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Father Rick Ganz, S.J., and a pack of new students at one of six Freshman Retreats this year.
Gonzaga’s ‘roll’ continues

By Father Robert Spitzer, S.J.
President

I thought you might enjoy a more down-to-earth column after my many esoteric ones on The Heart of Jesuit Education. There is a lot of good news to report.

On the enrollment front, undergraduate applications are 17 percent above last year’s all-time high. The student quality is excellent and we anticipate our most academically prepared class. Along with this, there has come an increase in our freshman-to-sophomore retention rate (exceeding 92 percent), which is one of the highest on the West Coast.

Our Strategic Planning process is drawing to a close. We have developed seven major goals and 25 concomitant strategies and funding mechanisms: (1) To commit every area of the University to the reflective engagement of its Jesuit, Catholic, and humanistic Mission ideals; (2) To educate and transform quality students in an enriched academic environment; (3) To deepen the engagement of the entire University in the development of the whole person; (4) To increase diversification, labor market relevance and affirm the value of human difference; (5) To develop men and women for a more just and humane global community; (6) To secure the financial future of the University; and (7) To foster the tradition of lifelong relationships with alumni, our friends and the broader community. A report of the content of the Strategic Plan will be given in GONZAGA QUARTERLY’s summer edition after its approval by the Board of Trustees in April.

Our preparation for the endowment campaign continues to progress. We have increased our development staff, and our Board Development Committee is working hard to solidify the infrastructure of our campaign. We hope to start the silent phase of the campaign in the fall of 2008 and announce the public phase of the campaign two years after that. This will enable us to increase our scholarships to high-need students, meritorious students and our most academically prepared class. We will add additional chapters this year in Washington, D.C., Montana, Boise and the Los Angeles area. Future chapters are planned for Chicago, Honolulu, Florida and Canada. These chapters afford great opportunities for alumni, current parents, past parents and friends to get together for “game watches,” liturgies and other spiritual events, speakers and academic events, and promotion of Gonzaga in local high schools. The Chapter Chatter (see page 21) will help our alumni stay in touch with the University community.

Gonzaga’s “Edifice Complex” also continues. We have just completed two of the 14 new facilities constructed since 1998—the Kennedy Apartment complex and the Patterson Baseball Complex—and we are embarking on two others.

The Kennedy Apartment complex for juniors and seniors was completed on April 1. It provides 225 beds for juniors and seniors. Each apartment will have three individual bedrooms, a living room, a kitchenette and two bathrooms. The complex also will have the latest and greatest technology. Wow, what a change from when I was a student at Gonzaga during 1970-74. The ground floor will have Duff’s Bistro and a ZAG-wear store. We also plan to have a chapel/oratory connected to the building.

The Patterson Baseball Complex opened on March 15 and was dedicated on April 20. It has 1,300 seats, a beautiful entrance plaza, professional lighting and clubhouse. Perhaps its best attribute is its natural grass field which has virtually instantaneous drainage. It is truly one of the finest baseball stadiums in the West Coast Conference.

The formal groundbreaking for the new PACCAR Center for Applied Science took place on April 26. This new facility is sited to the south of the current Herak Center and will be built into the embankment just north of the tennis courts. The first floor will overlook the tennis courts, the second floor will stand level with the first floor of Herak (joined by McGivern Plaza), and the third floor will be even with the second floor of Herak (joined by a skybridge). It will provide several additional classrooms, laboratories and offices for our expanded classes in engineering and for our new programs in computer science, and transmission and distribution engineering. It will be a truly handsome addition to the south side of our campus.

The west Johnston-Hanson Mall will be completed in the fall of this year. It will encompass the whole of Boone Avenue from St. Aloysius Church (Astor Street) to the Kennedy Apartments (Pearl Street). The street and sidewalks will be turned into a park with grass, trees, lighting and a brick paver pathway. These improvements should convert one of the more barren streets into one of the most beautiful places on campus. The central Eric and Ina Johnston Family Mall (in front of the Administration Building) will also be transformed. The driveway into the main entrance to the Administration Building will be moved back to the entranceway of the parking lot (and the alley way between Cushing Hall and the north side of Cataldo). The resultant area will become park-like with a 9-foot high statue of St. Ignatius Loyola on a four-foot pedestal surrounded by a reflecting pool and gradually ascending walkway. The statue, a gift of Board of Regents president Greg Hubert and his wife Teresa, is being created by nationally renowned sculptor George Carlson and should be ready in early 2008.

In addition to all this, we switched on our wireless campus on April 1. We are also planning our new soccer field for use within the year (and eventually a new soccer stadium). We continue to plan for our new student center. Stay tuned for further developments on this. Most importantly, the spirit of the campus is just as vibrant, caring, fun and ‘Jesuit’ as it ever has been. Indeed, Gonzaga’s ‘roll’ continues.
Mountains, chemistry, students... nothing daunts Doc Nak

By Dale Goodwin

Weather climbing an 1,800-foot rock face on Washington Pass in the North Cascades, or tackling the inquisition of inspired students in his organic chemistry class, Kay Nakamaye deals with challenge adeptly, using sound reasoning and a level head.

“Dr. Nakamaye taught us a lot about mountain climbing, as well as about chemistry,” said Scott Classen, who graduated in 1993. “He impressed us mightily with his speed, agility, knowledge of the terrain, willingness to teach and his ever-positive attitude. These traits were also quite evident in the classroom.”
Nakamaye, after 37 years teaching chemistry and biochemistry classes at Gonzaga, is stepping aside to devote more time to his other passions—mountain climbing, rock climbing, ice climbing, cross-country skiing, bicycling, basketball, racquetball, travel with wife Barbara, visiting their two teacher sons, David at Austin (Texas) Community College and Michael at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and their granddaughter Avery, who shares the witty spunk and wisdom of her grandfather.

His wardrobe has changed over those 37 years from coat and tie, when he was fresh out of Berkeley, to T-shirt and jeans, to present-day turtleneck, fleece and mountain pants.

“After I got into mountain climbing, I found those clothes to be the most comfortable,” Nakamaye said. “So why not be comfortable in the classroom, too?”

Anyone who has seen him teach would certainly use “comfortable” to describe his demeanor. He starts every class with a riddle or proverb. One day in February he asked students to identify which no one had to make allowances. “My goal is to teach someone, not content, but problem-solving techniques, to analyze things in a logical fashion to come to a reasonable possibility,” Nakamaye said.

“He really makes students think, on a test, in the classroom or simply in conversation,” said Dr. John Robinson (’76), who had Nakamaye for a professor 30 years ago, and whose two sons, David (’05) and Daniel (’07), also have studied under his mentor.

In more recent years, Nakamaye has had to adapt his method of teaching to accommodate a different student mindset. Today’s students require more nurturing. “I think this all changed in the late 1980s when the mood of the country was to accommodate a different student mindset. Many students we deal with are probably among the envy of the 20-year-old students with whom he plays basketball. But it is his love of students that has kept him young.

“I have always found our students to be excellent people,” Nakamaye said. “The students we deal with are probably among the best in our society in many ways. And watching our students grow never gets old. How can you help but love them?”

“Most importantly, he loves what he does,” said Joseph Eichenseher (’99), soon to graduate from medical school. “He educated us in the world of chemistry while mixing in humor. He sought out chances to talk with us and find out who we were, not just if we knew the SN2 reaction. But what really sealed my admiration for him was seeing him fighting through screens and firing off sharp passes at noon-time basketball in Martin Centre, doing whatever he could to help his team win.”

Some days this meant coming into class at 1 p.m., after a tough game on the court, blood dripping from his face, his glasses bent, but carrying on as if nothing had happened, said department chair Joanne Smieja.

Just another example of handling challenge with grace. That’s Kay Nakamaye.

