Dance students under Instructor Suzanne Ostersmith’s direction and art students studying with print-maker Professor Mary Farrell, took part in an unusual collaboration this spring. Each class learned about the other’s work, and the resulting artwork became an integral part of the annual dance concert in May. Here, students rehearse, using prints created by Farrell’s class.
With every ending, a beginning

This issue of Gonzaga Quarterly finds the university in that very special time of year of summer celebration and renewal. After an intense and extended spring, Commencement Weekend and the culmination of years of effort came all too quickly; in an instant, it seems, the graduates walk across the stage, shift the tassels of their mortarboards from right to left, and are gone. The Latin root of the word “graduate” is gradus, which means “step.” Along with the root of the word “commencement,” which is “to initiate,” the word “graduation” reminds us that the culmination of our educational endeavor is about preparing our students for new beginnings and taking new steps. What Commencement reminds us is that with every ending there is also a beginning—and that this beginning is as much the case for Gonzaga as it is for every student who begins and ends their time with us.

The dramatic change in tempo, is deceptive, however, for it is but a prelude to a summer filled with important and exciting activity. By the time you read this, we will already have had students enrolled in Summer Session for nearly five weeks; the Gonzaga-in-Florence summer program will be winding down; and students on faculty-led study abroad programs from Zambia to the Galapagos will be well into their exotic and deeply significant adventures. Campus is filled from June through August with young people at the forefront of Jesuit distance education worldwide. Dr. McFarland’s continued involvement in conjunction with Jesuit Refugee Services and the worldwide Society of Jesus, to support distance delivery of collegiate education to displaced peoples living in refugee camps around the globe. Dr. McFarland’s continued involvement with this endeavor in her new capacity will keep her connected to Gonzaga and will in turn keep Gonzaga at the forefront of Jesuit distance education worldwide.

I am profoundly grateful to each and every one of you—from our newest to our oldest alumni, our parents, benefactors, Jesuits and good friends—for your constant belief that the renewal of our mission is a cause worth supporting and believing in. Summer is frequently a time of travel and adventure: may your summertime adventures, whether they take you abroad or only into your own backyard, be safe and enjoyable ones. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect you; and may Christ’s peace be with you always.
Alumna, theologian assumes chief academic post

Gonzaga alumna Patricia O’Connell Killen, herself a first-generation college student, a historian and theologian, will lead the University’s faculty as academic vice president. She arrives on campus in July. With her, she brings views on Jesuit education ripened by her years as a teacher, scholar and active participant in the life of educational communities.

“Two crucial qualities of a Jesuit education as I understand it are: First, that standards of excellence matter,” Killen said. “Holding oneself and others to standards of excellence is an act of respect and an acknowledgment of the dignity of the human persons involved in any shared project. Secondly, education is not for oneself alone – it changes human beings so that they are able to live more fully, freely, imaginatively and generously for others.”

Killen describes herself as a scholar who loves the classroom, a historian who loves old archives, and an accidental administrator who takes pleasure in bringing things together so that faculty and students thrive.

“I do administration on behalf of students and faculty and the project at higher education,” she said while visiting campus in February. “It is the work of education that matters.”

Killen grew up in western Oregon within a large extended family in a Belgian Catholic community.

“I learned many things from my family and neighbors growing up that have been confirmed in their wisdom and provided me useful guidance. Three stand out. First, life is a great mystery that no human being can firmly in their wisdom and provided me useful guidance. Three stand out. First, life is a great mystery that no human being can

Above, the Gonzaga women’s team won their division at the National Collegiate Club Sports Championships in Dallas. At left, the men’s team emerged victorious in the second PIVA championship tournament.

Club volleyball races to success

Jump, set, spike! Gonzaga’s club volleyball teams are growing. Both a men’s and a women’s team are in full force on the court thanks to the recent establishment of the Pacific Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, or PIVA.

“One day in the fall of 2008 I was walking through Crosby and saw a couple guys sitting at a table with two jerseys and little else,” said Tony Andenoro, assistant professor of organizational leadership. “I asked if they needed a coach. Since then they’ve created a league for men and women’s teams in the Pacific Northwest.

Coach Andenoro saw the men’s team traveling hours upon hours to play just a couple teams and decided a league was necessary. “I coached club volleyball at Texas A&M and saw how useful the Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association was,” he said. “A&M had resources, funding, coaches. I asked myself, ‘How can we get as close to that as possible?’”

The men’s team are now recognized nationally. The men’s team won their conference championship this year and showed a good fight at nationals in April. The women’s team went 41-2 during the season and won the silver division bracket at nationals. “We have great students. They are involved in everything out there,” said Andenoro. “They don’t sleep and they carry full course loads, but they come to practices and games and give it their all. They are great athletes and great individuals.”

Andenoro, has watched the students take ownership of the team and their successes. “I have a practical use of the theory I teach in the classroom. I get to help the players become leaders on and off the court,” he said. “It’s a catalytic reaction.”
An unusual homecoming

Like any young alum, I found that a certain apprehension accompanied my first year away from Gonzaga. After four transformative years of education, community and friendships it was time to leave this memory-laden place and the chapter in my life it embodied. I joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and moved to Philadelphia to work for a non-profit called Witness to Innocence. It supports a uniquely marginalized population: men condemned to execution for crimes they did not commit, who were eventually freed and exonerated from death row.

This April, one of these very men joined me in a Spokane homecoming. Delbert Tibbs was wrongfully sentenced to death and spent several years in prison—excluding three on death row—before his innocence was recognized by the Florida Supreme Court. He is the subject of a folksong, a character in a play, a published poet and my friend. Delbert endured a wrongful conviction by an all-white jury, the eerie nightmare of incarceration and a legal battle for his life with the kind of resilience only made possible by grace. His story is echoed by 137 others who have been exonerated from death rows in 26 states. I proudly accompanied him to the Gonzaga Law School where he shared his story.

As I listened to Delbert’s presentation I couldn’t help but marvel at the synthesis at work. The Gonzaga Student Body Association, which I led during my senior year, sponsored the event. Through conversations in Crosby and impromptu campus meet-ups, I introduced old friends to my new life and to Delbert. I listened to his familiar story while sitting by my younger brother and my best friends. The mentors who inspired me to join the JVC provided me a renewed sense of purpose with their presence, all while I showed Delbert, this new friend whom I so deeply admire, the scenes of my young adult formation.

Now Delbert’s back in Chicago and I’m in Philly, and there is work to be done. Because wrongly accused men and women sit behind bars in this country; because wives, mothers and children currently agonize over the fates of their husbands, sons and fathers; and because there remain so many audiences who have not yet heard the firsthand witness of an innocent death row survivor. Admittedly, in a year of coordinating such events, our Spokane audience was one that I will hold dearly. With an active death penalty in my home state of Washington, it was an important place to start this conversation.

Delbert was once asked why he thought he was put on death row. "I think God put me on death row, so that I could be a witness," he replied. His story can be damaging:

The first problem is getting into a bashing-America discussion rather than highlighting the great accomplishments for freedom and human rights that this nation has made in the past and is making now. Second, trying to interpret what people are thinking a kind than the behavior exhibited is a dangerous road. Once you cross that line, particularly in academia, your students’ focus will devolve into a host of negatives.

Also we need to ensure that the positives of American capitalism and a market economy are kept in the proper focus, and that the contributions of the United States, particularly the U.S. military, are presented for what they have done to improve the human condition worldwide.

The M.B.A. education I received at Gonzaga was first class and continues to hold me in good stead today. I will always value my education.

Harry M. Emerson III (’80)
Ret. Colonel, U.S. Army
Cathedral City, Calif.

A good man, a good cause

The piece by Father Craig Hightower (Gonzaga Quarterly spring issue) was especially poignant. He celebrated the Mass at the West Coast Conference tourney and made a mild pitch for a collection for Haiti relief—remarking that we probably wouldn’t think we were at a Catholic Mass unless a collection were taken. When one of the many baskets reached me it was piled high with bills. He’s a good man. Well, what else would you expect—he’s from Montana.

