Zags move on from NCAA Tournament, not their last ‘dance’

By Peter Tormey

While some diehard Zags fans may still be licking their wounded pride, Gonzaga’s basketball players and coaches quickly moved beyond the heartbreak of their 2006 NCAA Tournament “Dance,” which ended abruptly March 23 in a 73-71 loss to UCLA at the Oakland Arena.

Coach Mark Few reminded his players after their Sweet 16 loss, the fourth time Gonzaga has reached that rarified air in the past eight seasons, “Make sure you enjoy all the good times because we had a lot of them this year. Don’t focus on that last 20 seconds.”

Indeed. There were good times aplenty for the 2005-06 Bulldogs, who swept through the West Coast Conference regular season with a perfect (14-0) record, captured the WCC Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the eighth-straight time (1999 through 2006) and ninth (1995) overall. A No. 3 seed in the tournament, the Zags beat No. 14-seed Xavier 79-75 March 16 at the University of Utah’s Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City before defeating the No. 6-seed Indiana Hoosiers 90-80 two days later at the Huntsman Center.

Against UCLA, the Zags led the entire game until the Bruins moved ahead with 9 seconds left in the contest. UCLA rallied from a 71-62 deficit with 3:27 left, scoring 11 unanswered points. The No. 2-seeded Bruins’ come-from-behind win was reminiscent of the Zags who, Few estimated, had won some 25 games this season in the final 3 minutes of play.

The Zags and their fans have a lot to look

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Alumni chapters popping up all over

By Marny Lombard

Gonzaga alumni across the West are diving into the newly created alumni chapters and clubs, reconnecting with friends and engaging anew with the University and its mission. The chapters, which will spread to the East Coast by year’s end, offer a natural and welcome extension of their love for Gonzaga, say those who are involved.

“One of the most important lessons I learned at Gonzaga is the importance of giving back to your community. That has served me well in my personal career and now I am at a point where I can give back to the University in an important way,” said Kevin Daniels (’79), Seattle chapter president and a University Regent.

Why alumni chapters? In a recent alumni survey, the vast majority of alumni indicated an interest in becoming more involved with Gonzaga in their hometowns. If the early experiences are any indication, Gonzaga’s alumni will build vibrant communities across the country.

“The environment in the room at the Tacoma launch party was incredible. The chapters are organized through committees that focus on athletics and young alumni, student recruitment, mission and service, and lifelong learning, which will tie in with GAMP, Gonzaga’s Alumni Mentor Program. For some participants, however, their Gonzaga friends are an irresistible draw.

“The friendships, the Gonzaga mission, and the contagious enthusiasm for GU basketball will be with me forever,” said Jen Porto (’01), vice president and young alumni chair of the Seattle Chapter. “The GU Alumni Chapter gives me the opportunity to stay connected long after I’ve left campus. The chapter will be my Gonzaga home-away-from-home.”

Tacoma, Seattle and Portland have opened chapters; the Bay Area chapter is set to open May 25, and the Denver chapter is scheduled to open June 1. Chapters in Spokane, Boise, Idaho, and Montana are expected to launch chapters this summer. By year’s end, chapters are expected to reach Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago. The alumni office expects to establish as many as 50 chapters and clubs. The latter will be reserved for areas with fewer alumni.

For information on a local chapter, alumni should ensure that their e-mail address and other contact information is current with the alumni office by calling (509) 323-5999. Or to register for a chapter online, go to www.gonzaga.edu/alumni.
The desire for perfect, unconditional goodness

By Father Robert J. Spitzer, S.J.
Gonzaga University President

Last year, I introduced a new series entitled “The Heart of Jesuit Education.” In it, I discussed three theories of justice, each of which is associated with the meaning of “heart” and its impact on our lives. The series was designed to provide a context for understanding the interconnectedness of faith and justice. In this issue, I will explore the third theory, which is associated with the desire for perfect and unconditional goodness.

Since the time of Plato’s Republic, our desire for perfect goodness has been closely associated with the desire for perfect justice (“Republic” Books VI and VII). Jesuits have always been intrigued by this association because it is concerned with developments in the legal system, theory, social justice, and the common good. Beyond these worldly manifestations of justice/goodness, Jesuits also have been interested in the desire for perfect justice/goodness, which betokens God’s presence to us in our innermost “heart.”

Human beings have a sense of good and evil, a capacity for moral reflection, a felt negative awareness of cooperation with evil (guilt and alienation), and a felt positive awareness of cooperation with goodness (nobility). They also have a “sense” of what perfect, unconditional goodness might be like. We are not content merely to act according to our conscience, we are constantly striving for ways to achieve the system/procedure that is greater good, the higher ideal. We even go so far as to pursue the perfectly good or just order. Children expect that perfect justice ought to happen and, when it doesn’t, it disappoints them profoundly. Adults can feel the same disappointment as well.

