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Gonzaga's first female vice president, Sue Weitz, would never let a day, or a meeting, be boring. Although retiring as vice president, she will remain as a senior adviser to the president.

Gonzaga is the close-knit community that students love - largely because of Sue Weitz

When Sue Weitz retires after this semester as vice president for student life, she will have lifted up thousands of Gonzaga students over more than three decades.

"I have watched her deal with every imaginable student issue," said Margot Stanfield, senior vice president for principal gifts, "from celebrating their successes to dealing with their crises and tragedies. I have watched her agonize over difficult decisions that could have life-long impacts on student lives. Her love of students is always present in every situation. Anyone can discipline, but it takes a special individual to carefully listen, gather all the facts and then apply a solid dose of common sense to a decision. This is Sue Weitz – and she's a master at it."

Just about everyone who knows Weitz has a favorite story. Here is one she tells on herself:

"What are you proudest of?" As she takes in the question, her eyes brim with tears. "It's when I can really help a student. I mean *really help them* if they're struggling. I would take them home from the hospital. I took this one student home during a snowstorm. I had kicked him out of school. But security called me and said, 'What do you want us to do with this student? He can't go back in the residence hall.' It was December, cold and snowing. I said, 'Just bring him up to the house.' There were lots of students like that. Those little things that you don't think

much of at the time – they make such a difference to a student."

Another story: "I remember this clearly," Weitz said. "As the new dean of students, I came in and rewrote the alcohol policy in my first two months on campus. I said 'You can't have kegs out there in the quad for orientation. That's not legal.' But a very wise person in the office came to me and said, 'You know what? This probably isn't the best thing for you to start out your life at Gonzaga with.' She was right."

Eventually that policy was rewritten. Today, Gonzaga's BASICS alcohol program, which has won national recognition, is just one of many innovations that Sue has overseen.

Associate Professor Jeremy Stringer of Seattle University sailed with Weitz on the fall 2010 voyage of the Semester at Sea. "The leadership team, headed by Sue, was asked to pose for an official picture. Instead of the usual picture, we all put on funny hats. A picture of the deans in shower caps and animal heads was not really what the Semester at Sea had in mind, but it was vintage Sue Weitz," Stringer said. He added, "Her extraordinary leadership of our eclectic and sometimes challenging group was amazing to behold. I know of no one who can infuse vision, professionalism, humanity and joy into a group like Sue Weitz."

Student Activities Director David Lindsay said, "She possesses one the strongest level of care for others of

anyone I have known. I honestly don't know how she has the time to take care of herself. She has been available to students on nearly a 24/7 basis for over 30 years. She has the pleasure of working with students at their brightest times and the burden of assisting them at their darkest hours. She has always done this with a smile, a tear and a compassionate heart."

Many stories involve more than one generation: Before Weitz came to Gonzaga, she had worked at the College of Idaho. There, she introduced two students to each other. They married and had children. Their daughter Nikki Robison ('09) picks up the story: "Years later, I decided to attend Gonzaga and my parents received an email welcoming them to the Gonzaga community as parents of a new student. The letter was signed by Sue Weitz. We sought her out when I came to campus in 2005 and there was a wonderful reunion. Two weeks later, I was sitting in Sue's office telling her that I wanted to get involved in campus. She asked about my interests and without hesitation invited me to join the WCC Tournament Planning Council, as that year's tournament was to be hosted at Gonzaga. Not knowing what that really meant, I excitedly accepted and was launched into my life as a Zag." Today, Robison works in student development at Seattle University.

Despite Sue's legendary love and laughter, some occasions are daunting. "I'm amazed at how Sue works

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Changes ahead in schools, degrees

As nursing enrolls students into its new doctor of nursing practice degree program, and along with human physiology, continues to see rapid growth in demand, Gonzaga will formally establish its School of Nursing and Human Physiology this summer. A search for the new school's inaugural dean is underway, as are searches for deans of the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education. Education Dean **Jon Sunderland** and College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean **Blaine Garvin** will return to teaching.