Roi Herriges (’57)
Spokane

Remembering Stan Fairhurst

The spring issue of Gonzaga Quarterly fondly remembered three giants of the Zag community who have passed away: basketball coach and athletic director Dan Fitzgerald; communications professor Bud Hazel; and business management professor Stan Fairhurst, Gonzaga’s vice president for business and finance.

It was my pleasure to work with Stan Fairhurst, who was a kind and gentle soul who did me two enormous favors.

The child of a single-parent household forever short on money, I attended Gonzaga on scholarships, grants, savings from work—and thankfully only a few loans.

I ran into serious financial trouble twice at Gonzaga, and twice Stan Fairhurst—who knew about my family situation—helped save my student career. Stan waived my tuition for nearly an entire year. My financial resources had been completely exhausted, and without this help, I would have been forced to leave school. The following year, 1983, Stan loaned me $1,000 interest-free for travel to graduate school interviews.

When I saw Stan Fairhurst after I graduated, but I’ve never forgotten his generosity. He told me that he considered it “an investment, both in me and in the future of Gonzaga”—kindly words of hope and foresight characteristic of this extraordinary man.

Michael J. Martin (’84)
Columbia, Mo.

American Indian studies program opens in fall

Gonzaga will launch a concentration in American Indian studies in the fall semester, after its trustees approved the program in April. Only one other such program exists among the 28 Jesuit universities in the nation. Courses are drawn from history, biology, English, political science and religious studies.

Biology Professor Robert Prusch has labored for years to establish the program. This spring he taught a course on indigenous science; its enrollment of 30 offers a sign of student interest in Native studies. To ensure the program’s legitimacy, the University is partnering with a Tribal Advisory Board representing four Inland Northwest tribes. Wendy Thompson, Gonzaga’s tribal representative, has worked to build a genuine collaboration with the tribes.

Delbert Tibbs and Andrea Woods (’09) visited campus in April.
In transition from Gonzaga to Rome

“IT is easily the hardest thing I will do thus far in my Jesuit life. The Iron Man Triathlon pales in comparison,” said Fr. Michael Woods, S.J. Fr. Woods leaves Gonzaga this summer to teach at the Gregorian University in Rome. He will spend his first two months studying Italian as he will deliver all of his lectures in Italian come spring 2011. Fr. Woods studied in Rome for three years in the mid-1990s as part of his theology training.

“It came as a complete surprise to be asked to do this,” he said. “It was a true test of our Jesuit Vow of Obedience.” Woods notes, however, that he is excited for the opportunity and, though nervous, was able to respond with a resounding “Here I am!” This position will also challenge him as he has been asked to teach the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. “As a scholar we find our area and we tend to park the car there,” he said. “I have some catching up to do in that particular area of liturgical theology.”

What is he most excited for? “The pastoral!” he notes, only half joking. “We make Italian food so complicated here. There is something so good and so simple about the food in Italy.” Fr. Woods holds a special interest in rural agriculture and has immersed himself in the local food movement here in Spokane.

It will be a challenge, he says, for him to teach a global student population. “Students at the Gregorian come from all over the world – Africa, Asia, Europe, South America. When I teach here (at Gonzaga) I can reference something from popular culture to make a point – the Super Bowl – and everyone knows what I’m talking about. You can’t do that with a global audience.”

Both religious and lay students attend the Gregorian. Many of the men and women studying there take on leadership roles in their home churches. “I am honored to teach these individuals and in consultation with the Trustees.

Dr. McCulloh has asked the Trustees to discuss the issue and “the meaning and purpose of the events policy in our contemporary context” at their July meeting. This fall, Dr. McCulloh will engage a campus forum for review and revision of the events policy. He has emphasized his commitment “to fostering a campus environment which supports and values all persons, actively works to eliminate violence of all kinds—particularly sexual violence against women—and makes decisions reflective of this support and commitment.”

Mock Trial blazes into nation’s Top 10

Gonzaga University Mock Trial Team 1022 finished the year ninth in the nation, after a 5-3 record in the prestigious Gold National Mock Trial Grand Championship this April in Memphis. The winning Gonzaga team competed with the University of Notre Dame (1-1), Duke University (1-1), Lake Forest College (1-1), and Tufts University (2-0). “The fireworks began on day one of this championship. Exploding with talent, this team proved themselves to be a force to be reckoned with,” said Georgie Ann Weatherby, mock trial coach and associate professor of sociology.

Nationwide, 614 college and university teams compete for a chance at 48 spots in the Gold competition. GU Team 1022 consists of Jill Harvey, Meg Houlihan, Sofia Noorani, Jen Odegard, Katie Shattuck, Jessica Timm and Emmy Ziegler. Houlihan also earned an Elite All-American Witness award. Mock Trial also is coached by Vik Gumbhir, assistant professor of sociology.

On Campus

‘Monologues’ debate prompts policy review

Debate flared on campus this spring over “The Vagina Monologues.” After weeks of discussion with student and faculty event organizers, President Thayne McCulloh requested the performance occur off-campus. Dr. McCulloh cited the need for complete discussion of the issue by the University Trustees; in 2002 an on-campus performance had been prohibited by Fr. Spitzer.

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Dedication fills St. Michael’s Chapel

Spokane Bishop William Skylstad dedicated the St. Michael of the Archangel Chapel in the Kennedy Apartments on April 15. Trustees, Jesuits, students and longtime friends of Walter and Donna Conn filled the chapel to capacity. The Conn and their children, Eileen and Walter Jr., attended, as well. As generous benefactors, the Conns took the lead in making this chapel a reality.

The dedication completes the University’s goal of developing a net of sacred spaces across campus. See www.gonzaga.edu/GQLinks for more.
He shared notes and the eulogy for his father. Leadership studies, gave assistant professor of and mentor. Mike Hazel, of an unfailingly kind became a celebration Professor Bud Hazel communications arts A March memorial service at St. Aloysius Remembering Bud Hazel, who touched so many...
Excerpt from keynote address given by Father Charles Currie, S.J., president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities:

The young Ignatius was a romantic, a 16th century courtier devoted to often daring service to his king and queen. After his encounter with a cannon ball that mangled his leg at Pamplona, he underwent a religious conversion in which romanticism and enthusiasm for the king and queen became magnanimity in service to God and His people. I hope his story will be incorporated into your own life stories, to provide the vision, energy and love to make you enthusiastic change agents in a world and Church that desperately needs you.

Rev. Charles Currie, S.J., received the DeSmet Medal, Gonzaga’s highest honor, from President Thayne McCulloh.
Let me highlight a few elements of Ignatius’ worldview that I suggest make great sense as you begin the next phase of your lives:

His special ability to seek and find God in all things, so that nothing was foreign to him in his faith journey. This attitude would inspire a Matteo Ricci to serve as court mathematician in China, poet Gerard Manley Hopkins to write of the grandeur of God in all of creation, the evolutionary anthropologist and mystic Teilhard de Chardin to live in a Divine Milieu very much at home with both God and the world, a Fr. George Coyne to volunteer as one of the first astronauts, and the seekers and learners on this and every Jesuit campus continually to explore new ideas and new possibilities.

His constant and generous pursuit of what was more and better, the magis, the inspiration that has guided the restless, flexibility and risk-taking of Jesuits and Jesuit works at their best. Pope Benedict recently challenged Jesuits to operate on frontiers, on the growing edges of ideas and movements where others can’t or are not willing to go – a creative restlessness to live your talents and gifts to their fullest in the service of others.

His personal love for Christ. Ignatius was not committed to a religious ideal, but to a person who was very real to him, and who was the inspiration for all that he did. Seeing Christ in others led to a great reverence for every single individual, whatever their faith and background. In Jesuit education today, we live that ideal in our commitment to cura personalis, the concern and respect for everyone we encounter. There are not meant to be any outsiders on Jesuit campuses. We are all meant to be brothers and sisters, caring for one another.

His concern for the poor and powerless. In the midst of developing a worldwide Society of Jesus, Ignatius always had time for the little people of Rome, the prostitutes, the beggars and the sick. Today, that concern has become for Jesuits a faith that does justice, a fundamental option for the poor, a well educated solidarity in a globalizing world.

