An inside look at the new Hemmingson Center

Chuck Faulkinberry has created, designed, found funding and operated multiple campus projects at many academic institutions throughout his 30-year management career with Sodexo. When he heard about the dream of the university center project, he felt called upon to move his family from Virginia to begin work at Gonzaga.

Director of Plant and Construction Services Ken Sammons invited Faulkinberry to construction meetings soon after the project began. This summer Chuck was named director of the new John J. Hemmingson Center and auxiliary services. He learned a lot sitting in those meetings with architects, builders and sub-contractors. “I’m just glad I had the technology on my phone to look up all the acronyms that were being tossed around the room,” Faulkinberry said. “I was constantly Googling to pick up the terminology.”

While new to Gonzaga’s payroll, Faulkinberry has served the Gonzaga community for the past four years as Sodexo’s Resident District Manager. Now he’s ready to embark on perhaps his biggest career challenge—getting the University’s largest and potentially most active building up and running over the next 10 months.

“This will be a vibrant building, bringing together communities of Gonzaga and Spokane, as well as the global community,” Faulkinberry said. “It will be exciting to see every organization come together and to see them working on projects that will benefit Gonzaga and people well beyond.”

Faulkinberry is impressed by the design and is eager to describe it from an inside point of view. “The building is an open design concept. Walking into the building from the northwest side, you enter a huge oval atrium, which will be well lit with natural light. The first thing you see is an electronic welcome wall, with information on events and notices. There is a large hearth and fireplace across the lobby. I see it being a gathering place. Walk toward the east, which I like to call Main Street, to gain a truly global perspective. In this main corridor we will have programs and speakers. The windows in our main floor lounge open out onto Mulligan Field.

“From here you see all the way to the roof. You see each floor of the building, and it is easy to identify what’s on each level.

“We’ll have a market on the first floor, designed collaboratively by Sodexo and Whole Foods. It will offer more than chips and drink fare, focused on local offerings. Starbucks and Einstein’s will also have a place on Main Street, and there’ll be tables and open seating.

The Next generation tech bar is still being defined as quickly as technology changes. The vision is a technology centered location where the entire Gonzaga community can ask support questions, look at some of the latest technology and connect to the global community.

Numerous meeting rooms are scattered throughout the building.

The main dining area, on the east end, will be called the COG, a tribute to its predecessor. Six individual restaurants are located on two levels with windows out onto Mulligan.

The first floor includes:
- 360-Degrees, a Mongolian grill and the centerpiece of the dining space
- Zagriplainture featuring farm fresh, locally grown foods, focused on vegetarian, special diets and mindful fare
- Spike’s (another nod to a past hot spot) featuring American cuisine, comfort foods, traditional grill
- Daily Bread featuring a fresh bakery, deli and salads.

The second floor includes:
- World’s Fare (a tribute to Expo 74), focused on world cuisines
- Mediterranean Coast featuring the cuisine from 28 countries surrounding the Mediterranean

On the third floor will be a massive conference center, including a ballroom that can seat 600 for a meal or 1,000 for a lecture.

The Bulldog Pub is a take-off from the former Bulldog Tavern at Sharp and Hamilton, located on the second floor and featuring pub foods and a variety of Northwest beers and libations. Its décor will include the old Bulldog sign. The faculty lounge is adjacent to the Bulldog Pub.

“Truly this building will bring together the global Gonzaga,” Faulkinberry said, including the Center for Global Engagement, University Ministries, CCASL, LGBT, UMEC, returning adult students, GSBA, student activities and clubs, Gonzaga Outdoors, mailroom, student leadership, dining services and the facility administrative offices.

In addition to directing the Hemmingson Center, Faulkinberry’s responsibilities will include auxiliary services: the BARC and its retail enterprises, Sodexo, Follett and Campus Services.

“I grew up as a military brat, lived all over the world and never had a place where I wanted to put my roots down until I came to Spokane and Gonzaga,” Faulkinberry said. Then with a big smile, “This is where I want to be. I was looking for a different challenge. I have it here.”
Around Campus

Education Dean Vincent Alfonso was named a Fellow of the American Psychologists Association and the Society of Family Psychology.

