How can one not feel good about a GU Christmas?

Staff members in Student Development each year adopt families at St. Margaret’s Shelter for women and children. Many of these residents have been abused and their spirits crushed. Gonzaga staffers do their best to brighten the Christmas spirit for these families.

“Often times we gather coats, hats, blankets, toys and games,” said Chris Rehwald, administrative assistant in Student Development. “But last year one of our families included a mom and her 14-year-old daughter. On their wish list was a sewing machine. Housing and Residence Life and Student Activities all went in on a sewing machine, kit and supplies.

“The mom and daughter were so tickled that now they could make their own clothes and better support their family,” Rehwald said.

The Center for Community Action and Service Learning also gets into the Santa act with its Winter Wonderland, a chance to unite students from Campus Kids and Connections and their families with Gonzaga students for a festive Christmas party.

GU students, staff and faculty sponsor the mentees and their siblings through a Giving Tree in the Crosby Center, by donating warm items and toys on the kids’ wish list. “This year we have about 350 kids that have been sponsored. That means over 700 presents,” said Bailey Wootten, assistant director of youth programs at CCASL. “Thanks to our staff and faculty, we are able to wrap all of the presents in about two days and have them ready for the big Winter Wonderland event. Last year we had over 400 people attend, and every kid went home with a smile.”

Here’s a letter from a mother of a Campus Kid from a few years back.

“I am a mom of three children. I want all of you to know that everything you do is wonderful and this Christmas party was just what the kids and I needed to begin feeling the spirit of Christmas. Because of you, my children received a Christmas present. Thank you very much for all that you do to help those in need.”

Sometimes it’s not just the kids who need a boost at Christmastime. The School of Nursing and Human Physiology adopts two families from Trinity Catholic School.

This year one family includes a 7- and 10-year-old being raised by the grandmother and 72-year-old great grandmother. The other family is a single, 26-year-old mom raising four children, ranging in ages from 1-8. Shannon Zaranski, assistant to the dean, posts the needs of family members, and the School’s faculty and staff donate gifts, food or cash to the cause.

“Often our staff extends more outreach to the parents than the kids,” Zaranski says. “Last year we had seven gifts for a mom and two each for kids. I think they feel so deeply for the parents who are doing their best to provide for the kids.”

Gonzaga is such a benevolent community. Here are a few other examples of Gonzaga faculty, staff and students reaching out over the holiday:

- Before Christmas the Far West Block Council of residence life will sort food at 2nd Harvest Food Bank, and in early January Law School faculty and staff will do the same.

- The Blanket Brigade, comprised of Gonzaga employees and friends, is busy knitting, crocheting, quilting and fleece blankets for infants through teens in the area. In the past 10 years the BB has donated 671 blankets.

- Staff in the Finance Division contributes presents for the Junior League’s annual Foster Santa Breakfast at Northern Quest Casino, where 400 foster kids and 200 parents will be celebrated later this year.

Check out Gonzaga’s Advent Calendar as the University counts down to the celebration of Christ’s coming... heartfelt messages and activities for Zags of all ages at Gonzaga.edu/Christmas.

It’s party time

Alumni Mass and post-Mass Christmas Celebration, Dec. 7, Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Al’s, celebration at Huetter Mansion, noon-1:30 p.m. Cocoa, coffee and family pictures with Santa.

Foley Center Library Christmas Party, Dec. 17, 2-4 p.m., Rare Book Room, lots of goodies.

ROTC Christmas Party, Dec. 18, 1-5 p.m., College Hall 045, featuring gluhwein (spiced wine) and egg nog (leaded and unleaded), and an assortment of hors d’oeuvres and desserts.

President’s Christmas Party, Dec. 19, 5:30-10:30 p.m., Red Lion Hotel at the Park. RSVP provides entrance into the night’s drawings. Bring a donation of two non-perishable food items or $2 cash donation to Campus Kitchens for an additional entry into the night’s drawings for gifts from the following sponsors: Churchill’s, Anthony’s, Geno’s, Barrister Winery, Spokane Barre, Simply Northwest, Davenport Hotel, Clinkerdagger, and Kimmel Athletic. Hors d’oeuvre social, drawings and a message from the president 6:30-8:30 p.m., dancing and music 8:30-10:30 p.m. When you RSVP, include song requests. Overnight lodging at the Red Lion for $59 plus tax. To make a hotel reservation call 326-8000 and mention “Gonzaga President’s Party.” Cocktail attire requested.

