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## Facilitating a Foundation for Strong Community Spirit

**Mac McCandless** served as campus architect for the past 23 years. But his vision goes far beyond the design, textures and fixtures in our campus buildings.

McCandless' master's thesis was an analysis of campus planning and design at Notre Dame, his undergraduate and graduate alma mater. "I was very much interested in how all the pieces of a campus come together to form a community."

And he was intrigued with Gonzaga and its potential. He served three years as a contract architect at GU on a number of projects for Plant and Construction Services Director **Ken Sammons**, until Sammons one day said, "We can't afford you as a consultant, so come to work for us."

The year was 1995, and Mac became Gonzaga's first-ever staff architect, and in ensuing years, became one of the University's most enthusiastic campus historians.

He knows every nook and cranny on this 152-acre spread. He knows where the underground tunnels run, why there's bullet holes in College Hall, why the city's leaders persuaded Fr. Cataldo to situate the first college building the way he did, and even knows where a skeleton is lodged inside a College Hall wall.

He's also one of those Gonzaga people who make you smile every time paths cross.

He retired Nov. 1 at age 72 to spend more time with wife Teri, who is managing life with multiple sclerosis. "Teri has been raising our five sons all these years," McCandless says. "Our youngest is a sophomore at GU (four of their five boys attended Gonzaga, the other Creighton, in Omaha where Mac grew up). "Teri is doing well. Now we will have more time to enjoy the years ahead together," he says.

But don't expect Mac to drift too far from Boone Avenue. For one, he loves the people here. Secondly, he relishes what he sees developing on campus.

"When I started we had potential areas around us to further develop the campus. Also the campus had distinct boundaries that established our territory, and therefore



**Mac McCandless sits near a replica of the letter from city fathers to Fr. Cataldo, asking the Jesuits to build the community's first college here.**

helped maintain our special identity," McCandless says.

"A planning strategy that has worked well for us is controlling the automobile," he says. "Nothing negatively impacts the cohesiveness of a campus more than pedestrian/vehicle conflicts."

Mac, who has given dozens of campus tours, savors GU's history and seeks to share that with others. "You can get a sense of Gonzaga's rich past by simply taking time to observe its campus parts; why the main building is adjacent to the church; why the campus grew south; how a little school became a big school."

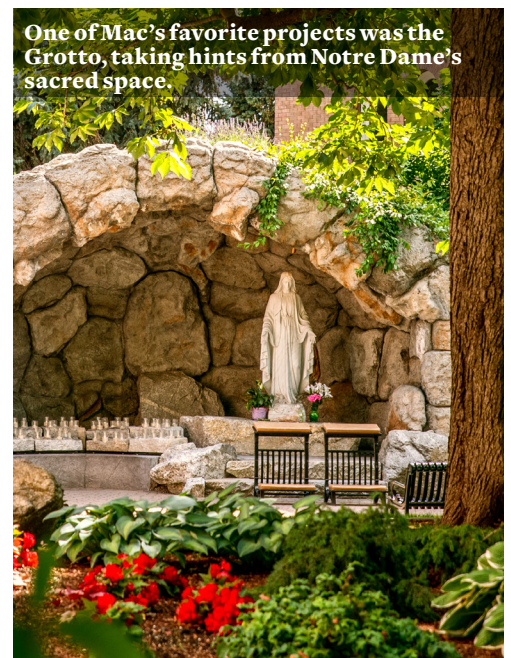
Speaking of church and university, McCandless points out how a donor's gift for the Grotto between St. Aloysius Church, of which he is a parishioner, and College Hall helped strengthen the longtime relationship of parish and university. While every project is a team effort, as lead architect Mac admits that he snuck a little piece of Notre Dame's grotto into the design.

"But the true reward," Mac says, "is seeing the Grotto used. Recently, a group gathered there to pay respects to a student who had died. They mentioned the Grotto was one of the student's favorite places. It was very moving to see the students honoring one of their own as community there," McCandless says. "I was humbled to have been a part of that."

Mac has always been a closet philosopher when it comes to his role at GU. "I have been privileged to work on Gonzaga's physical 'facilities' and in doing so I believe I am helping 'facilitate' the mission of the University," he says.