The Stevens Center is open to the Gonzaga community for tennis Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Faculty, staff and students are required to reserve a court prior to play by calling the Rudolf Fitness Center (ext. 4200 or 3974). Non-marking tennis shoes and tennis rackets with protective guard on top are required.

The public museum for Gonzaga’s renowned collection of Bing Crosby memorabilia has moved to the Craftsman-style Crosby House at 508 E. Sharp Avenue where the world famous entertainer and GU alumnus grew up. The house, which sits on Gonzaga’s northern boundary at the main entrance to campus, was designed by Bing’s father and built by him and two of Bing’s uncles. The family moved into the house in 1913 and Bing lived there until he left for Hollywood in 1925. The collection has been on display since 1957 in the Crosbyana Room of the former Crosby Library. The collection is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. The exhibit is free to the public with designated free parking directly behind the house.

Gonzaga ranks as the West’s 3rd best regional university (tie) and 2nd best value in this fall’s U.S. News and World Report rankings of America’s best colleges. Gonzaga also is ranked 2nd in the West for average freshman retention (tie) and average graduation rates (tie). The publication also ranks Gonzaga’s School of Engineering and Applied Science as the 29th (tie) best undergraduate engineering program nationwide (among engineering schools whose highest degree is a bachelor’s or master’s) while Gonzaga’s undergraduate business program is included among the nation’s best at No. 113 (tie).

The Knights of Columbus building at 302 E. Boone Ave., a fixture in the neighborhood for more than a half-century, has been sold to the University. The Knights entered into an option agreement with Gonzaga seven years ago. The agreement allowed the University to purchase the property no later than the end of August 2014, while providing the organization financial assistance and time to identify an alternate location. The organization has experienced an aging and declining membership over the years.

The exhibition “Amen: Amen: Religion and Southern Self-Taught Artists in the Mullis Collection,” which features more than 100 paintings, drawings, sculptures and ceramics created by self-taught artists from the American South, opens Oct. 4 in Gonzaga’s Jundt Art Museum and runs through Jan. 10.

Todd Marshall, poet and professor of English, will present short works inspired by the theme “Bump in the Night” at Bedtime Stories, an Oct. 17 event at the Spokane Club to support Humanities Washington. The event, which includes food and wine, begins with a 6 p.m. reception followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The William Shakespeare play, “Much Ado About Nothing,” directed by Assistant Professor Charles M. Pepitone, will debut at Magnussen Theatre on Oct. 24 and run Oct. 25, 30, Nov. 1 and 2.

Gonzaga men’s basketball fans will get their first look at the 2014-15 Bulldogs on Oct. 25 during the 2014 edition of “Kraziness in the Kennel.” Doors open at 3 p.m. for the annual men’s basketball introduction, which is set to begin at 4 p.m. Festivities include a scrimmage, and player and coaching staff introductions. Additionally, there will be a Pre-Kraziness Carnival on the McCarrick South Lawn before the doors to McCarthey open.

CCASL turns 20, my how it has blossomed

Tony Le (’06) was a gift to those who knew him. He helped found Gonzaga University Specialized Recreation, which works with developmentally disabled adults. When Tony lost his battle with cancer last year, several of his Gonzaga friends put together the “Le Olympics” in Seattle, an annual event to raise funds and give opportunity to disabled adults. All proceeds benefit GUSR, a program coordinated through Gonzaga’s Center for Community Action and Service Learning.

This year CCASL celebrates its 20th anniversary.

What started as a vision of former Vice President for Student Life Sue Weitz to involve students more actively in service to their community, CCASL became a program copied by many universities around the country. CCASL now draws more than 3,000 volunteers in 17 programs, performing more than 75,000 community service hours annually. Last year 42 faculty partners and 106 community partners helped make CCASL endeavors possible, along with a staff of 15, including four AmeriCorps volunteers.

“In the beginning it was just me and two work-study students, a 286 computer sans mouse, and two metal desks,” said Sima Thorpe, CCASL’s first director. “But in the first two years we established Campus Kids and other mentoring programs; April’s Angels, which has evolved into Zag Volunteer Corps; several social justice initiatives, including Take Back the Night; and the academic service-learning program that incorporates a civic engagement component into course curriculum.”

