Four projects expand student, faculty resource

Gonzaga is nearing a significant milestone in its 129-year history as the Gonzaga Will campaign creates opportunities for faculty and students to move forward with four new facilities, additional student scholarships and greater academic resources.

The new Jesuit Residence and Center for Athletic Achievement break ground this fall. The Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center breaks ground next spring, pending Trustee approval. Plans are in the works on a proposed Integrated Science and Engineering facility.

President Thayne McCulloh announced to Trustees and Regents in July that the Gonzaga Will Campaign surpassed the $212 million mark on its way to meeting or exceeding a $250 million goal. Donations came from more than 30,000 contributors.

“This is Gonzaga Will in action,” McCulloh said, thanking benefactors for making the institution a place of creativity, innovation and inspiration.

The $12.3 million Jesuit Residence will foster a thriving and visible Jesuit presence on campus. Its 36,000 square feet will serve as home for Jesuits in residence, include reflective space to serve Jesuits seeking retreat, provide appropriate office and work space, and link the central life of the Jesuit community with Gonzaga students, faculty and staff. Completion expected in 2017.

The 51,000-square-foot Center for Athletic Achievement, completely funded by private donors and to be built directly south of the Martin Centre, will help student-athletes succeed in competition, in the classroom and in the community. The $24 million building will house student-athlete support services, a weight room, nutrition center, basketball practice court, Gonzaga Athletics Hall of Fame, and multiple meeting areas. It will connect with the Martin and McCarthey Athletic centers. Completion expected in fall 2017.

The $30 million, 57,500-square-foot Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center, with the Jundt Art Center and Museum, will serve as a cornerstone of a new arts district on the west end of campus. A new parking lot will join the two

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BARC: Mail Services reside here. University Advancement’s new home on the east side of the building should be completed by early winter.

Foley Center: Micro-computer lab is being updated, and the Computer Center is located on the lower level. Periodicals have been consolidated to make more room for ITS. Three new consultation rooms for library Reference have been added.

Crosby Center: Career Services’ and First-Year Experience’s first-floor layout is updated. An accessible ramp was added at the front entrance. In the lower level, 10 offices for College of Arts and Sciences faculty have been created, along with six classrooms. Most of the ELC classes will be taught here.

Welch Hall: English Language Center offices are located on renovated first-floor space. The MATESL offices moved to the Rosauer Center.

College Hall: Air conditioning was added to the University Chapel, and planning is underway as to how best to use space on lower level soon to be vacated by ITS and University Advancement.

Herak Center: Eight new offices were added, and classroom 257 was modified for use by Math and Physics.

Hughes Hall: One new office was added.

Music Centre: AKA Knights of Columbus, is being repurposed for seven Music faculty offices and 11 student practice rooms. The former Music Annex on Sharp will become a construction office during Jesuit Residence construction, and then demolished to create additional off-street parking.

Kennedy Apartments: Two floors will be used by sophomores in a residence hall configuration.

Tilford Center: Three offices and four exam rooms were created for the Nursing program.

Schoenberg Center: New home of the University of Washington-Gonzaga University Regional Health Partnership.

GU COMMUNITY INVITED . . .

• Center for Athletic Achievement Groundbreaking Sept. 29, 4:15 p.m., Martin Centre south lawn

• University of Washington-Gonzaga University Regional Health Partnership Open House Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m., Schoenberg Center

• Jesuit Residence Groundbreaking Sept. 30, 9 a.m., onsite at Astor and Boone
Artifacts are the kinds of things that fuel History Professor Andy Goldman, who spends his summers digging with Gonzaga students for clues to the history of the Roman Empire and earlier civilizations.

As Gonzaga’s Arnold Distinguished Professor, Goldman has combined with Jundt Art Museum Director Paul Manoguerra and Janet Grossman, retired associate curator of antiquities at Getty Villa, to bring “Roman Myth and Mythmaking” to the Jundt Galleries. The exhibition runs Sept. 17-Dec. 17, with a free public reception Sept. 16, 5-7 p.m. at the Jundt.

The exhibit of mostly small artifacts examines how ancient Roman society and its Mediterranean neighbors developed their religious and cultural beliefs. Coins depict emperors and deities. Rings and gemstones reflect the Romans’ perception of their past. Marble and bronze statues, lamps, glass objects and signet rings help give evidence of daily life. More than 120 artifacts have been loaned by University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University, and American Numismatic Society.