Crosby House White Christmas Celebration, Dec. 6, noon-4 p.m., at Bing’s childhood home, 508 E. Sharp Ave., home of the Crosby Collection. Featuring cider and cookies, the house will be decorated for Christmas and Bing’s Christmas favorites will be playing.
Around Campus

- Holiday Reminder: Gonzaga will observe holidays on Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 24-26, and Thursday-Friday, Jan. 1-2.
- Jesus Christ Superstar is coming to Magnuson Theater with six performances, Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 6-7 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. This rock musical is directed by Suzanne Ostersmith, director of Dance Program at GU. Two staff members are making their Magnuson Theater debut: Photographer Rajah Bose, who plays Herod, and Periodicals Assistant Zoe Mayhew, who plays Martha/Maid by the fire.
- Molly Ketchmark-Hendricks, professor of Psychology, has been appointed director of the University Core for a three-year term. She has taught at Gonzaga since 1994, chairing her department from 2001-12. She replaces English Professor and Associate Dean/Arts and Sciences Patricia Terry, who served in this capacity for the past five years. Implementation of the revised core will begin in fall 2016.
- Who is the best college basketball coach in the country for the money? Money Magazine picked Mark Few as the best return on investment. He holds the highest win percentage of any coach in the country, with more than 400 wins. Jim Boeheim, Syracuse, was second and San Diego State’s Steve Fisher was third.
- CCASL mentoring programs won the Pinnacle Award from the Raines Foundation, one of three honored in Washington for excellence in Youth Program Quality. Mission: Possible won the 2015 best practice’s award from Florida State’s Jon C. Dalton Institute on College Student Values.
- Four seniors in the Comprehensive Leadership Program – Max Archer, Reilly Dooris, Christine Ngan, and Helen Reinecke – took 2nd place in the November International Leadership Association (ILA) Student Case Study Competition in San Diego. This case study focused on Immigration Reform’s DREAM Act. It required students to submit a 1,600-word brief discussing relevant leadership theories and proposed actions, present a poster, and prepare a 15-minute presentation.
- Four accounting students earned one of five spots in the finals of the prestigious PricewaterhouseCoopers National Accounting Case Competition in New York in January. The event involves high-level tax and accounting policy issues that test students’ critical thinking and communication skills. GU’s team includes Harrison Braaksma, Sam Comfort Christina Davis and Bryan Wyche. Professor Gerhard Barone is the team’s faculty adviser.

Japanese students intrigued by American health care

In early November 87 nursing students from Osaka Jikei College of Health and Welfare in Japan descended upon Gonzaga to learn about the American health care system over three intense days of instruction by seven GU nursing professors. The Japanese students let GU faculty know in advance what they wanted to study: advanced roles of nurses in this country, particularly anesthesia nurse practitioners; super aging (a problem in Japan where they are facing a huge post-World War II population), and dealing with a plunging birthrate (many Japanese are choosing not to have children and the tax base is dwindling rapidly). “Their traditional family structure provides care for their aging, but the family structure is also changing to a more nuclear family structure similar to our western society,” said Lori Tocherman, exchange program coordinator and assistant professor of nursing. “They don’t have the infrastructure for nursing homes, Alzheimer’s care centers, or hospice care.” The students also enjoyed learning how American practitioners perform wound triage.

The students’ stay included a night of culture with games and line dancing, great ways of communicating without language.

Now one machine can do it all

When an office has a laser printer next to a fax machine next to a color printer next to a scanner, all consuming electricity, efficiency is not optimized. That’s where Jim Jones, director of ITS operations, comes in. Beginning more than a year ago, he assessed usage across campus of these various devices. Then he surveyed the market for equipment that could create efficiencies at Gonzaga. He asked for input from academic interests, then from the staff side, and from students.

With ITS’s Betsy Hooper as rollout project manager, Gonzaga initiated a one-machine-does-it-all program, one of going from 70 models on campus to one, Konica Minolta MFD (multi-function devise). It is being implemented one division at a time. Student Development, Athletics and University Advancement have been converted. Desktop printers, scanners and fax machines are vanishing. This process will save electricity, decreasing printer inventory while increasing services, Jones said.

GU Christmas

On a personal note, Program Coordinator Sarah Guzman in the School of Law has been hobbled by a broken leg for the past four months, and she has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of assistance, “from driving me and my daughter wherever we needed to go: work, daycare, doctors’ appointments, grocery stores, meeting across campus,” to “flowers, coffees, chocolate, calls to check up on me, and countless hugs. When we experienced the bomb threat to campus numerous people made sure I made it out safely. I realize a broken leg and being immobile for a while is nothing compared to what other individuals or families may experience. For me, the generosity and love has meant the world.”