Jaime Hawk (’89, JD ’04) was involved in Campus Kids (GU students mentoring at-risk elementary youth), and founded Take Back the Night (a program to raise awareness of sexual abuse). She graduated from law school, became a federal public defender and held other positions, but it always advocating for vulnerable women and children. She sings the praises of CCASL and the inspiration it has provided her.

“CCASL instilled in me the importance of dedicating one’s passions toward public service and improving one’s community,” Hawk said. “Sima will always be a mentor and special friend to me.”

“Putting attention to who our students become is an important part of the equation,” said Chris Wheatley, CCASL associate director. “We hope the programs here help transform our students into individuals committed to a life of serving others with a penchant for social justice, in line with our Jesuit mission.”

Employees honored on milestone anniversaries

In May the following were honored by the president for their years of service to Gonzaga: 45 Joan Albrey, Robert Gilmore, Kenneth Sammons; 40 Jane Rinehart, Steven DeLong, Michael McBride, Chuck Murphy, Marilyn Nelson, Shari Rasmussen; 30 Allen Albano, Matthew Bafus, Alice Bair, Michael Connelly, S.J., RaGena DeAragon, Terry Gieber, Robin Gleneden; James Helgeson, Jane Hession, Rick Magnuson, John Marciniak, Stephen Souza, S.J., Margot Stanfield, Kevin Waters, S.J.; 25 Darlene Almanza, Jane Archer, John Beck, Randall Bennett, Carolyn Boese, Carol Bonino, Noel Bormann, Gina Bowman, David DeWolf, Gerald Hess, Peggy Kerwick, Ron Large, Dean Larson, Angela Ruff, Constance Scarpelli, Barbara Warner, Jolanta Weber; Professors Emeritus Nancy Chase, Terry Gieber, Mike Herzog, John Maurice, Robert Prusch, Will Terpening
Noteworthy

New Hires:
Jennifer De Donato, program assistant III, Special Education; Kimberly Baldwin, admissions counselor, Virtual Campus; Anna Goodale, assistant women’s crew coach, Athletics; Margaret Butterworth, program assistant II, International Student Wellness; Sandra Barone, sophomore academic advisor, Business; Jared Payton, area coordinator, Housing & Residential Life; Drew Satter, area coordinator, Housing & Residential Life; Wade Croft, prof tech, HEC; Lynn Harrison, instructional designer; John Hobbs, coordinator of student clubs; Shannon Sanders, custodian; Andrew Myers, assistant director, Debate; Michelle Wilson, cheerleading coach, Athletics; Julia Larsen, program assistant, CCAS; Brandi Praytor-Masters, middle school mentoring coordinator; Sarah Schieving, director, Marketing and Communications; Claudine Richardson, program assistant II, Student Involvement & Leadership; Joseph Hirst, security officer; Kathryn Johnson, assistant athletic trainer, Athletics

Goobyes:
Whitney Brooks, program specialist, Student Activities; Justin Padden, intern, accounting analyst, Controller’s Office; Margot Stanfield, senior vice president of principal gifts, University Advancement; Brian Wilhelm, assistant ticket manager, Athletics; Stephanie Barkley, supervising investigator, Security; Teresa Hudak, assistant director of alumni chapters, Alumni Associate; Adrian Reyes, admissions counselor, Virtual Campus; Guillermo Espinosa, admissions counselor, Admissions; Ian Powell, assistant director of fitness center, Athletics; William Kostelic, digital media production & software training specialist, ITS; Pavel Koyzan, custodian, Plant; Makaya Peddy, senior financial aid counselor, Financial Aid; Terry Coombes, sophomore academic advisor, Business

Position Changes/Promotions:
Jennifer Nyland, associate athletic trainer, Athletics; Joeey Sammut, Coordinator, Student Involvement & Leadership; Adriana Wissel, assistant professor, Counselor Education