A distinguished career

• Twice named Faculty of the Year
• Gonzaga’s first Dr. Scholl Distinguished Scientist Chair
• Extensive research with Ralph Yount, Washington State University; and Fritz Eckstein, Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, Germany
• Professor of Chemistry Emeritus

Photo by Dale Goodwin
Kay Nakamaye has remained involved in research, mentoring students on senior research projects throughout his tenure.
Listening to my grandfather’s voice
When Robbie Paul crosses the stage of the McCarthey Athletic Center on May 12 to receive her Ph.D. in leadership studies from Gonzaga, plenty of family will be present, both in person and in spirit, to celebrate her achievement. It will be fitting recognition for this member of the Nez Perce Tribe whose dissertation has been a journey of family healing.

The journey began before this woman, whose Indian name is Tew-le-kit-we-son-ny (or Woman of the Forest), started Gonzaga’s Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies. The program has, however, provided a forum for Paul to write her story. And it has allowed her to help her family retrace the sources of five generations of desperate and profound sorrow, discuss what had been too horrific to speak of, cry soul-cleansing tears and continue the never-ending process of healing and reconciliation.

For Paul, the journey began 19 years ago when her husband said the worst words a spouse can hear: “I had separated myself and denied my Indianness. The sadness was not just the divorce, it was the unresolved grief of my native family,” she said. Six months later, she tried to take her life elsewhere. “On my 39th birthday, my ex-husband announced to me, ‘I no longer love you,’ and walked out the door two days before taking our daughter to college,” said Paul. “I was going to be a tough Indian woman and not feel, just move forward. But as I soon understood, when you fight your feelings, they are going to come out elsewhere.”

On the reservation, her father could sense her sorrow. He took her for walks as a small child and explained the plants and trees to her. One day after she had returned to the reservation, he said, “Roberta, it’s time to go for a walk.” While walking he explained, “This wild rose has a lot of healing, the pine trees give us scent and strength and the ability to go on.” Then he told her, “You know, I used to walk on the streets of Lewiston, Idaho, and I’d see the signs in the windows that said ‘No Indians or dogs allowed.'” Her father went on discussing the plants and animals and then told her, “I thought I was just as good as everybody else and I walked on by.” That evening, Paul realized she was letting others define who she was as an Indian.

As she spoke more with her father and discussed their family history, Paul began to understand that her sadness coincided with many tragedies in the history of their family. She discovered the date coincided with a surprise attack on her people on the same one date, Aug. 9, which coincided with a surprise attack on her people on the same date during the Nez Perce War of 1877. She discovered the date coincided with the slaughter of five family members in a surprise attack at Big Hole, Mont. “They surprised us on Aug. 9, 1877, and five of my aunts and uncles were killed,” Paul said. “We have a testimony given by my grandfather, the only one who survived, who said, ‘I had five brothers and sisters who died.’ I began to realize my grandfa-ther was there and was a witness. Her grandfather’s Indian name was Jessie Ka-khun-ne, which means Black Raven; he was the son of Wa-tat-ooy-napt-lah-hayne, which means Seven Days Whipping. Robbie said she never actually met Ka-khun-ne, the grandfather with whom she communicates. “I only know him spiritually. He died March 2, 1936. I had never been in his physical presence.”

Paul’s dissertation is titled, "Histori- cal Trauma and Its Effects on a Ni Mii Puu Family: Finding Story, Healing Wounds. " She said her family’s grief and refusal to discuss it led to intergenerational transmission of grief and trauma, which is defined as the transfer of symptoms across generations from survivors to their descendants. This appears principally in the trauma and Jewish Holocaust literature. It is now being discovered and written about in the Native American literature. Paul herself is beyond anger and mourning and has moved into forgiveness. She knows it’s the only true way for her family and people to get better.

Forgiveness begins with the self, whether you are the perpetrator or the victim,” she said. “Respect of who you are as a human being is important. If you continue to blame others for your troubles, then you haven’t forgiven, you haven’t allowed for humanity to move forward.” She still talks with her grandfather, who will surely be most proud at her commencement.

By Peter Tormey
Education can save your life

Service in African township opens eyes to God’s goodness

By Sabrina Jones

So much of who we are, or who we hope to become, is formed by the people who influence our daily lives. When we are surrounded by individuals who exemplify empathy, humility and goodness, we tend to make these values part of who we are and, in turn, share them with others. For Sue Taylor, M.D. (’82), Gonzaga introduced these guiding principles to her as an undergraduate student; these principles continue to steer her today as a wife, mother, physician and international volunteer.

“Coming to Gonzaga was absolutely transformative,” Sue said. “I had never been around such smart, wonderful people. Here I was, raised Pentecostal in rural Idaho with a non-college prep education, and they just took me in.”

The Path to Gonzaga

There was a time in Sue’s life when the opportunity to attend college, let alone a private university, seemed out of reach. “There was plenty of sadness and poverty during my youth in northern Idaho,” she said. “I was working at a gas station when I learned I was eligible for financial aid through my stepfather’s GI bill, so I mentioned it to the owner. He started reminiscing about Gonzaga baseball games, how it was a good place and that I should apply there.” Sue listened, submitted her application and was accepted.

Adapting to Gonzaga’s high academic expectations was a drastic change for Sue. “I went to a high school where people made fun if you valued school work,” she said. “Then I came to Gonzaga where I was surrounded by people who lived to learn and, most importantly, to teach.”

Sue recalled being a student in a chemistry class taught by Professor Dennis McMinn. “I had absolutely no idea what he was talking about,” she laughed. “I was completely unprepared for the rigors of a university education, but he worked with me outside of class until he knew I understood everything. He wanted to see me succeed.”

So did many others whom Sue quickly remembered, including Fathers Armand Nigro, Steve Kuder, Peter Ely and J.J. Mueller.

“Sue was a highly motivated student,” McMinn said. “She was probably one of the most teachable students I have ever had who was independent and passionate about the things that mattered to her.”

After graduating from Gonzaga with a chemistry degree, Sue completed medical school at the University of Washington and a three-year internal medicine residency at the University of California-San Diego. She married fellow alumnus Ed Taylor (’82), now a member of Gonzaga’s Board of Trustees. Sue is an internist for Group Health in Seattle, serving as the chief of urgent care, while Ed is vice provost and dean of undergraduate academic affairs at the University of Washington. The couple have two children, 17-year-old Bennett and 12-year-old Evangeline (Evan).

Living the Mission

Since 2001, Sue and her family have devoted two weeks each year to the people in Port Elizabeth, a major South Africa seaport. They focus their efforts in township schools (which Bennett and Evan attend during their visits) and health care clinics.

“The impact these trips have had on Bennett and Evan is hard to put into words,” said Sue. “They’re struck by the vast difference in resources between the township and the formerly all-white schools.” Olympic-sized swimming pools, groomed sports fields and velvet-covered mahogany furniture are typical amenities in the former all-white schools, while township schools get by with old desks, outdated books, no playground equipment and many chronic shortages.

“Despite underfunding, these are dynamic schools with dedicated leadership and parents who are devoutly committed to education as the mechanism to move their fledgling democracy forward,” Sue said.

“When we first traveled to Port Elizabeth, we took all sorts of supplies,” Sue said. “As the South African economy has grown, the government can do much more. And, on a much smaller scale, we have started Molo Care, a nonprofit organization that raises and disseminates money for some of the needs of Port Elizabeth township schools.”

The word “molo” means “hello” in Xhosa, the language spoken by many South Africans in Port Elizabeth.

