cadwell**, manufacturing support engineer, engineering; **Hilary Case**, coordinator of student engagement, CCASL; **Jennifer Draggoo**, senior state work study program specialist, student employment; **Danielle Hodgen**, senior financial aid counselor, financial aid; **Veronica MacDougall**, custodian plant services; **Corinna O'Brien**, admission counselor, admission; **Pamela Schirrer**, program coordinator, Law; **Maureen Sheridan**, director, counseling center; **Shea Swoboda**, woman's assistant soccer coach, Athletics; **Michael Thompson**, assistant men's soccer coach, Athletics; **Elizabeth Tollefsbol**, senior program assistant, Education; **Sara Varela-Acevedo**, international student adviser, international student programs; **Roberta Willey**, budget and

personnel officer, Arts and Science.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**5** **Jennifer Akins**, Lecturer, ESL; **Melissa Heid**, program coordinator, ISP/ESL; **Daniel Marx**, computer lab & web coordinator, School of Education; **Peter McKenny**, professor, engineering management, T&D, School of Engineering; **Terry Mitchell**, plumber I, Plant; **Adrian Reyes**, senior admission counselor, admission; **Jennifer Sevedge**, lecturer, ESL; **Aaron Smith**, general maintenance I, Plant Services; **Liz Smith**, assistant sports information director, Athletics.

**10** **Kathlene Basler**, library tech III, Chastek Law Library; **Lisa Brown**, associate professor, organizational leadership; **Janet Cannon**, secretary, housing/Residence Life; **Robert Kavon**, director of athletic facilities operations; **Tracy Kelly**, employment and HRIS manager, Human Resources; **Maciej Kosinski**, assistant director, campus services; **Peggy Sue Loroz**, associate professor, marketing, Business.

**15** **Marilyn Runyan**, assistant professor, ESL/ISP; **Alvin Tesdal**, shipping/receiving clerk, Chastek Law Library; **Richard Van Hook**, warehouse supervisor, Plant Services.

**20** **Annette Davis**, assistant director, planned giving, University Relations; **Mark Few**, head men's basketball coach, Athletics.

**25** **Myrna Carroll**, senior staff accountant, controller's office; **Fr. Gary Uhlenkott**, associate professor, music.

**30** **Eileen Bell-Garrison**, dean, Foley Center Library; **Sue Weitz**, vice president, Student Life.

**35** **Linda Grigsby**, director of payroll, controller's office.

### CRADLE CALL:

**Whitney Franklin**, events & stewardship specialist, and her husband, **Travis**, recently had a baby girl. **Kennedie** was born on June 2. **Brian Michaelson**, assistant director of basketball operations, and his wife, **Sarah**, welcomed baby girl **Parker** on July 24. **Gretchen Stoup**, employee relations manager, and her husband, **Joe**, had a baby boy, **Ethan**, born on July 26. **Rian Oliver**, basketball academic coordinator, and **Wes Oliver**, regional development officer, welcomed baby girl **Winslow** on July 20.

## Father Case is GU's new VP for mission

When Father **Frank Case, S.J.**, arrived in June as Gonzaga's new vice president for mission, he might not have been coming home, exactly. But he found a warm welcome – not only from Gonzaga, but from his younger brother, **Father Dick Case, S.J.**, rector of St. Aloysius Church. Never before have these two Jesuit brothers (with 55 and 48 years, respectively, in the Society of Jesus) worked in the same city, never mind next door to each other.

The younger Father Case said he has always admired and tried to emulate his brother's loyalty to the Church and the Society of Jesus. "He caught the spirit of the Society of Jesus right away," said Father Dick Case.

As vice president for mission, Father Frank Case is charged with supporting faculty and staff in their understanding of the Jesuit mission and Jesuit education.

"I see our Jesuits as collaborating with our lay partners in mission," Fr. Case said. In the 1980s the Society of Jesus began moving from a collaboration in which the laity worked with the Jesuits, to today's model of the Jesuits working with their lay colleagues. "Our role today is to work with our lay colleagues to help them realize their lay vocations in the Church, as defined by the Society of Jesus."

To help guide his work with faculty and staff, Fr. Case will convene an advisory council for mission, drawing from faculty, staff, students and possibly others.

He encourages Gonzaga employees to participate in the foundation of Ignatian spirituality, the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. Fr. Case will continue familiar faculty-staff events such as the Ignatian Colleagues Dinners and Conversations on Conversations, discussions held to reflect upon the Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education magazine. Each will be held twice yearly.

Fr. Case taught economics at Seattle University. His background includes stints as rector of the Jesuit Community at Seattle University, provincial of the Oregon Province, and regional assistant for the United States and general secretary in Rome under then Father General **Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.** Fr. Case returned from Rome three years ago to Seattle University, where he served as Jesuit assistant to the schools of business and law. He also served on Gonzaga's Board of Trustees.