As with our desire for perfect and unconditional love, our desire for perfect and unconditional goodness/happiness is both a positive and negative side. The positive side is its ability to fuel our stirrings for an ever more perfect social order, a more just legal system/procedure, and equality, and even a Prometheus idealism to bring the justice of God to earth. The negative side of our desire for perfect justice is the need to actualize it within a finite and conditioned world. This means that our ideals are likely to be frustrated. This causes disappointments with the culture, the legal system, our organizations, and even our families. We seem to always expect more justice and goodness than the finite world can deliver. Why does perfect justice never come to pass, experience outrage, impatience, judgment of others, and even cynicism? Perfect and unconditional goodness is perfect goodness in all its aspects to me that is the region of the known the last thing to be seen and hardly seen is the idea of good, and that when seen it must point us to the conclusion that this is indeed the cause of all things of all that is right and beautiful, giving birth in the visible world to light, and the author of light and all in the intelligible world being the authentic source of truth and reason, and that anyone who is to act wisely in private or public must have caught sight of this. … their souls ever feel the upward urge and the yearning forth from above” (“Republic” 517c-d).

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Littlest Zags Fan

With many thanks and warmest regards,
Scott S. Coven
Tulane University President
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Zags fans come in all ages, shapes and sizes but this is the smallest one the University has seen yet. Pictured here is 16-month-old Arvon Childress, the son of Jennifer (Jordan) Childress ’91, whose Jennifer “Attached is a photo of my son . . . sporting his Gonzaga basketball warm-up suit and an Adam Morrison poster. We took the photo and embelished it in PhotoShop just for fun, but lots of friends and family thought it might get a kick out of it too. Enjoy and GO ZAGS!” Thanks for sharing, Jennifer.

GONZAGA SPRING 2006
Fresh look, same mission

University unveils refreshed mark, holds fast to Jesuit tradition

By Dale Goodwin

Think of the University’s logo as one of its hardest working employees, one that must represent the institution and its mission in countless situations. Like any employee, the logo should have regular performance reviews.

Gonzaga University and its logo performance reviewers, Anderson Mraz Design of Spokane, conducted more than 50 interviews of faculty, staff, students, alumni, Jesuits, Trustees and Regents to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the spires logo adopted by the University 25 years ago.

Researchers found many strong, identifiable attributes of that logo—particularly its representation of tradition and the Jesuit, Catholic and humanistic heritage on Gonzaga’s campus. But the existing logo was also found to be difficult to reproduce well in a small size, and the word GONZAGA lacked prominence. For those unfamiliar with the Gonzaga campus, such as prospective students and their parents, the visual image of the Administration Building was difficult to distinguish.

So rather than create a new logo, the University’s design team set out to “refresh” the existing one to create a bold, dynamic and energetic mark that is clean, clear and crisp. The team sought a finished product that would appear friendly and elegant, historic, unpretentious and spiritual. The steepletops of St. Aloysius Church, the defining landmark on campus, were retained to convey respect for the Jesuit tradition, and to preserve the brand equity inherent in the existing logo; there was wide agreement that the spires image holds immeasurable value for alumni, students and staff. The word GONZAGA became a key element in the new design, using the University’s blue trademark color, while the red-brown brick color of so many campus buildings also is represented in the refreshed logo.

The new logo was approved by the Board of Trustees on Feb. 18, and was unveiled to the Gonzaga community on March 21. University personnel will use both the former and the refreshed logo through 2006 as current paper supplies are consumed. The new mark will be used exclusively beginning in 2007.

Already the campus border is lined with metal banners reflecting the new logo. Letterhead, business cards and campus directional signs are following suit.

“We believe that this logo produces emotion. It’s what someone feels when they see or think about the name ‘Gonzaga,’” said Margaret Stuntfield, vice president for University Relations.

“I was ready to hate the new logo,” said longtime English Professor Michael Herzog, who liked the image of the former logo. “But I really like it. I think it represents the University well. It was clear from the sentiments expressed by those interviewed during the research phase of this project that a revision was due.

“The logo was too complex,” said Father Robert Lyonn, S.J., associate professor of communication arts. “It needs to be simplified while retaining its essence. The logo should have a certain level of elegance and be more user-friendly.”

“The previous logo is fine if you have been here,” said Admission Dean Julie McCulloh. “But it was not for folks on the outside. It probably did not mean as much to prospective students as it did to students and alumni.”

The University seal will continue to be used for high-profile events and purposes, and the Bulldog logo will serve the athletic department and be used for promotional purposes.

A lot has changed in the past decade. Gonzaga has constructed or renovated 14 buildings on campus. Enrollment has increased from 4,400 to 6,400 students overall. New faculty and administrative positions have been added, and new programs have emerged to celebrate Gonzaga’s mission in the areas of faith, justice, service, ethics and leadership.

And Bulldog men’s basketball has grown into one of the nation’s elite programs.

But with all the changes, the heart and soul of Gonzaga University have not changed.

Only the image has been renewed. Like a warm, firm handshake, this logo will greet people wherever they visually encounter Gonzaga University. Clean, elegant and friendly. Distinctly Gonzaga.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events May 1 through July 31

Compiled by John Kafentzis. Details on May and other events can be found at Gonzaga’s Web site at www.gonzaga.edu/news+and+events.

ALUMNI EVENTS

For updates on these alumni events, visit www.gonzaga.edu/alumni

June 3 – Alumni Car Raffle, Borrazth Retreat Center
June 16-18 – Alumni Class Reunions, Gonzaga Campus. Contact the Alumni Association for registration information.

MUSIC

Symphony Orchestra, Young Artists Concert Competition Winners. May 1, 7:30 p.m., The Mac.

