“Thank you, I’m sorry, imagine new possibilities”

“Big Night” is a 1996 movie about a failing Italian restaurant run by Italian emigre brothers Primo and Secondo that gambles on one special night to try to save the business. Primo is the irascible and gifted chef, brilliant in his culinary genius, but determined not to squander his talent on making the routine dishes that customers expect. Secondo is the smooth front-man, greeting and seating customers while trying to keep the restaurant financially afloat, despite few patrons. The movie line focuses on the brothers’ last-ditch effort to throw a bigtime party, featuring a jazz musician of immense talent, to raise money and keep the restaurant alive. The brothers disagree about how to make the party successful, and, in the end, the restaurant fails but the brothers still love each other.

“We are partners here in Spokane, but so much more; we are family,” said Father Scott Santarosa, new provincial of the Oregon Province. “Just as Primo needs Secondo, and Secondo needs Primo, we Jesuits need you lay family members, and you need us.”

An eloquent storyteller and thoughtful shepherd, the 48-year-old Fr. Santarosa spoke Feb. 17 to a gathering of about 300 members of the five local Jesuit ministries—Gonzaga University, Gonzaga Prep, St. Aloysius Elementary, St. Aloysius Church and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life.

“Thank you, I’m sorry, and lets imagine new possibilities,” Fr. Scott Santarosa said.

“Thank you for being here. You being here says to me it’s important to you to be a part of the Jesuit family here in Spokane. Primo tries to do for Secondo that which he can’t do on his own. We couldn’t do this work without the competence and contributions of our lay people. Our institutions are so good because of the lay people working in our ministries. You now outnumber us. We are your collaborators. Thank you for outnumbering us.

“I’m sorry, I wish I could say we Jesuits would be better if we partnered with lay people as equals. Sometimes we have invited lay people into our ministry only after being backed into the corner. If you felt we only asked you to partner with us because we were backed into a corner, I apologize. We get excited about doing God’s work, like Primo there in kitchen doing what he knows to do. We sometimes don’t want to let anyone else into the kitchen because they might not do it as well. I am sorry. We might be insecure in sharing our kitchen with lay people. If you learn our recipes too well maybe you won’t need us anymore. Perhaps for our own security we have not entered into a true partnership with you,” he said.

“We must trust, like Primo and Secondo, that you will remind us how much you need us. We need to remind you what you can do that we cannot. Together we will work to build God’s kingdom,” Fr. Santarosa said.

Imagine new possibilities

“If our five Ignatian works in this community serve the poor in our midst it will in fact bring us closer to one another. We must walk with and serve the poor and vulnerable as the Ignatian family. Your lives will be blessed as a result,” Fr. Santarosa said.

He asked us to imagine a big party, like the one Primo and Secondo threw. “There are people from all different races, genders and economies, and they all feel connected, like friends. All feel at home. Because the one who throws the party loves all of them, He wants them to know that they are made in the image of the one who throws the party, to dwell with God forever.”

Fr. Santarosa grew up in Sacramento, graduated from Jesuit High and earned a civil engineering degree from Santa Clara. For the past 12-plus years he has served in South and East Los Angeles, most recently as pastor at Dolores Mission, a thriving spiritual community in the heart of poverty. It has become a symbol of immigrant rights, social justice and putting faith into practice – standing with people on the margins. He will continue serving as provincial for the combined California and Oregon provinces when they merge, likely in 2017.

In the April issue of Spirit: Imagining new possibilities for Jesuits in the Northwest
Around Campus

Gonzaga welcomes eight new Act Six scholars in the fall. Selected through a three-month competition among nearly 900 applicants, these diverse student leaders are selected for their distinctive leadership, academic potential and commitment to making a difference in their communities. Spokane students are from Gonzaga Prep, Ferris and two from Rogers. The other four hail from the west side.

For the third straight year Gonzaga ranks No. 1 for having the most Peace Corps volunteers in the country among small universities. This year 20 undergraduate alumni are serving in 19 countries worldwide, lifting Gonzaga’s historical total to 330 alumni with Peace Corps service.

Molly Pepper, associate dean of the School of Business/associate professor of Business Management, has been selected to attend the National Seminary on Jesuit Higher Education, tasked with the semi-annual publication of Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education, a magazine whose purpose is to strengthen the Jesuit identity of our 28 U.S. colleges and universities.