In addition, a reenactment troupe from Salem, Oregon, will present “Roman Arms and Arts: Reenacting Life in Rome’s Imperial Legions,” on the Herak Quad, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will demonstrate military and domestic aspects of life in the ancient Mediterranean.

A free public series of 10 Thursday-night fall lectures, 7 p.m. in the Jundt Auditorium, features topics related to the exhibit from historians from across the country. The series includes talks by two Gonzaga professors: Ann Ciasullo on Oct. 20 and Tony Osborne on Oct. 27. The series runs Sept. 22-Dec. 1, except for Thanksgiving, and is supported in part by Humanities Washington.

The ITS department recently raised $2,235 in a fundraising competition sponsored by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research (www.cccsir.com), for her book, “Friended at the Front: Social Media in the American War Zone.”

The Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators awarded Gonzaga the Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Academic Partnership for its work on the Hillyard Youth Collaborative. The initiative is led by Associate Professor of Teacher Education John Traynor and Bailey Wootton, assistant director for youth programs in CCASL.

The ITS department recently raised $2,235 in a fundraising competition among divisions in its area, and the proceeds were divided between Marissa’s Lids for Kids and Conscious Connections Foundation. Both were charity’s close to staff members’ hearts.

Gonzaga School of Law, along with law schools at Seattle and Washington, received the Sally P. Savage Leadership in Philanthropy Award from the Washington State Bar Foundation for their leadership, support and advocacy for the WSBA’s Moderate Means Program, supplying students to help an underserved population seek justice.

Faculty and staff are invited to join students and alumni on the annual 10.5-mile Pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart Mission in Cataldo, Idaho, Sept. 17. Register online (https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetk/selfserve/storehome.aspx) by 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14.

Bailley Wootton

Lisa Ellen Silvestri

Fr. Pat Lee

Fr. C. Hightower

Fr. Steve Hess

EMBDYING THE MISSION

Valerie Shayman, case manager in the Center for Cura Personalis, and Larry Perkins, data network manager for ITS, were honored in May as recipients of the Staff Assembly’s Outstanding Service in Support of Mission Award. Shayman’s nominator said Valerie is always seeking ways to support students, both academically and emotionally. Perkins was described as an amazing teacher, role model, listener and mentor, and he embodies the University mission in all that he does. “He’d give the shirt off his back to anyone in need,” the nominator said.
NOTEWORTHY

NEW HIRES

Antonio Abeya, lecturer-AT, Biology; Ryan Adams, custodian, Plant; Stephen Allen, custodian, Plant; Melody Alsaker, asst. prof., Mathematics; Christy Andrade, asst. prof., Biology; Kasey Barghout, Event Coord., Alumni; Kelley Bishop, lecturer-IR, Modern Lang.; Matthew Bolton, asst. prof., English; Brianna Brinkman, asst. prof., Engr.; Natalie Chapin, custodian, Plant; Kelsey Crawford, ticket mgr., Athletics; Patrick Crosswhite, asst. prof., Human Physiology; Victoria Cutting, health educator, Center for Cura Personalis; Kelli Davin, comm. coord., HR; Mike Davis, asst. coach, Women's Soccer; Jonathan DeLorenze, warehouse worker, Plant; Christine Dennler-Lusco, staff accountant, Controllers; Scott Garrison, dir. of compliance, Athletics; Devika Gates, lecturer-AT, Chemistry; Maria Fernanda Gomez Gonzalez, admissions couns., Admissions; Karin Keller, lecturer-AT, Religious Studies; Janalee Isaacson, asst. prof., Nursing; Julie Kralman, marketing mgr., Virtual Campus; Eugene Kravchuk, custodian, Plant; Maria Kulp, asst. prof., Philosophy; Alice Loc, coord., Student Involvement; Jason Lutz, asst. prof., Mathematics; Matthew Lyons, financial aid couns., Financial Aid; Justin Marks, asst. prof., Mathematics; Graham McIntyre, custodian, Plant; Kristin McNeely, gift entry officer, UA; Matthew Moore, reporting analyst, Univ. Adv.; Jill Lynn Nunemaker, lecturer-AT, Foley Library; Natalie Pluskota, asst. coach, Women's Tennis; Paige Powers, total rewards coord., HR; Weston Prisbrey, residence hall dir., Housing; Jonathan Rossing, assoc. prof., Comm. Studies; Brian Ruark, asst. vice president, Dev.; Joseph Sammut, assoc. dir., Student Involvement; Michael Santora, lecturer-AT, Elec. Engr.; Julie Schaffer, lecturer-AT/dir., Externship Prog.; Tracy Simmons, lecturer-IR, Integrated Media; Bridget Smith, layout designer, Virtual Campus; Michael Sporre, custodian, Plant; Alaina Steiner, asst. dir.-facility & events oper., Athletics; Austin Stiegemeier, lecturer-AT, Art; John Tadrous, asst. prof., Elec. Engr.; Christina Thomas, residence hall dir., Housing; Elizabeth Tollesbol, lecturer-IR, Sociology; Jennifer Towers, asst. dean, School of Nursing & Human Physiology; Phillip Tyler, comm. officer, Switchboard; Julie Wheaton, elementary mentoring school coord., CCASL; Michael Zangl, residence hall dir., Housing; Kayla Zobel, prog. coord., Student Involvement & Leadership; Katie Zobell, sophomore adv. & Business