## New slate roof sets up Magnuson Theater for the next 100 years

There is a whole lot of roof to College Hall. Just ask the crew from Krueger Sheetmetal and Roofing, who spent most of their summer up close and personal with the thousands of pieces of slate at the eastern end of the building.

"We started with the Magnuson Theater portion of the roof due to its size, the stand-alone nature of the building and because the slate was a different size than the slate on the rest of the building," said **Ken Sammons**, director of Plant Services. Sammons gave a completion date of mid-September for this phase of the project.

According to Sammons, this is the first time the theater portion of College Hall has been reroofed since the building was originally constructed in 1898. "The slate, for the most part, is in good condition and we plan to reuse as much of it as we can," he said. "However, the nails, flashing (sheet metal around chimneys, vents, etc.) and ridge caps were all made from galvanized tin or iron. They've rusted to the point where they've deteriorated and are beginning to leak."

Krueger Sheetmetal and Roofing will attach the new and reused slate with copper nails, and construct new flashings made from copper. "Once done, the roof should last for at least another 100 years," said Sammons. "Barring unforeseen events, of course," referring to the 1941 fire that did significant damage to the building.

Future reroofing plans to the main part of College Hall are expected to occur over the next two to four year, dependent upon funding.

At the other end of College Hall, a different renovation project has been underway this summer, which is music to many ears. Room 101, long known as the recital room for Gonzaga's music department, has been upgraded to



*Workers spent the summer harnessed up – and ignoring the great views from the roof of College Hall.*

meet today's technology needs for music as well as many other disciplines.

"The new configuration was patterned after the fourth floor of Tilford, providing greater flexibility in the layout and use of the learning environment," said Sammons.

"The furniture was purposely selected for its ability to be reconfigured into multiple arrangements, from traditional

lectures to work groups."

The Room 101 remodel began after the annual Music Festival in May, with the University serving as the general contractor and Information Technology Services coordinating the media needs for the project.

The project was completed on Aug. 30, just in time for the first day of classes.

## Kudos to Dacquisto for tutoring support

Parents and colleagues surprised **John Dacquisto**, engineering instructor, with an award honoring his mentorship and dedication to the Gonzaga math tutoring program.

"John is the glue that holds the program together," said **Shannon Overbay**, associate math professor.

Community activist Andrew Holguin came to Dacquisto in 2005 with the idea of a math tutoring program. The engineering instructor agreed; he knew how advantageous such a program could be for both Gonzaga students and the community. The duo met with Overbay and **Rob Ray**, assistant professor of mathematics and began planning.

"This is an opportunity to educate the full person," Dacquisto said.

"To enhance math and the work of inspiring."

At its start the program had about 15 tutors and 28 students, grades 2-12.

Today, 30 tutors work with 45 students. Tutors are Gonzaga science, math and engineering majors, who are willing to give up their Saturday mornings.

"We had students scoring a one on the WASL, and after tutoring they would score a three or even a four," Overbay said. "It has been a very rewarding experience."



*John Dacquisto*

## ZAGFit helps you and Gonzaga

The ZAGFit Challenge, organized by Gonzaga's Wellness Committee is ready for you. The challenge is a 10-week session designed to help you focus on your personal health goals. Take the pledge between Sept. 6-28 to commit to a healthier lifestyle. Register online at [webmd-health.com/sponsors/gu.htm](http://webmd-health.com/sponsors/gu.htm). The program begins on Oct. 3. Participants track their weekly activities and accumulate points. Activities include regular exercise, proper nutrition, stress management, health education and more. Benefits-eligible employees and their spouses covered by the health plan are eligible to participate. Those who accumulate 500 points during the 10-week session will receive a ZAGFit T-shirt. If employees participate in both sessions, fall and spring, they will earn a \$10 per month credit on their health insurance premium next year. When employee and spouse participate in both sessions, the credit dou-

bles to a value of \$240.

Employees who take care of their health help reduce the cost of our health insurance. Since Gonzaga is a self-insured employer, we fund all the costs of our employees' and dependents' health care.

Employees can help get started on ZAGFit and learn more about health and fitness at the Wellness Committee Annual Health Fair will be held Sept. 23, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Cataldo Hall. Also employees can schedule a free health screening to receive their personal health statistics and confidential review. Contact Jamie Burchett at ext. 5852 to schedule an appointment or stop by when you have time. The screening includes blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, and BMI. For best results, fast 12 to 14 hours prior to the screening. You can learn more about the ZAGFit Challenge online at [gonzaga.edu/wellness](http://gonzaga.edu/wellness).