JUNIART ART MUSEUM

Through July 31 – Student Paintings from the University’s “Collection” will be on display in the Arcade. Through May 13 – Senior Thesis Art Exhibition will be on display in the Jundt Galleries. Jundt Art Museum hours through May 31 are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday noon-4 p.m. From June 1-July 31 hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ACADEMICS

May 8-12 – Semester Exams

ATHLETICS

Men’s Baseball
May 5 vs. Pepperdine, 3 p.m.

Men’s Rowing
May 12 vs. Seattle University, 3 p.m.

Women’s Rowing
May 12 vs. Seattle University, 3 p.m.

Athlete Development

May 8 – AIAA National Championships, Camden, N.J., TBA

May 14 – Pacific 10 Championships, Sacramento, Calif., TBA

May 19 vs. Lewis Clark State College, 3 p.m.

May 26-28 West Coast Conference Playoffs, TBA

May 6 vs. Pepperdine, 1 p.m.

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MAY 10 – 12 – Senior Week Activities
May 12 – ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 4:30 p.m., Globe Room, Cataldo Hall
May 13 – Law Commencement, 9:30-11 a.m., McCarthey Athletic Center
May 13 – Graduate Commencement, 5:30-6 p.m., McCarthey Athletic Center
May 14 – Undergraduate Commencement, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena
May 22 – Summer Session I begins
June 30 – Summer Session I ends
July 2 – Summer Session II begins
Aug. 11 – Summer Session II ends

Banners announcing the new logo greet visitors on the day of unveiling, March 21
Uzbek’s? No. Saudis? Yes. International population changes

By Marny Lombard

Gonzaga’s International Student Program welcomed nearly 50 Saudi Arabian students this year, most of whom arrived mid-year. This influx means that Saudi Arabia now tops the list of Gonzaga’s overseas student populations. A year ago, Japan, China, and South Korea – in that order – were the most represented overseas nations on campus.

The strong Saudi enrollment is due to a new, post-9/11 Saudi government scholarship program that encourages study in the United States. Ray Fadeley, ISP director, applauds the return of these students.

“While the international students add incredible value to the University,” Fadeley said. “If you look at the list of world leaders today, the number who were educated in the U.S. is significant. It’s the best thing we can do – to educate foreign students here so that they understand our culture,” added Kristin Webster, international student adviser.

Until the Pacific Rim is heavily represented at Gonzaga, the 35 nations represented on campus are truly a global mix: from Bahamas and Bahrain to Belarus, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and Vietnam. In response to a question about lesser known nations represented on campus, Fadeley reminded us in Central Asia. “Do we have any Uzbek on campus?” he asks. Webster shakes her head no, but the mere fact that the question is asked indicates the reach of Gonzaga’s international program.

A majority of the Saudi students come to Gonzaga to improve their English. A fraction, 10-20 percent, will continue their studies here after completing their ESL (English as a Second Language) coursework. Typically the University pairs each international ESL student with an American student as a conversation partner. Weekly meetings between the partners accelerate the international students’ progress in English and their understanding of American culture.

“It’s addictive,” said Katie McFall, a senior who has been a conversation partner for a couple of years. She plans to teach English overseas and clearly relishes the multicultural exposure she gains. Her current partner is Ovidio Tabora, an ESL student from Honduras.

“Some of our international students are adults who have taken two or three months off from work, and come here just to work on their English,” said Sara Varelo-Acevedo, program assistant. Others are students who take a semester break from their studies at home and stay on through their vacation, before returning home.

With the arrival of the Saudi students, the International Student Program staff noticed an increase in concern about the foreign students’ visas. Fadeley says the U.S. State Department has done its homework, with layers of redundant procedures to ensure each student’s background.

For most of the Saudi students, so much is new, from cold weather to women behind the wheel to fast food. “Everything is fast,” said Mohammad Alhayek, a first-semester ESL student who chose Gonzaga in part because of its Northern climate.

This group of Saudi students seems quite interested in adapting. They are very much aware of the international situation and take pains to ensure they don’t offend,” said Varela-Acevedo. She helps with innumerable details, taking the international students on weekend excursions and ensuring that Muslim students have transportation to Spokane’s mosque.

For the international students who stay on beyond their ESL work, the academic adjustments can be considerable.

“These are kids who are coming from entirely different academic and cultural backgrounds. ‘What do you mean I have to take three religion classes?’ It’s not in my field of study, and I’m not a Christian,” Webster said. “And I have to say, ‘But everyone does.’ And they say, ‘Why?’

To which Webster explains that Gonzaga is convinced that courses in spirituality remain an important part of a true liberal education. ■

Job hunting crowns many students’ Gonzaga experience

By John Kafentzis

It can be exciting, but it can also be frustrating. All those resumes and mailings, and how can you ensure that prospective employers have the latest information about yourself?

For Gonzaga students and alumni ZagTrax is a 21st-century solution to the age-old problem of letting the world know you’re looking for a job and how you are uniquely qualified. As with computer dating, ZagTrax makes matches – bringing potential employees and employers together in a neutral environment. Both sides can check each other out before they make personal contact.

Students and alumni set up profiles on ZagTrax indicating their career interests, contact information and where they are hoping to find work, said Mary Ritter Heitkemper, acting director of The Career Center. Employers can electronically search for candidates using this information. If an employer wants more details, The Career Center, with the student’s approval, can supply them.