GOODBYES

Dale Abendroth-Lenski, asst. prof., Nursing; Molly Anderson, admissions couns., Admissions; Barbara Bone, lecturer-IR, Economics; Cheryl Beckett, prof., Law; LeAnn Blair, elder law paralegal, Law Clinic; Otto Borchert, lecturer-AT, Computer Science; Heather Bowman, women’s basketball video coord., Athletics; Marielle Bradley, custodian, Plant; Grigore Braileanu, prof., Elec. Engr.; Scott Burnham, prof., Law; Joe Burres, lecturer-AT, Sport & Physical Educ.; Scott Cobil, interm VP, Mission; Carlyn Cofer, custodian, Plant; Margie Crabtree, lecturer-IR, Integrated Media; George Critchlow, prof., Law; Catherine Cronin, research & project mgr. NSF grant, Chemistry; Beth Cullitan, housekeeper, Jesuit House; Mark DeForrest, assoc. prof., Law; Jeff DeGon, custodian, Plant; David DeWolf, prof., Law; Ayaka Dohi, senior admissions couns., Admissions; John Downey, prof., Religious Studies; Marina Drake, lecturer-IR, Modern Lang.; Paul Emigh, lecturer-AT, Physics; Alex Evans, compliance officer, Athletics; Megan Falcon, asst. coach, Women’s Tennis; Patricia Fernandez, lecturer-AT, Psychology; Regina Freuen, lecturer-IR, Art; David Gantt, volleyball coach, Athletics; Anne Handelman, couns., Center for Professional Dev., Law; Fr. Patrick Hartin, prof., Religious Studies; Gerald Hess, prof., Law; Andrea Houglen, lecturer-IR, Civil Engr.; April Hughes, asst. prof., Religious Studies; Vicki Jeffries, registered nurse, Health Center; Jonna Jorgensen, senior marketing & content spec., Virtual Campus; Anwar Khattak, prof., Civil Engr.; Olga Kozubenko, lecturer-IR, Mathematics; Brittany Ledall, biology lab asst., Biology; Dallin Lewis, lecturer-AT, English; Andrew Main, oper. mgr., Hem Center; Kelly McCandless, custodian, Plant; Lauren Mills, elementary school mentoring coord., CCASL; Kristin Moore, security officer, Security; Katherine Mulvaney-Kemp, prog. coord., Study Abroad; Jennifer Nyland, head athletic trainer, Athletics; Joel Pereira, lecturer-AT, Mathematics; Olivia Phillips, residence hall dir., Housing; Kathlin Reed, lecturer-IR, English; Claudine Richardson, prog. asst. II, Student Involvement & Leadership; Carol Schoentrop, acct. asst. 1/cashier, Student Accounts; Helen Smith-Flores, lecturer-AT, Biology; James Spagnotti, custodian, Plant; Sean Swan, lecturer-AT, Pol Sci; Virgil Thompson, senior lecturer-AT, Rel Studies; Lori Tochtermann, lecturer-IR, Nursing; Thomas Trotter, lecturer-AT, Educ. Leadership & Admin.; Edward Vacha, prof., Sociology; Doug Wayman, cataloging spec., Foley Library; Lawrence Weinstein, lecturer-AT, Psychology; Joshua Zehm, warehouse worker, Purchasing; Maya Zeller, lecturer-IR, English; Steven Zemke, prof., Mech. Engr.

