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## Boom-time growth easing; upsurge coming in University Relations

The University is expecting a 6-percent increase in tuition in the 2006-2007 academic year, and an incoming freshman class of 930. If those numbers sound familiar, it's because they are. The years of flamboyant growth in undergraduate enrollment are over, and revenue is stabilizing, said Father **Robert J. Spitzer, S.J.**, and Vice President Finance **Chuck Murphy** in a mid-semester report to faculty and staff.

Many expenses are expected to rise next year, from salaries, which are expected to increase by approximately \$1.5 million to \$53.7 million, to an increase in operating expenses (including utilities) from approximately \$23 million to \$26 million. Capital expenses of \$3.1 million will go largely to renovation and furnishing of Marian Residence Hall and the newly named Duff and Dorothy Kennedy Apartments (formerly referred to as the Colonial Bowl apartments). Projections call for \$1.5 million in the reserve fund, an increase over this year's \$1 million reserve.

Father Spitzer said that hiring is under way for five new major gifts officers; those hires are

being done this year and next, in anticipation of the next capital campaign, which will focus on endowment. "So you'll see an upsurge in University Relations, but it will pay for itself fifty times over."

Four new faculty are being hired for next year; hiring also is needed for the new nursing program, computer science positions, and the distance learning program.

New budget items include spending on a retention strategy, in response to the fact that 56 undergraduates did not choose to return to campus this fall. Analysis is under way on that issue.

Improvements to Mulligan Field are also listed among new expenses. "Every fall, it just turns into a mud bowl," Murphy said. "Those



*The Colonial Bowl project has been formally named the Duff and Dorothy Kennedy Apartments, after Trustee Emeritus Duff Kennedy and his late wife.*

improvements may be offset by fee revenue. It's our only outdoor site for club and intramural play, so it's worth the investment."

Preliminary plans for the new performing arts center were approved in October by major benefactor **James Jundt**. Construction of the new baseball stadium could start this summer, depending on fund raising. And finally, construction of a new student center is planned in conjunction with the next campaign.

## Perpetual endowment gives Hogan program solid footing for the future

**Ed and Lynn Hogan** have announced a perpetual endowment of \$250,000 per year for the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program. The landmark contribution comes to Gonzaga from the Hogan Family Foundation.

"This extraordinarily generous gift will go a long way toward ensuring that the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program reaches its goal of becoming the premiere entrepreneurial program in the nation," said Father **Robert J. Spitzer, S.J.** "The Hogans' support has been – and will always be – the heart of this program."

Proceeds of the endowment will pay for more than two-thirds of the Hogan Program's operating

expenses and scholarships. This leadership gift will provide a perpetual base for the program and will draw additional sources of support as the program grows in prominence. The program has been built entirely through external money, said Hogan Program Director **Paul Buller**.

The Hogan Family Foundation committed to an initial \$150,000 annual gift to start the program which quickly became a \$3 million campaign pledge for annual program support and \$750,000 to build the Hogan Wing of the Jepson Center. With the growth and success of the program the Foundation's commitment has grown to \$250,000 per year.

Ed Hogan was one of nine children born to Irish immigrants. He grew up during the Great Depression and flew in the Naval Air Corps toward the end of World War II. After the war, he was a commercial pilot until 1959, when he and Lynn scraped together \$10,000 to start a travel agency, Pleasant Travel Service. The Hogans helped to create the Hawaiian tourism market. In 1998, they founded the Hogan Family Foundation to promote travel and tourism as an avenue to world peace.

Spitzer and Ed Hogan met in 1999. Father Spitzer spoke at a meeting of Catholic businessmen. Ed sat in the audience that evening and was

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## AROUND CAMPUS

● Seventy-six people bid in the Alumni Association auction for low numbers 3-25 on the new Zags' Washington State license plates, said Alumni Association Director Bob Finn. The Zags' plates will be available in January. Plate numbers 1 and 2 have been reserved for Gonzaga President, Father **Robert Spitzer**, S.J., and Chancellor, Father **Bernard Coughlin**, S.J., respectively. Information about the new plates is available on the Alumni services page of the Gonzaga website.

● Eighteen Gonzaga alumni are serving in the **Jesuit Volunteer Corps**, the second-highest number of all colleges and universities in the nation volunteering for the service organization. Only The College of Holy Cross, with 20, has more alumni in the JVC. Since 1956, over 12,000 women and men have made a commitment to serve where the need is greatest through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. As part of the largest Catholic lay volunteer program in the country, Jesuit Volunteers commit to working with the marginalized in society and to living in apostolic community with other JVs.