The process streamlines the job-hunting process, she said. “Students can keep their profiles up electronically,” she added, so the latest information is always available to potential employers.

Searching for work online gives job-seekers great visibility and “frees us up to build business contacts and spend more time with students,” Heitkemper said.

The program was started about a year ago. Now, more than 2,500 students and alumni are using it along with 663 employers. About 200 jobs are posted on the site ranging from participating Jesuit schools, went online to search for jobs and internships. The event allowed students to share their resumes with a large number of businesses, and it allowed employers to connect with potential employees from across the nation without having to travel.

In addition, Gonzaga maintains reciprocal career services with a number of Jesuit colleges and universities, Heitkemper said. This allows GU students to access job and internship listings that are posted at the reciprocating universities.

This process can prove helpful for a student who wants to find a job in another part of the country where Jesuit schools exist.

Another program that The Career Center is starting is career coaching. This program matches a student with an emeritus professor who becomes a “career coach.” The career coaches, in turn, work with students focusing on how to find a job.

With all these tools for GU job-seekers, the best strategy still is planning. Heitkemper recommends that students visit career counselors as early as their sophomore year to begin to lay the groundwork for landing the job of their dreams. ■
ON CAMPUS

Oz exhibition at Foley

In honor of the 150th birthday of L. Frank Baum, author of “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” the Foley Center library will host an exhibit titled “Beyond Oz: Highlights from the L. Frank Baum Collection of Currie Corbin.” The Rare Book Reading Room will be the site of this exhibit through June 30.

Spokane resident Currie Corbin began collecting Baum’s work at the age of 12, after a childhood friend gave her a copy of the Oz books. Corbin’s collection includes first edition Oz volumes, some signed and in the original dust cover, as well as works written by Baum but published under several female pseudonyms.

Corbin financed his Oz passion by selling hand-painted Santis to gift shops in Yellowstone National Park. He occasionally stayed home from school to bid by telephone on auctions at Sotheby’s and Swan Galleries.

For more information, contact Stephanie Plowman at (509) 323-3847.

Fire destroys Kennedy Apartments

A March 13 fire that destroyed the unoccupied $10.4 million Kennedy Apartments complex under construction at Sharp Avenue and Ruby Street was intentionally set, Spokane Fire Department Chief Bobby Williams said. The complex was due to open for fall semester 2006. University officials are helping many of the 233 students who had been scheduled to live there this fall to find alternative housing, either in the GU residence system or off campus. No one was injured in the fire, which investigators believe had multiple points of origin, Chief Williams said. There was no reason to believe that either Gonzaga or its contractor for the project, Walker Construction, were targeted. Williams said. So far, no suspects have been identified.

Spokane firefighters contained the fire within the block on which the complex was being constructed. Gonzaga President Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., assured students that all University residence halls and apartment communities are protected by detection systems designed to respond to both heat and smoke, and all but a handful of apartments have fire suppression systems. Prendergast added that the fire would not be where we are today,” Olson said of the campus was regarding LGBT issues, and Transgender) students. During his freshman year, Olson noticed how volatile the campus was regarding LGBT issues, and responded by helping to engage the student body in educational activities such as the Day of Silence and National Coming Out Day. More than 40 students now participate in these events annually.

“If it weren’t for all of these people here at (Gonzaga) who are willing to stand up for what they believe in, we wouldn’t be where we are today,” Olson said.

Providence gives GU $25,000 in memory of Father Ford

The Providence family of ministries has contributed $25,000 to the University’s Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Program’s Business Plan Competition. The gift was made in recognition of Ford’s significant contributions to the Providence Province.

“Father Ford was a vitalsignificant at Gonzaga and gave his extra time to the improvement of resources, admissions and academics at the University,” said Gonzaga President Father Robert Spitzer, S.J. “I can think of only a handful of people who have left an imprint as significant on the University over its 118-year history. As a gift, a plaque will be designed for the lab in memory of Ford. When the equipment purchased with the generous gift is received and installed, Gonzaga will host a celebratory unveiling of the plaque.

Iron Sponsors Scholarship for Hogan Business Plan Competition

Iron Inc. announced this spring that it will sponsor a $10,000 first-place scholarship award for the 2006 Gonzaga University Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program Business Plan Competition. The competition is held in collaboration with Eastern Washington University’s Center for Entrepreneurial Activities and Whitworth College’s School of Global Commerce and Management.

The first-place prize in the Student-Generated category will be named the “Iron Knowledge to Shape Your Future Award” and will be provided to the team that creates a business plan built around an original student idea. Iron’s gift is the latest in a series of contributions from a Spokane-based company in the six-year history of the competition.

PACCAR Awards $100,000 for Modern Languages Lab

PACCAR Foundation, the philanthropic arm of PACCAR Inc of Bellevue, Wash., has awarded a $100,000 grant to help update and equip a laboratory for modern languages. This funding will purchase computer-based, interactive technology and software, as well as helping with renovations to the lab.

“In today’s global environment, it is essential that businesses and other organizations are able to communicate and operate in cultures other than our own,” said Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Gonzaga’s president. “PACCAR’s many international operations and contacts, we felt this project was a particularly good match with the company’s interests.\n
Gonzaga’s Modern Languages department serves some 850 students each year, the majority of whom major in business, engineering, communication arts and education. The updated laboratory will enable students to use interactive tools, such as voice recognition technologies, and will enable faculty to create their own materials tailored to the needs of individual students.