My wish for you is that Ignatius’ story is becoming your story. It will produce an openness to an experience of God in all you do, a creative restlessness to live your talents and gifts to their fullest in the service of others.

Three of the 1,043 undergraduate members of the Class of 2010

Julia Marshall, psychology major, will begin work this fall on a doctoral program in biomedical engineering at Oregon Health & Science University’s School of Medicine. If she could change one thing in the world, Marshall says, “I would eliminate unfounded prejudices and abolish discrimination.” Certain aspects of society facilitate the development of intolerance. For some odd reason, it is acceptable and often encouraged to pre-judge and label others. We are afraid of what is different; we are uncomfortable with the unknown. If I could change something, I would make every individual more open-minded and accepting.

Isaac Strong, biology major will move to San Francisco to start a Ph.D. program at the University of California, San Francisco’s Tetrat Program. His studies will be in developmental biology or genetics. “I have benefited from the holistic approach Gonzaga has taken toward my education, especially in my field of study. I am being challenged to look for the connections I see with my studies in Biology and other classes, and my religion classes. How do we reconcile faith and science? How can we look at how I do science with a philosophical lens?”

As an Ambassador, Strong started every tour he gave to prospective students at the Admissions Office – fittingly, he says, since it symbolizes his own falling in love with Gonzaga.

Colleen Dawson, English major, found her most formative Gonzaga experience through University Ministry, particularly the SEARCH Retreat. “The people I met through SEARCH became some of my best friends, who in turn introduced me to other amazing people and so on. Now I feel at the center of this affectionate, supportive world, and I owe the beginnings of that world to University Ministry.”

“Next, I’m going to Prague to teach English. Hopefully, I’ll be going to graduate school for creative writing in the next couple years. I decided that before I become a student again, I want to travel, write and have some adventures. It’s hard to leave Gonzaga, where I know everyone, for Europe, but I think it will be a valuable growing experience.”
A hot meal and hope

The line begins to form before first light. Why wait when you just spent the night sleeping in the cemetery? By 8:30 a.m. when the padre arrives the line is 150-200 deep. It’s still another 30 minutes before the soup kitchen, or comedor, opens. Huddled against the fading whitewashed walls they wait for a meal that we would skip. People tanned from generations of outdoor work, dark eyes filled with desperation and confusion. If they are in this line they have failed. Their attempt to enter the U.S. didn’t go well. Caught or left in the desert, they were found by the U.S. Border Patrol, processed and dropped in Nogales. With no food and little money, the comedor is their last stop before a three-to-five day bus ride back to where they began or another attempt north through mountains and desert.

Pete Neeley, S.J., ’71, the padre with the big gray beard and bigger mustache, is going to do his best to put some life back into those dark eyes. Every day, twice a day. The comedor is run by the Kino Border Initiative, which is the work of the Jesuits and dioceses on both sides of the border. While I was there with Pete, I worked in the kitchen, serving, prepping for meals, cleaning up afterwards, doing a bit of plumbing and talking with people. I made new friends, Chavo, Jose, Gabriel and Yisondro. Their futures did not seem too bright in my terms, but they were pretty positive about their lives. Gabriel got a job painting in Nogales and was going to save for a truck. The immigration question is complex, and everyone has their own opinions, but when you see the faces of poor people with absolutely nothing but the clothes on their back you have to, at least, have some serious compassion. These are just simple people looking for something better.

Pete Neeley came to Gonzaga in 1967 to continue his Jesuit education, escape the big city and play soccer. One of just a few U.S.-born guys on

By Marty Pujolar / Photos by Lauren Gilger
the team, Pete developed a kinship with his Latin American teammates. He developed an ear for their language and an appreciation of their cultures. After graduation Pete taught in Spokane before entering the Society of Jesus in 1972. A native San Franciscan, Pete was on his way to a cushy career in administration at the University of San Francisco, but that was never his calling. Scrappy by nature, Pete embraces the underdog. Assignments took him to Central America, Mexico, East L.A., and Lancaster prior to his mission in Nogales. Pete's commitment and compassion are not lost on his classmates. At the latest “Boys of ’71” reunion – and their collective 60th birthdays – Pete celebrated Mass and detailed his mission. Within a few months, 16 classmates had sent donations and pledged to travel to Nogales to help.

Back at the comedor, each meal is proceeded by a blessing. Padre Pete decked out in worn Levi’s, casual shirt and colorful stole reminds his guests that even in their darkest moments they are not alone. He asks them not to lose hope and to keep their faith. His prayer is equal parts spirituality, humor and hope. The meal is hot. So are the plates. As a server you better get them from the kitchen to the tables in a hurry. Asbestos fingers come in handy. Beans, rice and the always interesting main dish of squash and whatever else was recently donated. The 2 p.m. meal mirrors breakfast, but usually begins with cake. Yeah, dessert before dinner. You eat what is dropped off. Little matter what it is, it is appreciated. Each “diner” in their own way, be it handshake, smile or nod, acknowledges the meal and the efforts of the cooks, padres and servers. Into the dusty streets of Nogales they go. Most will not return to the comedor. The next morning their places against the whitewashed wall will be filled by others. And Pete Neeley will be there with a hot meal and hope.

(Editors Note: Marty Pujolar (’71) was classmates with Fr. Pete Neeley at Gonzaga University and St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco. Pujolar directed Gonzaga’s Alumni Office from 1980 to 2005.)
Introducing four grace-filled, well-rounded students

At Gonzaga, March and April come and go in a hurry – a joyous, pell-mell gauntlet of lectures, plays, interviews, practices, collaborations, rehearsals, projects, workshops, concerts, games. How do students fit all this into their busy lives? The only possible answer is youth.

“A few of the things that I did this week,” said Scott Hippe (*'10), who has earned a B.S. in biology and B.A. in Spanish:

- Ultimate Frisbee and soccer playoffs
- Music for Thirst worship session.
- Lecture by the Venerable Geshe Thupten Phelgye.
- Tutor student athletes in biology, organic chemistry.
- Work in Nancy Staub’s research lab on salamander courtship.
- Practice for Madonnastock with his band “The Sheppard and his Flock.”
- GU’s Relay for Life, which raised $38,000 to beat cancer.
- Cycling Club training ride, preparing for races in Portland, Ore.
- Met for coffee with Josh Armstrong, friend and director of the Comprehensive Leadership Program.
- Interview for a summer internship at a hospital in Coeur d’Alene.
- Went to Palm Sunday Mass.

P.S. “I got the Coeur d’Alene internship. And the Portland races were fun. I crashed in one of them, but then we won our division in the team time trial.”

Sophomore Leah Marley co-chaired “Greek Week,” a seven-day celebration of ancient Greece held in April.

Here are highlights of Leah’s week:

- Organized the “Homer-athon” with student and faculty readers at the Crosby Student Center.
- Met with a visiting candidate for a tenure-track position in the Classics Department during a student Q&A session.
- Attended the first lecture of the Greek Week lecture series; final production meeting for “Lysistrata,” a comedy by Aristophanes. Gonzaga University Theatre Sports, an improvisational theater program known as GUTS, began at 10 p.m.
- Stage managed two dress rehearsals and five performances of “Lysistrata,” around which Greek Week was created.
- Met with classical civilizations Chair Andrew Goldman for final Greek Week progress report. Tutored student-athletes; another Greek Week lecture.
- Greek Week lecture, opening night “Lysistrata,” with a talk-back session afterwards; followed by GUTS practice. Done at midnight, not counting homework.
- Managed the Greek Week Facebook page to help publicize events.
- Greek Week culminated Sunday evening with a “Lysistrata” cast-and-crew dinner hosted by GU costumer Summer Berry.
Introducing four grace-filled, well-rounded students

**Kaitlin Vadla ('08)**, graduate student in the Communications and Leadership Program, works full-time for the University, dances, teaches choreography and kayak rolling. She also sits on the board of the Spokane Mountaineers. As an undergrad, she completed the Honors Program, Comprehensive Leadership Program and Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program – the first student to do so. In 2009, she was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist.