McCandless also believes that the ideals of being Jesuit, Catholic and humanistic have been essential in maintaining a strong sense of community on our campus even as the University has grown in prominence. Mac says a key person who helped maintain this spirit is his mentor and former boss, Ken Sammons. "Ken is dedicated and effective in a quiet way. He never seeks the limelight. He is solid – the foundation people trust and look to for inspiration and direction."

A guy kind of like Mac.



**One of Mac's favorite projects was the Grotto, taking hints from Notre Dame's sacred space.**

## AROUND CAMPUS

- >> Amazon's Smart Life Roadshow, an Airstream trailer showcasing many of the latest internet-connected home smart devices, rolls outside Hemmingson Center, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- >> GU's annual Tree Lighting ceremony is set for Nov. 27, 5-5:15 p.m. in the Hemmingson Rotunda. The focus this year is a Big Bang Theory Christmas concert and sing along. Main Street will feature holiday crafters and vendors, and Sodexo will host its annual Holiday Buffet at special price for all.
- >> Open Enrollment is a time to review your benefits, make any changes in plans or beneficiaries, or confirm no changes are necessary. It ends Nov. 11 at 11:59 p.m. All employees are required to confirm their benefits, whether or not they make changes.
- >> "We Are G.U.," a history and stories of the Kennel Club from its founding with two dozen loud friends in 1984 to its current roster of 2,500 students-turned-animated Zagnuts, written by alums **Mike Shields** ('84) and **Aaron Hill** ('01), is on sale in the Zag Shop.
- >> Upcoming musical performances include: Gonzaga Chamber Chorus and Spokane String Quartet, Nov. 11, 3 p.m., at St. John's Cathedral; GU Jazz Ensembles' Christmas Concert, Nov. 29, 7 p.m., Hemmingson Ballroom; GU Symphony Orchestra featuring cellist Lynn Harrell, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Fox.
- >> Dance presents Boundless Snowflake Showcase, Dec. 2, 4 p.m., Magnuson Theatre.
- >> Magnuson Theatre hosts Mother Courage and Her Children, Nov. 1-4, 8-11.
- >> Visiting Writers Series features Elena Passarello, a nationally acclaimed essayist, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Hemmingson Ballroom.
- >> "Moment of Truth: Journalism & Democracy," features Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist Nicholas Kristof, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Hemmingson Ballroom.
- >> "Unrestricted Love: Blackness & Catholicity as Interrelated Marks of Christian Life," features Boston College's Andrew Prevot, Nov. 6, 6 p.m., Cataldo Hall.

## PEDAL POWER: McCULLOCH FINDING HIS GROOVE AT GU



Professor McCulloch is exploring the power in a bicycle pedal to increase efficiency, reduce injuries.

In most physical endeavors we are reminded to "use your legs," be it golf, weightlifting, throwing a ball or pumping a bicycle. In the latter case, **Ryan McCulloch**, assistant professor in Human Physiology, is the scientist testing two new bicycle pedals that allow for varying degrees of lateral (sideways) movement of the foot on pedal as a means to use more muscles and reduce the strain on some.

With 16 cyclists on bike trainers in his lab, McCulloch is compiling input through motion capture and electromyography. He is looking at the interaction between the knee and ankle.

He evaluates his cyclists using standard pedals and two new pedal designs. "I'm evaluating muscle activation, and finding preliminarily that some of the large quad muscles don't have to work as hard at the same biking power on lateral pedals, while abductor muscles on the side of the upper leg contribute more than they normally would on standard pedals and relieve some of the effort of the quadriceps," McCulloch says.

"The take away here is that these lateral pedals allow you to use more muscles in the pedal stroke and this implies that without an increase in training you can be more powerful and go faster without increased muscle strength. The improved tracking between the knee and ankle with more muscles contributing to the stroke may suggest that you are less likely to sustain knee

injuries."

McCulloch is an avid cyclist himself. It was at a national cycling conference in Colorado Springs that McCulloch connected with the inventor of the lateral bike pedals, and McCulloch came up with the idea to conduct quantitative research of the new design.

Outside of the lab and classroom, McCulloch's favorite ride is a 150-mile trek from Sandpoint, Idaho, through the mountains of northern Montana. Since coming to Gonzaga in 2013, he has taken a strong liking to the Pacific Northwest, and to Gonzaga, in particular.