● The Gonzaga Symphony Orchestra, conducted by **Kevin Hekmatpanah**, will perform its fall concert at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5 at The Met (The Metropolitan Performing Arts Center, 901 W. Sprague Ave.). The Orchestra will perform Mozart's Adagio & Rondo for Violin and Orchestra, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in e minor, and Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major. The soloist will be **Giora Schmidt**. Admission is free to GU students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact the Gonzaga music department at (509) 323-6733, or visit its Web site at [www.gonzagamusic.com](http://www.gonzagamusic.com)

● The Gonzaga Choir and the Spokane Symphony Brass Quintet will perform the 119th annual Christmas Candlelight Concert at St. Aloysius Church at 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3.

## Computer Science move means benefit for students in the long run, AVP says

At the end of this academic year, the University's Computer Sciences program will move from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of Engineering, a move that is undertaken with the students' interests at heart, said Academic Vice President **Stephen Freedman**.

"Locating the Computer Science program in Engineering will give our computer science graduates the best possible opportunities when they enter the workplace," Freedman said. "That may be a hard truth for some

within the campus community to hear. It was, nonetheless, paramount for me when it came to making this decision."

School of Engineering Dean **Dennis Horn** sketched out the future of the program:

"With new resources being made available to the program, we will be able to hire faculty with new areas of interest and expertise, expanding the breadth of the curriculum we will be able to offer our students," Horn said. "I am also truly excited about the commitment to begin a new, interdisciplinary graduate program in Information and Computational Sciences, emphasizing the application of powerful computing tools to a wide range of disciplines, from the natural sciences to engineering to business, just to name a few. I am convinced that in the long run, this decision is absolutely the correct

one for our students and for the University."

Freedman admitted that the process leading up to the move held some flaws, as well as considerable complexity. Discussions leading up to the October announcement were in a germinating stage for two years, but began in earnest at the beginning of the

summer. Freedman spent considerable time early in the academic year in talks with the four faculty most directly impacted, **Paul De Palma**, **Rob Bryant**, **Dan Hughes** and **Kathie Yerion**. All four faculty have agreed to move with the program.

The proposal went to a vote of the Academic

Council on Oct. 11, and was narrowly approved, in a 12-9 vote. With that advisory vote in hand, Freedman made the recommendation to Father **Robert J. Spitzer**, S.J. who approved the move.

Freedman said the transition proceeded considerably faster than is typical for similar matters in academia. Such a move ordinarily might have taken several years, allowing for more detailed discussions. In this case, interest from the Board of Trustees and the business community added to the complexity of the situation.

"I made a pragmatic decision about what is best for the University and for the students," Freedman said. "I hope that in years to come, we'll all be able to look back and say that it was the right decision."

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The senior gift of the Class of 2006 will help make possible a larger-than-life bronze bulldog statue to guard over the student entrance of the McCarthy Athletic Center. The seniors' goal is to raise \$25,000 toward the cost of the artwork. That's the largest goal ever set for a senior gift.

## Christmas festivities

\* **Wellness Christmas Party**, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m. check-in and a presentation on "Stress, the Cocaine of America," from 10-11 a.m. by Dr. Lenny Mees in the Globe Room at Cataldo.

\* **ROTC Party**, from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, 15 Dec., in the Ad Building University Lounge.

\* **Annual President's Christmas Party**, 7-9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, in the Globe Room.



## Focus On . . . Faculty Services moms close enough for hugs

**S**andy Hank, Fawn Gass, Diana Lartz and Nancy Masingale, all of Faculty Services, come to work knowing they're likely to see their college-age children if not today, then tomorrow.

These four office mates all have students enrolled at Gonzaga, taking advantage of the University's free tuition for dependents of full-time employees. Currently 86 children of Gonzaga employees are enrolled under the tuition waiver program.

These employees value the contact they have with their children. "He doesn't have to say a word. I can see it in his face if things are going well, and I can see if things are going badly," said Diana Lartz. Her son, **Scott Lartz**, is a freshman who lives on campus. Lartz, like the others, values the contact she has with her student. She doesn't see him every day. But she's there if he has a question or concern.

A bag of groceries delivered by mom? It's not so different from a care package, said Fawn Gass. But there's no postage to pay. Help needed with room mate issues? It's easily delivered.

These moms have learned that their students might perceive faculty differently from how they do. In one instance, Sandy Hank wasn't certain



*These moms in Faculty Services receive frequent visits from their children, who happen to be Gonzaga students, often seeking food and money, the moms claim. Pictured are (front row) Sandy Hank and her son Steven, and Scott Lartz and his mom, Diana; (back row) Tobey Gass and her mom Fawn, and Lisa Masingale and her mom Nancy. These four moms have almost 70 years of Gonzaga service under their collective belts . . . oh, and the collective age of these four kids is 77.*

that a particular professor would be a great match for her son, **Steven Hank**, who is a junior. "It turned out to be one of his best teachers."

