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## It takes a village to plan . . . four simultaneous, historic events on Oct. 22-24

The third weekend of October will draw thousands of alumni, parents and guests to campus for a remarkable confluence of events.

**Presidential Inauguration** on Friday, Oct. 22 will be held in the McCarthy Athletic Center from 3-4 p.m. with a reception to follow. Classes will be canceled from 2 p.m. on. Did you know: Among the invited guests will be presidents and high-ranking guests from other universities. Who decides what order these dignitaries enter and are seated? Tradition calls for the oldest university to enter first, explains **Susie Prusch**, University event manager.

**Fall Family Weekend**, Oct. 22-24, alone is expected to draw 3,000 or more parents and family members. Activities range from "Classes without Quizzes," to club sports, a crew regatta, art show, choir concert, "Romeo and Juliet," GU's Costco Night, special interest programs and faculty demonstrations and lectures, an open house with the Jesuit Community and apple picking at Green Bluff. The single most popular event? It may well be the GAMP and Career Center program on Saturday afternoon, devoted to "parents who are interested in having their student gainfully employed after graduation."

**2010 Reunion and All-Military Reunion** – Planners expect at least 300 participants and are prepared for 500. The schedule for all-military alumni runs from training with current ROTC cadets at Camp Seven Mile, to a formal dinner with Dr. McCulloh and Brigadier General Joseph Carvalho ('79), to a Hero's Mass on Sunday morning.

Alumni sometimes say they have a tough time getting away to attend reunion, but "once they leave on Sunday they say they had the time of their life," said **Bob Finn**, alumni director. Reunion and Fall Family Weekend planning goes on year-round. Already, the Alumni Office has selected the Knights and Setons (or the Spurs, as was originally the case) to be next year's reunion affinity group.

However, inauguration planning, coming infrequently as it does, demands a whole new approach.

"The very first thing I did was pull out the two thick files I had from the inaugurations of Father Glynn and



*Angela Ruff, Susie Prusch, Laura Gatewood and several colleagues enjoy each other's company while they get inauguration invitations ready to mail.*

Father Spitzer," Prusch said. "I took them home and read every word. This way I had a good starting point with copies of the programs from their inaugurations."

The event involves details that nobody would imagine. Event planners on campus thrive on contingency planning. "We invite the presidents of our higher education neighbors in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana to march in the academic procession at the beginning of the Inauguration. Did we hear back from all those universities so we know which ones to list in the Inauguration program? Then, because they are our guests, we had better feed them lunch. So we make those arrangements. All right, will these delegates all remember to bring their own academic robes – and what happens if they arrive and forgot to bring their robes? Do we have enough to let them borrow a gown if necessary? Oh, dear. Perhaps we had better order a couple of extra gowns just in case. And the list goes on and on."

Details start coming at Prusch all hours of the day and night. "In the middle of the night I reach out

blindly, grab the phone, call myself at my office and leave me a voice mail message – and then I politely say good-bye – to myself. Such is life," Prusch said.

Hours are spent on simple tasks like stuffing envelopes with invitations. The silver lining is the camaraderie.

"I love that this event involves the entire Gonzaga community, from students and the faculty to the greater Spokane community and our university partners," said **Whitney Franklin**, events and stewardship specialist. "This campus is about community and because of this community we have a great event support system. From Campus Services to the McCarthy team and everyone in between, events are not a one-man show.

"The inauguration of our 26<sup>th</sup> president is a monumental moment of Gonzaga's history. I hope that the Gonzaga community participates in these events. It is a moment that reminds us to reflect on our amazing history and our exciting future," Franklin said.

## Reyes is 'tilling the soil, pouring the footings' for the Center for Global Engagement

As interim director for Gonzaga's Center for Global Engagement, **Raymond Reyes** moves from the nitty-gritty – reviewing job descriptions – to the visionary – writing a mission statement – to the inspirational – soaking in the stories of students during a Saturday debriefing and learning how their summer experiences in Zambia affected them.

The new center gives several GU programs a common home, structure and leadership. Located together in the Schoenberg Center are Studies Abroad, the International Student Programs, the English Language Center and faculty-led programs such as Gonzaga-in-Zambia. All were previously independent.

The Center is designed to help fulfill goal five of Gonzaga's strategic plan, which seeks "to develop men and women for a more just and humane global community."