CHANGES/PROMOTIONS

Kenneth Anderson, dean, Business; Beata Arciszewska-Russo, senior lecturer-AC, ISP/ESL; Logan Axon, assoc. prof., Mathematics; Kareena Byrd, asst. to the dir., Jesuit Commons: Higher Education at the Margins; Randi Cadena, budget officer, Student Dev.; David Calhoun, prof., Philosophy; Andrey Cherni, custodian specialist, Plant; Stephen Conant, senior lab & tech. spec., Human Physiology; Brian Cooney, prof., English; Carolyn Cunningham, assoc. prof., Comm. & Leadership; Anas Delane, mgr. mech. mngr. teaching labs, Engr.; Ayaka Dohi, senior admissions couns., Admissions; Emma Dolcetti, dir. life skills dev., Athletics; Geneva Finley, travel & expense system adm. & Travel Coord., Controller’s; Karen Franks-Harding, mgr., Career & Professional Dev., Engr.; Steffany Galbraith, dir. academic support services, Athletics; Jeffrey Geldien, asst. dean of external relations, Law; Michael Gerety, marketing & event spec., Career Center; Daniel Gilbert, dir. facility & event oper., Athletics; Kaaren Goeller-Bloom, prog. asst., History; Robin Guevara, prog. asst. 2, Financial Aid; Amy Guth, business mgr., Hem Center; Gail Hammer, assoc. prof., Law-staff atty.; Darby Harrington, welcome desk agent, Hem Ctr; Barrett Henderson, sports info dir., Athletics; *Due to the size of this Noteworthy, abbreviations have been used extensively.*
NOTEWORTHY

Cari Johnson, prog. coord., Couns Ed; Christopher Johnson, assoc. dir. of athletics-external oper., Athletics; Robert Kavon, assoc. dir. of athletics-facilities & events, Athletics; Sarah Kelley, office asst II, Student Dev.; Catherine Kohut, assoc. dir., Faculty Led Study Abroad; Michael Lavoie, IT asset mgr.-infrastructure, ITS; Stephanie Lewis, office asst., School of Educ.; Clement Lye, dir. of video services, Athletics; Allison Lynn, prog. coord., Leadership & Admin., Educ.; Daniel Marx, project mgr./business analyst, ITS; Diane Nelson, head volleyball coach, Women’s Volleyball; Patrick Nowacki, mgr. of tech. & system admin. services, Engr.; Rian Oliver, assoc. dir. of athletics-compliance, Athletics; Phoebe Oosterhuis, business mgr., CCASL; Karen Petruska, lecturer-AT, Comm. Studies; Megan Pitzen, dir. annual giving, Athletics; Katey Roden, lecturer-AT, English; Patrick Ronay, senior admissions couns., Admissions; Kevin Rounsley, senior academic adv., Academic Advising & Course Enrollment; Erin Shields, assoc. dir. alumni & employer engagement, GAMP; Gale Snyder, prog. coord., Teacher Educ.; Rachelle Strawther, asst. dir., Leadership Training & Dev.; Heather Teshome, senior asst. registrar-curriculum, evaluation & credential, Registrar; Phillip Tyler, security officer, Security; Timothy Weidell, asst. prof., Philosophy; Esther Wilson, academic adv., Graduate School of Business; Todd Zeidler, asst. dir. of athletics-comm., Athletics