Merry Christmas Gonzaga.
Noteworthy

New Hires:

Crissy Benage, assistant director of events, Alumni Association; Vera Lucia Francisco Neves Pinto, program assistant, Nursing; Jeffery Bafus, counselor, Counseling Center; Tyler Seth, assistant director, Rudolf Fitness Center; Barrett Henderson, assistant sports information director I, Athletics; Rebekah Bennett, assistant director, Rudolf Fitness Center; Rebekah Friesen, layout designer, Virtual Center

Goodbyes:

Jill Royston, manager, Wellness Center; Ray Malik, support center supervisor, CCNSS; Tracey Holman, assistant director, Rudolf Fitness Center

Position Changes/Promotions:

Samuel Jennings, custodial specialist, Plant Services; Aaron Collins, custodial specialist, Plant Services; Jason Gilman, IT asset & desktop application release administrator, ITS; Jennifer Sharp, IT support center manager, ITS

Anniversaries:

25 Sydney Chambers, associate professor, Foley Library
25 David Kingma, assistant professor/archivist, Foley Library; Joanne Siiokasi, student publications manager, Student Development
15 Natalie Borek, senior academic credentials evaluator, Registrar; Robert Joyce, desktop supply specialist, Business
10 Roger Cummings, senior Unix system administrator, ITS; Diana Justice, program assistant II, University Advancement; Rob Tomlinson, enterprise web developer III
5 Sarah Alami, international student and scholarship coordinator/immigration adviser, ESL; Stasha Kael, program coordinator/immigration adviser, ESL

Cradle Call:

Susan Lee, director-Law Admissions, and spouse Michael welcomed twin boys. Isaac and Marcus were born Oct. 23.

FOCUS ON . . . Schroeder’s a pacing planner

Mike Schroeder has a tough job. When he changed the pre-game meal for the men’s basketball team several years back, and the team nearly lost, then assistant-coach Leon Rice, a very superstitious man, hunted Schroeder down after the game and “let me know it would have been my fault had we lost for changing the traditional pre-game meal,” Schroeder recalled.

Technically, his job is catering manager for the McCarthy Athletic Center. But he wears many hats. He makes client contacts, plans menus, bills each of 600 annual jobs, works the events, processes payroll, orders supplies, linen and flowers, schedules staff, 80 percent of which are students.

Does he work regular hours? “No such thing.” Does he get days off? “On occasion.” He wears a pedometer, and for the Nov. 14 SMU-GU men’s basketball game and prep he walked 20.4 miles. No wonder he is often seen in the Rudolf Fitness Center working out. “This job demands you stay in shape,” said Schroeder, just months shy of his 60th birthday.

Schroeder and the culinary team prepare meals for events in McCarthy Center, from sit-down dinners for 400 to team meals for men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball. They manage food preparation for concession stands and six suites at all athletic events, and cater receptions in the Herak Club Room, East Concourse, Class of 1963 Court and the Bulldog Room, as well. They have a large kitchen in the bowels of the McCarthy Center, and they cater about 600 events annually.

“The key to cooking for big groups is preparation,” Schroeder said. It requires a well-conceived blueprint, of sorts. For large dinners, for example, they cook the protein part way the day before, then bring it to temperature just before the meal is served.

Montana born and raised, Schroeder finds Spokane, Gonzaga and McCarthy Center a perfect fit.

It sounds like Schroeder knows his stuff … and he does. But he had no formal culinary training. He grew up and spent most of his life in Montana, working in advertising sales. He also managed a small catering business on the side.

“Dealing with chefs is a lot like dealing with creative directors,” Schroeder said, with a smile. And he has great praise for the culinary staff.

His favorite days are game days because “the players are never late for a meal,” he chided. His biggest challenge is dietary restrictions, which he is far more conscious of today than he was 10 years ago when he took this job on the opening of the McCarthy Center.

He loves Spokane for its outdoor and music life. “This is a great biking town, and we have six ski resorts within a two-hour drive.” He lives downtown and enjoys biking to work. “I love the music scene here. I go to concerts whenever my schedule allows.”

Just don’t change the menu …

Video extra at gonzaga.edu/spirit:
Schroeder and executive chef Jeremy Goldsmith give a behind-the-scenes tour of McCarthy food operations on game day.

Minority post-doc program envisioned

Gonzaga is partnering with the University of Washington to create teaching opportunities here for recent UW Ph.D.s. The vision is to offer two-year teaching fellowships for post docs from groups underrepresented in higher education, promoting pedagogical and institutional excellence by diversifying faculty and curriculum, said Jessica Mauzione, associate English professor and program co-director.