Highlights of a week in late March:

- Coordinated an interdisciplinary Faculty Roundtable on Narrative and Authenticity.
- Invited to speak to senior business students, along with Chris Majer, founder of "the Human Potential Project" – but missed it due to a doctor’s appointment.
- Dance rehearsal for choreography class.
- Helped lead a student/faculty dialogue about gender issues.
- Attended the Martha Graham dance workshop and “Lysistrata.”
- Volunteered with Pedals2People, attended a cello concert by Amit Peled and “Wild Women Don’t Have the Blues,” a documentary on the blues.

“There’s probably more. I’m serially curious, which is fun, but it’s cutting into my sleep time,” Vadla said.

**Satish Shrestha ('10)**, is a physics major from Nepal. He prizes the independence of his American life – and the scholarships that made GU possible. “In Nepal, I would be living with my parents. That’s what everyone does. I wanted a life with independence – Gonzaga was the perfect place for me.”

Shrestha took seven courses last semester, at least officially. “I was unofficially taking one extra class (Math 422) just for fun after getting generous permission from Dr. Robert Ray. I dropped it after spring break because of the workload for my other classes. I worked 15 hours a week as a computer help desk technician at the Law School. It helped pay the rent.”

- Began Mountain School in March with the Spokane Mountaineers, which included crevasse rescue lessons on Stevens Pass.
- Volunteered for Pedals2People, a nonprofit with a mission to use the bicycle to empower people.
- Belonged to Multi Cultural Honors Society, for which he does volunteer service.
- Plans to teach high school physics before entering graduate school.
Michael Imasua, seated, and Jake McGhie enjoy the view from Liberia’s seat in the United Nations General Assembly Hall. Gonzaga students visited the U.N. Headquarters during their visit to New York City for the Model U.N. conference. (Photos courtesy of Allen Patty)
Global Conversation

Don’t let the name throw you —
there’s nothing diminutive about Model United Nations

By Marny Lombard

T
two years ago, a young Nigerian
transferred to Gonzaga. Michael
Imasua was interested in mechanical
engineering. But his passion was for
Model United Nations — a program
did not then exist at Gonzaga.

Sue Weitz, vice president of Student Life, and
Thayne McCulloh, then interim academic vice
president, steered Imasua toward Allen Patty,
director of the new Leadership Development
Program. Imasua and Patty scraped together a
Model U.N. team in 2008-09. As pilot programs
tend to be, it was a learning experience for
everyone.

Today, largely through Imasua’s
perseverance, Gonzaga has a Model U.N.
program to be proud of. Fourteen GU
students and two advisers attended this
spring’s M.U.N. conference in New York.
In all 300 universities from 30 countries
participated. Committees debated
difficult issues: conflict minerals, nuclear
proliferation, AIDS, climate change and
genocide. After the conference, their final
resolutions were forwarded to their real-
life U.N. counterparts.

The conference was in April, but the
work started in September. Word went out
at the club fair. Interested students wrote
letters of intent and position papers. They
interviewed in group surroundings and
one-on-one with Imasua. “I wanted to
know what they were made of”, he said. “I
told them, ‘We will be family. We have to
be able to count on each other.’ ” Thirteen
students made the cut.

“What has fascinated me was the
knowledge that everybody brings to the
table,” said junior Nick Basham. “Growing
up, I’ve been surrounded by people who
never really cared about the world outside
of America. I was really impressed by everyone
on the team.”

Participant Katie Moore said, “I feel like I’m
in my element. This is something I actually want to
do in the future.”

Their first year, Gonzaga students represented
Denmark, whose problems on a world scale are
negligible. This year, in accordance with the Jesuit
preference for works in Africa, Imasua requested
an African country. Word arrived in November:
The delegates would represent the Republic of Liberia.

Challenges lay ahead. Delegates had to
understand the processes of the U.N. They needed
to know Liberia inside out – its political system,
history, culture, economy, educational system,
forestry, policy and more. They also researched
Liberia’s neighbors to learn their priorities and
practices. And because Model U.N. is a new
program at Gonzaga without its own funding
source, they raised money for their trip.

Delegates wore business attire to weekly
meetings in the Crosby Center. They learned how
to form convincing arguments, to speak powerfully
in public. Also, they learned to think about how
various factors are involved in determining a
state’s interests on an issue, said Stacy Taninchev,
faculty adviser and assistant professor of political
science. They absorbed the bloody wars of Liberia,
its American roots and continuing affection for the
United States. And they wrote fund-raising letters
and worked at other fundraising projects. The
workload more than equaled a year-long course.

Taninchev calls the Model U.N. program a
great supplement to her teaching. Patty, turning to
his Army background, emphasized the leadership
attributes of competence and confidence, and
supported Imasua as chief delegate. Otherwise,
Patty allowed the students to tackle the challenges,
who are competent and confident in their own
expertise; people who watch things happen;
and people who wander around wondering
what’s happening.” With a passion for creating
an impact and a commitment to building their
personal competence, Gonzaga’s delegates
became the first kind of people.

“No matter what we do, there’s always a
case for… the word ‘together’ –
I made an angry speech on the amendments offered by other
delegates.” Compromise eventually
ensued.

Gonzaga’s delegates worked for
small gains and explained issues to
their less prepared peers. While Liberia
lacked the status to snap a major win,
the addition of a single clause – even
a single word, the word ‘together’ –
could bend resolutions toward
Liberia’s interests.

After returning to Spokane,
delegates reflected on their
experiences, including how their paths
forward have been altered.

“… I was initially disappointed by
our country assignment. I thought
that because of Liberia’s instability
other delegations would disregard
our position and the lack of financial
leverage would inhibit who would
want to work with us,” wrote Lauren
Bardin. Strong preparation allowed
her a pivotal part in writing reports and
forming blocks of votes. “Researching
Liberia only made me more passionate
to pursue a career with an international
development organization.”

Bardin put her knowledge of Liberia
to work in an interview with the U.S.
Agency for International Development,
leaving her interviewer impressed.

Back on campus, Political Science
Department chairman Professor Bob Waterman
has agreed to add Model U.N. to the department’s
list of clubs. Discussions about funding continue.

And Imasua? In January at the federal
courthouse in Spokane, he became an American
citizen with Allen Patty cheering him on. As a
political science major, Imasua will study in
Zambia this summer with the Comprehensive
Leadership Program, Florence this fall and
graduate in spring 2011. He’s turning the Model
U.N. program over to others, but plans to do
graduate work in international relations. The
two men – a young Nigerian American and a
retired lieutenant commander turned leadership
mentor – both believe that Gonzaga will build
on its experience with Model U.N., shaping and
creating tomorrow’s leaders.
She's the eyes of the boat
A woman coxswain on the men’s crew team? It happens more often than you might think.

By Marny Lombard
Photo’s by Zack Berlat

A coxswain of the GU men’s crew second varsity boat, Crystal Huff has to live up to her name. She must practice a clear-headed coolness through the six heart-pounding minutes of a race. As the eyes of the boat, her ability to spot and outmaneuver any competitor’s rush is crucial to her role.

She also has to work with mental fire. Melding eight minds and bodies into one, she must become the siren who sings her crew across the finish line.

It’s a trick that eludes many coxswains.

“How to do that, how to make that connection with eight guys, 1,600 pounds of sinewy oxygen-burning muscle going 36 strokes a minute in a 210-pound shell over a mile and a quarter, all of them focused solely on you and your words, your voice inflections, your assessment of where the boat is and where everyone else is in the race? The word ‘trust’ comes to mind,” says Dan Gehn, veteran head coach of Gonzaga’s men’s crew team. But even that only hints at the necessary mental and emotional connection.

Huff will be a senior this fall. Already, she has mastery of her technical skills and a fluid feel for the boat. If she grows into a genuinely great coxswain – as Gehn thinks she will – she has a great chance of guiding the men’s crew team into the 2011 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships.