Sue is grateful to impart the values Gonzaga shared with her. “Gonzaga gave me the freedom to recognize the value of humility and the goodness of God that showers down on us every day. I always wondered what I could ever do to repay Gonzaga for everything it gave to me. In South Africa, I may have found it.”
The Day of the Jackpot
My last, great lecture

By Eric Cunningham
Assistant professor of history

The title of this lecture, “The Day of the Jackpot” is borrowed from Robert Heinlein’s 1952 science fiction classic, “The Year of the Jackpot.” In this story, a statistician named Potiphar Breen begins to note a fabulous number of uncanny developments taking place around him, and concludes that the world is coming to an end. He turns out to be right.

For several years now, at least in the sense of noting odd and unusual things, I feel like I have been Potiphar Breen, and while I can claim no privileged information or insights concerning the end times, I don’t think anybody can ignore the fact that politics and pop culture have lately been inundated with apocalyptic imagery and legions of self-styled prophets making predictions about the end of the world. They even have the day picked out. Those who follow the right Web sites know that psychedelic visionaries, readers of Mayan prophecy, remote viewers, religious doomsayers and New Age light-seekers of various stripes have decided that Dec. 21, 2012, is the Day of the Jackpot, and they look forward to the day as a moment of great purification and world-renewal. Even sane, sober astronomers agree that on this date the rising sun will be aligned with the center of the Milky Way galaxy. Now, whether this cosmic arrangement will usher in a major world-ending transformation remains to be seen, but regardless of what happens on the Day of the Jackpot, it provides wonderful material for a last, great lecture in history. What could be a more fitting summation than the end of history itself?

What does “the end” mean? In history, the presence of millenarian agitation usually signals the coming of fundamental changes in historical consciousness. As a historian, one of my chief interests has been interpreting how and why different societies, particularly our own, become obsessed with end-of-the-world imaginaries. Why did 1st-century Christians, 12th-century Japanese Buddhists, 13th-century Franciscan Spirituals, 14th-century Chinese peasants, 16th-century Aztec shamans, 18th-century Lakota medicine men, and 20th-century Americans believe they were living in a time of world-ending transformation? Why, in the brand new 21st century, do the heads of state of nations like Iran, China and North Korea make vivid threats, or promises, however one chooses to see it, of bringing history to an end?

As members of the historical world, we’re all embedded in a great story, and in times of historical crisis, we begin to wonder how the story is going to end. When it seems that civilization is under siege, or has simply ceased to function properly, we start to imagine that the end is near—and the “end of history” is not necessarily the endpoint of human life on earth. The end of history is a complex phenomenon that involves the conclusion of historical process, the goal of historical progress and the resolution of history’s problems. The end of history also implies a moment of universal consciousness-renewal, and sometimes even the re-creation of the physical world itself.

In my last, great lecture I would talk about the end of history in the abstract sense. Historians don’t like to practice prophecy on the podium—for starters, they’re not qualified and, more importantly, they hate being wrong. Besides, I am sure somebody would remind me that Jesus said “the Father alone” knows the day and hour of the Jackpot, and that we should not listen to people giving precise dates for it. I might counter that while this is true, Jesus also told us not to be ignorant of the signs of its coming, and he urged us to be prepared at all times.

Students might also remind me that people have been predicting the end of the world since the beginning of time. To this I would answer, “Yes, they have and they’ve always been right.” The world did end for the Roman empire—it ended for the Aztec empire, it ended for the Qing empire, and it ended for a fantastic number of other civilizations, both known and unknown to history. Let us not, in our modern smugness, imagine that we are the eternal thing.

Finally, whether we think of the end as the Great Purification, the Apocalypse—or even a great Jackpot—we know that the world will end someday, just as surely as we know our own lives will end. The exact date doesn’t really matter—the important thing is to think about it and let the notion of “ends” work its way into our day-to-day living. I believe there is much to ponder in the idea that the material ends of history relate in some clear way to the spiritual ends of our lives, and if we can remember that nothing lasts forever, we can all live better and more authentic lives.
Environmental studies program debuts

A new environmental studies concentration at Gonzaga enrolled its first students in the fall. The program is directed by Jonathan Isacoff, assistant professor of political science and a specialist in Middle Eastern affairs, who also has a background in environmental politics.

“Especially in the Northwest, environmental studies is no longer a ‘boutique discipline,’” Isacoff said. “It has become well established as a standard part of the liberal arts curriculum.”

Outgoing Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Robert Prusch, and faculty David Boone, Brian Stevenson and Fr. Michael Treleaven collaborated on planning.

Gonzaga’s location, near what some environmentalists call the “inland temperate rainforest,” will give this program its own particular stamp. Nearby wild areas, such as the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, west of the Cabinet Mountains and home to caribou and grizzly, give students prime territory for field work.

Business School nets accolades

The School of Business Administration has earned unqualified accreditation renewal from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. Only a third of U.S. business schools and 15 percent of business schools worldwide are accredited by AACSB International.

The AACSB team commended the School in five areas and lauded some of the best practices of its MBA program and the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program.

Accreditation by AACSB is a prestigious recognition of high quality and excellence in business schools. The School received its initial AACSB accreditation in 1990 and was reaccredited in 1996.

Studies abroad attract juniors in increasingly large numbers

About 400 juniors, or roughly 40 percent of Gonzaga’s junior class, participated in study abroad programs last fall, with a similar number this spring. Study Abroad enrollment has strengthened significantly in the 20 years that Study Abroad Director Wanda Reynolds has overseen the program.

While Gonzaga-in-Florence remains the best known of the University’s study abroad programs, a growing number of international options are coming online. The University offers sponsored programs in London, the Netherlands, China, Japan, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Zambia, Spain and Brazil. Several of the programs are quite small, accepting no more than two or three students at a time.

New this year is an exchange program initiated by Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, with an emphasis on political science. Also new this summer will be three programs in Zambia and Benin, West Africa.

Through an affiliation with the School of Field Studies, based in Salem, Mass., Gonzaga’s biology students may travel to Australia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico and the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean.

The University sponsors 10 semester- or yearlong programs, and seven summer programs. Students also regularly participate in independent programs.

Trustees re-elected

The Gonzaga University Board of Trustees, at its December meeting, re-elected the following officers to one-year terms in 2007: Mike Patterson, Seattle, chair, third term; Don Nelles, Bellevue, Wash., vice chair, third term; Harry Sladich, Spokane, secretary, 17th term; and Mike Casey, Spokane, assistant secretary, seventh term.

The following individuals were elected to their third four-year terms on the Board: Father Joseph Koterski, S.J., Bronx, N.Y.; Shannon McCambridge, Seattle; Philip McCarthney, Salt Lake City; and Patterson. Elected to second four-year terms were John Stone, Spokane, and Alvin J. Wolff, Scottsdale, Ariz. Thomas Tilford, Spokane, was re-elected the position of Trustee Emeritus, Fathers Robert Lyons, S.J., Spokane, and William Hayes, S.J., Portland, Ore., completed their Board terms. The Board of Trustees is Gonzaga’s policymaking body.

Interdisciplinary relief initiative ventures to W. Africa this summer

Faculty and students from engineering, nursing, language, philosophy and broadcasting will travel to Benin, West Africa, in August to implement a sustainable, charcoal and ceramic-filtration water treatment and purification system to provide rural villages with clean and healthy water using local, inexpensive and renewable resources. Originally developed as a design project through the School of Engineering and Applied Science and a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy,
this has grown to be a significant University outreach project.

No computer suits Fr. Michael Cook

Father Michael Cook, S.J., professor of religious studies, has no computer, no e-mail, no cell phone and no temptation to become electronically encumbered. His office in Robinson Hall is populated by books, photographs and a great deal of graceful, life-giving space. His desk is uncluttered by any standard except his.

“I like to concentrate on one thing at a time,” Fr. Cook says.