Steven lives at home, so when he stops by Faculty Services he sometimes grabs the office

quilt and takes a quick nap on the floor.

The other evening, her daughter **Sarah**, a high school senior, was ready to submit her paperwork to Gonzaga. "Steven was checking her application, and her dad was reading her college essay. Steven looked at Sarah and said, 'If you think you love Mom now, just wait until you're at Gonzaga. You'll love her even more.'"

### Facts & Figures

*Gonzaga's tuition waiver benefit will total approximately \$3 million this year. Employees 55 years or older, with 10 or more years of service, retain the benefit for their dependent children after the employee's retirement or death, according to University policy.*

And on the students' side? Junior **Lisa Masingale** ticked through the advantages: Visits between classes. Mom buys her a latte sometimes, just to be nice. Dinner out, when she's low on cash. "I don't think there's anything I don't like about being on the same campus with my mom," she said.

## NOTEWORTHY

### New Hires:

**Connie Brown**, medical assistant, Health Center; **Shannon Dineen-Setzer**, assistant director of admissions, Law School; **Karen Kaiser**, assistant curator, Jundt Art Museum; **Laura Mathisen**, web development manager, Law School; **Joshua Tabor**, coordinator, Comprehensive Leadership program; **D. Gary Van Tol**, assistant baseball coach, Athletics; **Brian Vandendries**, instructor, Nursing.

### Goodbyes:

**Hyon Choi**, custodian II, Plant Services; **Lynda-Mary Labay**, custodian I, Plant Services; **Craig Schaefer**, assistant director of major gifts, University Relations; **Bridget Yacker**, customer service assistant, Plant Services; **Devin Yates**, officer, Security.

### Promotions/New Assignments:

**Beth Cullitan**, to custodian III, Plant Services; **Galgalo Guyo**, to full-time officer, Security; **Joel Guzman**, to custodian I, Plant Services; **Jeanette Higginbotham**, to custodian II, Plant Services; **Terrence McLure**, to mail service clerk in training, Plant Services; **Kevin Reese**, to electrician I, Plant Services; **Carol Schoentrup**, to accounting assistant I/cashier, Student Accounts.

### Anniversaries:

**20** **George Morris**, sacramental minister/spiritual director, University Ministry.

### Cradle Call:

**Lisa Bennett**, associate professor, Counselor Education, and husband Bill are the parents of Livingston Ann. Born Oct. 26, she was 7 lbs 9 oz and 16½ inches.

## Virtual librarian is working, chatting nonstop

**I**n our get-it-now Information Age, it had to happen. Gonzaga has joined with 22 other Jesuit universities to create a 24/7 virtual reference librarian. This service, called Live Help, allows students, faculty and staff to chat with a librarian using interactive software which has a co-browsing capability. Using this software, librarians can show students how to search the library catalog, databases or the Internet step by step as well as chat with them in a real-time online environment. The link to Live Help is found on Foley's home page ([www.foley.gonzaga.edu](http://www.foley.gonzaga.edu)).

The genesis of the project came about through discussions by the AJCU library directors who meet on an annual basis. For the participants, the project allows libraries to extend their standard hours of service by distributing the staffing of online chat reference across many libraries and multiple time zones in the U.S. For students, this means they are able to chat with a librarian any time of the day or night and get assistance with library research, ask questions about library services and find immediate answers to their questions.

Online chat is an ideal environment for students to get specific pieces of information, such as verification of a fact or a date, or to

obtain recommendations on electronic or print resources to use in a paper or library project. For further information about Live Help, contact **John S. Spencer**, coordinator of reference and periodicals, [spencer@gonzaga.edu](mailto:spencer@gonzaga.edu) (323-6110).

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impressed by what he heard. He approached Spitzer about an interest he had long wanted to pursue in entrepreneurial education.

"Within 24 hours, Father Spitzer had a proposal in front of him," Buller recalled. "It was one of those entrepreneurial sparks that happen between two people." The Hogan Program opened in September 2000 with 23 students in the first class.

Today, nearly 100 students from many academic majors are enrolled in the four-year undergraduate concentration. Hogan students gain theoretical and hands-on knowledge of creating a business or social enterprise with an emphasis on ethical leadership.

## Administration hopes to create more faculty grant writing

Gonzaga's administration wants more of it. Some professors wish they had more time to do it. Grant writing is a topic du jour. In light of this interest, it's worth asking what grants are accomplishing on campus. Everything from bricks and mortar to new equipment, new positions and new programs, it seems, as well as research that benefits students' learning and professors' teaching.