GU senior Olson honored

Gonzaga senior Ryan Olson was honored May 12 in Denver by the Matthew Shepard Foundation with its first “Making a Difference” Youth Award for his work in fighting hate and intolerance and promoting loving acceptance.

President of Gonzaga’s student club
Tony Bonanzino was a lonely man in 1990. For months, he endured a grueling, cross-country commute from Spokane where he ran Hollister-Stier Laboratories, to Connecticut where his family remained. One evening in his newly adopted city, Bonanzino was invited to a dinner where he met “some old guy” who happened to be a priest. The two men chatted, and the priest asked Bonanzino if he liked basketball. Months later, after Thanksgiving and leaving his family behind once again, Bonanzino hit an emotional low. He was tired and heartsore, when his phone rang one evening. That “old guy” – Gonzaga’s then-President Fr. Bernard Coughlin, S.J. – was inviting him to a basketball game.

“So began my 15-year love affair with Gonzaga,” recounted Bonanzino, with a wry smile. He immediately enrolled in the University’s doctoral program in leadership studies. A 2002 graduate, he now teaches a course in organizational communications each semester and serves as a Regent. Whether it’s one private phone call, or challenging the Inland Northwest to embrace diversity and human rights for all, Gonzaga’s work in the Spokane community is legion. Gonzaga founder, Father Joseph Cataldo, S.J., described the University as “the true mother of Spokane.”

More than a hundred years after its founding, Gonzaga and Spokane embrace each other in a complex tapestry, through the annual 100,000 hours of student community service, through alumni who rise to positions of leadership in Spokane’s business, government and educational arenas, and through the work of the institution itself, in particular in law, ethics, engineering, the education of teachers; Bishop White Seminary’s training of priests; theater, music and art; training entrepreneurs, feeding the needy; and helping at-risk children gain life-affirming skills. In fact, as the Jesuits and lay faculty annually teach more than 6,000 students to become men and women for others, it may be the community of Spokane that benefits most.

Does the University directly enrich the community or is it the alumni who make the biggest difference? Each observer solves this equation with slightly different factors. “Gonzaga is here because of a commitment by the order to have education for the people of this region who were here at this time,” said Rich Hadley, executive director of the Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce. “For that reason, it is indistinguishable from the community.”

“It’s the strength of the graduates that stay in Spokane,” said alumna Sue Manfred (’69), who grew up in Spokane and retired last summer as executive director of Spokane’s Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. “I always believed that Gonzaga taught you to think, first and foremost. I think that disbursement of those graduates, be they lawyers, doctors, business people or teachers, has helped this community.

To have a depth of thinking in the leadership of the community, and even in people who aren’t in leadership roles – they act as peers.” Approximately, 6,000 Gonzaga alumni live in the Spokane area. Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession (“79 J.D.) points out that each of Gonzaga’s recent presidents has brought a particular focus – Father Coughlin’s bent toward business, Father Twohy’s social conscience, and Father Spitzer’s stature in business and ethics. Hession also recounted a conversation with Raymond Reyes, associate vice president for diversity.

Looking toward downtown Spokane from the Gonzaga campus: The University and the city have had a close relationship for more than a century.

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Sue Manfred (’69), former executive director of Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

By Marny Lombard

Gonzaga University and its grads play pivotal role in shaping Spokane

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diversity, business practices, and ethics and law.

Benzel even gave a nod to the Law School. “We have lawyers you
Spokane’s Interfaith Council of the Inland Northwest, which works to dispel enmity between religious groups, has found friends in Gonzaga’s administration and faculty. Interfaith Council executive director Kateri Caron praises Gonzaga commitment to ensuring that diverse faith voices – Muslim in particular, in these times – are raised and heard in Spokane. She and others in Spokane’s faith community say that Gonzaga offers help, while expecting little in return.

Caron also points out the small gestures, done without fanfare, whether it’s extra funding for a youth group, or help in translating a letter from France: “I know, too, that they host three Al Aqsa groups, which are open to the public. I think it’s incredibly generous that (the university) makes time for those meetings. It’s no small thing, helping hundreds of people walk through those meetings in the course of a year.”

Finally, students embrace service learning at Gonzaga. “We work with more than 100 community partners,” said Sima Thorpe, director of the Center for Community Action and Service Learning. Thorpe is developing a continuum of service learning, starting before freshmen set foot in their first class, through their four years and beyond.

“There is a deeper meaning as to why students are giving their hours in service. It’s not just for their resumes,” said Father Pat Lee, S.J., the university’s vice president for mission. “In the core of Jesuit tradition, knowledge is not simply for the sake of knowledge; it is for others... Love is not shown in words. Love is shown in deeds.”

So for more than 100 years, Gonzaga hosts the piano division of Musicfest, the largest kids’ music and performing arts competition in the country. This event is the highlight of the year for musicians from hundreds of miles around and it could not happen without the contributions of performance space from the University,” Cowles said.

Gonzaga contributes so abundantly to Spokane’s cultural life, that it’s impossible to mention more than a few of the programs that create strong ties with the community. This spring, “Our Sister’s Voices,” a dance-theater collaboration by three Gonzaga professors, was performed in several Spokane venues. Theater director John Hofland sends his drama students into the community, teaching at-risk youth for the winter, and leaving. I did. But everyday in my courtroom, there are people trained who sue us and help define us... I can’t imagine Spokane without Gonzaga,” he concluded. “And I’m not Catholic!”