The lack of a computer certainly does not indicate a dearth of scholarship. Fr. Cook, 71, has written five books and next year will go on sabbatical in Nairobi, where he will write about Christ in Africa. He composes his first drafts by long-hand on yellow pads, and revises while he types his second and final draft on his one concession to modern technology: an electric typewriter.

With 27 alumni, GU is No. 4 in Peace Corps

Gonzaga University ranks No. 4 among peer institutions nationwide for producing alumni who become Peace Corps volunteers. Twenty-seven as twenty-seven Gonzaga alumni currently serve in the worldwide relief agency, the Peace Corps recently announced.

Since the inception of the Peace Corps in 1961, 237 Gonzaga alumni have joined the ranks of the Peace Corps. Gonzaga has been among the leaders in volunteers for many years.

Former Trustee writes on Jesuits in the West


Fr. McKevitt also explores how the movement of Jesuits from the East Coast to the western region helped shape the evolution of an ethnically mixed and mobile frontier population. A central part of the narrative is the story of early Gonzaga, with a third of the historic images coming from Gonzaga’s archives in Foley Center.

Manganaro appointed to lead College of Arts and Science

Marc Manganaro, Ph.D., has been appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 16. He most recently has served as dean of academic affairs at Douglass College, Rutgers’ liberal arts college for women.

“Dr. Manganaro will bring outstanding leadership to the College of Arts and Sciences in its continuing pursuit of academic quality and teaching excellence,” said Father Robert Spitzer, S.J. “His administrative experience at Rutgers, combined with his outstanding scholarship and his appreciation of Gonzaga’s Jesuit, Catholic and humanistic vision, will inspire the College of Arts and Sciences toward its highest potential.”

At Rutgers, Manganaro’s role included oversight of Douglass College’s honors program. The college has an enrollment of 2,500 and is the largest public women’s college in the country.

His specialty is the relation of modern literature and criticism to anthropology, folklore and myth studies.

He received his Ph.D. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned a master’s degree in English from San Francisco State University. Manganaro attended Catholic schools, including Creighton Preparatory High School in Omaha. He received a bachelor’s degree in English and creative writing from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Sunderland named new Education dean

The new dean of Gonzaga’s School of Education is Jon Sunderland, Ph.D., effective June 1.

Sunderland has been a member of the Gonzaga community for the past 27 years. He has served as interim dean of the School of Education for the past year. Sunderland also has chaired the Department of Sport and Physical Education and served as assistant and associate dean of the College.

He received his Ph.D. in physical education from the University of Oregon, and earned a master’s degree in secondary education and a bachelor’s degree in social sciences from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. His teaching experience spans high school, community college and university levels in California, Oregon and Washington. He holds a lifetime secondary teaching certificate in social sciences from California.

Sunderland has held numerous leadership positions in regional, state and national health, physical education and recreation organizations.

Chinese woodcut artist shares technique, culture

Zhang Guanghui, a woodcut artist from Wuhan, China, visited Gonzaga in April as a Kreilheimer Visiting Artist. He conducted a woodcut workshop with students and gave a talk on the Chu culture of southern China. Zhang teaches art at the Hubei Institute of Art in Wuhan, China. He and Gonzaga’s associate art professor Mary Farrell became acquainted through a previous artists’ exchange. Zhang has invited Farrell to visit his university in China. Farrell teaches printmaking.

Fires of Hate exhibit at GU

“Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings,” a traveling exhibition from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was on display in the Foley Center from March 10-May 5. Gonzaga is one of six locations nationwide to host this traveling exhibit in 2007.

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The Gonzaga Experience. This phrase is heard a lot on campus, but what exactly does it mean?

A great education in the Ignatian tradition. Teaching men and women to serve others. Professors who illuminate and befriend. Service learning, the arts and athletics, clubs, residence life, studies in Florence – all of these components round out the Gonzaga experience. But there’s more.

You can’t spend much time at Gonzaga without being struck by students’ expressions of joy. Full-throated delight in discovering the riches of campus life. The exhilaration of tumbling into a friendship that enriches a year – or redirects a student’s life.

Joy is not often debated in departmental meetings, nor is it listed in any syllabus. But we all know the happy delirium that touches the spring of our lives. It’s a vital element of the Gonzaga Experience. Read on. We’ve invited a collection of students and young alumni to share slices of their Gonzaga Experience with you.
First up are six friends from Welch Hall. Meredith Florine is the organized one. Alex Williams’ friends say she is peaceful and calm. Adora Diaz is the artist, the hair and makeup queen, who one afternoon found in conversation with Alex the close connection that she needed to thrive. Megan Atkins is admired for her cheerful personality and guileless smile. Julia Esser, who resisted her mother’s urging to apply to Gonzaga, is now the freshman class president. Lindsay Dick joined the group last, when a Halloween errand sent her across the hall.

These young women arrived on campus last fall in the usual stew of anxiety and anticipation. Six months later, they are roommates and soul mates, close friends and compatriots. They’ve helped each other adjust to the academic pace and established rooming plans for next year. A tight-knit core on a floor of freshmen girls they describe as already caring, they admire each other’s strengths and finish each other’s thoughts. They discuss mistakes they’ve made and offer solutions to try next time.

“To be able to talk with each other about life and growing up is amazing,” said Megan. “It’s rough sometimes, but there’s a beauty in the roughness.”

Other times, they just have fun. “One weekend night we were all hanging out in Meredith and Alex’s room singing along to the Little Mermaid, when we noticed that it was snowing,” Lindsay said. “We threw on our gear, grabbed a camera and ran out to join over 50 students in a snowball fight. We laughed, ran, made snow angels and threw snowballs like girls.”

Julia is from Geneseo, Idaho, a town so tiny its population is smaller than Gonzaga’s freshman class. Last fall, Julia took Megan, Alex and Meredith home for a weekend. “One afternoon, I taught them how to ride our four-wheeler. I remember riding over the hill, with Alex and Meredith watching, holding tight to Megan as she slowly gained confidence, and thinking, ‘Wow, how lucky am I to have found friends who will come here and share a part of my life – and be so excited about it?’”

Russell Yost (’03) ▲

One cold December evening, we were in the midst of final exams. Christmas vacation seemed nearly unreachable, and the pile of notes to read for the evening insurmountable. After a warm meal of soup, pizza and as much caffeine as we could stand, I made the trek back to my dorm with a small group of friends through the newly fallen snow. Trying to keep from falling on the side-walk, we crept at a snail’s pace, grabbing and gripping each other’s coats. Although only a few blocks to go, plenty of opportunities arose to take an embarrassing nose dive. The cobblestone sidewalks had turned from picturesque paths to polar ice caps dur-

The conversation, or rather complaining, centered on our looming exams. Suddenly, amidst one of my rants, one of my friends pelted me in the face with a solid ice snowball. I stood in shock as the others awaited my reaction. Quietly and slowly I picked up a handful of snow and burst toward him to smear his smug face. The fight erupted from there with all six of us grabbing handfuls of snow and attacking with reckless abandon. The complaining had turned to laughter as we continued home, faces cold but smiling, to take on the world of studying.

Eleri Oley Kerian (’06) ▲

The 10 p.m. daily Mass in the University Chapel became central to my spiritual life early in my freshman year: friendship with other Catholic students who also celebrated their Roman Catholic faith, strong bonds with Jesuits who provided opportunities for confession and friendship, fellowship after Mass often culminating in late-night breakfast at the CCG.

However, the most profound experience was meeting James, my husband (’05), through these nightly gatherings for worship. We began dating February of my freshman year and continued to keep the sacraments central to our relationship, by attending Mass and attending the all-night Friday Eucharistic Adoration for the troops in Iraq while my brother was deployed.