Reyes, Gonzaga's associate academic vice president and chief diversity officer, emphasizes the foundation-building that his job entails. "I'm tilling the soil and pouring the footings," he said. But, ask Reyes for an inspirational moment, and he describes several. "Every day when I walk into my living room – the commons area of Schoenberg – I see the world: students from Saudi Arabia, China, Africa and many other places, and I also see (mainstream) Gonzaga students. I walk in and see that and think 'This is why I do the work.' We're bringing the world to Gonzaga and Gonzaga to the world."

He praises the expertise of the center's faculty and staff. "We are building on the goodness, the creativity and the passion of the people in these programs. We have lot of great people over here."

Gonzaga students studied in 26 countries in the past year. Reyes has begun talking with faculty about possible new programs in South Korea and Vietnam.



Raymond Reyes talks with parents during Orientation. In October, he will receive the Take Action Against Hate Award from the Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies.

## Beauty to bloom as year's theme

Beauty, this year's interdisciplinary theme, will emerge during the year in, well, a beautiful variety of ways.

The freshman read, "The Picture of Dorian Gray" focuses on issues of beauty and narcissism in Oscar Wilde's classic novel. During one Orientation dinner, Sodexo displayed fresh, local produce alongside rotting food bound for the new composter-composter behind the COG.

"The O-Core did a great job with incorporating the theme into Orientation," said **Matt Lamsma**, associate director of housing and co-chair of the Interdisciplinary Theme Committee.

A campus garden will bring forth another kind of beauty next spring and summer. Students led by **Todd Dunfield**, associate director of the Center for Community Action and Service Learning, will grow vegetables for Campus Kitchen. And the April's Angels annual student clean-up event will beautify between 10 and 15 houses in the Logan neighborhood.

Other events will be announced in coming months.

## Florence library going electronic

The Gonzaga-in-Florence library is saying good-bye to its old card catalogue and going electronic. Florence librarian **Emily Grayson** spent a week in training this summer at the Foley Center Library. Foley staff have entered much of the Florence data into OCLC, a worldwide database of bibliographic records. "We hope to have this part of the project finished by January with implementation of the new Florence catalog to take place next spring. Students and faculty in Spokane will be able to determine what materials are in Florence, which will facilitate planning for courses," said Foley Dean **Eileen Bell-Garrison**. Additionally, the Florence library will be able join a library consortium, broadening Gonzaga's resources.

## Budget news good; Trustees look to sharpen pencils

University finances will be a focus of the Board of Trustees when they meet Oct. 14-15 on campus.

They will receive a report on the past fiscal year, which ended May 31, with revenues exceeding expenses, said **Chuck Murphy**, vice president for finance. He attributed that to enrollment performance, delay of discretionary spending, and positive return on endowment investments last year over the previous year.

Trustees will review official fall 2010 enrollment, which will show record numbers. The preliminary 10-day count showed 7,839 students enrolled, including 4,823 undergraduates. While the freshman class (1,119) decreased this year by 120 students – by design – overall enrollment re-

fects the three record-setting classes that represent Gonzaga's sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Trustees will begin discussion of preliminary budget planning parameters for fiscal 2011-12. In the current economic climate, there will be pressure to keep rate increases to a minimum and control costs accordingly, Murphy said.

Faculty Senate President **Rose Mary Volbrecht** will address the Trustees. "I will invite Board members to participate in a series of conversations with faculty in the next two years. The purpose of these conversations is for faculty to share with Board members their ideas about what we see as our mission as Gonzaga faculty and the challenges to doing this work well," Volbrecht said.

## Retiring from 'the toughest job' on campus, Connell's impact has been significant

For almost 18 years **Jacinta Connell** has held what many think is the toughest job at the University, executive assistant to the president. She has handled her job with great resilience, diplomacy, respect, efficiency, gate-keeping and a large dose of humor.

She has served five presidents – **Fathers Coughlin, Glynn and Spitzer, Harry Sladich**, and **Dr. Thayne McCulloh**. She has decided to retire the end of October.

"First and foremost, she is totally selfless," said finance vice president



Jacinta Connell began working at Gonzaga in 1993.

**Chuck Murphy**. "She has put her personal needs aside and made Gonzaga and service to the president her primary focus."

"She has worked a lot of seven-day weeks," said **Bethany Prince**, who worked for Connell in the president's office. "She is highly organized, competent and knowledgeable about the university."