CRADLE CALL

Katie Adkins, strategic learning specialist, Learning Strategies, and spouse Lee had a baby boy, Ian; Clayton Bohnet, lecturer, Philosophy, and spouse Laura Garcia-Bohnethad a baby boy, Solomon; Tom Buck, assistant director central services, ITS, and spouse Maria adopted a baby girl, Monica; Michael Halloran, Bozarth manager, GUEST, and spouse Cassie had a baby girl, Margaret; Luke Lavin, coordinator, University Ministry, and wife Amy had a baby girl, Maggie; Jessica Maucione, associate professor, English, and spouse Kyle had a baby girl, Ani; Nicole Moore, assistant professor, Physics, and spouse Matt Moore, reporting analyst, University Advancement, had baby boy, Griff; Dylan Morton, custodian, Plant, and partner Amy Crel had a baby girl, Judy; Phoebe Oosterhuis, business manager, CCASL, and spouse Dave Oosterhuis, associate professor, Classical Civilizations, had baby boy, Jack; Elaine Radmer, assistant professor, DELA, and spouse Duane had a baby girl, Olia; Max Sharp, HVAC tech, Plant, and spouse Megan had a baby girl, Charlie; Bryce Thomas, program manager, Disability Access, and spouse Emily had a baby girl, Eleanor; Mark Voorhees, assistant rowing coach, Athletics, and spouse Sinead had a baby girl, Ciara; Timothy Weidell, assistant professor, Philosophy, and spouse Jessica had a baby boy, Jonas.

ANNIVERSARIES

30 Myrna Carroll, senior staff accountant, Controller
15 Kathlene Basler, library technician III, Law Library; Robert Kavon, assoc. dir., Athletic-Facilities & Event; Tracy Kelly, HRIS manager, Human Resources; Maciej Kosinski, director of production, VC; Peggy Sue Loroz, prof., Marketing; Daniel Morrissey, prof., Law
25 Lynn Daggett, professor, Law; Annette Davis, assoc. dir., Planned Giving-Ops; Mark Few, head basketball coach, Athletics; Stephen Sepinuck, professor, Law; Molly Spilker, office assist., Career Center/GAMP
20 Shann Fercher, professor, Leadership Studies; Marilyn Runyan, assistant professor, ESL/ISP; Richard Van Hook, warehouse supv., Plant

CRADLE CALL

Jennifer Akins, senior lecturer-AC, ESL; Gerhard Barone, assoc. prof., Accounting; Monica Bartlett, assoc. prof., Psychology; Andrea Bertotti Metoyer, assoc. prof., Sociology; Amanda Braley, biology lab specialist, Bio; Cheryl Carney, senior faculty assist., Music; Brian Cooney, assoc. prof., English; Chris Francovich, assoc. prof., Leadership Studies; Luis Garcia-Torvisco, assoc. prof, Mod Lang; Donald Hackney, assoc. prof., Business Law; Melissa Heid, manager, CGE; Kevin Henrickson, assoc. prof., Economics-Chair; Matthew Lamsma, dean, Student Engagement; Daniel Marx, project manager/bus analyst, ITS; Peter McKenny, prof., Engineering Mgt/T&D Dir; Laura Michaels, coord. of liturgy/chaplain, UM; Jeffrey Miller, assoc. prof., English; Karen Rickel, assoc. prof., Sport & Phys Ed; Eric Ross, assoc. prof., Chemistry; Brenda Senger, assist. prof., Nursing; Jennifer Sevedge, senior lecturer-AC, ESL; John Sheveland, assoc. prof., Religious Studies; Claire Silva, assoc. dir., Admissions; Brook Swanson, professor, Biology; Ashish Thatte, assoc. prof., Operations; RaeAnna Victor, comm. coord., Switchboard; Joann Waite, director, Sponsored Research & Programs-Grants; Jeffrey Watson, assoc. prof., Chemistry

5 Jeffrey Brogan, coord., University Ministry; Claudia Bucciferro, assist. prof., Comm. Studies; Frank Case, VP for university; Patricia Faulkinberry, director, Campus Card Services; Tracy Garcia, prog. coord., Athletics Adv.; Joseph Gardner, assist. prof., Political Science; Gregory Gordon, assist. prof., Environmental Studies; Bridget Green, lecturer-IR, ESL; Floyd Grillo, manufacturing supp engr, Eng; Jane Korn, dean, Law; Nathan Manettner, assist. dir., Admissions; Tracy Martin, graphic designer, Mar/Com; Candice Newkirk, custodian, Plant; Jennifer Neyman, lecturer-IR, Special Ed; Sue Nieszgoda, assoc. prof., Civil Engineering; Kathleen Nitta, lecturer-IR, Teacher Ed; Ute Perz, lecturer-IR, Mod. Lang; Sarah Powers, lecturer-IR, Math; Stanley Putyrae, women’s crew coach, Athletics; Elaine Radmer, assist. prof., DELA; Elaine Savage, comm. officer, Switchboard; Janeen Steer, coord., UM; Christina Turner, assoc. dir., Inst. Rsrch.; Jae Webb, assist. dir., Student Community Standards; Nicole Willms, assist. prof., Sociology