James proposed to me in the University Chapel in February 2005. Surrounded by our Gonzaga friends, we were married there in June 2006. This spring, we are delighted to be expecting a baby girl and look forward to showing her the University Chapel, which was so instrumental in creating her family.
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That night we went in search of a restaurant, and spotted a large Gonzaga flag in the window of a small bar called The Public House. The place was filled with GU students and the walls covered with pictures of our friends. Near the end of our travels, we were in Prague, Czech Republic, when someone yelled from a window, “Hey Gonzaga!!!” It was like music to my ears to be halfway around the world and randomly hear the word “Gonzaga.” Hailing us was a GU student whom I had never met, but he recognized us.

The Gonzaga Experience. It means something different to every alumna and alumnus. While some folks say their Gonzaga Experience was responsible for who they have become today, others say it was flat-out the best time of their life. Still, there is a common thread that runs through all of these stories, a thread filled with inspiration, insight, hilarity and more. We would like you to share your favorite Gonzaga Experience with us and we will share your memories with the rest of the Gonzaga family. Please send your best stories defining what the Gonzaga Experience has meant to you, along with photos marking your time here and/or a current photo, to Peter Tormey, associate director of public relations, at tormey@gonzaga.edu who is creating a Web page to post your best Gonzaga experience.

Mary Mendenhall ('06)

I arrived as a freshman at Gonzaga like an eager young actor approaching Hollywood – so many things to see and do. As a young Catholic writer and aspiring graphic designer, I found my way to Student Publications and the Gonzaga Bulletin. Eager to start work, I took my first story assignment, covering the re-opening of the Student Chapel.

I knew nothing about the Chapel – not its history in the Ad Building, not its “earthy” phase of burlap bags on the ceiling or orange windows. So I interviewed Fr. Bill Watson, S.J., the driving force in the Chapel’s restoration. He told me of the refinished, pressed tin ceiling, the restored, wood floor, and stained glass windows from the East Coast. As I nodded benignly, not really impressed, he stopped to say, “Mary, have you even gone into the Chapel?” A bit embarrassed at my lack of preparation, I said “No.” “Go down there right now,” he said, with a knowing smile. “You need to see it.” So, I did. I wasn’t impressed. The outside doors weren’t attached. Paint-stained sheets hung like ghosts. Not expecting much, I pushed past the sheets and walked in.

The gleaming, richly colored space staggered me. Tapestries of gold and green framed a tabernacle. To either side, life-size stained glass windows shone with martyrs and saints. And almost in the background, yet ever present, the crucified Christ, the Redeemer of the world.

I’ve sat in that chapel countless times, in nightly Masses, rosaries and afternoons in Adoration. I cried there with my best friend before she left for Florence. I have seen friends married there, learned of their engagements and talked with some of the best priests I’ve ever known.

That first moment has stayed with me. Before I walked in, Gonzaga was just my new school. When I walked out, the chapel was my new home.

Joe Miller ('07)

Running is the source of my best memories. In four years on Gonzaga’s cross-country team, I have run more than 13,000 miles, worn out 40 pairs of shoes and spent nearly 1,600 hours running. I met my girlfriend, made lifelong friendships and had every type of conversation imaginable – all while running.

We have counseled, confided in and teased each other. We’ve passed down traditions, taught the ‘new guys’ about GUXC and raced together, all with a common goal. We have lived out our lives on the Spokane streets and ‘died’ hundreds of times in workouts – only to come back stronger. We have grown up “out there.”

When I graduate and leave Spokane this May, part of me will be left here on the roads and trails, along with all the little bits of rubber that have worn off my shoes. Running cross country at Gonzaga hasn’t defined me, but it has taught me who I am.

Nick Questad ('06)

Four years at any university will get you a degree. Four years at Gonzaga will get you a degree and a lifelong membership to a community no matter where you are in the world. One memory comes from the other side of the world.

Days after graduation, I embarked on a two-month trip through Europe with a few friends. A month into our trip, we arrived in Florence homesick, tired and our clothes in dire need of a wash. The hostel where we had reservations was not even in Florence. Nowhere to sleep! We located the Gonzaga-In-Florence campus and some students and professors in the summer program. They welcomed us, found a room at the student hotels and gave us breakfast and lunch.

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Leah Rourke ('04)
Near the end of spring semester of my freshman year, I was high on life. The winter chill had finally lifted, and the flower beds were full of daffodils. What's not to love about spring time on a college campus? I had had a great first year marked with good friends, great experiences, interesting classes and an insatiable appetite to experience Gonzaga. I was having so much fun, I didn't want the year to end.

One afternoon during dead week, I was walking to the Foley Library to study before dinner. En route, I passed a couple upperclassmen I knew by sight. They asked if I had time to play 3-on-3 soccer with them. Of course. I love to play soccer. Our small field was no more than 30 yards long and 15 yards wide, with goals marked by our book bags and shoes. We played in our bare feet for two hours in the warm spring sun...

Those two hours were competitive and intense, yet playful and exhilarating; bonding with people I hardly knew and yet we shared a kinship. A love for the game and a love for Gonzaga.

Definitely one of my favorite GU memories.

David Uhl ('05)
"The bird can't go on an airplane or the air pressure will kill it," my friend Veronika said. "So Crystal and I are going to drive it to LA this weekend. Want to come?" How could I resist a road trip like this? We left after class on Friday and drove through the night, me in back, keeping the bird company. I took over at about 3 a.m. in southern Oregon and somehow safely got us to Sacramento. Finally in LA, what do we do? Watch a movie about going on a road trip. After a short nap, we went out for a night in Hollywood. The next morning, we headed back north. As if that weren't adventure enough, we took the route through Klamath Falls and Bend instead of following I-5... and we still made it back to campus, without missing a class.

Greena George ('07)
My social life as a Gonzaga freshman began at the Unity House Barbecue. When I walked into the crowd of students, I knew no one. Within the hour, I had made friends for life. Because we shared so much through our Indian heritage, I gravitated to upperclassmen Rajiv and Pradeep Hatcher. I was enthralled to meet the only Malayali family in Spokane. In the following weeks, they would help me overcome much of my homesickness. I met two other friends that same day: Karina Kunder, a senior majoring in physical therapy, who is a German-American born in Africa and raised in Papua, New Guinea, and Yumiko Sushitani, a Japanese exchange student.

We three met every Sunday at the COG to share breakfast and converse about the most curious and exciting things in life. We ice skated at the Pavilion, went to dance clubs in below-freezing weather, played catch in the Dussault Apartments, and snowboarded at Schweitzer. It was one of my best years ever, despite knowing that my dearest friends were leaving in May. And lucky me – they have made several visits back to Gonzaga since then. When I graduate this May, it will be my turn to visit them.

Claire Davis ('06)
For the 2005 Fall Family Weekend, five of my friends and I were parentless. So together we improvised our own quirky family, the "Giln-ottis." Included were the amazing apple-pie-making Mom, Naomi Gilna; energetic, over-protective Dad, Tyler Orizotti; crazy Aunt Katie (Orizotti), little cousin Claire Davis (me), spunky cousin Jessie (Hallerman), and tall cousin Helen Connolly. And, yes, even the family dog, Mega-ruff, or Megan Hurley.

For a family outing, we hopped into the Giln-otti Jeep and headed to Green Bluff. Mom sat up front with Dad, but the seat-heating units in the Jeep were malfunctioning, and chaos ensued. Mega-ruff wouldn't stop barking, the cousins had to go to the bathroom, Mom's buns were burning and Dad just kept laughing.

Definitely one of my favorite GU memories.
While Gonzaga men’s basketball team made its ninth-straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament this past season, 10th overall, Gonzaga’s women made their first foray into the postseason bash but lost in the first round to Middle Tennessee State. In some ways, the women now are where the Zags men were in 1995 when they punched GU’s first NCAA Tournament ticket.