"I had heard of Spo-KAINE, but hadn't been here. I really like the people here at Gonzaga. Very friendly, really interesting, doing their work well. Our faculty truly cares about students and helping them to shape their lives," he says.

He most recently worked in a Navy research lab in Washington, D.C., studying traumatic brain injury. He has also studied the biological complications resulting from mechanical insults, blasts and blunt impact. Before that, he taught in graduate school at North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

"So far everything here at Gonzaga and in this part of the country have matched my expectations. I like the students, the location and what I do," McCulloch says.

## MAKING BLACKBOARD EASIER TO USE

"We hear a lot about the things Blackboard doesn't do," says Instructional Design and Delivery's **Ruby Cela**. "But we find, upon breaking down a faculty member's needs, that Blackboard often does do what they need."

The objective of Cela and Instructional Design Director **Justin Marquis** is to help everyone use Blackboard more easily and incorporate more of its capabilities into their classes, regardless of where or how the class is offered.

For example, if assignments are outlined in Blackboard, and students submit their work online, work can be graded, scores posted immediately and students notified by the system, keeping them up-to-date on course progress. Additionally, class syllabuses, supplemental handouts, links to online videos or other resources, and even tests can be posted to make sure everyone in the class has access at all times.

Marquis explains a hybrid class he teaches in the School of Education. "I teach in the classroom on Tuesdays, and Thursday's classes consist of online lectures and activities such as discussions. This is truly a flipped classroom where everything that the students can be responsible for on their own is done online, freeing up classroom time for application of the skills being taught in the class. This Blackboard experience enriches learning, but doesn't replace what we do in the classroom, it intensifies it," Marquis says.

IDD offers monthly workshops. Self-help articles on many Blackboard tools are online at [gonzaga.edu/blackboard](http://gonzaga.edu/blackboard). Stop by IDD offices at Foley 106 to find out more. "Ultimately, our goal is to make Blackboard learning more engaging and accessible for everyone," Cela says.



## NOTEWORTHY

### New Hires

**Elizabeth Beck**, counselor, Health & Counseling Services; **Brad Matthies**, associate dean, Foley; **Breanna Bachini**, women's asst tennis coach; **Alison Brand**, director of development, Athletics; **Chloe Rogers**, women's asst crew coach; **Chad Little**, building coordinator, Hemmingson; **Jared Wiltshire**, desktop support specialist, Business; **Diana Randall**, asst to the dean, Arts & Sciences; **Jacob Galindo**, custodian, Plant; **Nolan Scharf-Townes**, custodian, Plant; **Jiana Stover**, science outreach coordinator, Biology; **Kristine Miller**, strategic communication program manager, Annual Giving; **Henry Ortega**, visual designer, Marketing & Communications; **Patrick Pajak**, event coordinator, Hemmingson

### New Positions/Promotions

**Caroline Senn**, administrative asst, Provost's Office; **Brittany Harmon**, coordinator & special programs adviser, Woldson; **Cindi Durgan**, program manager, Nursing BSN; **Lacey Skalsky**, program manager, Campus Card Services; **Renaee Howat**, prospect research analyst, University Advancement; **Katherine Brackmann**, professional development & grad school program manager, Student Development; **Melissa McNair-Davis**, recruiting & research specialist, Career Center

### Goodbyes

**Felicia Kolb**, financial aid counselor, Financial Aid; **Rohan Kundargi**, science outreach coordinator, Biology; **Jacob Stern**, custodian, Plant; **Kelly Irby**, program coordinator, Leadership Research Center; **Krista Mather**, coordinator, Student Involvement & Leadership; **Meagan Taylor**, clinical experience asst, Education; **Janice Carruthers**, academic credentials evaluator, Registrar's Office; **David Gurr**, painter, Plant; **Brian Gaul**, sports information director, Athletics; **Jill Wortman**, director, Cura Personalis; **Alaina Steiner**, asst director, Facilities & Events Operations, Hemmingson; **Christopher Gibson**, practicum liaison, Education; **Julie Joyce**, youth programs manager, Student Development

### Anniversaries

**30** **Jolanta Weber**, associate academic vice president, Provost Office

**20** **Theresa Kappus**, associate professor, Foley; **Joe Poss**, vice president, University Advancement

**10** **Betsy Miranda**, admin secretary II, Arts & Sciences; **Bethany Prince**, project coordinator, Marketing & Communications; **Jim Ryan**, digital content producer, Virtual Campus

