

A peaceful place

When Campus Architect **Mac McCandless** and others met with Steve Ossello ('86) and Chris Wrolstad ('86), Guy ('60) and Madeline Ossello and other Gonzaga alumni in May and talked about creating a University Grotto, it was clear to McCandless what the Ossellos and others wanted to give back to the school. He had seen it, experienced it, loved it as a student at the University of Notre Dame.

"The Ossellos really like the grotto at Notre Dame, but we knew we didn't want to copy that," McCandless said. "But we did want to create a similar feeling of being in a sacred space, a place that would give visitors a sense of well-being, seclusion, peace, protection, shelter, respite. A place where emotion washes over you. I knew this project would be a success when I could feel everything the Ossellos were feeling about this space."

But, there is no manual that tells you how to create a Grotto, McCandless chuckled. The project began with landscapers, then engineers and a Gonzaga team led by **Ken Sammons**, director of Plant and Construction Services, meeting to map out a plan. It continued with the actual construction by concrete artists and an Italian sculptor who created the statue of Mary out of Carrera marble – same as the altar at St. Aloysius Church. It concluded with a beautiful monument that ties the University closer to the church, and Gonzaga closer to its students and alumni.

McCandless isn't new to grottos. In fact, he spent 11 years at the University of Notre Dame, home of perhaps America's most famous grotto. He wrote his master's thesis on campus planning. "I always said that the most successful project is the one that requires minor maintenance and does the job it is supposed to do. I think we've been successful here," McCandless said, looking over the Grotto project.

One of his thesis chapters was on lighting. He'd typically work on his thesis every night until midnight, walk to the church on campus, place his hand on the bell tower and feel it chime 12 times. Then he headed to the Grotto to light one candle and pray to Mary for help with what he was trying to do.

"I had been critical of campus security for putting up spotlights in the Grotto. These were gigantic spotlights," McCandless said. "I told security these would drive the students away. They don't want to pray in a parking lot.

"I noticed that over the weeks the number of candles being lit was decreasing. One night I went down there and there were no candles lit. I was crushed. It looked so



To Mac McCandless, the Grotto is much more than a monument.

lonely there. So before I knew it I was lighting every candle. The security guy came down and was going to write me up for lighting every candle. I said to him, 'Isn't that going to look a little strange?' So he wrote me up for not paying a quarter for every candle lit."

So when this charge came across the campus security director's desk, he called McCandless and asked what was going on. Mac explained. And within six weeks the spotlights were gone and the people started coming back. "That told me how important lighting was," McCandless said.

"The candles in our Grotto create a feeling of incredible peace and well being when you're standing there," he said.

The Grotto has lighting in the small reflecting pool, three lights recessed underneath the rock cover over the Mother Mary, and distant light poles on the path leading up to the Grotto from both sides. "Engineers studied the light at night to make sure they don't impact the ambiance," McCandless said.

"We have options to place lights in the surrounding trees, but we don't think we need it," McCandless said.

None of the candle holders McCandless and others looked at seemed appropriate for the Grotto. So they drilled candle holes in granite blocks and wrapped the holes in weather stripping to hold the glass shrouds in place.

The statue itself was sculpted in Italy especially for this site. The design and construction team coordinated

the dimensions of the statue with the artists through Kaufers Religious Supply Co. of Spokane. "The Italians sent a note that they were done back in August, but then they went on vacation, and the statue didn't get shipped," McCandless laughed. Kaufers stepped in, and arranged for shipping through the Panama Canal. The word was that Seattle longshoremen don't handle statues too well, so the Blessed Mother was shipped to Los Angeles, then trucked to Seattle, then Spokane. She was installed Oct. 12.

Visiting the Grotto during its construction became an emotional experience for the Ossellos as they learned how deeply the workers, particularly the cement workers, cared about the project.

"They felt they were doing something finally that wasn't just a cement job on a sidewalk," Madeline said. "We saw it in their eyes, that this was something filled with love."