Scott Snider was a junior on that ’95 squad that bowed out in the first round to Maryland.

“Our main goal that year was to get to the Tournament,” said Snider (’96), a manufacturer’s representative outside Portland, Ore. “Obviously you want to go and get some wins but we felt we already accomplished our goal getting there.”

Four years later, Snider was a GU assistant coach and the Zags had higher NCAA Tournament aspirations.

“Our goal was not just to make the Tournament but to win a few games,” said Snider.

Win they did. The Bulldogs went on a tear all the way to the Elite Eight before losing to eventual NCAA champion Connecticut (67-62) in the West Regional Finals in Phoenix. Who can forget the runner by Quentin Hall that led to Casey Calvary’s put-back at the buzzer to beat Florida in the Sweet 16? It remains Gonzaga’s deepest run in an NCAA Tournament.

From Snider’s perspective as a former Zag player and coach, one word summarizes the Bulldogs’ rise. Confidence.

“There was a real sense of pride and confidence and the players wanted to outdo what the players did before them,” he said. “Gonzaga has been fortunate to get players with that mentality.”

Jerry Krause, director of men’s basketball operations, said reaching the next level for the women depends upon recruiting, technical coaching and scheduling.

“Recruiting is always the most important,” Krause said. “The women’s program has to get to the level of reaching outstanding recruits and they seem to have had a much better group of recruits coming in last year and a good group the next year or two. We are both trying to raise our consistent levels of recruiting.

Recruiting is a bit like the chicken-and-egg quandary, Krause said. Student-athletes must perceive a program to be almost better than it is before they are attracted.

Women’s Coach Kelly Graves said the lady Zags have set themselves apart from the WCC with a 38-4 league record the past three years (the next best win total is 28), plus three regular-season conference championships.

“We certainly have set ourselves apart in recruiting,” Graves said. “We have found ourselves recruiting mostly against the Pac-10 for players so our talent level has risen. Also, what our guys did and what we have tried to do is schedule up." Their non-league schedule, according to Sagarin’s Ratings, was the ninth-toughest in the nation among Division I schools through their first 16 games.

This year, the women played three teams that advanced to the Elite Eight. Next season, they play Marquette, Purdue, Washington and Montana at home; all were ranked in the Top 25 this year.

“We can go into a prospective player’s home and say, ‘You’re going to come here and we will play the best.’ Like next year, we are going to Tennessee, the mecca of women’s college basketball, and they are coming here the following year,” Graves said. “We tell recruits ‘You are playing in a state-of-the-art, beautiful arena, we draw well, we have an awesome locker room and you will get a great education. You will have a chance to win a championship.’ There is nothing that a young woman can’t get here.”

Graves continues to deliver more talented players. WCC Newcomer of the Year and Tournament MVP freshman Heather Bowman was recruited by most Pac-10 schools. Freshman Janelle Bolkcom, who redshirted this season with a knee injury, was recruited by every Pac-10 school and Michigan. Tiffanie Shives, Graves’ first McDonald’s All-American, transferred here from Michigan State after her freshman year and redshirted this season. Those will be three outstanding newcomers to next year’s roster.

Graves also is quick to credit his first recruiting class of three four-year starters who also were 1,000-point scorers: Shannon Mathews, Raonna Jewell and Ashley Burke. “They came here on a dream,” Graves said. “We told them, ‘You are going to be able to play right away and we are going to build something.’”

The dream is coming true.
Juniors Becky Jones and Heather Dunn were both named honorable mention on the West Coast Conference volleyball team, the second-straight honor for Jones. Jones was the Bulldogs’ top offensive player, finishing the season with a team-high 417 kills. She was second on the team in digs with 349 and added 55 blocks. Jones also became one of only 12 players in GU history to eclipse 1,000 career kills (1,086). Setter Dunn closed out the season with 1,273 assists for an 11.47 assists-per-game average. Dunn also had 267 digs, 105 kills, 54 blocks and 20 aces.

Junior men’s soccer forward George Josten was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas Far West All-Region first team. Josten, who was an All-West Coast Conference first-team pick this past season, led the WCC for the second straight season in goals (12) and points (28). Senior defender Ben Sawyer and junior midfielder Grant Lundberg were also honored on the NSCAA/adidas Men’s Scholar All-Far West Region team. Sawyer, a native of Spokane and a graduate of Meadow High, has a 3.57 grade point average in accounting. Josten, who hails from Idaho Falls, Idaho, has a 3.85 GPA in civil engineering. Lundberg, another local product and a graduate of Lewis and Clark High, has a 3.67 GPA in exercise science.}

Gonzaga will join seven other teams at the 2007 Carri/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout, Nov. 20-24 at Sullivan Arena in Anchorage. Joining the Bulldogs will be Butler, which defeated GU in the title game of the Dick’s Sporting Goods NIIT Tip-Off Classic this season; Texas Tech, which defeated Gonzaga in the second round of the 2005 NCAA Tournament; and Washington State. Also in the tournament will be Liberty, Michigan, Western Kentucky and host Alaska-Anchorage. Gonzaga defeated St. John’s 65-58 and Texas 67-64 prior to losing to Marquette and Western Kentucky and host Alaska-Anchorage. Gonzaga is 6-16 overall and 1-1 in the WCC.

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Transition between graduation and employment is often riddled with obstacles, as a career reflecting your degree is not always certain. Many students struggle, venturing through the maze of securing employment. Gonzaga’s Alumni Mentoring Program (GAMP) guides graduates as they prepare to enter the work force.

A long-time advocate and volunteer in this program is mechanical engineering graduate William (Willy) Geary (’86). Willy plays a significant role in helping students’ transition from graduate to employee.

A native of Newport, Wash., Geary left Washington State University after being told there was an overabundance of engineers in the school and that it might be difficult to complete his degree on time. He transferred to Gonzaga and never looked back. “I am extremely grateful for the experiences that I had at Gonzaga.”

Geary found that Gonzaga’s professors provided a marketable education. He works at Boeing as a superintendent for commercial airplanes and is the liaison between GU and Boeing on all matters relating to students and curriculum. “Gonzaga taught me to be cognizant about what was happening in the world. Its philosophy of service to others resonated with me.”

“As a manager I enjoy working with people, and this position allows me the opportunity to give back to Gonzaga.” Willy has been involved with GAMP for more than 15 years and has had the opportunity to work with many students as a mentor and host for the annual Seattle Trek. Other colleges continually inquire about the process to develop a program like GAMP. There is a definite cost in running GAMP, but the payback is remarkable.

Gonzaga has tremendous dedication to its students, and the Treks are just one way in which the University supports students after graduation.

“My involvement with GAMP has allowed me the opportunity to help students not only in the mentor/mentee relationship, but also to help them figure out how to become more marketable to Boeing or other companies.”

I have visited the Boeing plant during the last two Treks and can attest to the valuable service that Geary continues to give to our students; they leave with a clear understanding of what it takes to succeed at a large company.

He serves on the GU Engineering Advisory Board and is the current past president of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He coordinates or hosts annual excursions to the Boeing plant for Gonzaga students and promotes Boeing career opportunities to students.

“Willy has been a great advocate for Gonzaga and has helped many students find internships and full-time positions with Boeing,” says Kevin Pratt, director of GAMP. “He is a key person who keeps the relationship alive and goes the extra mile to help students.”

Geary lives in Renton, Wash., with his wife Michelle and their three children, Keegan, Kiefer and Carly.
**Alumni Update**

**Give us your ALUMNEWS**

Have you changed jobs, 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 Marketing and Communications, 502 E. Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99258-6070. 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.

Daniel Hogan, Jr. wed Holly Fitch, Nov. 25. They live in Rutherford, Calif.