“I love racing. That is what we are all here for,” Huff said. “Sitting at the starting line with five other crews from around the country waiting for the announcer to call the start is the most exhilarating feeling in the world. Your adrenaline is racing.”


“It goes from dead silent to six coxswains all yelling at their crews,” Huff said. “For the next six minutes, I do not have time to think. It is all about reacting before another crew can. The feeling you have when you cross the finish line first – it’s all worth it.”

Gonzaga’s men and women’s crew teams have built a national presence, with annual invitations to row against East Coast powerhouse schools, in a region where crew has been practiced for centuries. At press time, the men’s team was waiting to hear if they received an at-large berth in June’s IRA Championships.

During practice a coxswain absorbs and relays a constant flow of direction from the coach to her rowers. Coaches Gehn and head women’s Coach Melissa Flint stress that they trust their coxswains to avoid catastrophe in the tight quarters and fluid conditions of a race. With each hand on a string or wire linked to a fist-sized rudder, the coxswain does most of the steering. GPS-equipped watches and years of experience help a coxswain set and change a boat’s pace instantaneously.

When Coach Gehn orders a 35-per-minute stroke rate to ‘settle’ after the opening sprint, he doesn’t mean 33 or 34. During a gusty March afternoon series of 10 100-meter sprints on Silver Lake, he slows his launch and demands of one of the coxswains: “What was that? I thought we were settling at 35.” In his push for excellence Gehn can be blunt.

But the intangible part of the sport is the motivation. Here is Crystal explaining how she powers her guys past rival rowers:

“Frankie, I want to be sitting at stroke seat (of the other boat). Get me to STROKE!”

Once I am there I will do the same with seven seat, Jeremy, and so on. They really like that call because it personalizes each stroke. I tell that person that I am depending on them to get me (opposite the other boat’s) next seat. We definitely get a feeling of accomplishment when we walk through the other boat, seat by seat.”

All this, with one handicap: The only person the coxswain can see from his or her seat in the stern of the shell is the stroke – the eighth man. The other seven? Nothing. Not a glimmer.

“As a coxswain you can’t see anyone’s body or face except the stroke’s. Instead you learn to tell everything they are doing from their oar. Over time I have just come to associate each oar with that guy. If I see an oar do something, say make a little extra forced movement, then I know that that guy. If I see an oar do something, say make a little extra forced movement, then I know that that person is lunging their body before the ‘catch’ (when the oar enters the water). You learn to see how each movement of the body affects oar’s movement through the water. A good coxswain develops the eye for those finest details.”

All this, and the chance for national victory? Huff says, “Alright, boys, it’s time to go.”
Share your ALUMNEWS

We're interested not only in the major milestones of your lives, but in the rest of your lives: volunteer work, vacation news and sightings of long-lost Zags. Please send word of adventures and accomplishments to gonzaga@gonzaga.edu, or by snail mail to Editor, Gonzaga Quarterly, Gonzaga University Marketing & Communications, 502 E. Boone Ave., Spokane, WA 99258-0070. Quality photos are appreciated, will be used if space permits, and returned to you upon request.

Fr. James Reichmann, S.J. (‘48 M.A.) received the Loyola Medal at Seattle University in February. The award honors individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to faith and great ideas, and a dedication to the pursuit of justice. Fr. Reichmann taught philosophy at Seattle University for 54 years before retiring in 2009.

Marjorie Mauk Twohy has published a collection of poems titled "Kaleidoscope." "I’ve been told that the poems are strong and good, and that there is not a bad poem in the book," she said. "That’s kind of critical that is dear to my heart."

Don Sharpe was offered a position as a senior visiting academic at Wolfson College, Cambridge University. Subsequent to his appointment, he will remain an associate of the college at Cambridge in perpetuity.

Michael Killeen (’77 J.D.) has been elected to chair the Seattle Goodwill Board. He is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Seattle and is the longest-serving Seattle Goodwill board member.

Brig. Gen. Mary Kight (M. Human Resources) became the first female adjutant general of the California National Guard. With this appointment, Kight also became the first African American female to hold the position in the nation. She has served in the California National Guard, the largest National Guard force in the nation, for nearly 25 years. Kight was previously the assistant adjutant general. Gov. Chris Gregoire (J.D.) was appointed co-chair of the Council of Governors. The Council was created this year to work with the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security and other defense and national security advisors. Gregoire was first elected governor of Washington in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

Anthony Montagna (‘81 J.D.) taught criminal law at Universum University in Prishtina, Kosovo during the fall of 2009 and since his return has written about Kosovo’s history and legal system. He lives in Bernardsville, N.J., with his wife Carmen and daughter Alyssa. Son Stephen is studying law at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Anthony switched gears to teaching law after 20 years of private practice.

Erin (Comfort) Dobinski has joined Windermere Professional Partners in Tacoma, Wash., and belongs to the Tacoma/Pierce County Association of Realtors and the Women’s Council of Realtors. Mike Ormsby (‘81 J.D.) was nominated U.S. Attorney for Eastern Washington by President Obama in March. Mike is a partner in the K&L Gates law firm in Spokane. His nomination will be followed by a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and vote of the U.S. Senate.

John Rudolf is high on Mount Everest. As the summer issue of Gonzaga Quarterly goes to press, Gonzaga friend John Rudolf is high on Mount Everest. Ascending and descending in a series of climbs that are acclimating him for a summit try, Rudolf has kept his Gonzaga audience in his hip pocket through the wonders of blogging.

Why this exuberant campaign to climb the biggest and baddest of the world’s seven highest summits? (Rudolf previously climbed the highest summits on six continents; see the fall 2009 issue of Gonzaga Quarterly.) It’s all about the Rudolf mantra: Live large and get involved.

Rudolf, a Seattle money manager, turned 82 while on Everest. He has morphed the climb into a fundraising challenge. Gonzaga’s educational programs in Zambia captured his attention and his heart in 2007, and Rudolf spent his last evening in Spokane before departing for Everest encouraging friends and fellow GU fans to support Gonzaga in Zambia via his climb. A dollar per foot gained in altitude? Two dollars? He also is promoting three other health- and youth-related programs.

In a last minute addition to Rudolf’s climbing equipment, a miniature Spike hitched a ride. That’s right. Gonzaga’s mascot, Spike, is climbing Everest. “Spike has truly captivated not only our team – note his new climbing harness that guide Garrett Madison made for him. But all the other teams on the mountain have become Spike boosters,” Rudolf blogged from the 17,600-foot Everest Base Camp.

The Rudolf Fitness Center was a gift to Gonzaga by John Rudolf to honor his father, the late Kermit Rudolf and his mother, Fran. Kermit served as GU corporate counsel, 1970-93. Read about Rudolf’s Everest climb at johnrudolf7summits.com.

Sarah Aanderud married Paul Wahlen on New Year’s Day in Seattle, Fr. Bruno Segatta presided, and Kimberly (Brockbank) Cronen attended. Sarah works for KIRO-TV CBS in Seattle and Paul is a teacher in the Franklin Pierce School District. Fr. Gregory

Sarah Aanderud and Paul Wahlen

Bruce MacNeill was recently promoted to chief financial officer for Kindred Healthcare’s northwest district, where he will oversee hospital financial operations in Albuquerque, Denver, Sacramento, San Francisco and Seattle. Bruce has worked for Kindred HealthCare, Inc. for 19 years. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Folsom, Calif., with their children, Kelsey and Christopher.

Larry Murillo is director of the Masters in Public Health Program at Idaho State University. In 2004, he earned his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. His research involved the study of Native American traditional health practices in Native American health clinics.

Dan Spalding designed the downtown Spokane Main Market Co-op sign, featuring the apple and table from the co-op’s logo. He worked with a local craftsman to create the pieces from recycled materials. “A general principle I use in design is to reuse and recycle,” Spalding said. “Recycled products have more historical weight and make a more interesting piece.” Dan has designed other spaces in Spokane including David’s Pizza.