The master's of anesthesiology education program is being revised into a doctor of nursing anesthesia practice degree and moving to the new School of Nursing and Human Physiology; Education faculty will continue to collaborate in delivering the program. The

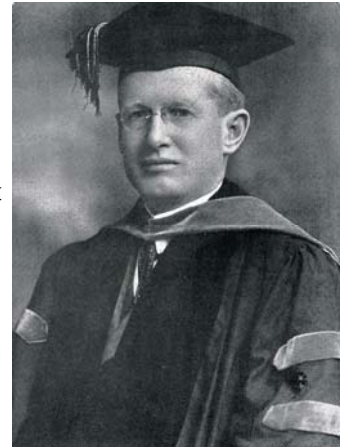
School of Education has undertaken a one-time, special project – providing its masters of education in leadership and administration to the faculty of the Charles Lwanga College of Education in Zambia. Once most of its faculty are masters' credentialed, that Jesuit institution will be able to move from a three-year, certificate-granting to a four-year, degree-granting institution. Gonzaga faculty will provide the program in a hybrid format to 30 teachers. These participants will undertake residency courses at Gonzaga for a two-week session in August.

During the 2013-14 academic year the leadership programs in the School of Professional Studies – organizational leadership, communication and leadership, doctoral leadership studies, comprehensive leadership program – will continue to engage in program review and to explore structural and programmatic options for their future strength and development.

Law School Centennial exhibition unveiled at Foley

Foley Center and the School of Law have created a Centennial exhibit, "A First Class Law School, or None at All: GU Law School is 100 Years Old." It is on display in the Cowles Rare Book Room at Foley through May 15.

Displays include the original handwritten register of names from 1912, trophies won by law students at legal competitions, photographs of past faculty and staff, and materials relating to the annual Heidelberg celebrations. Most items came from the Gonzaga Archives, with a few on loan from the School of Law. The exhibit will be open for the Law School's all-class reunion on April 20. It is also available online at: researchguides.gonzaga.edu/law100.



Edward J. Cannon was a well-respected Spokane attorney when Gonzaga President Louis Taelman, S.J., called on him to be the Law School's first dean. He served 22 years.

AROUND CAMPUS

- Hogan Program Director **Christopher Stevens** will discuss "Doorways to Creative Thinking," March 26 in the McCarthy Athletic Center's Herak Club Room, with a 10 a.m. social, and an hour presentation and discussion at 10:30. The free public event is sponsored by the Greater Gonzaga Guild.
- **Kathleen Sullivan**, former dean of Stanford Law School and a widely recognized appellate litigator who National Law Journal called a Supreme Court "superstar," will deliver the 2013 Quackenbush lecture, March 27, noon, in the Barbieri Courtroom. The public event is free. The lecture series is named for Judge Justin L. Quackenbush ('57 J.D.), a distinguished U.S. federal judge.
- GU's two head basketball coaches, **Mark Few** and **Kelly Graves**, have been selected to serve as assistant coaches for USA Basketball U19 teams in the 2013 World Championships this summer in Prague and Lithuania, respectively. Both coached USA U18 teams to gold medals in last summer's Americas games. Few joins Florida head Coach Billy Donovan's staff and Graves joins Miami head Coach Katie Maier's staff.
- Four Spokane high school seniors and four seniors from the Seattle-Tacoma area have been awarded Act VI full college scholarships to attend Gonzaga next fall. These diverse student leaders were chosen for their distinctive leadership, academic potential, and commitment to making a difference in their communities. They are among 65 new Act VI Scholars chosen throughout the state. Represented are ethnically diverse and mostly first-generation, low-income students.
- Gonzaga is No. 1 nationwide among small colleges and universities whose graduates serve in the Peace Corps. Twenty-four Zag undergraduate alumni are serving overseas as Peace Corps volunteers, lifting Gonzaga's historical total to 311 alumni with Peace Corps service. Western Washington was the top mid-sized producer of Peace Corps volunteers and Washington was the top big-school producer. "A Jesuit education, if it is effective, makes all graduates aware of the world and their responsibility and privilege to contribute to the common good through service and other activities," said AVP **Patricia O'Connell Killen**.