Jeffery C. Sullivan (’71 J.D.), Yakima, Wash., was named interim U.S. attorney. Sullivan has been chief of the criminal division since 2002, overseeing all federal criminal cases filed in the Western Washington District.

Kelly (Florence) Jones, Boise, Idaho, released her second novel, “The Lost Madonna.” The fictional tale is based upon an American university in Florence, Italy. Not coincidentally, Jones is a Gonzaga-in-Florence alumna.


Cindy (Hobbs) Omlin is the executive director of Northwest Professional Educators, a non-profit, non-union, professional educators’ organization that focuses on students as educators’ highest priority and improving the professionalism of education. She was among the teachers who attended a U.S. Supreme Court hearing in Washington, D.C., on whether the First Amendment right of unions to speak on behalf of its members trumps the free speech rights of nonunion members who do not want to pay for the union’s politics but are forced to pay for collective bargaining. After the hearing, teachers were briefed by attorneys about their impressions of the proceedings, met Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., and toured the capitol. Her husband, John Omlin (’78) is president of Omlin, Gunning and Associates, a CPA firm.

Mark F. Baum (J.D.), Brush Prairie, Wash., is executive director for the Council for the Homeless. He founded the Baum, Etengoff and Buckley law firm and is an active member of the Voter Protection Project, the Center for Civic Education and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Steven W. Hughes (J.D.) is principal shareholder of the law firm Ewing Anderson. He previously worked at Woodard and Hughes and currently lives in Spokane.

Nancy J. Nelson, Spokane, is president of Humanix Staffing Services. Nelson has been with the company since 1988, and was most recently the chief operating officer.

Peter F. Malen, Jr., Salt Lake City, is equity shareholder of the law firm of Workman Nydegger, PC.

Michael J. Bayley, Spokane, is a partner at Fain, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP.

Kelly Rae Richards (’94) and Mark Cheshier

Blake Barnes (’92) and Mark Cheshier

Blake Barnes (’92) wed Mark Cheshier in March 2006. They live in Bellevue, Wash., where Blake is an employment/labor attorney for T-Mobile and Mark is a software engineer. James N. McDonald, Jr. (’93 M.B.A.) Greenacres, Wash., is president of AC Data Solutions. He was previously director of engineering/operations for Northern-Techologies Inc.

Cory G. Fong, Bismarck, N.D., is tax commissioner for the state of North Dakota.

Donald B. Jamie son, Spokane, is commercial sales and leasing agent for Tomlinson Black Commercial. He previously worked as national sales manager at August Systems Software. Kelly Rae Richards, Hayden Lake, Idaho, is vice president of sales and marketing for AC Data Solutions. She was previously executive director of Concerned Business.

Gary E. Hood is a partner at the intellectual property law firm of McDonald Boehrnen Hubert & Berghoff LLP. His practice focuses on patents, trade secrets, trademarks, copyright, unfair competition and related issues. He lives in Beverly Shores, Ind.

Deborah Weber wed Robert Strope on May 13, 2006. They live in Spokane where Deborah is a financial analyst at Sterling Savings Bank and Robert is a welder at Titan Truck.

Eileen M. Conn (’97), the regional vice president of the Los Angeles office of Charles Dunn Company, a full-service commercial real estate firm. She is responsible for over 7 million square feet of commercial...
real estate and oversees a team of 12 property and portfolio management staff members.

Brandon M. Baker and Kate Smith (02)

Brandon M. Baker and Kate Smith (02) wed Kate Smith (00) Dec. 31. They live in Seattle where Brandon is an account manager for Metia and Kate is a multi-arts specialist for Seattle Public Schools. Louden-Hans Fisk (M.A.), Sykeston, N.D., is a priest with the Diocese of Fargo and is working on a doctorate in child psychology at Capella University. Eric Sartell (MBA) wed Stephanie Lee Aug. 25. They live in Spokane where Stephanie is a credit analyst at American West Bank and Eric is a commercial program manager at Isothermal Systems Research Inc.

Nicolas Dahlvang (05 J.D.), Alexandria, Va., is an analyst for the U.S. Department of the State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. Dan Dickau, Vancouver, Wash., is a partner in TheChipLab.com, an online company selling poker chips. The startup company lets customers use software to custom design casino-quality poker chips. Dan also plays for the Portland Trail Blazers. Christy Gehrig wed Brian Smith Sept. 9. They live in Seattle where Christy is a senior manager of internet marketing for Virtuoso and Brian is director of consumer relations for Greatergood.com. Daniel Ochoa, Santa Rosa, Calif., is exhibiting his paintings at Marston’s Restaurant in Pasadena.

Justin McAlaney (04) and Elisabeth Ortiz (05)

Justin McAlaney wed Elisabeth Ortiz (05) Dec. 29. They live in Overland Park, Kan., where Elisabeth is a community college administrative assistant and Justin is a records manager for Quest Diagnostics. Allison Tuszyński wed Michael Gil- luis June 3. They live in Boise, Idaho.

’05 Jaime Crocker (M.S. nursing), Spokane, works at the Rockwood Clinic Medical Lake Family Practice. Billy Itule wed Robyn Smith Nov. 11. They live in Phoenix where Robyn is an account executive for Armstrong Troykky Public Relations and Billy works at Willie Itule Produce, Inc. Ashley Thayer wed Toby Martin July 21. They live in Spokane. Alan Utley (M.A.) wed Andrea Crumppler Sept. 23. They live in Spokane where Andrea is an attorney and Alan is a mental health counselor.

Abby Kile (MACC), Rosalia, Wash., is a staff accountant at Dinges, Zarecore and Associates.

Bob Leone, Phoenix, died Jan. 16. He was ordained for the deaconate in 1984.

James Michael McDonough, S.J. (’54), Spokane, died Dec. 19 at age 78. He entered the Society of Jesus at Sheridan, Ore., in 1948. He loved retreat work, which took him to South Africa and Saskatchewan.

Pat James McGinn (’55), Spokane, died Jan. 8 at age 72. He served in the Air National Guard for 31 years, worked at Kaiser Moos for 20 years and was active in local politics.

Frances McGivern (friend), Spokane, died Dec. 5 at age 98. She served in various GU organizations and her husband was the founding dean of the School of Engineering.

William Hunter McKee (’52), Spokane, died Dec. 28 at age 77. He was a stock broker who enjoyed gardening, fishing and the outdoors.

John “Jack” Merriman, Alexandria, Va., died Dec. 6 at age 84. He served in the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff before retiring as a colonel.

Bob Christian Olson (’53), Bellingham, Wash., died Dec. 28 at age 77. He was a seminarian and was in marine insurance for more than 25 years.

John W. Osborne (’51 J.D.), Spokane, died Dec. 4 at age 83. He served as a medic during World War II. Though he did not practice law, he was involved in various business ventures, including a commercial fishing business, a demolition business and a fishing resort.

Carl Steven Pagac (’98 J.D.), Bellingham, Wash., died Jan. 23 at age 53. He worked for Maxey Law Firm (Spokane) and later Tiero and Associates Law in Bellingham.
New York Chapter

Start Spreading the News, New York is Up

Nearly 900 alumni, parents and friends of Gonzaga gathered in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 21 for the New York alumni chapter’s grand opening and pre-game party. The majority of attendees were from New York and the surrounding areas, but a substantial number of alumni and fans flew in for the festivities. The chapter office scrambled to keep up with a swelling RSVP list, ultimately moving to a larger room to accommodate the crowd. New York chapter member Paula Hawkes-DeLuca ’73 utilized the talents of Gonzaga fan and New Jersey artist Pat McMichael who created a festive “Zags in New York” logo for T-shirts and signs. “I thought the event was wonderful,” President Ben Bianco said. “The turnout was fabulous, and everyone was having such a great time that we didn’t want to quiet things down and make them listen to a program.” Following the catered celebration, fans found their seats in the legendary Garden to cheer on the Zags against Duke.

