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**NOTEWORTHY**

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**New Positions/Promotions**

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**Cradle Call**

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**Focus on Gonzaga**

Three time marathoner, and unofficial house mother, Catherine Zeisner

When Catherine Zeisner turned 40, she realized that it was time to get healthy again. She joined a learn-to-run club in her hometown, London, Ontario. She began her running pursuits with an easy 10k fun run in December 2009. She finished last, but had a blast. Her friends and strangers cheered her on the end.

Inspired, she ran a half marathon in April 2010. She finished last again, “But that 245-pound big woman could run over three miles in under three hours,” she says. “People around me were proud of me, and encouraged me to go to the states and run a marathon.” By the way, Zeisner is a new assistant professor of educational leadership and administration here at Gonzaga, focused primarily on Education’s Calgary program.

In October 2010, in 101-degree Chicago temperatures, Zeisner completed her first marathon. She was a middle school vice principal at the time, and when she returned to her school, a male teacher told her “Big girls don’t run marathons.”

Diagnosed with cancer in February 2011, she endured two surgeries and “a long treatment plan,” returned to Chicago that fall and ran her second marathon after a while off and still recovering from cancer. When she showed her teacher friend her two marathon medals, he said, “You have run those marathons to truly be considered a marathoner.”

She completed her third Chicago marathon, and was in Manhattan to compete in her first New York Marathon in November 2012 when her husband, a GP and a marathoner, decided to run. Two weeks later, he had a heart attack. She ran two miles and was canceled. Not to be stopped, Zeisner and several others met at the finish line to celebrate an unofficial NY Marathon that day.

If you didn’t notice by now, Zeisner is an extremely optimistic woman with strong conviction and a heart of gold. A longtime cancer survivor, she decided to take running to the next level with a brief foray into higher ed teaching at her alma mater Gonzaga University, she looked to expand to a full-time college gig when Gonzaga appeared on her radar screens.

“I applied to 17 higher ed institutions. Gonzaga was 18th,” she says as it often called. “I had a full college. Check Mission to build competent servant leaders. Check. Focused on the whole person through teaching and advising. It was as if my mom had written this job description for me. When I got a call offering me this job, I screamed so loud I think I ripped a vocal cord.”

She traveled to Calgary twice a month, and cutters to our master’s students there. She lives in an apartment one block from her Rosauer Center office, and is unofficial house mother to a bunch of graduate students. Her husband is a teacher in Omak, but her 25-year marriage is strong enough to last the distance until he retires in four years and moves to join Catherine.

“We find lots of laughter, and use our energy well,” she says. “I am coming now. I think I’ve added 15 years or so to my life. I’ve made a very healthy choice.”

“Things areclassy here at Gonzaga. The people, their actions, their involvement, beautiful publications. I loved it the other day when I was eating food and seeing kids unpacking a van with a water bottle and a smiling. There is something for everyone here. You see some diversity. I think there is a real diversity of people who have worked here for so long. It’s a beautiful family,” she says.

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TURNING 80, AND THE VIEW'S STILL GREAT

He’s not working from home, but Latin Lecturer Father Ken Krall, S.J., does prepare his lessons in his new Humanities Building office, which coincidentally, is the room he most recently occupied when that building served as Jesuit House.

But he is quite content in his new “living” room at the Delaware Street Jesuit Community, where he has his own bathroom and shower, a bigger bed and a balcony.

“When I first moved in here I had a feeling I was at a continuation of staying in a nice hotel, computing it to my old room at Jesuit House. It’s very nice.”

Fr. Krall arrived at Gonzaga in 1985, when “we must have had 55 Jesuits living here,” Fr. Krall says. “Now we have 17 or 18 in new our space.”

He is also impressed with the efforts of President Thayne McLaren, who “is doing a lot to foster Jesuits coming here. When (Father) Tim Clancy (S.J.) offers a summer series to Jesuits on technology and religion, he can count on Thayne for financial help. We have Jesuits coming from India, Africa and other places. We are able to do much more in terms of helping Jesuits that way. We’re getting a great support for them within the Gonzaga campus.”

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