Gonzaga departments would apply to host a post-doc teaching fellow to whom they would provide mentorship and support. “We’d be seeking diverse post-doc candidates from the UW who can bring new perspectives and contemporary knowledge of their fields to GU’s campus and community. GU would introduce recent graduates from a public research university to careers at a mission-driven, liberal arts-based teaching institution — an increasingly popular career goal among recent Ph.D.’s, but one that can be difficult to attain without the kind of teaching mentorship we aim to provide,” Mauzione said.

In addition, opportunities for these instructors to participate in campus activities would be available, in areas such as the Unity Multicultural Education Center, Center for Teaching and Advising and many others.

The collaborative Underrepresented Minority Postdoctoral Program idea initiated by AVP Patricia Killen entails work with the UW graduate school and its diversity programs “in a mutually beneficial partnership,” Mauzione said. The program could start as early as fall 2016.

Morning Mail gets facelift

The new Morning Mail came out in September, we asked for your feedback and incorporated many of your suggestions in an even better version. Here’s a recap of your new Morning Mail:

• Added a campus picture that changes daily, and says “Good morning” to you every day
• Reinstalled FRESH TODAY for those who want to see just those items that appear for the first time
• Moved the calendar to the bottom
• Added more specific categories to make items of interest to you easier to find
• Added a search function when you are in the web version

Please email other suggestions to spirit@gonzaga.edu.
Grounds crew gives ‘snow day’ new meaning

Tim Hatcher remembers back to the big winter of 2008-09. “We were told to expect 46 inches of snow, and we got 23 inches,” he recalls. “I worked 23 straight hours, and took a little nap in my office just for a break.”

Gonzaga’s grounds supervisor and his 11-man crew never have a down time, from planting, lawn and tree care in spring and summer and leaf pick-up in fall, to snow removal and winter campus care when the days grow short.

“We buy 19 tons of deicer at a time, and save about half the expense of buying it by the bag,” Hatcher said. “Most of our equipment is purchased with dual purpose in mind. We have eight four-wheel-drive Kubota recreational terrain vehicles, all equipped with plows. We have four pickup trucks and a Ford Bronco with plows, a back hoe for loading piles of snow and a dump truck to cart it away.

“Our hand-operated fertilizer spreaders double as deicer spreaders in the winter,” said Hatcher, who has 32 years on the job here.

In the winter months all hands are on-call. “We have a snowline that I record every night to let our guys know when we’re starting the next day, depending on snowfall. Usually we start at 6 a.m., but sometimes it’s 3 or 4 a.m.,” Hatcher said. “On weekends, I just call people as the need arises.”

So how do you keep track of the weather? “I listen to Tom Sherry (KREM TV weathercaster) every night.”

Major all Smiles for flag raising tribute

For two weeks Major Scotty Smiley had to keep important information classified. But he let his wife in on the secret, and she told her sister, who told her boss, and pretty soon the word was out from Idaho to Alaska. Oh, this was not a military secret. Smiley had been chosen to raise the 12th Man flag over CenturyLink Field for the Nov. 9 game between the Seattle Seahawks and the New York Giants, representing the state’s military veterans and service people.

Gonzaga’s ROTC military leadership instructor said he got very emotional: “I almost started crying just standing in front of the flag, representing the tons of men and women, far braver than me, who every day commit their lives and dedication to protect this country. I could hear Army helicopters flying overhead, bombs going off. I’m proud to be a part of this amazing state and to associate with so many willing to give their best to protect our freedom,” said Smiley, who lost his sight in a car bomb explosion in Iraq, and now is the military’s only blind active duty officer.

With that, he raised the 12th Man flag to the cheers of the crowd, just two days before Veterans Day. Then he turned to the packed house, waved his hands, unzipped his military camouflage jacket and exposed his No. 12 Seahawks jersey to the crowd, waving his jacket over his head. The crowd went crazy.

“It was humbling,” he said. One of the thrills for Smiley was shaking hands with Coach Pete Carroll and being on the field with the likes of Russell Wilson and Marshawn Lynch warming up before the game.

Without social media, more time for activity, students find

Through two wet November days a group of students stood on the steps of Crosby and didn’t stare at their phones. The 48-hour social media sit-out arose from Lisa Silvestri’s Interpersonal and Small Groups communication class. “The biggest thing that we wanted to omit was mindless scrolling,” said senior communications major Colten Cain.

In their class, students were asked to record when they were using social media. Cain said he spent about 13 hours over a three-day period. The sit-out wasn’t about getting rid of social media. The goal was to raise awareness of how and when we’re using it, said senior Kyle Kurfess. He noticed a big difference, even after unplugging for just 48 hours. “When you’re sitting around, instead of looking at your phone you think, ‘Oh I’m going to go do something instead,’” Kurfess said.

–By Eli Francovich

December home games

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