Seattle Chapter

Seattle Alumni Showcase Gonzaga Students and Top Regional Employers

The sixth annual Seattle Trek took place Jan 11-12. The Trek began with a luncheon sponsored by the Gonzaga Business Forum and featured a panel presentation by three young alumni professionals who provided career advice and networking tips for our current students. The students then launched into the corporate excursions hosted by Boeing, Microsoft, PACCAR Parts, Washington Mutual Bank, Two Degrees Consulting and Amazon. This year a special effort focused on the needs of long-time alumni by offering a job search seminar featuring a panel of corporate recruiters who shared insights into the hiring process. The highlight of the first day was the networking social with keynote speaker David DeLeay, president of the Sabey Corporation and Gonzaga University Trustee Emeritus. He spoke about emerging career opportunities available to new graduates. On the final day of the Trek, 37 regional employers shared employment opportunities with students and alumni in a career fair.

Portland Chapter

Alumni and Friends Embrace Gonzaga Students of Portland Trek 2007

The fifth annual Portland Trek took place Jan. 9 and successfully brought together students, alumni and employers to discuss emerging career opportunities in the region. Students took corporate excursions hosted by Widmer Brothers Brewing Company and the Portland Trail Blazers and then joined forces for a luncheon, panel presentation and tour of the Nike campus in Beaverton. Students were bused to the Benson Hotel in downtown Portland where 25 employers shared information about internships and career positions available for students and alumni. The culminating event was the networking social with keynote speaker Alyce Comyn Selby, who inspired students and alumni with her knowledge and wit as she discussed the characteristics of successful professionals.

Anchorage Chapter

Planning to Give Alumni a Warm Alaskan Welcome

The chapter is brainstorming alumni events to coincide with the Great Alaska Shootout, slated for Nov. 20-24 in Anchorage. While the Alaska air may be cold, the scenery will be beautiful, and the chapter hopes to provide events to showcase the region. If you are interested in helping the chapter board plan this experience, contact President Brandon Stanley at jstanle1@gonzaga.edu.
**Alumni News**

**Buy Lucky Plate 1001 and Win A Prize**

GU license plates are still in high demand. As of April, approximately 900 alumni and friends had purchased plates. We want to see more plates out on the road. If you are the lucky owner of plate 01001, you will win a prize from the Alumni House. A portion of every plate sold benefits the Alumni Scholarship fund. To purchase a Gonzaga University license plate, go to any DMV in Washington or check it out online at: www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/specialdesign.html#collegeplate

Love your new plate? Send a picture of you with your plate to hudak@gonzaga.edu.

**Gonzaga Reunion Dates New**


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**Chapter Calendar**

Through August 31

**MAY**
11-13 Gold Club Reunion, Spokane
17 Third Thursday Social, Tacoma Chapter

**JUNE**
2 Raffle, Bozarth Mansion, 4:30 p.m., by invitation
21 Third Thursday Social, Tacoma Chapter

**JULY**
16 Denver Chapter Golf Tournament
19 Third Thursday Social, Tacoma Chapter
22 Eric Hansen Memorial Golf Tournament – Bay Area

**AUGUST**
5 Bozeman Alumni Event and Student Sendoff
16 Third Thursday Social, Tacoma Chapter
18 Moses Lake Alumni Golf Tournament
17-19 Law School Reunion Weekend at various campus locations, includes tour of McCarthy Athletic Center, family barbecue, Lake Couer d’Alene Boat Cruise and Sunday Mass at the Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola in the Law School. For more information, contact Nancy Fike at (509) 323-3605.

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Last year, a core of socially active students at Gonzaga found themselves in fierce political debate. The key issue was attitudes toward homosexuality. The controversy dominated the op-ed pages in some issues of the Bulletin, Gonzaga’s student newspaper. Student clubs became entrenched in their positions. Faculty were drawn in on both sides. Political awakening is inherent in college life, but this went beyond healthy dialogue.

As the 2005-2006 academic year ended, it’s fair to say that many observers believed the fever needed to break. But how and when would such healing occur? The solution wasn’t readily apparent.

As it turned out, a baby-faced sophomore named Chris Sparks possessed the perspective, personality and passion needed to start the Coexist Student Coalition, a process of rapprochement among members of the ideologically divided clubs.

Sparks is a Coast Guard kid. He landed in strange towns and new schools so many times that he grew accustomed to sizing up new situations. His own beliefs cut across the bias. He gravitated toward both the liberal Young Democrats and the traditionalist John Paul II Society (formerly known as the Newman-Stein Fellowship).

Last spring, Sparks and Anna Gonzales, student activities coordinator, started talking about the political chasm on campus. Involved, in some measure, were the following organizations: John Paul II Society, Helping Educate Regarding Orientation (HERO), College Republicans, Young Democrats, Campus Libertarians, Women’s Studies, Gonzaga Right to Life, and JUSTICE Club.

“We realized that the liberals were convinced the conservatives had a massive majority at the school, and a stranglehold on the administration,” Sparks said. “We also realized the conservatives felt the exact same way about the liberals. This was puzzling, and suggested to both of us that communication had truly broken down between the two sides.”

Finally, Sparks and Gonzales sketched out a program that would try to alleviate campus tension. Out of this came Coexist, which is built around the concept of getting to know individuals of differing points of view.

“We’re not all going to sing Kumbaya together,” Gonzales said. “Our hope is that everyone will start seeing others as people instead of as labels.”

Coexist opened in February with a listening session. Assistant Professor Eric Cunningham, history, agreed to moderate. The format was strict: One member of each club told his or her story to the gathering of about 30 students. The process was taken seriously, to the extent that leaders of John Paul II Society explained in advance that evening Mass would require some members to leave half way through the session – no disrespect intended. The meeting went well, and Cunningham agreed to continue in his role.

“My interest in Coexist lies in the hope that by creating a space in which honest dialogues can take place, students can come to realize that we all are lovable, and that beneath the ideology we share the common property of a God-given dignity,” Cunningham said.

Next, Sparks and Gonzales paired up students from different clubs with someone from an ideologically opposite club. The idea was for partners to meet for coffee and talk, get to know each other and look beyond the ideology to the person.

Step three was a Q&A session in April, in which only written questions were allowed. Organizers wanted to encourage dialogue, but not at the risk of vitriolic outbursts. Coexist’s final event this year was the appearance of guest speaker Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners, on campus at the end of April.

Plans are in the works for a lecture series and other events next year.

“I would say that conversation is only a stage in what I hope is a broader and more far-reaching process. I would hope to see Coexist move in the direction of fostering true mutual love and respect,” Cunningham added.

“We’re optimistic,” Sparks said. “Maybe as a result of our efforts, the debates will start moving us toward real solutions to the controversies of today. Perhaps some of the interactions will be effective over the long term. Who knows? But they’re talking to each other. At least they’re talking.”
Locate these campus sculptures

Identify where on campus you will find these sculptures by matching each number with the appropriate letter. Find answers on page 17.

1. Fr. Peter DeSmet, S.J.  a. Crosby Student Center
2. Jesus  b. Johnston Mall
3. Bing Crosby  c. Terrace east of Jundt Art Center and Museum
4. John F. Kennedy  d. McCarthey Athletic Center
5. Joseph  e. Courtyard between DeSmet and Welch halls
7. Jesus’ hand  g. Jundt Art Museum
8. Mother Mary  h. Jesuit House
9. St. Aloysius Gonzaga  i. St. Aloysius Church Grotto
10. Fr. Tony Lehmann, S.J.  j. Quad
11. Red Chandelier  k. St. Aloysius Church/outside front entrance
12. Chimney Stacks  l. Martin Centre