‘Living large’ on the slopes of Everest

John Rudolf and Spike make their way through the 11-day hike to the Everest Base Camp.
Lynch, S.J. (*98 M.A.) is an assistant chaplain at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. He helps with the Spiritual Exercises retreat program, serves as the moderator of Pax Christi and mentors Holy Cross students who facilitate religious education classes in local parishes. Fr. Lynch, a member of the Wisconsin Province, spent several years as a high school history teacher and assistant swim coach at Creighton Preparatory in Omaha, Neb.

Randy Krause (*’08 M. Org. L.l.) is the new fire chief at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. His career in firefighting began in 1985 with the Air Force as an aircraft rescue firefighter. Randy has since held positions with Boeing and has developed strategy and safety program training for firefighters across the country.

Christine Gorger (*’99 M. Acct.) joined the program training for firefighters across the country. Gorger is a senior manager at KPMG. A former military police officer, Gorger has the unique background to help a supply department of 40 Marines, sailors and civilians. “I also managed millions of dollars worth of aviation components and funding to support the squadron,” she said.

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Who is this Zag?

The mystery photo of two women and two men that ran in the spring issue of Gonzaga Quarterly stumped just about everyone. Front left is Sister Laura Michels, who today serves as coordinator of liturgy for University Ministry. The two men, both Jesuits who are very much part of campus today, are Father Ken Krall, S.J., front, and Father Steve Kuder, S.J. The remaining young woman in the photo, apparently a student, has not been accurately identified by anyone.

This issue’s mystery Zag was beloved by many during his 30-plus years on campus, students and colleagues alike. He was friendly, warm-hearted, gentlemanly and encouraging – often finding ways to create scholarships and advocate for others. He carried a deep love and respect for students. His practical side came to the fore during the years of World War II, when he created a supply department of 40 Marines, sailors and civilians. “I also managed millions of dollars worth of aviation components and funding to support the squadron,” he said.

Hello, Afghanistan; goodbye, Marine One

Major Kevin Boyce (*’90) is an aviation supply officer in Afghanistan. As such, he handles “all the parts, people and money to keep the aircraft flying,” he said. “Since we buy a large number of items with the use of a government credit card, a lot of my time is spent ensuring we’re buying the right items with the right sort of funding and the right paperwork.”

In 2009, he completed a tour in a very different setting – with Marine One, the Presidential Helicopter Squadron. As the aviation supply officer, he was a part of a supply department of 40 Marines, sailors and civilians. “I also managed millions of dollars worth of aviation components and funding to support the squadron,” he said.

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Stiff & Associates, LLC in Albuquerque, N.M. The firm’s name is now Stiff, Keith & Garcia, LLC. Garcia’s practice is focused on insurance defense, employment law and probate. He is admitted to practice in New Mexico and Washington.

Dr. Mark P Bridenstine graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in internal medicine in May. After graduating from Gonzaga, he completed medical school at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, in 2007. He is pursuing fellowships to further specialize in endocrinology. Mark and his wife Marci make their home in Brighton, Colo.

Amy Fritsch and Michael Enright (’04, ’05 M.Com.L.) were married Dec. 12, 2008, in Los Angeles. They live in Seattle, where Amy works for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Michael works for the YMCA. Winston Brooks, a former Gonzaga basketball player, was recently hired as a patrol officer for the Coeur d’Alene Police Department. He also works with youth in juvenile correction facilities and coaches the girls basketball team for Gonzaga Prep High School. Thomas Moyer and Truc Kim Pham were married Jan. 20 a traditional ceremony in Hue, Vietnam. They will celebrate another wedding ceremony in Gig Harbor, Wash., this summer for those unable to make it to Vietnam. Katie Chamberlin and Kyle Malloy were married July 5, 2009. Katie teaches special education and Kyle is attending dental school in Portland. Army Captain Justin Pritchard was one of 28 recipients nationwide of the Army’s 2009 Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. The annual award recognizes junior officers for demonstrating exceptional leadership and for epitomizing the ideals of duty, honor and country.

Matthew Sullivan married Corey Condo in Denver, last fall. Matthew is a practicing attorney and Corey is a graduate student at the University of Colorado. They live just south of Denver. Jonathan Barber received his masters from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. He teaches religion at Salesian High School in Richmond, Calif. Recently, Jonathan took several students to Salinas, Calif., to feed the homeless and the poor. Jill Strait has been promoted to communications director for the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee. She previously served as press secretary for the committee.

Lee Trujillo and Lucas Christianson were married May 22 at St. John’s Catholic Church in Omaha, Neb. Both bride and groom received doctorates in medicine from Creighton University in May. Brice (Cordier) and Steve Perry (’04) were married on July 11 at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, Mont. Brice is a school psychologist with the Lake Washington School District in Redmond, Wash. and Steve is a detective with the King County Sheriff’s Office. They met at a cookie and punch social after St. Al’s 10 p.m. Mass. Mike Henniger (M. Leadership and Administration) joined Thompson River University in February as the associate director of international marketing, Thompson River is located in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Robert Cowan made his Berkeley Playhouse debut as music director for the recent rendition of “Singin’ in the Rain.” As a vocal director and conductor, he has also worked on shows including “The Music Man,” “Seussical,” “The Pajama Game” and “Guys and Dolls.”

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2010 Reunion Weekend
Fall Family Weekend
All-Military Weekend
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Who is your True Zag?
Take a walk down memory lane via video with some of Gonzaga’s finest Zags at www.gonzaga.edu/zagspirit. The True Zag initiative is part of the University’s response to the current economic challenges many families are facing. The University earmarked an additional $3 million this year in financial aid to meet the needs of incoming freshmen. A gift to one of Gonzaga’s Annual Campaign priorities will help ensure the next generation of students will be influenced by Gonzaga’s one-of-a-kind Zag spirit.
In Memoriam

Frank Burgess, a GU legend

Franklin Burgess (’61, ’66 J.D.) passed away March 26 in Spokane. He was a standout basketball player and judge. According to friends, “He loved the law. He loved people. And he loved Gonzaga basketball.” Judge Burgess served in the Air Force from 1964 to 1968 before making his way to Gonzaga.

During the 1960-61 season, he led the nation in scoring, averaging 32.4 points per game. He holds three of the top five single-season scoring averages in GU history. He made several All-American teams and was drafted in the third round by the Los Angeles Lakers. He opted to play for the Hawaii Chiefs in the American Basketball League. Burgess completed his Gonzaga law degree in 1966. He was a judge in Washington State Superior Court in 1981 and a federal judge in 1994.

“He was a legend on two courts,” said U.S. District Chief Judge Robert Lasnik, commenting on Burgess’ impressive legal and basketball careers. Burgess also served as a University Regent. A Zag true and through.

Students

Senior Lacey Jo Rosenebaum passed away March 30 in Spokane. She had knee surgery March 9 and passed away from a blood clot following the surgery. She studied business administration majoring in human resource management and was scheduled to graduate in May. Lacey tutored disadvantaged high school students and spent six summers working at the TH-Clips YMCA. “She gave unconditionally, always,” said Lynda Rosenebaum, Lacey’s mother. “She always cared about everyone’s troubles.” Gonzaga celebrated Lacey’s life with a memorial Mass April 2.

The University awarded Lacey’s degree to her parents at commencement in May.

Robin Hintz, graduate student in nursing, passed away March 7 after a motorcycle accident in Missoula, Mont. Robin was to receive her master’s degree as a family nurse practitioner in May. At the time of her death, she worked as a sexual assault nurse examiner with First Step Resource Center in Missoula.

Graduate education student Michelle Chechotko passed away after a fight with cancer on March 9 in Cranbrook, British Columbia. She was working toward her Master of Arts in Leadership and Administration in the School of Education.

Bruce Jaton (’44) passed away Jan. 7 in Sacramento, Calif. He served in the Army during WWII and directed U.S. Armed Forces Institute courses in Italy and Trinidad. Bruce played college football at Gonzaga and at the University of Washington. He was also an avid golfer.

Joseph Wagner (’50) passed away Jan. 23 in Riverside, Calif. He served in the Army Air Corps and, after WWII, worked in social work for 30 years, first at Catholic Charities, then the state of Washington, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and Riverside General Hospital. He had a profound commitment to helping disadvantaged youth and was interested in science, history and the natural world.