REST IN PEACE

Robert Gilmore, prof., Art (Kreielzheimer Chr)
FOCUS ON . . . IMMERSION IN ITALY

Jason Houston and Henry Batterman should hit it off just great. Both men are deeply committed to our Gonzaga-in-Florence program, and both place high value on immersing Gonzaga students in the Italian language and culture as part of their time in the heart of the Italian Renaissance.

Houston is Gonzaga’s program director in Florence. He’s new to Gonzaga, coming from the University of Oklahoma. But he’s not new to Florence. He has brought groups to Florence for 20 years. Batterman served last year as interim director, and has taught Italian in the GIF program for 26 of his 32 years at Gonzaga. He has developed a basketball league to mix Italian youth with Americans, has coached GIF soccer teams to six championships in eight years, organized and led city and country excursions, created host family dinner nights and developed service projects.

Now they are combining forces. Houston will focus on helping faculty link immersive experiences with the content and learning outcomes of their courses, something Batterman started last year as interim director. Batterman’s focus is fortifying the Italian component, increasing travel opportunities throughout Italy, with less emphasis on travel outside the country. Houston might be his first recruit to lead a bicycle tour of Italy.

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Meanwhile, one might find Batterman leading a tour of the Tuscan vineyards, or coaching his GIF team in a citywide soccer tournament with the Florentines.

Both men agree: Things have changed so much since that first class in 1963 came across the Atlantic on a ship. Twenty-five years ago students (or perhaps parents more so) were still anxiously awaiting their one call home per month. Now students Facetime and talk to family members as often as they like. The distance between home and Florence has decreased substantially.

The program format has changed a bit, also. It used to be that students spent a year at GIF. Now, most spend one semester; fall, spring or summer. And the class offerings have expanded considerably, including classes in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business, as well as more traditional liberal arts, Italian language and culture.

As a side note, Batterman took a side trip to Los Gatos, California, this summer and spent a day with retired GIF director Father Tony Via, S.J., and he reports Fr. Via is doing well.

RESPONSE TO HATE

Gonzaga Institute of Hate Studies is co-sponsoring International Day of Peace events on Sept. 20 and 21, on Gonzaga’s campus. “Peace Jobs” author David J. Smith will be featured at the following Sept. 21 events:

- Noon-12:10 pm – Community Sing with Gonzaga choirs, Hemmingson Concourse, front entrance
- 3-5 pm – Peace Pedagogy Workshop for higher education faculty from Inland Northwest, Hemmingson Auditorium
- 7:30-8:30 pm – Peace Jobs Student “Fish Bowl,” with comments by Ava Shariffi, “We are All Human” (www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDKVnWtAhCU). Faculty are urged to encourage students to attend, in the Hemmingson Auditorium.

With a rash of recent hate crimes in our world, GIHS Director Kristine Hoover suggests the best way to counter hate is to get involved: Visit “Coming Face to Face with Hate: A Search for a World without Hate” exhibit at the Human Rights Education Institute in Coeur d’Alene; participate in the “Meet the Neighbors” program with the Spokane Interfaith Council (www.SpokaneIFC.org); find opportunities through Volunteer Spokane at volunteerspokane.org or the Fig Tree at http://thefigtree.org/.

LONGTIME EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

In May, President Thayne McCullough, himself a 25-year employee of the University, recognized other longtime employees reaching milestones in their service to Gonzaga.