"She held that office together during the transition from Coughlin to Glynn, to Sladich, then Spitzer," said **Annette Barta**, who worked for Connell in the mid-'90s. "She is wedded to this place. Some people are born with the drive to succeed. Jacinta is one of those."

She had to make tough calls from time-to-time. Not all were popular. But the people of the University always

came first with her.

"Whether you were a student or a major benefactor, you always got 100 percent of her attention," Murphy said. "And as a vice president I have been confronted with issues in which I didn't know all the facts to a situation. If the president wasn't in, Jacinta could always fill in the gaps."

"I wanted to nominate her for the Mission in Service Award," Prince said. "But so much of what she does we can't talk about. It's the nature of her work for the president. But she certainly is deserving. She means the world to me."

And to so many whose lives she has touched.

## NOTEWORTHY

### New Hires:

**Logan Axon**, assistant professor, mathematics; **Rebecca Bull Schaefer**, assistant professor, School of Business; **OJ Cotes**, lecturer, School of Education; **Drew Cowens**, assistant women's rowing coach, Athletics; **Carolyn Cunningham**, assistant professor, communication arts; **Julie Doyle**, lecturer, nursing; **Deborah Ellis**, program assistant II, UMEC; **Todd Finkle**, assistant professor, entrepreneurship; **Jacob Forster**, lecturer, chemistry; **Adrian Freuen**, lecturer, art; **Gergely Gidofalvi**, assistant professor, chemistry; **Elizabeth Goldstein**, assistant professor, religious studies; **Sarah Guzman**, administrative secretary, law development; **Edward Hamilton**, lecturer, physics; **Deborah Harmon**, academic records evaluator/computer operations tech, Admission; **Kellie Jackson**, lecturer, history; **Colleen Kinney**, academic records evaluator/computer operations tech., Admission; **Grant Lenarduzzi**, lecturer, School of Education; **Rebecca Marquis**, assistant professor, modern languages; **Guy Meier**, lecturer, chemistry; **Lisa Miklush**, assistant professor, nursing; **Keya Mitra**, assistant professor, English; **Joseph Mudd**, instructor, religious studies; **David Oosterhuis**, assistant professor, classical civilizations; **Joseph Orlando**, campus minister, Gonzaga-in-Florence; **Robert Packer**, lecturer, psychology; **Nancy Tucker**, lecturer, nursing; **Lawrence Weinstein**, lecturer, psychology; **Timothy Westerhaus**, instructor, music.

### New Positions/Promotions:

**Sarah Everitt**, associate director, Financial Aid; **Brenda Senger**, lecturer, nursing.

### Goodbyes:

**Janelle Axtell**, program assistant III, CCASL; **Patricia Burns-Hart**, career services counselor, Law School; **Jewel Gurule**, program assistant II, Student Life; **Rick Jones**, associate vice president, Finance; **Roberto Lomas**, custodian, Plant; **Marcia Menard**, administrative secretary, Counseling Center; **Chad Palmer**, academic records evaluator/computer operations tech., Admission; **Brian Sattler**, custodian II, Plant; **Brian Spraggins**, assistant dean and director of diversity; Admission; **Jay Tully**, grounds-keeper, Athletics.

### Anniversaries:

**20** Lori Leonard, operator II, switchboard.

**10** Beth Cullitan, housekeeper, Jesuit House

**5** Shannon Dineen-Setzer, assistant director of admissions, Law School; **Connie Harding**, registered nurse, Health Center; **Karen Kaiser**, assistant curator, Jundt Art Museum; **Eric Loran**, custodian, Plant

### Cradle Call:

**Shelly Radtke**, associate director of the Rudolf Fitness Center and her husband recently had a baby girl, Peyton, born Sept. 3. **Annie Voy**, assistant professor, economics, and her husband **Ryan Herzog**, assistant professor, economics, welcomed son Landon on Sept. 2. **Tom Buck**, senior systems administrator, Central Computing, and his wife recently had a baby boy, Gregory, born Sept. 9.

## 'Romeo, Juliet' opens season

2010-11 productions in Magnuson Theatre include:

"*Romeo and Juliet*" by William Shakespeare, Oct. 22, 23, 28, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 30, 8 p.m.; Oct 23 and 31, 2 p.m.