Ray McGahan (’50) passed away Feb. 19 in Spokane. He served in the Army during WWII. Ray worked for Boeing for 35 years designing airliner fuel delivery systems. He and his wife, Helen, were avid square dancers, and before his death he cared for Helen, who battled Alzheimer’s.

John Judge (’50) passed away Feb. 10 in Kansas City, Mo. He was a veteran with the Army Engineers.

J. Maurice Mulcahy (’52) passed away Dec. 28 in Helena, Mont. He attended Gonzaga on a baseball scholarship and distinguished himself in ROTC. Maury worked for Mountain Bell Telephone Company for 28 years. He was a true Zag.

“His Montana license plates said ‘Gonzaga’ and he lived his life on the court,” said his daughter, Rhonda.

Howard Lindeskug (’52 J.D.) passed away Jan. 3 in Wallowa, Wallowa County, Ore. He was a deputy prosecuting attorney and the Gonzaga Guild.

Clarence Block (’52) passed away Jan. 10 in Spokane. He served in the Navy and was aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown when it sank at the Battle of Midway.

Edward Sheldon (’53) passed away Sept. 13 in Havre, Mont. He was noted for his optimism and passion for politics and had been active in the civil rights movement in Tacoma.


Ernest Arnaldo (’54) passed away Jan. 2 in Bellevue, Wash. He served in the Army for 37 years attaining the rank of colonel. Emie loved to ski and travel.

Richard Noble (’55) passed away Jan. 28 in Yuma, Ariz. After medical school, he entered in the Navy and was trained as a flight surgeon. Richard retired from the Navy in 1969 and began private practice in anesthesia.

Billy Nelson (’56) passed away Feb. 15 in Sumner, Wash. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Bill worked for Communication Satellite Corporation in Bremerton, Wash., where he taught himself electrical engineering and was involved with the first color television pictures transmitted via satellite. He later joined PACCAR Corporation in Bellevue, Wash.

Donald Blichman (’57) passed away Jan. 22 in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. While at GU, Don and his wife lived in the Glover Mansion as caretakers. After spending studying physics in Seattle, Don and his family moved to Claremont, Calif., where he spent 35 years as a nuclear physicist with General Nuclearics.

Sr. Fidelis Kreutzer (S8), of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, passed away Nov. 5 in Beaverton, Ore. She received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifica medal given by Pope John Paul II in 1993 for outstanding service to the church.

David DeFoe (’61) passed away Oct. 17 in Spokane. He was a four-year letterman on GU’s boxing team. David worked for Pacific Gas Transmission Company for 34 years.

J. Frank Gorman (’62) passed away Jan. 5 in Spokane. After graduation he served in the Naval Air Division as a firefighter and developed a lifelong interest in aviation. He worked for Boeing, GE and Energy Northwest.

Allan Bunn (’66, ’81 M.A. Teaching) passed away Jan. 13 in Spokane. Al attended Gonzaga on a hockey scholarship. He played and coached through his undergraduate and graduate years. Al continued his love of the sport, playing with the Spokane Old Timers and coaching youth hockey.

Dorothy Lescer (’88) passed away Nov. 15 in Liberty Lake, Wash. She was an accomplished nurse and volunteer at St. Mary Highlands Hospital.

Jay Hite (’84, ’85 M.B.a.) passed away Jan. 20 in Spokane. He was a true Zag.

Charles Estey (’84) passed away Jan. 25 in Spokane. He had four loves in his life: family, golf, fishing and owning his own business. Chuck worked at Riley Engineering for many years before opening Northwest Mechanical Engineering in 2003.

Janice Newell (’84 J.D.) passed away Feb. 10 in Boise, Idaho. After earning her law degree, Jan clerked for Judge Alfred Hagan in the bankruptcy court in Boise and most recently worked for the Ada County Prosecutor’s Office.

Sharon Dyer (’87 Ph.D.) passed away Dec. 22 in Portland. She was the president of Cero Cosa Community College.

Col. Robert Mullin (’89) passed away Nov. 15 in Spokane. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Pacific Service Medal, among others, during 30 years in the Air Force. Bob completed his degree at age 70.

Catherine Keller (’91 M.A. Administration and Curriculum) passed away Dec. 29 in Spokane. She taught more than 1,200 elementary school children and retired in 1998.

David Vaughn (’93 M. Religious Studies) passed away Jan. 23 in Tempe, Ariz. He was ordained as a permanent deacon for the Catholic Church in 1988 and was a pastoral associate at Spirit of Life Church for 14 years. Most recently, David was chaplain of the North Dakota State Penitentiary.

Friends of Gonzaga

Elizabeth Taylor passed away Nov. 23 in Seattle. She was a mother, grandmother, sports enthusiast and philanthropist.

Doris Ganz, mother of Father Rick Ganz, S.J., passed away Nov. 15 in Spokane. In addition to raising her own children, she became a surrogate mother to several young people, primarily young Jesuits and Gonzaga students.

Lyla Fluke passed away Jan. 15 in Seattle. She suffered from myasthenia gravis, a muscle disease, but was one of very few patients known to go into a permanent remission. Lyla established a chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation in Seattle.

Yvonne Lyons, mother of Father Robert Lyons, S.J., passed away Feb. 6 in Spokane. She was involved with Philanthomia and the Gonzaga Guild.

Helen Powers passed away Feb. 7 in Williston, N.D. She was mother of three sons, all of whom were Gonzaga alumni.

Winifred Doohan passed away March 7 in Spokane. She and her husband bought K-L Manufacturing Company in 1968. The Doohans sent all four of their children to Gonzaga.

Allison Cowles passed away April 25 in Spokane. She and her first husband, Spokane-Review publisher William H. Cowles III, supported the University in many ways. They took lead role in helping to create the Rare Books Room in Foley Center Library.
Alaska: The Alaska Chapter teamed up with the Anchorage Parks Foundation for a local service project in May, which served as a warm-up for our Third Annual GU Family & Friend Fishing Derby, held June 12. Angela and Josh Korver of Anchorage again volunteered to coordinate a day of halibut fishing out of Kachemak Bay and a barbecue to round out the day. Fishing enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels participated. Comefall, the Alaska Chapter’s flagship event and annual fundraiser will be held on Oct. 9. Location and details to follow. Anyone interested in arranging donations may contact Brady Strahl. As always, we are grateful for your participation in all Alaska Chapter activities and events. We welcome your involvement in the planning and organization of these or other events. Contact: Brady Strahl at bstrahl@strahlco.com, 907.317.4572.

Dallas/Fort Worth: Our chapter has had a great turnout for monthly events, from our GU BBQ, Oktoberfest, hockey game, to many game watches. The Dallas/Ft. Worth chapter kicked off the Texas spring with a March Social for our annual service project, Rebuilding Together Greater Dallas Area. In April, we gave back to our community with another Rebuilding Together service project that we are proud to shout out was the third year of service that we have shared with the University of Dallas. Our final 2009-10 event was the May wine tasting at Farina’s Winery in Grapevine, Texas. We invite all area Zags to join our chapter. Events for 2010-11 are under review, and the board is open to suggestions. If you have ideas or want a quick alumni connection, contact Cynthia Reyes Methvin, chapter president, Gozags@centurytel.net or 940.497.5900.

Phoenix: The Phoenix Zags kept busy this quarter. We had several events, including a game watch for the Gonzaga-Memphis game and a few smaller get-togethers for the NCAA tournament hosted across the Valley. Several alumni had the opportunity to share their Gonzaga experience with future Zags at an event for prospective students in Scottsdale. We all had a chance to hear some of these accepted students’ aspirations and share with them how Gonzaga helped each of us achieve our goals. It was great to talk with them about what a special place Gonzaga is and the role it’s played in our lives. If you’re a Phoenix Zag who wants to stay connected, find us on Facebook under Gonzaga University Phoenix Alumni Chapter. We are always looking for volunteers and ideas on how to improve the chapter, from service events to networking. Contact: Billy and Robin Itule, gonzaga-phoenixalumni@gmail.com.