Anniversaries:
40 Bernard Coughlin, S.J., chancellor
35 Paul Hastings, associate professor, Counselor Education; Amy Kelley-Peacock, professor, Law; Stephen Kuder, S.J., associate professor, Religious Studies; Robert Lyons, S.J., associate professor, Integrated Media; Jon Sunderland, associate professor, Physical Education
30 Henry Batterner, associate professor, GUIN-Florence; Eddy Birrer, professor, Accounting
25 Dale Abendroth-Lenski, assistant professor, Nursing; Mark Alfano, professor, Philosophy; Paul Buller, professor, management chair, Business; David Calhoun, associate professor, Philosophy; Kent Hickman, professor, Finance; Elaine Manor, assistant to the dean, Foley; Al Miranne, associate professor, Sociology; Patricia Terry, associate dean, Arts & Sciences; Mary Pat Treuthart, professor, Law

FOCUS ON . . . Green’s Title IX goal

Those of us who grew up in the 1970s and 1980s knew Title IX was all about equality for women and girls in sports. But in reality, it has stretched well beyond that.

Today the primary focus is on sexual misconduct and assault on campuses.

When Sarah Green was hired this summer as Gonzaga’s first fulltime Title IX director, her goal was clear: reduce the number of sexual misconduct and assault incidences on campus.

“Gonzaga has taken this seriously all along because of its care for the individual,” Green noted. “The Green Dot program is well established, and will receive even more attention. We have full support and buy-in from President (Thayne) McCallum, AVP (Patricia) Killen and Athletic Director (Mike) Roth. This year all faculty will receive Title IX training, and we are working with student leadership. Next year all faculty and all new staff will receive bystander training. People will learn how to react when they observe power-based personal violence.

“We want to see our numbers go down, not because it is federally mandated but because it’s the right thing to do,” Green said.

Green is working with Associate Athletic Director Heather Gores, deputy Title IX coordinator, Chris Purviance, who investigates all bias-related incidents, and any involvement by faculty or staff, Brian Kenny and Becky Wilkey in Security who investigate incidents between students.

Sarah Green highlighting sexual misconduct awareness - and those; and Jill Yashinsky-Wortman, director of the Center for Curia Personalis, who works with Green in Student Development education.

Green emphasized that her door is always open, and coming to her with a question or concern should not be intimidating.

She’d probably enjoy the company. Her venture to Gonzaga is her first work west of the Mississippi, except for a short stint in Texas. She started at Cracker Barrel investigating gender and sexual bias cases; moved to University of Massachusetts-Amherst to focus on Title IX work, and most recently completed a stint at East Carolina.

“I’m a big college basketball fan, and Gonzaga has a real good team. The institution is faith based, which I like. I always wanted to live on the West Coast. It’s nice to be here,” Green said.

Reaching out to Catholic school educators

The School of Education is reaching out to help others in our region. Through a joint grant, John Traynor and his associates recently helped Spokane Public Schools investigate how to decrease the dropout rate in the district. The numbers are coming down. Chuck Salina spent one year as principal at Sunnyside High School and changed the attitude of a struggling student body. Graduation rates have increased significantly.

Now, SOE is reaching out to Catholic school teachers in the Spokane Diocese to provide an in-service professional development day for 175 educators from 17 Catholic schools. The event, “Meeting the Unique Needs of All Students” was developed by Katie Rieckers, curriculum coordinator for the Diocese. The session presenters are faculty in the SOE and topics range from educating the whole child and technology integration, to understanding problem behavior. Dean Vincent Alfonso said, “This event will offer an opportunity for professional dialogue on a variety of subjects between our faculty and Catholic school teachers.”

The Oct. 10 event is scheduled at the McCarthy Athletic Center East Conference. President Thayne McCallum, Dean Alfonso and Father Steve Kuder, S.J., are among the speakers, along with Duane Schafer, Spokane Catholic Schools superintendent.
Defining Gonzaga as “premier”

In his semi-annual ‘state of the university’ address to staff, President Thayne McCullogh told of traveling with other city leaders to Spokane’s newest sister city, San Luis Potosí, Mexico. The question he faced most often from the people he met. For what single thing is your university best known?