Gonzaga’s Campus Kitchen project is one of 10 nationwide to receive a grant supporting its focus on fixing the root of the hunger problem in elder adults, ranging from improving transportation and mobility, to addressing lack of produce and isolation. The $625,000 grant is funded by AARP.

Two films honoring Archbishop Oscar Romero will be shown on March 30 at the Magic Lantern Theater, starting between 4 and 4:45 p.m. Sponsored by Hermanas Spokane in support of literacy in El Salvador, the films honor the 35th anniversary of the assassination of the beloved Salvadoran Jesuit priest and activist.

A graduate School of Business team has advanced to the regional finals of the annual Hult Prize, the world’s largest student competition and start-up platform for social good. The team competes in San Francisco March 13-14 for an opportunity to win $1 million to start a new sustainable social venture.

Former Zag outfielder and Major League star Jason Bay will be inducted in the WCC Hall of Honor as part of the 2015 class, March 7 at the conference basketball tournament festivities in Las Vegas.

Plans for BARC formulating

With the Hemmingson Center nearing completion and dining services transitioning from the BARC during the summer months, plans are forming for the space along Hamilton currently occupied by Sodexo, said Earl Martin, executive vice president.

Those plans call for relocation of Mail Services to the BARC, which will eliminate traffic conflicts with pedestrians along Bulldog Alley, Martin said. In addition, loading docks on the north side of the BARC will make for easy loading and unloading of mail, and the ground level of the parking garage will be a great place to distribute all the packages associated with move-in.

The proximity to the Hemmingson Center and the Zag Shop also makes the BARC an attractive location for Mail Services.

“We when we opted to add parking in this location, we wanted to take advantage of the space to provide services to our students in close proximity to campus. We expect the BARC will be attractive to a wide variety of retail vendors,” Martin said. “We will be careful not to lease space to businesses that will directly compete with services located in the Hemmingson, where we have Einstein Bros. Bagels, Starbucks and a great convenience store called the Marketplace.

“This space will be turned over to us in August, and may not have occupants until next year after the area has been remodeled for five or six tenants,” Martin said.

Random act of kindness in Pepper class makes impact

Gonzaga’s Jesuit influence was played out in the Human Relations classroom of Associate Professor Molly Pepper in January. Rob McCann (’95 M.O.L., ’01 Ph.D.), executive director of Catholic Charities, had engaged with her class for a final project: to create a recruitment and selection plan for his organization. In discussing his organization’s needs, McCann mentioned that due to limited funding, the Catholic Charities men’s shelter would be closing during weekend days.

Pepper’s student, Christian Hestness from Coeur d’Alene, had never heard of Catholic Charities, but was incensed to think that some homeless men would be sleeping in cars or alleys during the cold winter months.

“I felt bad about it. I wanted to figure out if there was some way I could help,” Hestness said. “I went around and found a resource to donate $5,000.” Turns out it was his employer, Universal Funding Corporation, where Hestness works as marketing director.

“Christian was so unassuming. At the end of class (two weeks later) he came up to Catholic Charities representatives and presented his check,” Pepper said. “I was speechless, not only because he made the donation but that he got it so quickly and gave it so discretely.”

Along with additional funding from the state and other private sources, the men’s shelter remains open all week long.

“I feel very blessed. I have a good job and a roof over my head,” Hestness said. “It’s hard to imagine people living on the street. I’m happy to share.” Hestness is working on an undergraduate degree in business marketing, and plans to pursue a master’s degree in finance.

Busting myths about Native American people, customs

Gonzaga began a new series, “Mythbusting! with Native American Studies,” The first event drew a crowd of 50, including more than a dozen faculty and staff members. Director of Native American Studies Laurie Arnold launched the series after observing that faculty, staff and students have a great deal of curiosity about historic and contemporary Native American peoples.

“Members of our campus community might never have had opportunities to learn about tribal sovereignty (tribes’ inherent right to self-govern), tribal cultures or about the vast diversity among the 566 federally recognized tribes in the United States,” Arnold says. “Washington state has 29 federally recognized tribes, but many Washingtonians may never have encountered information about local or regional Native American histories or peoples.”