The Grotto was dedicated Oct. 20 in a moving ceremony conducted by Fathers **Frank Case, S.J.**, and **C. Hightower, S.J.**, and President **Thayne McCulloh**.

The Ossellos are happy with the Grotto. "It is such a blessing; it is so much more than we expected it to be," Madeline said.

And the statue from the Shrine of the Lady of Fatima, built 60 years ago by members of the Montana Club, has been transferred to a new home in the main courtyard of Madonna Residence Hall.

\$500,000 grant focuses on teacher training to benefit local elementary students

A partnership between Spokane Public Schools and Gonzaga and Whitworth universities will use a nearly \$500,000 state grant to develop new ways to improve teacher education at both universities and help Holmes Elementary School students. Washington State University is pitching in as well by providing a needs assessment.

The one-year planning grant will identify the strengths of teacher candidates at Gonzaga and Whitworth and blend them into a powerful collaborative model. Located in Spokane's West Central neighborhood, Holmes serves one of the highest percentages of high-risk and low-achieving students in the school district.

The grant will help close a gap in opportunity for Holmes students by leveraging resources of the partner institutions to increase and improve services. Further, the proposal aims to create an innovative and shared model of clinically based teacher preparation based on best practices – a model similar to a medical residency. Teacher-education students from both universities will be placed in Holmes to practice and learn from their university supervisors, on-site mentors, and each other to prepare them to work successfully with at-risk students in at-risk schools.

John Traynor, director of Gonzaga's Master of Initial Teaching program, who helped develop the grant, said the effort will help local students and could produce a new research-based model for other colleges and universities to follow.



Children ultimately will benefit from the Collaborative Services Grant.

"I think the partnership is an especially unique component of this grant," Traynor said. "The idea that local universities and the largest school district on this side of the mountains partner to improve student learning and development at the elementary school and the universities is a powerful model."

Gonzaga School of Education Dean Jon Sunderland

agrees. "This project supports the combined power and best thinking from all three partners, with additional research support from colleagues at WSU all focused on a common cause," Sunderland said.

Both Gonzaga and Whitworth have active mentoring and tutoring programs in Spokane Public Schools.

Ignatian, Busy Persons retreats coming

The Office of Mission brings two November faith retreats to faculty and staff of all faith backgrounds.

- Ignatian Weekend Retreat, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m.-Nov. 11 at noon, Bozarth Retreat Center, \$75, renew your spiritual self, all meals provided, contact Shanea Giroux to register, ext. 6191 or giroux@gonzaga.edu.
- Busy Persons Retreat, Nov. 5-8, on campus, meet with a spiritual director for 30 minutes each day, contact Fr. George Morris, S.J., to register, ext. 6019 or morris@gu.gonzaga.edu.

Leonard, Harmon named Mission Award winners

Custodial Manager Linda Leonard and Assistant to the Law Dean Susan Harmon received Awards in Service of Mission at the Oct. 24 Staff Assembly meeting. Leonard, who is battling cancer and the loss of two family members in the last year, was saluted for her "ready" smile, her all-in approach to her work, being a good lis-

tener and very supportive of her staff and others around the University. Harmon, who will retire Dec. 12 after 16 years here, was recognized for her work ethic, mentoring and for being a voice of stability, sensibility and support during changing times at the law school.



Susan Harmon



Linda Leonard

Basketball parking tips

Campus Public Safety and Security Director John Van Sant encourages faculty and staff members returning to campus for men's and women's basketball games this winter to think about using Jepson and Schoenberg center parking lots, which are a short, lighted walk along Upper Kennedy Drive to the Kennel. Between those two lots, Tilford and the lot west of Knights of Columbus, there are more than 500 available spaces.