Seattle: March Madness for the Seattle Chapter was highlighted by a special game watch for the men’s basketball game against Florida State on March 18. The Gonzaga women’s basketball and coaching staff (who were in Seattle for their NCAA tournament games against North Carolina and Texas A&M), along with the band and dance team, joined Seattle Chapter alumni at FX McRory’s to cheer on the Zags to victory against the Seminoles and KIRO television covered the event on the evening news. Alumni pre-game socials were held at The Ram in University Village prior to each of the GU women’s NCAA games played at the Bank of America Arena. Seattle Chapter members helped the admissions office host a “Welcome Class of 2014” event on March 20. And on April 24, Seattle Chapter Zags, family and friends came together for the annual Gonzaga Seattle Service Day, partnering with Rebuilding Together to assist local low-income homeowners. Upcoming events this summer will include the annual Seattle Chapter night at a Seattle Mariners game. New chapter president is Matt Sullivan. Contact him at matsull@amazon.com, 425.218.7736.

Spokane: Not only do Spokane Chapter’s “Little Zags” have a scheduled program of activities, they have their very own T-shirt to wear. Amy Walker (’94), Gonzaga’s coordinator of Parent and Family Programs, thought it might be fun and useful to have gatherings for alumnae moms and their under-10-year-old tots. She has had enthusiastic support from Kara Hertz in the Alumni Office. Amy now chairs the “Little Zags” committee of the Spokane Chapter. In her first year, she has set up a couple of “Jump And Bounce” sessions at the eponymous facility in the Spokane Valley. Other events have included a field house athletic session in the Martin Centre, snow sports and a summer sprinkle run-through on the campus, a stroller walk and various other events. Starting out small with maybe a dozen participants, the program has grown to about 30 youngsters at the last jump-and-bounce, and that means one or more parents or caretakers of the very young in attendance, too. By the time you read this, a second parenting contest will have been conducted, in which written essays are submitted describing how parents use their Gonzaga education principles and philosophy in raising their children. Great prizes are awarded. As for the “Little Zag” T-shirt (available from the Alumni Office) – it’s emblazoned with the Zag Alumni logo with “(in training)” below. Contact: Rol Herriges, spgr@comcast.net.

Washington, D.C.: The D.C. Chapter is rocking! While the weather is nice, we are planning picnics, hikes and going to Baltimore when the Mariners are in town. We also are developing relationships with other Washingtonians through the Washington State Society and getting involved with activities like the Apple Cup game watch. We look forward to another great season of watching Gonzaga basketball, welcoming fellow Zags when they come to D.C., and are seeking new activities and opportunities to keep the Zag spirit alive. Contact: David Uhl, david.e.uhl@gmail.com, 253.241.0553.

2nd Annual National Alumni Service Project
Gonzaga’s Second Annual National Alumni Service Project will take place Nov. 1-5 in New Orleans. Join the Zags as Gonzaga alumni, parents and friends travel to the Big Easy for a one-week rebuilding effort to help bring back a city that has suffered so much. This project is coordinated by alumni volunteers on behalf of the Gonzaga University Alumni Association and Rebuilding Together, a national service organization. No skills are required, just a positive, can-do attitude. Participants must be over age 18 and must have had a tetanus shot within the last 10 years. The planning committee is seeking inexpensive lodgings in New Orleans. If you cannot attend, please consider donating airline miles or sponsoring a meal for volunteers. For more information, go to www.zagsonline.org/nola2010 or email zags.rebuild@gonzaga.edu.
Give me only your love and your grace

By Becky Nappi

Ignatius of Loyola was a young man of northern Spain, born of comfortable means, who loved adventure, especially of the warring kind. Then, in 1521, the physical adventures stopped when Ignatius, defending a fortress against the French, was shot by a cannon ball. It shattered one leg and badly injured the other.

Confined to bed during his lengthy recovery, Ignatius asked for reading materials, specifically the romance novels of his time. But the only reading materials available included a book about the life of Christ and the lives of the saints.

Reading these books led Ignatius to an intense conversion, and ultimately to the founding of the Jesuits and the creation of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, now undertaken by thousands of people each year throughout the world.

In 1989, when my husband and I participated in a Spiritual Exercises group through Gonzaga University, my health had been shattered by major surgery. As I recovered physically, the Spiritual Exercises allowed some soul recovery, too.

It's nearly impossible to explain the exercises, but here's an analogy: Picture a person who has neglected his or her body for awhile – not eaten right, nor exercised. Then this person adapts a daily fitness and nutrition routine. Over the course of several months, the person's body will become stronger and healthier.

The Spiritual Exercises are a pay-attention regimen for the spirit, requiring set-aside time every day for scripture readings, prayer and journaling. And the exercises require frequent meetings with a "personal trainer," a.k.a. a spiritual director.

Twenty years ago, mine was Fr. Pat O'Leary, S.J., now at Seattle University. We'd meet every couple of weeks and discuss scripture readings and my journal writings on those readings. Ignatius encouraged spiritual retreatants to place themselves within the gospel narrative and open their imaginations. To see, feel, hear – and even smell – the ancient times. I focused for several weeks on the apostle Peter who is always messing up. Encouraged by Jesus, he walks on water, but panics and nearly drowns. He falls asleep during Jesus' agony in the garden, and later denies even knowing Jesus.

At the end of our five-month time together, my spiritual trainer explained that meaning of the Spiritual Exercises would continue to unfold in my life. They have, indeed. When my father spent his final months of life in a nursing home, ravaged by Alzheimer's, I found solace in Ignatius' famous prayer, "Suscipe:"

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

It's a radical prayer in this contemporary age, when we believe we can control most things with intellect and will. My father taught at GU's law school for 45 years, yet his intellect and his memories were annihilated by disease. The prayer acknowledged my father's unique reality, and now, 14 years after his death, I remember the grace of that time, manifested in the actions of caring others.

In 1999, I enrolled at GU part-time to earn a master's degree in pastoral ministry. In 2002, I took an "Ignatian Spirituality" class taught by Mary Garvin, a Holy Names sister and GU religious studies faculty member. Garvin co-authored with two other women "The Spiritual Exercises Reclaimed: Uncovering Liberating Possibilities for Women."

The book is designed to help women navigate the Spiritual Exercises, which were written in the 16th century, when women's primary role was child-bearing. I wrote my final paper on the women mentioned (but never named) in the biographies of Ignatius. For instance, an older woman predicted Ignatius' lifetime altering work. A mother and daughter (the daughter in male disguise) were fellow pilgrims with Ignatius as he journeyed toward Jerusalem.

I was 34 when I did the Spiritual Exercises. As a journalist, I saw the world then in black-and-white terms with good guys and bad guys and not much in between. Now, in my mid-50s, I better understand the complexities of life. I realize that Ignatius was a man who fought spiritual battles once his physical adventures ended. Despite many conflicts and discouragements, he left behind a legacy that has been passed down through the centuries. The women he encountered on his life journey were struggling to understand their faith, just as modern women do now. And the apostle Peter was filled with flaws and doubts. Yet upon him, the church was built.

In the 20 years since I did the Spiritual Exercises, our country was shattered by Sept. 11 and the two wars that still rage because of it. The Catholic Church itself was shattered by sex-abuse scandals, shattering the faith of many. Yet the Spiritual Exercises continued to grow in popularity; you can even do them online in some places.

In times of trouble and uncertainty, we need a spiritual regimen that connects us to deeper things. Now more than ever, we need grace. On many days of my life, that is enough for me.

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Sixty years ago, Gonzaga graduated only a handful of women, including Sister Agnes Schweiger, above, wearing the white habit. By the time this young woman enrolled at GU, she already had served as a flight nurse during World War II. After graduating, she entered the St. Rose Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Over the next 24 years, she helped to educate thousands of nurses through her teaching at St. Francis Hospital and Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wis. Now 89, Sister Agnes seemed only mildly surprised to receive a phone call in May with questions about her Gonzaga graduation day. She enjoyed her years of teaching. She said, “I loved working with the young students.”