**5** **Christopher Macabenta**, custodian, Plant; **Theresa Malarkey**, admissions operations specialist II, Admission; **Nicola Mannetter**, associate director, Cura Personalis; **Max Sharp**, HVAC tech, Plant; **Brian Smith**, plumber, Plant

### Cradle Call

**Scott Economu**, instrumentation & building specislist, Chemistry, and wife Shandi had a baby girl, Clara.

## FOCUS ON... Z's A ZAG



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 at the end.

Inspired, she ran a half marathon in April 2010. She finished last again, "but felt good this 225-pound big woman could run over 13 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 100-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 shouldn'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 difficult year and still recovering from cancer. When she showed her teacher friend her two marathon medals, he said, "You have to run three 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 Hurricane Katrina hit the eastern seaboard, obliterated gas and electricity, and the race 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 teacher, then elementary school principal with a brief foray into higher ed teaching at her alma mater Western University, she was looking to expand to a fulltime college gig when Gonzaga appeared on her radar screen.

"I applied to 117 higher ed institutions. Gonzaga was 118," says Z, as she is often called. "Private Jesuit 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 travels to Calgary twice a month, and caters 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 Ontario, but their 25-year marriage is more than strong enough to last the distance until he retires in four years and moves west to join Catherine.

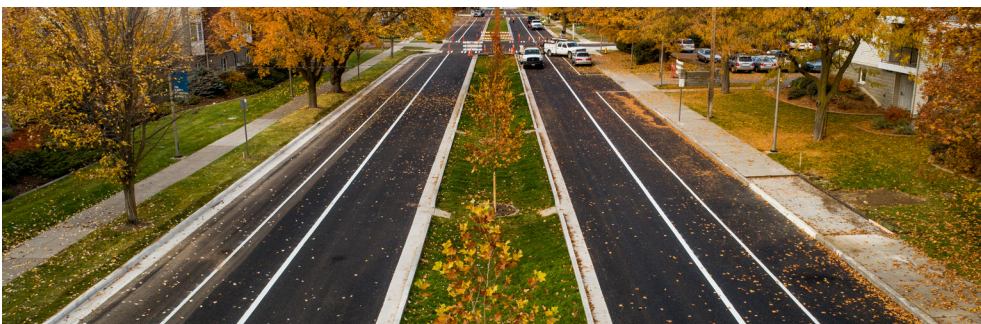
"We find lots of laughter, and use our energy well," she says. "Coming here I think I've added 15 years to my life. I've made a very healthy choice."

"Things are classy here at Gonzaga. The people, their actions, their involvement, beautiful publications. I loved it the other day when I was getting coffee and saw kids unpacking a van from a weekend trip. Big smiles. There is something for everyone here. You see some diversity. I think it says something that there are a good number of people who have worked here for so long. It's a beautiful family," she says.

Seems only appropriate that Z is now a Zag.

## LOOKING SHARP

Gonzaga Civil Engineering and Chemistry faculty and students, headed by **Sue Niezgod**a and **David Cleary**, collaborated with the City of Spokane to evaluate the durability, infiltration capacity and water quality treatment effectiveness of permeable asphalt/concrete pavement roadway, which has become the new Sharp Avenue surface. This project, completed Oct. 26, includes single-lane traffic in both directions, bike lanes, parking and crosswalk bump outs, all to improve pedestrian safety.





## Fostering Intercultural Development

**Joan Iva Fawcett** has been part of the Gonzaga campus for more than a year, a time in which she's experienced moves from personal and professional perspectives.



**Joan Iva Fawcett**

Fawcett is assistant dean of Diversity, Inclusion, Community & Equity (DICE). She and her family relocated to Spokane in the summer of 2017 from the Bay Area, where she was previously an interim assistant dean of students at the University of California, Berkeley.

In her first academic year, Fawcett initiated current strategic planning for the two student offices she oversees: the Lincoln LGBTQ+ Resource Center and the Unity Multicultural Education Center (UMEC). Then, over the past summer, she oversaw the relocation of their offices within the Hemmingson Center.