AROUND CAMPUS

- A photography exhibition, "My Big Backyard" by education Professor Randy Williams, is on display at various sites in the Rosauer Center through Dec. 14. Photos feature natural landscapes, flora and fauna in Williams' backyard at Davis Lake.
- Princeton Review has ranked Gonzaga's School of Business Administration among the best 296 business schools in the country, and its law school among the top 168 law schools in the country. Gonzaga also is ranked 31st among Kiplinger's Best Values for 2012-13, highest among all Northwest colleges and universities.
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to join in a noontime observance of Gonzaga's Day of Tolerance, Nov. 16, by linking arms and forming a human chain of solidarity in front of Crosby Center. Day of Tolerance is a time to learn about respecting and recognizing the rights and beliefs of others. It also is a time of reflection and discussion on the negative effects of intolerance. "In this, Gonzaga's 125th Anniversary year, we are especially mindful of the role the University plays through its Catholic, Jesuit and humanistic mission to respect, recognize and support the rights and beliefs of individuals, including those who are often marginal-

ized in the world," said Tracy Ellis-Ward, director of Gonzaga's Unity Multicultural Education Center. For more info see gonzaga.edu/idot.

- Gonzaga will pay tribute to fallen soldier and 2010 alumnus Mat Fazzari, who was killed in Afghanistan June 6, 2012. A memorial service will be Nov. 12, 4 p.m. in the University Chapel. A reception will follow in Magnuson Theatre. A 5-kilometer "Run for Fuzz" is planned at 6 a.m. that morning starting at the Rudolf Fitness Center. The public is welcome at both events. Contact Alan Westfield for more details, ext. 6517, or westfield@gonzaga.edu.



NOTEWORTHY

New Hires

Kevin Tomlin, counselor and substance abuse specialist, Student Life; **Jerry Graham**, chaplain, GIF; **Jonna Jorgensen**, marketing specialist, Virtual Campus; **Jennifer Keenan**, admission counselor, Virtual Campus; **Alexander Hval**, custodian, Plant Services; **Kelly McCandless**, custodian, Plant Services; **Joseph Profit**, groundskeeper, Plant Services; **Natalya Tarusova**, custodian, Plant Services; **Catherine Brown**, assistant director, CLIPS; **Christine Anderson**, office assistant, SEAS Dean's Office; **Tracey Holman**, assistant director, Fitness Center; **Sharlie Corcoran**, business manager, Housing and Residence Life; **Melissa Gable**, account assistant II, Controller; **Cara Hoag**, marketing and communications specialist, Marketing and Communications