The audience knew just what irony this question posed, and chuckled when McCullogh said he answered the question a bit differently each time. He spoke about our renowned community atmosphere and how it allows for students to stretch and grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. In other words, he told the city fathers about our mission and our vision, not that basketball didn’t come up in the conversation.

The president also spoke about a single word—premier—in the proposed Vision Statement for the strategic plan. “Premier is not only about how the entire University is viewed, but about how we do our work on the individual level every day,” McCullogh said. “We see ourselves as a premier community, one that is defined by high expectations. And we need everybody—THAT will define premier.”

Other information from the president’s session:

- This fall, planning will begin on eventual renovations to the Crosby Student Center, Foley Center and College Hall. All three buildings will have open space and/or a significant change in purpose once the Hemmingson Center opens in fall 2015. Among the challenges will be identifying funds for the work.
- Discussion also is continuing this fall on the specific needs to be filled by a proposed Interdepartmental Sciences and Engineering Building, as well as the Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center. Currently, the Woldson Center will open before this fall’s entering first-year students graduate in May 2018.
- New staff positions will be needed to handle certain aspects of the Hemmingson Center. The building will create new opportunities, including the ability to hold summer conferences.
- Gonzaga’s current six-year graduation rate is 83 percent, but “we ought to be an institution that regularly graduates 90 percent of its students,” McCullogh said.
- Training on how to report sexual assaults and harassment is required for all employees. Under federal law, (virtually) all faculty and staff are mandatory reporters of sexual assault. McCullogh told the staff audience that in his early days working in Student Life he did research on levels of sexual assault at Gonzaga. He found that Gonzaga’s levels of such activity were in line with national rates. One in four female students would report having been the victim of sexual assault.”

Vision Statement

Gonzaga is a premier liberal-arts based university recognized nationally for providing an exemplary Jesuit education that empowers its graduates to lead, shape and serve their chosen fields and the communities to which they belong.

Extending Opus impact; study abroad option pondered

The Opus Prize presentation, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. at The Fox, is what all the hype is about. A $1 million prize will be awarded to one unsung, humanitarian entrepreneur and two others will receive checks for $100,000 to extend their service.

But once the dust settles, Gonzaga Study Abroad Director Richard Menard would like to extend the “Opus” experience by creating a study abroad program to take students to the site of the Opus winner, and develop an internship with that organization, with an academic component.

“We’ve got a number of moving parts right now. We need to secure a local university in the area of the winner to collaborate with,” Menard said. “We need to create an internship and we need to establish the academic piece whereby the students would study at a neighboring university, then work in an internship at the winner’s organization. We need to formulate the program, secure housing, academics, what our students would be doing, then work with the finalist to see how they can use our students in their organization.”

“This is a study abroad opportunity for students looking for a great study abroad challenge. Nationally, only 9 percent of college students study abroad, and only 1 in 100 percent undertake an internship. This connection with the Opus Prize winner would play out well in a student’s interview process. We’re looking at how we can better challenge and engage our students in new ways.”

Pope, Jesuit higher ed topics of Western Conversations

Representatives from Gonzaga, Seattle, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Loyola Marymount and Regis universities will meet on campus Oct. 10-12 for Western Conversations, an annual gathering for selected faculty and staff at West Coast Jesuit schools to discuss prevalent mission-related higher education issues.

Father Michael Shearan, S.J., president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C., will present on Pope Francis and Jesuit higher education. Gonzaga AVP Patricia Killen will present “Where is Knowing Going: What is a Catholic University?” And Father James Voiss, S.J., associate vice president for Mission here, will talk about Ex Corde. The relation to continuing advancement in Jesuit higher education.

Gonzaga’s delegation includes John Sheveland, JoAnn Barbour, Kristine Hoover, JD Morschke, Liz Addis, Eric Kincannon, Claudio Talarico, Killen, Karen Rickel and Father Frank Case, S.J. Other Gonzaga staff and faculty will help stage the event and facilitate discussions among the larger group. To learn more, click on gonzaga.edu/mission. To watch keynote addresses and panel discussions live, visit gonzaga.edu/streaming.

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