The Mythbusting! series presents an opportunity for the entire campus community to gather and discuss why myths such as “Indians have special rights” are not only untrue but also why they are harmful to Native peoples and to the broader American public. “These myths perpetuate misunderstandings in the same way that people who ‘play’ Indian, by wearing dime-store feathered head dresses or by falsely claiming Native American heritage, perpetuate objectification and appropriation of Native cultures,” Arnold says.

Discussions of these questions, in a safe space designed to inform and to encourage open dialogue, directly reinforce Gonzaga’s social justice mission as well as our commitment to fostering intercultural competencies. “The Columbia Plateau has been home to Indigenous people for nearly 10,000 years. Isn’t this a great time to pause and learn about their descendents, our neighbors, co-workers and friends?” Arnold asks.

The series continues April 8, 5:30 p.m. in Wolff Auditorium with Mythbusting! Native American History and Contemporary Issues. The event is free and open to the public.
Noteworthy

**New Hires:**
Ashley Allen, assistant volleyball coach, Athletics; Jonathan Billings, marketing recruitment specialist, Business; Lisa Bowman, receptionist/medical assistant, Health Center; Donna Byrd, registered nurse, Health Center; Iveth Canales, program assistant II, Business; Ruben Yamada, visit office coordinator, Admission; Chereee Adams, program assistant II, Financial Aid; Suzanne Mize, business manager, Hemminger Center; Shannon Kestell, program assistant II, Financial Aid

**Goodbyes:**
Karie Brouillard, research coordinator, Chemistry & Biology; Stacey Hannigan, counselor/substance abuse specialist, Counseling Center; Chris Roof, visit specialist, Admission; Vanessa Sault, medical assistant, Health Center; Michael Tobin, painter, Plant Services; Allen Allen, assistant volleyball coach, Athletics; Darlene Almanza, program assistant III, Admission; Curtis Leighton, assistant coordinator, University Ministry; Paige McGowan, program coordinator, Student Wellness Resource Center

**Position Changes/Promotions:**
Rachel Rasmussen, health educator, Student Wellness Resource Center

**Anniversaries:**
35 George Critchlow, professor, Law School
25 Chris Gill, chief info officer, ITS; Douglas Kries, professor/Coughlin chair, Philosophy; Michael Treleaven, associate professor, Political Science; Vicki Yount, legal assistant family law paralegal, Legal Services
20 Louise Diana, associate director, Financial Aid; Cheryl Mitchell, director of reporting and analytics, University Advancement; Heidi Wohl, stewardship specialist, University Advancement; Marcia Bertholf, administrative assistant to the vice president, Finance; Pat Reese, campaign director, University Advancement
15 Dennis Colestock, director, Housing/Residence Life; Sarah Okert, continuations assistant, Foley Center Library Services; Kathryn Shearer, director, DREAM
10 Judith Bunting, officer, Security; John Fitzsimmons, lecturer/AT, Integrated Media; Susan Lee, director of admissions, Law School; Robbie McMillan, registrar, Law School; Howard Glass, director, INNRC; Catherine Kohut, assistant director and FLSA manager, Study Abroad; Cassandra Slaag, communication and training manager, ITS; Mark Stickemeyer, general maintenance, Plant Services
5 Stephen Allen, custodian, Plant Services; Genevieve Finley, senior administrative assistant, President’s Office; Jacquie Fulton, assistant to the chair and senior faculty assistant, Religious Studies; Dan Gilbert, assistant director, athletic facilities; Jim White, dean, Student Financial Services; John Wolfe, lecturer/AT, Psychology; Cory Kittrell, program assistant, Philosophy; Judy Noll, interlibrary loan assistant, Foley Library; Jackie Van Allen, grant accountant, Controller’s Office

**Cradle Call:**
Xiaofei Zhang, lecturer, BioChem, and spouse Bei had a baby girl, Anya. Heather Shilley and spouse Kevin had a baby boy, Tucker. Mark Voorhees, rowing coach, Athletics, and spouse Sinead (’07) had a baby girl, Aliis. David Armstrong, lecturer, English, and spouse Melinda had a baby boy, Emerson.

**FOCUS ON . . . The Weatherby Whirlwind**

If there is more energy anywhere on campus, Avista should tap in.