Change of Status

Gerhard Barone, associate professor of accounting, Business; **Donald Hackney**, associate professor, Business; **Peggy Sue Loroz**, professor of marketing, Business; **Sung-Bae Park**, associate professor, Sport and Physical Education; **Ashish Thatte**, associate professor of operations management, Business; **John Traynor**, associate professor, Teacher Education; **Mark Young**, associate professor, Counselor Education; **Cindy Arlt**, program assistant III, Nursing; **Erik Hoffman**, senior admissions counselor, Admissions; **Helen Nahoopii**, senior transfer advisor counselor, ARE; **Donna Ryan**, associate director, Study Abroad; **Michael Sass**, senior admissions counselor, Admissions; **Claire Silva**, assistant dean, Admissions; **Denise Smith**, disability case manager, DREAM; **Emily Wirth**, senior financial aid counselor, Financial Aid; **Jill Wortman**, assistant director/case manager and student conduct, Student Life; **Victoria Loveland**, Title IX coordinator, EOO; **Kathryne Shearer**, ADA coordinator/director, DREAM; **Elizabeth Kennedy**, program coordinator, Planned Giving, University Relations; **Bryce Thomas**, access and accommodation coordinator, DREAM; **Melissa Waite**, office assistant, Human Resources; **Anjaela Mertens**, interlibrary loan supervisor, Foley Center; **James Ryan**, assistant video production technician, Campus Services; **Marlene Cicchetti**, communications officer, Switchboard and Dispatch Operator; **Rachel Giachetti**, communications officer, Switchboard and Dispatch Operator; **Lori Leonard**, communications officer, Switchboard and Dispatch Operator; **Elaine Savage**, communications officer, Switchboard and Dispatch Operator; **Janell Williams**, communications officer, Switchboard and Dispatch Operator; **Annette Davis**, associate director of planned giving/operations, University Relations; **Whitney Franklin**, assistant director, Stewardship; **Catherine Kohut**, assistant director/FLSA program manager, Study Abroad; **Marny Lombard**, associate publications director and senior editor, Marketing and Communications; **Justin Padden**, internal financial business analyst, Controller; **Jill Royston**, Wellness Center manager, Student Life; **Linda Wilson**, financial business analyst, Controller; **Jane Button**, budget director, Finance; **Upendra Acharya**, associate professor, Law; **Megan Ballard**, professor, Law; **Brooks Holland**, associate professor, Law; **Sandra Simpson**, associate professor, Law; **Vesta Coufal**, associate professor, Math; **Luis Garcia-Torvisco**, associate professor, Modern Languages; **Christopher Francovich**, associate professor, Doctoral Leadership Studies; **Adrian Popa**, associate professor, Organizational Leadership; **Robert Hauck**, associate professor, Religious Studies; **Brian Higginson**, associate professor, Human Physiology; **James Hunter**, associate professor, ESL; **Yanqing Ji**, associate professor, Electrical Engineering; **David Thorp**, associate professor, associate professor, Human Physiology; **Julie Beckstead**, professor, Biology; **Tod Marshall**, professor, English; **Tony Osborne**, professor, Communication Arts; **Benjamin Semple**, professor, Modern Languages; **Michael Tkacz**, professor, Philosophy

Goodbyes

Ryan Draper, custodian, Plant Services; **Dana Mannino**, administrative secretary II, Law Library; **Cheryl Peterson**, custodian, Plant Services; **Daniel Berryman**, assistant VP, Human Resources; **Karen Contardo**, director of student wellness and prevention education; **Patricia Whitcomb**, field officer, University Relations

Anniversaries

30 Peter Black, scientific materials specialist, Chemistry

20 Peter Tormey, associate director of community and public relations, University Relations

15 David Gurr, painter IV, Plant Services; **Timothy Powers**, programmer lead/assistant DBA, CCNSS

10 Elvedin Alimanovic, custodial specialist, Plant Services; **Norman Leatha**, entrepreneur in residence, Hogan-Business

5 David Alsept, painter I, Plant Services; **Heather Brotherton**, wireless net technician, CCNSS; **Connie Caddis**, grad recruit and enrollment specialist; **Steve Pharr**, painter I, Plant Services; **Deborah Stevenson**, director, Academic Services

Cradle Calls

Jill Yashinsky-Wortman, Student Life, has a baby boy, Jack, born Sept. 17. **Kevin Henrickson**, Business, has a baby boy, Abram, born Oct. 10.

FOCUS ON ... Allen Allen

No, that's not a typo. Allen Allen is his name. And volleyball is his game.

But more extraordinary than his name, or the fact that this Hawaiian islander ended up married with three children on a ranch outside of Clayton, Wash., a long way from the Pacific, is his rise to fame in the volleyball world.

He was a football player in high school, and was recruited to play that sport in college. But during his senior year at Castle High School boys volleyball was added. The coach at University of Hawaii asked him to try out. And although he grew up dreaming of being an Oakland Raider, he chose volleyball.

Through his time at Hawaii his team continually got better to the point where they were battling his junior and senior years for a national championship. He played four years with the U.S. Olympic team, and six years on the professional beach tour. He was running a volleyball club in San Diego and "learning what it meant to be an adult" when his wife, a Ferris high graduate, grew tired of California and suggested a move home. "A happy wife is a happy life," Allen said.

"I love living in the country," said Gonzaga's assistant volleyball coach and head recruiter. "The only thing missing is the waves."

Allen gets together with a group of islanders weekly "to keep me rooted . . . and my job takes me to warmer climates during the winter months," he said.