Bottom row (L to R): Lorrie Engle, Purchasing, 25 years; Lori Leonard, Hemmingson, 25; Ken Krall, S.J., Classical Civilizations, 30; John Downey, Religious Studies, professor emeritus; Akbar Ansari, Engineering, 30; Mary Heitkemper, Career & Professional Development, 25; Valerie Kitt, Foley Center, 25; Top row: George Critchlow, Law, professor emeritus; Jerri Shepard, Education, 25; Kathleen Allen, Foley Center, 30; Tim McLaughlin, Education, 40; Larry Weiser, Law, professor emeritus; David Elloy, Business, 30; Larry Perkins, Data Networking, 35. Not in attendance: Steve Hertz, Athletics, 35; Jason Chen, Business, 30; Tom Miller, Integrated Media, 30; Scott Bozman, Business, 25; Paul De Palma, Math, 25; Robert Tosshack, Computer Operations, 25; Diane Farrell, Sponsored Research, 25; Fr. Patrick Hartin, Religious Studies, professor emeritus; Anthony Via, S.J., History, professor emeritus; Ed Vacha, Sociology, professor emeritus; Anwar Khattak, Engineering, professor emeritus; Grigore Brailcaeu, Engineering, professor emeritus; Cheryl Beckett, Law, professor emerita; Mark DeForrest, Law, associate professor emeritus; David DeWolf, Law, professor emeritus; Gerry Hess, Law, professor emeritus.
FEEL THE SPIRIT

I think most would agree that there’s a special spirit about this place we call Gonzaga. It is created through common experiences, whether they be workouts in Rudolf Fitness Center or Saturday nights at Magnuson or the Fox theaters. We see it in the excitement shared by Ellen Maccarone in her Ethics of Food class and in Father Brad Reynolds’ homilies at the University Chapel.

Most of us, generally, know the mission of this place and fully embrace it as we work with thousands of formative young minds and enraptured souls. We say hello to most people we meet along the brick pathway to the Hemmingson Center, which, by the way, has lifted the spirit of Gonzaga to new heights.

The Gonzaga spirit... it is all around us.

For several years Gonzaga faculty and staff had yearned for better internal communications among offices and personnel at the University. But it wasn’t until a Charrette, a former half-yearly event that brought faculty and staff together to address issues facing the University, that one of our topics was communication. The outcry for better internal communications was resounding.

So we in Public Relations took a very small sum from our Signum (now Gonzaga Magazine) budget, and created the first Spirit faculty/staff newsletter.

It was September 1999. We had a new president and our basketball team had just been donned Cinderella. Our financial situation began to look up, and a performance review system was being piloted. Gonzaga was a university on the move. And our objective was simple: Provide an information flow to faculty and staff about issues, programs and people of direct interest to Gonzaga employees.

Spirit’s 160 editions over the past 17 years have introduced our Gonzaga community to hundreds of our workmates and some of our students doing amazing things. It has chronicled presidents’ speeches, highlighted new programs, informed you about changes in benefits and policies, and kept readers “in the loop” about the issues and events here on campus. We hope it has been a hug, not a handshake.

When we surveyed our readers last May, the results made us smile. You can see survey highlights in the box on this page. And please know we are always open to your ideas to make this an even better internal communication tool for you.

A huge shout-out to one of your favorite Gonzaga people, the person who has designed and laid out every issue of Spirit, Sandy Hank in Campus Printing. She embodies the heart and soul of Gonzaga with her positive spirit.

– Dale Goodwin, editor

SURVEY SAYS

In a survey conducted in May, Spirit readers told us:

• 85 percent of them read at least a portion of Spirit every issue
• 90 percent read Noteworthy most of the time
• 82 percent read Around Campus most of the time
• 96 percent read news from the president at least some of the time; 76 percent most of the time
• 74 percent read about benefits news most of the time
• Other high-read topics include stories about issues, staff/faculty profiles, construction and renovation, and “inside stories” about personal interests

Caring for our ENVIRONMENT

Gonzaga continues to find ways to reduce energy. Last year the University installed an electric vehicle charging station just south of Bing Crosby’s childhood home. Newly installed LED lights around campus saved GU a considerable amount of light consumption percent on light usage last year. And paper-use reduction in 2015 resulted in saving 738 trees.

Sustainability Director Jim Simion continues to encourage faculty, staff and students to turn out lights when not using the room, take the bus when you can (you can now simply swipe your ZAGCARD to ride STA buses for free), and think twice before printing on paper (if one laid the number of sheets of paper used last year on campus end-to-end, it would stretch from Spokane to Eau Claire, Wisconsin).