**Georgie Ann Weatherby** skittering from class to mock trial practice mixed with a swim to ease her rush, is a 5-foot-2 whirlwind on (wheels). By day she is a professor of sociology and criminal justice. By night she is a flamboyant, enthusiastic and highly skilled coach of Gonzaga’s nationally recognized mock trial team, which she inaugurated in 1998. Her teams’ successes include yearly trips to Silver Nationals (after the regional qualifier) and six trips to the final 64 (now the final 48) of the mock trial championship.

She calls it debate on steroids, or law sports. Her coaching all happens before the meets because coaches are not allowed to intervene during competitions. But don’t think she’s not totally engaged. When her team won the highly coveted Berkeley Invitational last month the 60-year-old Weatherby shot out of her chair, “I flew toward the wall screaming and jumping,” worrying her “kids” that she was going to a gasket.

“This is my passion. I love it. It is also my hobby,” Weatherby says. “My husband is retired, so he comes in as a witness coach during practice. Mock trial is the love of my life other than my husband. It’s not an extra thing; it’s an important thing in my life. It has to be because it takes so much time.”

Her husband is another interesting story. Mike Krieg is a former diocesan priest. When Weatherby was second-in-command of Washington State University Vancouver following her doctoral work at the University of Washington, she spent a lot of time in Pullman, but never knew Fr. Krieg, who was pastor at the Newman Center there. In 2000, Fr. Krieg became pastor at Spokane’s Sacred Heart parish. Through the death of his father, soon followed by the death of Weatherby’s dad, the two became close friends.

**Where Are They Now?**

Following is a listing of a few former notable Gonzaga employees and their whereabouts:

1. Robert Araujo, S.J.-pastoral ministers and writer, Weston, Mass., battling cancer, former GU law faculty
2. Phil Ballinger assistant vice president for enrollment and admissions, University of Washington; former GU dean of Admission
3. Libby Barnes, retired, active in outdoor life; former GU marketing director
4. Johnny Coffey retired, living his dream in the Logan neighborhood
5. Frank Conklin practicing law in Spokane; former GU law school dean
6. Peter Ely, S.J.-vice president for mission, Seattle U.; former GU academic vice president
7. Steven Friedman provost, Fordham; former GU academic vice president
8. Ed Glynn, S.J.-pastoral ministry, Baltimore, Md.; former GU president
9. Craig Highower, S.J.-rector, Sacramento Jesuit Community; former GU director of University Ministry
10. Sean Madden, director, International School of Monterrey (Calif.), charter school for K-8 students, former GU volleyball coach
12. Jerry Monks-retired, volunteering/traveling, living in Spokane; former GU business professor
13. Dan Monson, Long Beach men’s basketball coach; former GU basketball coach
14. Linda Murphy retired and volunteering for SCRAPS and St. Luke’s Hospital; former GU director of Student Accounts
15. Smitty Myers retired, turned 100 years old last year; former GU law dean
17. Mike Petersen, North Texas women’s basketball coach; former GU women’s basketball coach
18. Robert Spitzer, S.J.-founder, Magis Institute, Irvine, Calif., writer, speaker, educator; former GU president
19. Jim Vache adjunct faculty, GU Political Science; former GU law school dean
20. Sue Weitz executive dean, selected Semester at Sea voyages, former GU vice president for Student Life
21. Zia Yamaye-Vassallo Distinguished Professor of Engineering, University of Portland, former GU dean of Engineering

Weatherby just returned from Italy, where she presented “Women and Power in the Florentine Renaissance” at the Accademia Museum.

“He had a divided heart,” Weatherby said. “He always loved being a priest. But he was called in his heart to fall in love. I was sad for him to have to leave the priesthood. But he made that decision, and when he announced it to his parish they gave him a standing ovation. He had a career that spanned 20-plus years. He wasn’t ready to be done, so he became a funeral director. He was incredible with people. He retired Jan. 1, 2014. Now he volunteers with my mock trial students and he loves being back with the kids.”

So how does Weatherby find a release for all her energy? The list is not short, as you might guess. “I’m a musician, write poetry, swim a half mile four days a week, and garden, raising prize-winning roses. I study exotic cars, sing as time allows, read classic Jane Austen novels, love fashion and I’m a big Seahawks, Mariners and Zags fan.”