Last month Allen was inducted into the University of Hawaii Circle of Honor. He was a three-time first-team all-American, and his Hawaii teams went 70-28 during his playing days.

"I really feel that I am here through divine intervention. If someone would have told me to move to Spokane to coach at Gonzaga, I would have told them 'you're crazy.' I'm here to help Coach (Dave) Gantt turn this program around," Allen said.



Hawaiian Islander Allen Allen finds peace in the Pacific Northwest.

125th Foley exhibit captures GU charm

"Tradition and Transformation: 125 Years in 125 Items," an exhibit created by Special Collections, can be viewed in the Foley Center Library Rare Book Reading Room. Most items are from Gonzaga's archives, with loans from campus departments. Among the highlights are a 1939 football, a piece of the Wall, a 1954 freshman beanie, a letterman sweater, and the original registry of student names from 1887. The exhibition is open weekdays from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This free exhibition will close Jan. 31, 2013.

The exhibit also is available online: <http://researchguides.gonzaga.edu/125exhibit>.



JUST IN . . . Mike Redmond (93), who spent 13 seasons in the Major Leagues as a catcher with the Florida Marlins, Minnesota Twins and Cleveland Indians, Nov. 1 was named manager of the Miami Marlins.

Wonderful weekend nurtures Zag relationships, celebrates all things GU

One of the world's most recognizable companies, one of the 1960's most renowned folk groups and one of the largest Gonzaga celebrations ever, made Fall Family Weekend/Zagapalooza a resounding success by all indicators.

Nearly 2,000 alumni and over 3,500 family members of Gonzaga students converged on campus Oct. 19-21 to celebrate everything good about Gonzaga. And it won't be the last celebration this 125th anniversary year. National Gonzaga Day promises to be a nationwide Gonzaga party, at 30 sites, on Jan. 24. More details coming in December.

Meanwhile, Nike brought two Gonzaga alums and two associates to tell about its transformation over the past 40 years to become and remain the top athletic shoe and apparel manufacturer in the world. Alums Greg Bui ('88) and Nelson Naekel ('99) were joined by GU parent Mac Macdevitt and the company's ninth employee Nelson Farris, who drew comparisons to the similar cultures at Nike and Gonzaga and how both entities must be doing something right to last 40 and 125 years, respectively.

Chad Mitchell and Mike Kobluk, a pair of Gonzagans who over the years teamed with Mike Pugh, Joe Frazier and later a young man named John Denver to create one of the '60s most prolific folk groups, the Chad Mitchell Trio, shared stories and clips of their performances on such shows as the Ed Sullivan Show, the Dinah Shore Show and Hootenanny.

In addition, nearly two dozen faculty members presented both informative and entertaining lectures for parents and alumni.

The Saturday alumni picnic on the Quad served up 650 sausages and burgers, and 550 cupcakes. People began lining up at 7 a.m. for Kraziness in the Kennel and a first look at the new men's basketball team. Gonzaga's new Grotto was dedicated. About 2,500 parents and family members shared conversation at the Autumn Gala. And Zagapalooza parties, beginning with the Convention Center extravaganza on Friday night attended by nearly 2,000 people, and culminating with individual class parties and a casino night, made for many smiles. Every class since 1953 was represented, and a few before that.

Alumnus Bret Nelson, the Las Vegas alumni chapter president, decided to help out in the hallway of the Zagapalooza kick-off event. He helped check people in, handed out programs and finally T-shirts. "I kept telling him to go have fun in the party but he was having a



More than 5,000 visitors joined us on campus Oct. 19-21.

great time greeting alums and working with all of us," said Teresa Hudak, assistant alumni director. "He got his degree online, so except for the people he has met at chapter events and the WCC, this was his first alumni event."