"We repackaged what we do around some student learning outcomes that we put together," said Fawcett, whose charge was to bring both offices under one organizational umbrella (DICE). They did so under the pillars of mentoring, programming and intercultural development.

Fawcett is now feeling more settled in her communities. Still, there is much work to be done at Gonzaga overall on the issues of diversity, inclusion and equity. While her work is housed within student development, she's involved in key institutional initiatives. One of those roles is as the co-chair of the Bias Incident Assessment and Support (BIAS) team.

The BIAS team "is committed to fostering a campus environment where everyone feels safe and respected," according to its mission statement. To that end, the body manages a system of reporting which is focused on "supporting people and groups who experience bias."

The group tracks overall numbers of bias complaints and sources, providing the campus with a transparent system that helps to benchmark institutional progress.

Learn more about the BIAS team at: <https://my.gonzaga.edu/campus-resources/offices-services/bias-team>.

## 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 Della Strada 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 conference staying in a nice hotel, comparing 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 living in our new space."

But he is impressed with the efforts of President **Thayne McCulloh**, 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 hope the ESL program participation by Jesuits will continue."

Fr. Krall, who turns 80 later this month, still enjoys being a vital part of the Jesuit works here at Gonzaga, teaching part time plus serving parishes, convents and the occasional reservation chapel throughout the Inland Northwest, and celebrating Mass on campus.

In his free time he enjoys seeing movies at the Magic Lantern and attending musical events. "Since (Fr.)



**Fr. Ken Krall lives an inspired life**

**Kevin Waters** (S.J.) moved south, (Fr.) **Bob Lyons** (S.J.) asked me to voice-over advertising spots "for the live, high definition video broadcasts the Metropolitan Opera beams out to the Northtown Cinema 10 times a season."

And he still sings baritone with the Spokane Chorale, or in his words, "Taking black dots on a piece of paper and turning them into beautiful music."

"I have no desire to retire. Realize that Jesuits have fewer milestones to remind us we're aging, like marriages, kids' birthdays and mortgages. I have been a Jesuit for 60 years. I don't have the same vim and vigor I once had, but I still enjoy teaching.

"I like what I do. I like where I do it. And I like with whom I do it," says Fr. Krall. Why stop now?

## The Hottest Tickets in Town

With the onset of basketball season comes a new game entrance procedure at the McCarthy Athletic Center for all events. Guests will be screened via walk-through metal detectors, or by hand wands when needed. A medical/family lane is available for those needing assistance. Backpacks and other large items are prohibited; guests should use clear bags such as Ziplocs. Visit [gozags.com/clearbag](http://gozags.com/clearbag) for full details on what is allowed and new security measures.

Faculty and staff members may receive two complimentary tickets to every men's home game and complimentary admission for themselves and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse & children) to all home women's games, as supplies last. Distribution of men's basketball tickets to faculty and staff takes place on Monday mornings of home-game weeks, 7 a.m. at the McCarthy Athletic Ticket Office. For the full schedule, visit [gozags.com](http://gozags.com).

Women's game tickets may be picked up at the Athletic Ticket Office from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, the week of the games, or at the contest if still available.

For those looking for tickets to the West Coast Conference Tournament in Las Vegas, check with the athletic ticket offices of other WCC members who may not sell their allotted tickets as easily as Gonzaga does, or try the Orleans Arena, after Dec. 1. For additional WCC ticket information, contact the Gonzaga Ticket Office at ext. 6000.

## Faculty/Staff Men's Basketball Ticket Distribution Schedule

7 a.m., Athletic Ticket Office, McCarthy

### Dist. Date / Game(s)

Oct. 29	Central Washington (11/1); Idaho St (11/6)
Nov. 5	Texas Southern (11/10)
Nov. 12	Texas A&M (11/15); North Dakota St (11/26)
Dec. 3	Washington (12/5)
Dec. 10	Texas-Arlington (12/18); Denver (12/21); North Alabama (12/28); Cal St Bakersfield (12/31); Santa Clara (1/5)
Jan. 7	Pacific (1/10)
Jan. 14	LMU (1/17)
Jan. 28	San Diego (2/2)
Feb. 4	USF (2/7); Saint Mary's (2/9)
Feb. 19	Pepperdine (2/21); BYU (2/23)