"*Chicago, A Musical Vaudeville*," book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse, music by John Kander with lyrics by Fred Ebb, Jan. 28, 29, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 30, 2 p.m.; Feb 4-5, 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 5-6, 2 p.m.

"*A Streetcar Named Desire*" by Tennessee Williams, March 23 -26, 7:30 p.m.; March 27, 2 p.m.

*The Spring Dance Concert* is "Celebrating Ten Years of Dance Concerts," April 14-16, 7:30 p.m., April 16, 2 p.m.

For ticket prices and more info, search Gonzaga's Web site for 'this year's productions.'

## FOCUS ON . . . History in the making

**G**onzaga's history department includes a faculty of great character. . . and numerous characters. See Exhibit #1 below. And there's great history in this department, as well. Father **Tony Via**, S.J., has been a fixture here for 45 years, **Robert Carriker** for 43, same for **Betsy Downey**. **Steve Balzarini** checks in at 32 years. And he drives 60 miles to work every day from Colfax, Wash.

For many years, Fr. Via ran the Gonzaga-in-Florence program. Carriker has traveled the Lewis and Clark Trail, and is an often-sought expert and author on the explorers' two-year trek. Downey dances with wolves in Yellowstone Park and has her own pictures to prove it. She did the research for the National Geographic documentary, "In the Valley of Wolves," which lists her in the credits as "wolf historian."

Father **Michael Maher**, S.J., continues to work with the Missionaries of Charity in archiving Mother Teresa's artifacts from her time spent in America. He has taught ballroom and Irish dancing.

**Andy Goldman** digs what he does. He stud-

ies Roman archeology and since 1992 has excavated a small Roman military fort at ancient Gordian in Turkey. In 2010, he traced over 2,000 miles of the path of Alexander the Great while leading a tour of educators and students.

**Rob Donnelly** is an expert on the mafia and soon is coming out with a new book, "The Dark Rose: Organized Crime and Corruption in Portland."

**Eric Cunningham** is fluent in Japanese; **Ann Ostendorf** has an interest in folk music in the Mississippi Basin; department Chair **Kevin Chambers** studies rural Paraguay and its dictators, and speaks Guarani.

**RaGena DeAragon** studies women and families of 20<sup>th</sup> century England and enjoys painting and photography. **Ted Nitz** is an unsung hero, who runs the international relations program with 135 majors... by himself. **Kevin O'Connor** has published three books since 2003 on Russia in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the Baltic states.



Exhibit # 1: History's cast of characters includes (sitting) Rob Donnelly, Fr. Tony Via, S.J., and Bob Carriker. Standing Betsy Downey, ReGena DeAragon, Kevin Chambers, Eric Cunningham, Fr. Mike Maher, S.J., Kevin O'Connor, and Steve Balzarini. Not pictured Ted Nitz, Ann Ostendorf, Andy Goldman.

## Law Clinic serves those in need for 35 years

**W**hat was founded as a general practice law clinic 35 years ago with a handful of students who worked on all cases together, has grown into a clinic of specialty areas including consumer, federal tax, environmental, Indian, elder, business and general practice law. Today, the Law Clinic has 55 to 60 students working under the direction of eight attorneys.

University Legal Assistance, the clinic's formal name, is directed by **Larry Weiser**. This non-profit program is designed to benefit low-income and disadvantaged members of the community, while providing Gonzaga Law School students

with hands-on training.

"Over the last 35 years, we've become part of the fabric of the education of the law school," Weiser says. "And that's significant. When you come into the law school and you look to the right, there we are."

The clinic was founded by **Mark Wilson** and **Jeff Hartje** in 1975. **George Critchlow** and **Alan McNeil** were integral to its development, as has been Weiser, who credits former Dean **John Clute** for creating the foundation for the clinic to be an important part of the law school's core curriculum.

## Listen up, Zags – it's time to learn the words to our new fight song

**D**avid Fague ('00), instructor of jazz studies, was hiking in the Grand Tetons, when a melody came into his head. Fague sang it to himself over and over to imprint it on his memory. Even then, he knew it would make a great Gonzaga fight song. This happened in 2002.

Last year, the Kennel Club officers decided it was time to create new traditions, including a new fight song unique to Gonzaga. They approached Fague. He heeded their request and immediately began arranging the song for the Pep Band, which he directs.