Economically, Gonzaga is a muscular partner in the community. The University’s work force approaches 1,000 employees and its payroll topped $50 million for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, ranking Gonzaga among Spokane’s largest employers.

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Finally, students embrace service learning at Gonzaga. “We work with more than 100 community partners,” said Sima Thorpe, director of the Center for Community Action and Service Learning. Thorpe is developing a continuum of service learning, starting before freshmen set foot in their first class, through their four years and beyond.

“There is a deeper meaning as to why students are giving their hours in service. It’s not just for their resumes,” said Father Pat Lee, S.J., the university’s vice president for mission. “In the core of Jesuit tradition, knowledge is not simply for the sake of knowledge; it is for others... Love is not shown in words. Love is shown in deeds.”

So for more than 100 years, Gonzaga hosts the piano division of Musicfest, the largest kids’ music and performing arts competition in the country. This event is the highlight of the year for musicians from hundreds of miles around and it could not happen without the contributions of performance space from the University,” Cowles said.

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ALUMNEWS

Give us your ALUMNEWS. Have you changed jobs, gotten married, had a baby or participated in an interesting activity or service you’d like your Gonzaga classmates to know about? Send information to: Editor, GONZAGA QUARTERLY, Gonzaga University Public Relations, 502 E. Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99258-0070. Or send us a note via e-mail to: gonzaga@gonzaga.edu. Quality photos are appreciated, will be used if space permits, and returned to you upon request.

Jerry Vermillion and wife Donna celebrated their 50-year anniversary. They were married July 2, 1955. They lived in Olympia, Wash., before moving to Hood Canal, Wash. Both were educators, Jerry for high school and Donna for elementary school.


Michelle Doyle married Michael Shomaker. They live in Seattle where Michael works as a software support analyst for an advertising agency and Michelle is an electrical engineering building controls for large, automated processes. E-mail: gonzagopr@juno.com.

Shanna Stevenson, Olympia, Wash., has been named coordinator of the Washington Women’s History Consortium, which serves as the umbrella organization for several publications on Thurston County and women’s history.

Gerry DePuydt, Butte, Mont., has been named director of student affairs and resident of Queen Victor Radio, is now broadcasting near 90 different Catholic radio programs each week and hourly announcements for the six Butte parishes on KQOV-FM. E-mail: kqov@kqov-fm.com.

Bomke Darling, her husband Wythe McKinney and their children Calvin, 3, and Natalie, 2, are volunteering on construction projects in a Costa Rican village. The program was coordinated by the nonprofit organization Global Volunteers.

Reed Schifferman (’77)

Richard B. Kayne (J.D.), Spokane, was appointed dean of the Washington State Judicial College. He served as assistant dean and on the faculty of the state as well as the national Judicial Colleges. He has served as president of the Spokane and Lincoln County bar associations and 10 years on the Washington State Bar Association Committee of Law Scholarship. Reed Schifferman, Seattle, was appointed to the Gonzaga University Board of Regents. He is a personal injury plaintiff’s attorney at Stettmer Keosler Whelan Wehage Colucci, primarily handling medical malpractice and products liability cases, as well as general personal injury.

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Terrie L. Keys (J.D.), Spokane, is a partner in the law firm Pretz Platger & Ellis. She is a member of the intellectual property and commercial litigation practice groups with primary focus in trademark and patent infringement litigation. She has represented clients in anti-trust and employment litigation and has been retained as an outside investigator of harassment, retaliation and workplace violence claims.

Cindy Rugger (’91, ’94 J.D.), Seattle, has been promoted to assistant vice-president for investments with Pacific Life, where she has worked since 2002. Rugger is a board member with the Gonzaga Alumni Association, the Rotary Club of Seattle and volunteers as a Big Sister with the Kerp County Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. She is also a member of the Rotary Club of Seattle.

Amy Jordens (’98), Jeremy Thomas and Olivia Ruth Thomas

MBA from Regis University of Denver and is the marketing director for the nonprofit Friends First. She is interested in launching an absence program and is the founder of the nonprofit organization Global Volunteers.

Donna celebrated their 50-year wedding anniversary. They live in Seattle with husband Laurence Tomsic and daughter Shari Ireton (M.O.L.) Logan. They live in Spokane where Cleat is the personal trainer and Outreach officer for the University of Washington and volunteers as a Big Sister with the King County Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

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Bulldog, Sir

By Bob Finn
Alumni Director

The ROTC program at Gonzaga, rich in tradition and an integral part of the University community, continues to produce people the world needs most. Being a cadet on campus takes a certain discipline – the kind that not all are able to fulfill. The cadets spend countless hours training both their minds and bodies, and have the added work of actually getting a degree. As the grandson and brother of veterans, I can appreciate all that these cadets go through to fulfill their commendable calling. Kyle McCoy (’01), a ROTC alumnus, is one such person.

Gonzaga is a long way from Oklahoma City, Okla., where he was born but the University holds a special place in his memories. Kyle, a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2001 during an unsettled time in United States’ history. Throughout his career, Kyle would conduct four separate deployments to Afghanistan.