Grant assures free Chinese instruction for Spokane youth through Gonzaga

For the fifth straight year Gonzaga's modern languages department secured a grant that will allow up to 60 Spokane-area K-12 students to receive free beginning Chinese language instruction. The \$95,610 grant from federally-funded Startalk was written by modern languages Professor **Ben Semple**. The K-6 session runs June 25-July 5, the middle school and

high school sessions run July 1-25.

The program is designed to foster interest in less commonly taught languages. Instruction in such languages is vital to ensure U.S. security, maintain economic competitiveness, and foster intercultural understanding, Semple said. For more information, go to Gonzaga.edu/startalk.

BARC due for completion May 1

Construction on the Boone Avenue Retail Center is projected to be completed by May 1, said **Ken Sammons**, director of Plant Services. The bookstore and Sodexo Dining Services will move in after graduation and are expected to be functioning by June 1, and the parking garage will be available for use.

The BARC is at full height now. Brick work is being applied and architects have selected sculpted panels

by local artist Harold Balaz to adorn the building. The panels originally appeared on Hughes Hall.

Final approval on construction of the University Center has yet to be granted by Trustees. However, crews are proceeding with construction of a full temporary dining facility and its kitchen area in the BARC that will serve as student dining and event space, and should be ready for summer camps and conferences.

FFW, Reunion planned for separate weekends

Full Family Weekend (Oct. 25-27) and Reunion Weekend (Oct. 18-20) will be staged on separate weekends next fall. FFW generally runs the week after midterm exams, and reunions run the same week as the Trustees and Regents meet, to coincide with the Distinguished Alumni Merit Awards dinner on Oct. 17.

"This change is brought about entirely by calendars," said Alumni Director Bob Finn. The two events

have co-existed harmoniously over the past several years. "The biggest advantage to separate weekends is space availability for both events. We won't be competing for the same spaces now," Finn said.

Reunion weekend also will include a special reunion for Gonzaga-in-Florence alumni on this, the 50th anniversary of the noted Study Abroad program.



NOTEWORTHY

New Hires

Allison Knauff, lecturer, Chemistry; **Catherine Sturn**, residence hall director, Housing; **Rachel Young**, academic adviser, Graduate Nursing; **Bradey Cornwell**, custodian, Plant Services-Arena; **Katherine Fairburn**, custodian, Plant Services; **Maureen McGuire**, Corporate Counsel; **Patrick Bech**, staff accountant, Controller's Office; **Nancy Grasso**, AP manager, Controller's Office; **Ryan Hershey**, program manager, University Relations; **James Voiss**, assistant vice president, Mission; **Ana Chavez**, program assistant III, Nursing; **John Nelson**, travel coordinator, Athletics; **Sarah Rooney**, library technician III, Wildin collection assistant, Foley

New Positions/ Promotions

Ryan Forim, registrar services coordinator, Registrar; **Denise Smith**, associate director, DREAM; **Shawn Washington**, Act Six and programs specialist, UMEC; **Christopher Wheatley**, associate director, CCASL; **Harry Daniels-Schatz**, international student adviser, ISSS; **Amber McKenzie-O'Neill**, director, ISSS; **Dori Sonntag**, director of development, University Relations; **Patricia Faulkinberry**, administrative secretary II, ELC; **Ann Price**, program specialist, CGE; **Richard Smith**, HVAC control technician, Plant Services; **Sarah Alami**, international student and scholar coordinator and immigration adviser, ISSS; **Stashia Kaiel**, program coordinator and immigration adviser, ESL; **Brittany Leland**, training manager, Career Center; **Connie Tevlin**, circulation and catalog assistant, library technician II, Law; **Melissa Heid**, manager of student services, Recruitment and International Contacts; **Mary Beth Charleboix**, graduate programs and collections specialist, Student Accounts

Goodbyes

Scott Lartz, staff accountant, Controller's Office; **John Palladino**, assistant men's soccer coach, Athletics; **Adam Streng**, residence hall director, Housing

Rest in Peace

Sr. Mary Garvin, assistant professor, Religious Studies

Anniversaries

30 Diane Imes, business manager, Ministry Institute

25 Raymond Reyes, associate academic vice president and chief diversity officer

20 Yolanda Nelson, housekeeper, Jesuit Hayden Villa

10 Jose Hernandez, director, Rudolf Fitness Center, Athletics; **Ivan Kozyan**, groundskeeper III, Plant Services; **Amber McKenzie-O'Neill**, director, ISSS; **Erin Shields**, assistant director, GAMP-University Relations