"Our work here is crucial. We bring thousands of individuals together – parents, family members and alumni – to reflect on the relationships they have built because of GU and the important role that GU and these relationships have played in their lives," said Acting Vice President for University Relations Joe Poss. "It is impossible to reflect on this past week and not say JOB WELL DONE and then some. Not only did we connect thousands of Zags, we did so in a truly engaging/fun fashion and wove in substance about our past and challenges that will shape our future."

Thanks to McDonald's for sponsoring Zagapalooza as well as Avista and Washington Trust Bank for their premier-level support of the anniversary celebration.

Women's Basketball

Nov. 3	Eastern Oregon	2 p.m.
Nov. 9	@UC Riverside	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	@USC	2 p.m.
Nov. 16	Wisconsin	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Monmouth	6 p.m.
Nov. 20	Missouri St.	6:30 p.m.
	@Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	
Nov. 21	Puerto Vallarta tourney	TBA
Nov. 22	Puerto Vallarta tourney	TBA
Dec. 2	Stanford	2 p.m.
Dec. 4	Eastern Washington	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	@Portland State	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	Fullerton State	2 p.m.
Dec. 17	Ohio State	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	Idaho	6 p.m.
Dec. 29	Washington State	TBA
Jan. 3	San Diego	6 p.m.
Jan. 5	Santa Clara	2 p.m.
Jan. 10	@St. Mary's	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	@Portland	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	BYU	6 p.m.
Jan. 19	@San Diego	2 p.m.
Jan. 24	@Pepperdine	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	Loyola Marymount	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	Pepperdine	2 p.m.
Feb. 7	@San Francisco	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	@Loyola Marymount	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	St. Mary's	6 p.m.
Feb. 16	San Francisco	2 p.m.
Feb. 21	@Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	@BYU	1 p.m.
Feb. 28	Portland	6 p.m.

Women's basketball faculty/staff ticket distribution for games that week, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., McCarthy Ticket Office

All games broadcast live on KEYF 1050 AM radio

Men's Basketball

Oct. 27	NW Nazarine	5 p.m.	KHQ
Nov. 9	So. Utah	6 p.m.	KHQ/Root
Nov. 12	West Virginia	9 p.m.	ESPN
Nov. 18	South Dakota	1 p.m.	KHQ/Root
Nov. 22	Clemson@Old Spice Classic, Florida	TBA	ESPN2
Nov. 23	@Old Spice Classic	TBA	ESPN2
Nov. 25	@Old Spice Classic	TBA	ESPN2/3/US
Nov. 29	Lewis-Clark State	6 p.m.	KHQ/Root
Dec. 1	Pacific	5 p.m.	KHQ/Root
Dec. 5	@Washington St.	8 p.m.	ESPNU
Dec. 8	Illinois	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 15	Kansas State/Seattle	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 19	Campbell	6 p.m.	KHQ/Root
Dec. 28	Baylor	5 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 31	@Oklahoma State	3 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 3	@Pepperdine	TBA	TBA
Jan. 5	@Santa Clara	TBA	TBA
Jan. 10	St. Mary's	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 17	@Portland	TBA	TBA
Jan. 19	@Butler	6 p.m.	ESPN
	(ESPN College Game Day)		
Jan. 24	BYU	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 26	San Francisco	TBA	TBA
Jan. 31	@Loyola Marymount	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Feb. 2	@San Diego	8 p.m.	ESPNU
Feb. 7	Pepperdine	TBA	TBA
Feb. 9	Loyola Marymount	TBA	TBA
Feb. 14	@St. Mary's	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Feb. 16	@San Francisco	TBA	TBA
Feb. 20	Santa Clara	8 p.m.	ESPNU
Feb. 23	San Diego	TBA	TBA
Feb. 28	@BYU	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Mar. 2	Portland	TBA	TBA

Men's basketball faculty/staff ticket distribution dates for games that week, 7 a.m., McCarthy Ticket Office: Nov. 5, 12, 26; Dec. 3, 17; Jan. 7, 22; Feb. 4, 19, 25

All games broadcast live on KGA 1510 AM and KEYF 101.1 FM radio

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