For lyrics, Fague turned to senior **Kevin Laxar** ('10), a musician and English major. The duo worked all through winter break. They wanted to reflect not just Gonzaga's spirit of heart and hustle, but Gonzaga's Jesuit tradition and school colors. The title, "Go Gonzaga," was easy. The "Go Gonzaga" chant had been popular during Fague's student years, especially in '99 when the men's basketball team played in the Elite Eight. The cheer continues to be a staple at Gonzaga basketball games and is included in the new fight song.

In last spring's WCC and NCAA tournaments, Fague



David Fague, Pep Band director, visits with Spike before a game.

led the Pep Band in a rousing instrumental version of the new song. Reaction from students and alumni was uniformly good.

Later this fall, when fans start singing "Go Gonzaga" at athletic and spirit events, it will be that same catchy tune that Fague discovered in the Wyoming mountains, while hiking with his GU buddies.

### Go, Gonzaga!

Gonzaga Bulldogs, rally and fight!  
With heart and hustle, triumph tonight,  
Defend the Kennel with all your might  
Bringing glory to our Alma Mater

Mighty Bulldogs, answer the call,  
And champions we will be!  
With Jesuit pride,  
Defend the blue, red and white  
Fight on to Victory!

G! O! N! Z-A-G-A!  
G! O! N! Z-A-G-A!

Go! Gonzaga! G-O-N-Z-A-G-A!  
Go! Gonzaga! G-O-N-Z-A-G-A!  
Go! Gonzaga! G-O-N-Z-A-G-A!  
Go! Gonzaga! Fight! Fight! Fight!

## Men's basketball gets crazy

**K**raziness in the Kennel returns Friday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. in McCarthy Athletic Center. The No. 9 ranked Zags men will debut their 2010 season for a national television audience on ESPN's Midnight Madness special, along with other featured schools No. 1 Duke, No. 5 Kansas State, No. 13 Kentucky and No. 19 Memphis. Doors open at 5:30. Admission is free, first-come, first-seated. KGA 1510 AM radio will air a 90-minute season preview show that day from 6-7:30 p.m. live from the McCarthy Athletic Center. KGA talk show host Toby Howell will broadcast "The Locker Room With Toby Howell," 4-6 p.m.

## Swain's videos help develop your skills

**G**ot five minutes to learn specific actions you can take today to improve your personal and professional lives? Jason Swain, manager of employee and organization development, offers a new series of video podcasts called "Back to the Drawing Board" for all Gonzaga faculty, staff and students.

Swain releases one video per month. Available at [www.gonzaga.edu/drawingboard](http://www.gonzaga.edu/drawingboard) are:

- "Tuckman's Stages of Group Development" – How to develop teams to the highest levels of performance
- "When E-mails Miss Their Mark" – How to use e-mail to enhance productivity instead of destroying it
- "Process vs. Content" – How to establish and maintain an environment of professionalism and respect
- "Principled Negotiation" – Resolve conflict by creating mutually beneficial solutions

Swain's next video, to be released Nov. 5, is titled "The Four Cornerstones of Trust." It covers understanding what trust is, how to create it, maintain it and rebuild it.

Swain is developing five more podcasts, adding one to the website each month. For more information, contact him at



Jason Swain has gotten strong feedback on the videos. "Faculty are showing the videos in class to help students prepare to lead and work effectively with others. And several managers show the videos during team meetings to spark discussions on how to improve efficiency and effectiveness."

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Swain's videos vary from three to five minutes. He records them with production help from students in Assistant Professor **Mike Fitzsimmons'** industrial video class.

## PACCAR Center finalist for Catalyst Award

**G**onzaga's PACCAR Center for Applied Science is a finalist for a Catalyst Award for technology. The awards will be announced at 4 p.m., Oct. 6, in the East Lobby of the McCarthy Athletic Center during University District Month in Spokane. For the first time Gonzaga will host the public kickoff event. Representatives from various educational institutions and businesses in the U-District will attend.

The awards recognize innovation and technological accomplishments by individuals, organizations and businesses, fostering economic growth and prosperity in the Inland Northwest. This year's theme is "Educate – Innovate – Celebrate."

PACCAR earned the prestigious Gold certification from the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system.

Gonzaga strongly supports development of the U-District, which will add to the housing, entertainment and cultural opportunities for the thousands of its students who call the area home.