“The world we live in has becoming increasingly smaller,” said Kyle, alluding to his time in Afghanistan when he would wait in line for chow. While attending Gonzaga I respected the cadets in the ROTC program because they were never a separate entity within the university – they were intertwined in the fabric of the community and always participated in various activities and groups. I asked Kyle what experiences he had at Gonzaga that prepared him well for both life in the military and as a civilian.

“The instructors at Gonzaga provided great leadership,” he said. “They were strong yet humble people who provided not only a great military foundation but an incredible lifelong foundation. The cadets that went through the program have a firm grasp on their responsibilities.”

Many of his friends and classmates are still in the military, which he admires, adding, “Times are different than they were when I first enrolled.” Kyle is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Cornell University and will be returning to the Northwest this summer while he completes his internship in the Seattle area. While in the Northwest, you can bet he will try to make contact with Gonzaga and the many friends he met while here.
Bud, Phil and ‘Timber ...!’

YOUR HERITAGE

By Father Bernard J. Coughlin, S.J.
Gonzaga University Chancellor

F. B. Coughlin, S.J.

In the football field one fall day, young Eddie Hamacher ran up to Father Paul Corkery, S.J., and yelled: “Father, I’ve got a friend who thinks he wants to come to Gonzaga University. Have you got any work for him?” In those days Fr. Corkery was all over campus and downtown Spokane. “Sure, send him in.” This looked like the beginning of young Phil Dolan’s career. When Phil met Fr. Corkery he was ready for the first question: “How much do you have?”

“Well, I’ve saved $300, and ...” Corkery cut him off with: “We’ll take $200 and we’ll have a job for you. See that building across the street? You’ll take care of it.” So in 1933 Phil Dolan became both a Gonzaga University student and the assistant director of maintenance, reporting to Brother Joe Knaulhoff. “Brother Joe was a character,” Phil reminisced. “Can you imagine one eye and a dog took care of the whole University campus?”

Get Phil talking about those years and you’ll soon hear the most vivid memories of his college days. “I was assigned a room on the fourth floor above the Law Library. I had just got to sleep. It was two days after Pearl Harbor, just after midnight, the fire hit – caused by someone who emptied a can of water flowing down the stairways. Priests and Misters scrambling down the stairs, half-dressed, carrying what they could. Fr. Linden carried his old旅行 ending, to an acknowledgment of the goodness I experience, become present to us both in our friendship. Our understanding of “good,” and therefore of God, has become permanently changed because we are friends.

Saying goodbye to friends appears to be a risk-averse about acknowledging that God became more real because we were friends than it is about something "pure". Goodbyes notice God. “Were not our hearts burning within us?” (Luke 24:32)

Often we feel pain when we say “goodbye.” We assume that saying goodbye is about accepting the loss of a friend, and that this loss generates the pain we feel. This is not so. I have learned that saying goodbye includes both a willingness to let oneself feel pain and a commitment to understand what the pain means. It takes courage to stay in the pain long enough to grasp what it means.

Goodbyes supply one of the truest, purest experiences we can have of life, in both its divine and human modes. When we say goodbye to someone we love, all the little bothers and irritations disappear that marred our ability to feel the grace of our friendship. Suddenly, we experience the depth of the connection (not its loss), the stake my friend has in my heart. The pain we feel is actually the love we have for our friend, so intense and pure, that we feel our very self being opened in order to contain its force. This is what Jesus was driving at in John 16:6-7 when he said, “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I am going away.” He knew that goodbyes intensively connect, and that his departure meant that His disciples would have Him more deeply than ever.

Goodbyes are about having, not losing.
forward to with a strong nucleus of experienced players returning and heralded newcomers who should keep GU near the top of college basketball – where the Zags have established that they belong for the better part of the past decade.

This team, however, deserves special recognition for keeping Gonzaga at the pinnacle, Few said after the UCLA game.

"I told the whole team, 'Just when you thought people were putting a ceiling on Gonzaga basketball, that group came in, tore it down, raised the ceiling even higher, when you thought it might be impossible to do,'" said Few, the WCC Coach of the Year for a record fifth-straight season.

Few said Zag basketball is clearly no longer the darling Cinderella team, with its new stature as a perennial Top 20 team has come great expectation and more pressure to win. Few led the Zags past the first two rounds this year, where they had tripped each of the past three seasons. The Zags finished the year ranked No. 4 in both the AP sportswriters and the ESPN-USA Today Coaches polls.

"I think everybody was making a fairly big issue out of Gonzaga not advancing past the second round," Few said, prior to the UCLA game. "I still think it's a great accomplishment just to get to the NCAA Tournament. It's the greatest sporting event in the world. There are a lot of great programs that didn't make it, a lot of great players that didn't make it... When you start winning games inside the Tournament, it becomes that much tougher.

Led by 6-foot-8 junior forward Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer, a consensus first-team All-American, Chevelle's Player of the Year and the U.S. Basketball Writers' co-Player-of-the-Year with Duke's J.J. Redick, the Bulldogs ran up 29 wins against only four losses. All of their losses came to teams that made it to the Sweet 16, including 2-7 ranked No. 4 Washington, Memphis and UCLA.

Morrison averaged 28.6 points a game, graced the cover of Sporting News at least once and SPORTS Illustrated twice, and reaped most accolades more than any other player in the NCAA. Morrison referred to many times as "the heart and soul" of the Zags' team, Morrison said his list begins with his family and friends.