5 Mark Beattie, director of student services, Virtual Campus; **Jamie Cockerham**, computer and employment specialist, Human Resources; **Katherine Conrath**, nursing resource center coordinator, BSN; **Teresita Coombes**, sophomore academic adviser, Business; **Pavel Kozyan**, custodian, Plant Services

Cradle Calls

Edin Jusic, custodian, Plant Services, and his wife Sandra welcomed a baby girl. Izabela Jusic was born on Jan. 10. **Enes Dautovic**, custodian, Plant Services, and his wife Venessa welcomed a baby boy. Demir Dautovic was born on Feb. 2. **Eric Ross**, professor, Chemistry, and his wife **Gemma D'Ambrouso**, lecturer, Chemistry, welcomed a baby girl. Marie Ross was born on Jan. 16.

FOCUS ON ... Bodamer's passion

Mark Bodamer has distinguished himself as a scholar and a teacher, but he's also part actor and part storyteller. Recounting stories about his chimpanzee research with eminent researchers, he uses the accents and body language to characterize the Brit, the Irishman, and the colleague from New Joisey.

Behavioral psychology is Bodamer's life's study – particularly the behavior of chimpanzees. He and his colleagues have taught chimps to communicate with American Sign Language. Not only do the chimps communicate, but Bodamer and his crew have watched younger chimps learn sign language from their elder – a passing down of a culture.

An only child, Bodamer grew up loving animals. He was Jesuit-educated and earned a bachelor's in psychology at Marquette. He pursued a doctorate working with autistic children, until learning of the Washoe Project – young chimpanzees being raised by humans. He joined the program and worked with Washoe herself at Central Washington University, earning his master's and spending an extra year on a signing project funded by National Geographic. Bodamer's Ph.D. is from Nevada-Reno documenting the initiation and maintenance of conversations between chimps and humans.

Working with chimps at one of the largest biomedical research labs in the country (New York University), he created a video that showed learning, cultural and socialization skills among the lab chimps. Their behavior was so similar to humans that "people could hardly believe what they saw," he said. Although he made the video for the director, that 10-minute clip has been shown around the world and helped illuminate how animals develop culture. His sponsor was Jane Goodall, world-renowned primatologist who rocked the scientific world with her own groundbreaking chimpanzee behavioral study. "Her compassion is equally matched by her tenacity. Our daughter is



Associate Professor Mark Bodamer has worked with Jane Goodall, who will speak April 9 as part of the Presidential Speaker Series, 7 p.m. in McCarthy Athletic Center. For ticket information, go to gonzaga.edu/goodall.

named for her," Bodamer said

For the past 12 years Bodamer has taken students, faculty and staff to the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage, teaching students how to conduct research with the chimps and working with colleagues from afar. "International school groups come to learn what we've found," Bodamer said. "The next layer is sharing our information with the local community. Service is the third component of our work there, whether it is painting, constructing school buildings, or moving bricks."

"When I first came here, Fr. (Mike) Moynahan read a poem by Meister Eckhart," Bodamer recalled. "He said, 'Even in a caterpillar you could see the beauty and grace of God.' I firmly believe in God in all things and this poem embodied it. I really felt that I had made the right decision to come here."

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with families who have experienced a tragedy that impacts their student attending school here," said **Sima Thorpe**, assistant dean of students. "She is so supportive—she helps the whole family get through the crisis and they trust her. Anyone who works with her in times of crisis is grateful to have her support."

Weitz came to Gonzaga in 1981 as dean of students. Two years later, Father **Bernard Coughlin** promoted her to vice president of Student Life. He recalls that "any thing I asked her to take on, she did without question. She was always very positive."

She was Gonzaga's first female vice president – and she leaves a personal imprint on Gonzaga. She also managed the Student Life division all through the era of Gonzaga's tremendous growth. More stories there, at least 30 years' worth.

Here's a quote that sums up this extraordinarily generous woman. It is part Anthony DeMello, S.J.,



Weitz has cared for GU students for more than 30 years.

and part Sue: "At Gonzaga, you never judge a student. Once you start to judge, you cease to understand."