Whee!

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‘Running’ McCartyhe – take it literally

How can one staff possibly manage more than 300 events in the McCartyhe Athletic Center over the course of a year? Assistant Athletic Director Joel Morgan says it’s “team” that makes it work. And he’s quick to pass along his accolades.

For any given basketball game at the Kennel, Morgan, Assistant Athletic Director Rob Kavon and Assistant Facilities Director Dan Gilbert have 91 people who man the concession stands. Sodexo employs six overseeing concessions operations and 14 catering staff to manage the suites, pre-game socials and media room. Four chefs and two sous chefs prepare the food, including team meals. Crowd Management Service (CMS) employs 49 who assist with ticket taking, ushering, parking, traffic direction and crowd management. Two paramedics from AMR are on site at all basketball games. Five Spokane Police officers – three on traffic control and two inside McCartyhe – handle any disturbances. Six custodians maintain a high standard of cleanliness during the game.

Athletic marketing personnel create scripts, manage game promotions, and handle arena merchandise, coordinate with the band, cheer squad and video booth director during timeouts and throughout the game; and collaborate with sports information on all social media. Plus ticket operations; the control room staffed by a producer, director, switcher and 2-3 camerapersons that create everything fans see on the video display boards; and sports information people who provide game updates …

Perhaps that “team” is more like a village. And that doesn’t scratch the surface of all the events held in the McCartyhe, ranging from Gonzaga and high school graduations, concerts, Nazareth Guild, Ignatian Gala and the Presidential Speaker Series, to numerous corporate and community events held in the Herak Club Room and East Concourse.

Married GU couples fit into campus family

Every afternoon, at the end of their work days, Jeannie and Johnny Coffey could be seen strolling across campus en route to their Logan neighborhood home, often hand-in-hand. It wasn’t unusual to see Terry and Kim Gieber in College Hall freely sharing opinions about the topics of the day, breathing life into campus conversations. All four individuals – both couples – have recently retired after long careers at Gonzaga. But the number of married couples working at the University is not dwindling.

Currently, both members of 41 married couples work at Gonzaga. From carpooling and sharing work stories to sharing similar schedules and feeling part of a bigger family, Gonzaga has become second homes for many of them.

Rebecca Marquis, assistant professor of Modern Languages, had just lost her mom when she got an invitation to interview at GU. She got the job, and later husband Justin was hired by Virtual Campus to utilize his experience in educational technology. “I found the mission of Gonzaga to be particularly inviting and refreshing in terms of our new life, both intellectually and spiritually. I was able to connect with a Jewish community and people here were incredibly supportive of that growth,” Rebecca said.

Matt (assistant professor of accounting) and Cara Hoag (marketing specialist), both Gonzaga grads, feel blessed to be back at their alma mater. “We absolutely love the community and we both feel so centered and energized daily by the incredible people that make Gonzaga such an amazing place,” said Matt. “It was Matt’s experience as a student here that made him so passionate about becoming a professor and then the opportunity for him to teach here is such a blessing. We cherish this caring, supportive community that respects work/life balance,” Cara said. Their second child is due within a month.

For many, their families have grown up here.

“Our kids are definitely familiar with the campus,” Rebecca Marquis said. “We bring our children to choir and theater events, though we have yet to take them to a basketball game. They love the flowers and statues around campus. They know the marmots along the Centennial Trail from numerous walks we have taken in nice weather.”

For others, carpooling and similar schedules makes life so much easier. “Carpooling is a huge help, saving several dollars a day at times,” said Peter Hanlon, who with wife Laurie works in IT Services. “We talk about work on the way home sometimes, and it is easier to listen to, I think, than if we worked in separate locations.”

Matt Hoag has an eye condition that makes him legally blind and unable to drive. Carpooling makes work life possible for the Hoags.

Hanlons met in the workplace here. Hoags met at a Battle in Seattle game, but were married in the University Chapel. Gonzaga brought Lisa and Craig Fortier back to Spokane as graduate assistants in basketball.

“It is actually a family place. People grow up here, find love here, and raise their family in and around the University,” said Lisa Fortier, women’s head basketball coach.

Welcome home.

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