"Some of the best teachers are the researchers and the grant-getters," said **Carol Bonino**, director of foundation relations. "We hear that from the students."

In Professor **Nancy Staub's** biology lab, students study cross-sections of salamander skin, trying to unlock secrets of salamander courtship. She and others in her department use grants to keep their labs operating and their students learning.

"Students learn how to do science. They learn the frustrations of lab work and also the thrill of getting something to finally work! They gain a deeper understanding of where all the information that they've been reading in their textbook comes from," says Staub, who chairs the Biology Department.

ment.

The payoff? Graduate **Ryan MacDonald** ('05) recently wrote to Staub: "I am truly happy here at Mayo and I never forget that it is thanks to you and other professors at Gonzaga... Thanks to the research I did in your lab, I learned how to learn."

Grants sent history Assistant Professor **Andrew Goldman** and alumni to Turkey last summer for archaeological work.

Engineering Professor **Max Capobianchi** uses grant money for research on software to model the electrical behavior of integrated micro-chips in the presence of thermal interaction, research that strengthens his teaching. One of his long-term projects is to build a supersonic wind-tunnel, funded with external money. In other words, more grants.

Some research universities require that faculty bring in \$100,000 annually in research grants in order to keep their jobs. At Wellesley College, said Director of Government Relations **Denny McMonigle**, faculty who take a sabbatical must write a national grant. What approach might suc-



For Nancy Staub's students, lab work is learning.

ceed in creating more grant writing at Gonzaga?

The answer from the Academic Vice President's Office includes two elements. First is establishment of a grants office that will offer more faculty support than now available in writing and administering grants, said Associate Academic Vice President **Gary Weber**. Second, academic grant writing will be viewed as an element of professional development that is valued by the University and is integral to faculty reappointment, tenure and promotion.

## Dean Bell-Garrison finds spirit of Florence thriving

When Dean of Library Services **Eileen Bell-Garrison** and her husband Ken arrived in Florence, the plan was for her to spend four days teaching, and then for Eileen and Ken to set off down the coast of Italy for a week's tour—a second honeymoon.

During Eileen's second day working to give faculty and students a better grasp of the online library resources, **Ken Bell-Garrison** headed out into the countryside riding a rented scooter. He crashed and badly injured his foot.

"He had to go home for surgery. It was a very serious fracture," Eileen said. "I was devastated." Unsure of how to cope with the emergency far from home, she found herself in the best possible hands.

The Florence staff took over. Interim Florence Dean **Patrick Burke's** assistant worked the phones for hours, negotiating with United Airlines for reservations, wheelchairs at every airport. A full row of five seats was opened up for Ken on the trans-Atlantic flight, as he could put no weight on his foot.

Eileen's second honeymoon went out the window. Instead, she was embraced by the Florence program, students, faculty and staff. They whisked her away for a weekend trip to Sorrento. She ate in restaurants where tourists never go, places with hams hanging from the rafters and dogs sleeping on the floor. She had more time than expected for her teaching, and



Eileen and Ken Bell-Garrison on the Ponte Vecchio shortly after their arrival in Florence.

then came the luxury of unscheduled time with students. Listening to their tales of Florence and their assessment of the program, she came away knowing that the Florence program is thriving.

"They were all so-o-o kind to me," Eileen said. It was a time of intimacy, a time for Gonzaga's spirit to help heal her worries and dashed hopes.

Ken has a metal plate and 10 pins in his foot. He was due to get a second cast on Dec. 1, one that will allow him some mobility. Eileen finished her travels with a good stay in London, teaching there as well. As for that second honeymoon? Eileen and Ken's son will be a freshman next fall, and in just a few years he'll be a junior...

## Boone Avenue vacation talks under way

The University has begun discussions with the Knights of Columbus, St. Aloysius Church and the city to vacate two blocks of Boone Avenue on the western side of campus. Plans call for a grassy mall from Pearl to Astor with a bricked walkway, similar to the Johnston Mall in front of the Ad Building.

The targeted stretch of Boone carries very few vehicles, and the city is expected to agree to the plans. It is hoped that this work could be completed around the same time as the opening of the Kennedy Apartments, said **Ken Sammons**, director of Plant Services.

In other changes on the western side of campus, when construction gets under way for the Theater Arts Center, the maintenance building and warehouse will move into the former KASCO Building at 202 E. Sharp Ave. Those two buildings will be torn down to make way for parking to be used for general campus use during daytime hours and the Theater Arts Center during evening hours.

The University also is proposing to the city that Sharp Avenue becomes two lanes, in a traffic-calming strategy that is designed to enhance pedestrian safety while creating a more campus-like setting.

The University will be participating in a large area-wide traffic study that will include the downtown core and the University District. There is no timetable set on those changes.