Weitz will serve the next year as a senior consultant to President Thayne McCulloh to assist with the leadership transition and other projects.

Transforming the world, one cup of coffee at a time

Sit down, relax, enjoy a cup of coffee and a scone with some of Gonzaga's faculty members at one of GU's Transformation Cafés. This is a series of interactive chats that take the University into the community. Philosophy Associate Professor **Ellen Maccarone** led off the first of six scheduled Cafés Feb. 23 at the Road House Coffee Warehouse with a discussion of food and its representation of our values.

The Transformation Café series is part of Gonzaga's 125th Anniversary celebration. The events are free and open to the public. Five other discussions are scheduled:

- Walking the Talk of Leadership, leadership Professor **JoAnn Barbour**, March 1, 6 p.m., E.J. Roberts Mansion, 1923 W. First.
- Humans as Cultural Animals: Implications for Psychological Diversity Between East and West, by psychology Assistant Professor **Vinai Norasakkunkit**, March 3 at 10 a.m., Forza Coffee, 2829 E. 29th.
- Does Student Testing Improve Education in America? by School of Education Lecturer **Elaine Radmer**, March 23, 10 a.m., Indaba Coffee, 1425 W. Broadway Ave.
- Shakespeare (and Others) in the Material World by English Associate Professor **Heather Easterling**, April 21, 4 p.m., The Shop, 924 S. Perry.
- International and Intercultural Communication, by Communication Arts Visiting Professor **Claudia Bucciferro**, April 27, 11 a.m., The Little Garden Café, 2901 W. Northwest Blvd.

Indoor tennis-golf center coming

Groundbreaking is expected this spring on a \$7 million indoor tennis-golf center that will elevate the four related varsity programs, and provide some recreational and intramural use through the Rudolf Fitness Center program.

Construction and outfitting costs have been received in cash and pledges, but fundraising continues to create an endowed fund for operational costs.

With six tennis courts and a chipping and putting green, the center will be located at Legacy Field, behind the Academy apartments south of Mission Park and west of the Spokane River. The University purchased the site several years ago. Construction should be complete in time for the spring 2014 season.

"With this facility, we will be able to apply to host national events," said men's tennis Coach Peter MacDonald. "And recruiting student athletes will become a whole different game."

The facility will include locker rooms, restrooms and a viewing area on the second level surrounding the tennis courts. Webcams on every court will allow live online viewing of matches; a golf simulator will help golfers prepare year round.



Men's NCAA Hoops Tournament sites Selection Sunday – March 17

First Round
March 19-20
Dayton, Ohio

March 22, 24
Austin, Texas
Dayton, Ohio
Kansas City, Mo.
Philadelphia

March 29, 31
Indianapolis
Arlington, Texas

Second/Third Rounds
March 21, 23
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Lexington, Ky.
Salt Lake City
San Jose

Regionals
March 28, 30
Washington, D.C.
Los Angeles

Final Four
April 6-8
Atlanta



Mark Few's 80.2 career winning percentage is tops in the country.



Women's NCAA Hoops Tournament sites Selection Monday – March 18



Kelly Graves earned his 350th coaching victory Feb. 23.

First/Second Rounds
March 23-25 or 24-26
Baton Rouge, La.
Boulder, Colo.
College Park, Md.
College Station, Texas
Columbus, Ohio
Durham, N.C.
Iowa City, Iowa
Knoxville

Louisville
Lubbock, Texas
Newark, Del.
Queens, N.Y.
Spokane
Stanford, Calif.
Storrs, Conn.
Waco, Texas

Regionals
March 30-April 1 or
March 31-April 2
Norfolk, Va.
Oklahoma City
Spokane
Trenton, N.J.

Final Four
April 7 and April 9
New Orleans

Baseball Home March Games

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
15	vs. USF	6 p.m.
16	vs. USF	3 p.m.
17	vs. USF	Noon
23	vs. San Diego	6 p.m.
23	vs. San Diego	3 p.m.
24	vs. San Diego	Noon
26	vs. Brown (DH)	3/6 p.m.

All games at Patterson Baseball Complex/Washington Trust Field