"That's what keeps you going in life," he said. "If you don't have them, you struggle. I'm blessed with both.

For his part, Coach Few simply continues to win. Having completed his seventh season as the Zags' head coach, his 17th year at Gonzaga, Few has compiled a record of 188-41, has won at least 20 games every year at the helm, and has the highest winning percentage (over 82 percent) among active NCAA Division I coaches.

Few surpassed former North Carolina State Coach Everett Case's (1947-53) seven-year total of 187 wins. The Zags also were led all season by senior center J.P. Batista, a devout Catholic from Brazil, who joined the Zags last season as a junior and this season averaged 19.3 points and 9.5 rebounds to earn first-team All-WCC and Honorable Mention All-America honors. Batista, whom Morrison referred to many times as "the heart and soul of our team," also tallied 13 double-doubles (points-rebounds in a game) this season and scored in double figures in 31 of the Zags' 33 games.

Senior Erroll Knight and J.P. Batista were stalwarts for the Bulldogs this season. Star forward Adam Morrison often referred to Batista as "the heart and soul" of the Zags' team. Knight often ignited the Zags with his standout defensive play and ability to change the pace of the game with his electrifying and seemingly effortless slam dunks.

The 2006-07 Bulldogs will be led by starting guard Derek Raivio from Vancouver, Wash., who started the season with 19 points against Idaho, 24 against Maryland in the first round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational and 26 against Michigan State in the Maui semifinals. The 6-foot-3 Raivio was slowed by a low-back bruise against Washington but returned with strong performances in several games, including 21 in the WCC Tournament semifinal against San Diego that included three second-half 3-pointers to help GU to a 96-92 overtime win.

Also returning as a senior will be 6-9 forward Sean Mallon from Spokane who started all but one game and averaged 6.9 points and 4.5 rebounds. Mallon proved the Bulldogs were much more than a one- or two-trick pony against No. 6 Washington in the second round of the tournament, scoring 15 points and securing 10 rebounds to be named Player of the Game. Another returning starter, Pierre Marie Alidor-Cespedes, a 6-foot guard from Montreal who will be a junior, steadily improved this season.

Other key returnees include 6-6 forward David Pendergraft from Brewer, Wash., 6-11 center Josh Heytvelt from Clark, Wash., 6-5 guard Larry Garguione from Berkeley, Calif., and 6-2 guard Jeremy Pargo from Chicago.

Newcomers Expected to Contribute

Coach Few has signed high school standouts Matt Bouldin, a 6-5 guard from ThunderRidge High in Highlands Ranch, Colo., who was twice named Colorado's high school player of the year, and 7-3 center Will Foster from Paradise Valley High in Scottsdale, Ariz., who will be a junior. Joining them are two transfers, 6-8 forward Micah Downs from Kansas and 6-11 David Burgess from Brigham Young; both will be eligible to play in mid-December.

Gonzaga Women Upset in WCC Tournament

Gonzaga women (16-14 overall, 11-3 league) were defeated in a 75-67 upset win by San Francisco (9-19) in the opening round of the WCC women's tournament hosted by Gonzaga, ending a nine-game home winning streak in the McCarty Athletic Center.

Gonzaga was led by All-WCC first-team players Ashley Anderson, a senior from Enterprise, Ore., and junior Stephanie Hawk from Ontario, Ore. The Zags' All-Freshmen honoré Jami Bjorklund was carried off the court after several players landed on her during a scramble, but wound up OK. The Zags tied with Santa Clara for the WCC regular-season title, the second straight crown for the Bulldogs.

At the team's end-of-year banquet, Coach Kelly Graves announced that Bulldogs top defensive player and team MVP, Senior Katie Prichard from Elk, Wash., was named the team's Most Inspirational Player and Bjorklund was named the team's most improved.
Students take shine to investing

By Peter Tormey

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f your investments are not reaping the kind of returns that you would like, you might check with Bud Barnes, dean of the Gonzaga School of Business Administration, because a select group of students he teaches has a whopping one-year return of 29.72 percent on their portfolio.

The students are not dealing with toy money, either. D.A. Davidson & Co., a regional investment management firm with offices in 15 states, sponsors an investment competition each year among colleges and universities in the cities where it has offices. Last year, the company funded 18 schools with $50,000 each. A Gonzaga team won first place in the competition last year (Aug. 31, 2004-Aug. 31, 2005), beating the 17 other schools. The Zags’ team also did well since Gonzaga entered the competition in 1998 that the University has given Barnes the OK to invest a portion of funds earmarked for School of Business scholarships and other financial aid.

“Why I am teaching them is how to be good money managers,” Barnes said, adding that students must be upper-division finance or accounting majors with a minimum grade-point average of 2.75 to be eligible. “Our management objective is to instill within students the need to build a portfolio. In this field, it’s all about serving the client. You want to preserve the integrity of the investment and grow the corpus of each individual investor.”

Barnes oversees the young investors, who take very seriously the challenges of working with real money.

Sprucing up a landmark

The Administration Building, Gonzaga’s oldest structure, has been undergoing extensive renovations the past two years. Here the history department has been relocated to a suite of new offices on the fourth floor. Another suite of offices across the hall has been renovated for the College of Arts and Sciences. Pictured here with students is Father Michael Maher, S.J., associate professor of history.