







# Zag cuts into small business scene from her own living room

By MARISSA CONTER

Whether you're looking for a drastic chop or just a trim for your curtain bangs, look no further than this Zag with a lifelong interest in cosmetology.

McKenna Round is a junior majoring in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She is from Missoula, Montana and has been cutting her friends' hair since high school.

"I can't even say I've learned from YouTube videos, because I really haven't," Round said. "Honestly, it's really not as hard as you would think. After [cutting her high school friend's hair] I was like, 'OK, I can do this.' I kind of just taught myself and was like I'll fake it till I make it."

She continued to cut hair when she came to Gonzaga University. Similar to back home, she started off cutting her friends' hair, but soon the word started to get around and other students began to ask for haircuts. Her friends convinced her to make an Instagram account last year.

Once she created the account, Round began to post before and after pictures of her haircuts. Round also has an interest in design and graphics, so she put together a logo as the profile picture to represent her business.

Called "mckennymoohair," the name of the account and business comes from the nickname her friends call her. Round's haircuts are \$12, which also includes styling the client's hair.

"I really don't do it to make money," Round said. "It's just fun for me and I think it's easier for busy college students to just like go to somebody they know, or like a friend. Sometimes it's hard to schedule actual appointments at a salon."

Since she started the Instagram account, Round has had students message her to cut their hair, and she has a few clients that she sees regularly.

"In my opinion, Instagram is such a good way to run a



COURTESY OF MCKENNA ROUND

What started out as a self-taught endeavor has turned McKenna Round into a stylist and her living room into a hair salon.

business," Round said. "Having a good social media presence is the way you actually reach your clientele nowadays. Social media is a huge part of our lives, especially with our generation. Since we're more visual, laying out the results on Instagram is how you attract people."

Although she primarily does trims, Round doesn't shy away from big changes. She once cut eight inches off her roommate's hair and gave her bangs at almost midnight during midterms.

"McKenna [Round] is someone who makes you feel so comfortable and welcomed in her space," said Kate Sprague, a junior who received the haircut from Round. "She was very accommodating to my needs and gave me the exact haircut I wanted. Even though we were just sitting in an apartment living room, she made it feel like a real salon and made it a 10/10 experience."

Another one of her clients, junior Steph McLaren, reiterated that Round has cultivated a hospitable environment.

"She was very welcoming," McLaren said. "She offered me any drink she had in her house and let me choose a show to watch during the haircut. I cut about five inches off and she was very encouraging about the big chop."

Even though she mostly cuts female-identifying client's hair, Round also has experience giving haircuts to male-identifying clients as well.

"My hair was pretty long, and she cut my hair to a pretty standard length," said senior Joe Angeli. "She's cut my hair twice and progressively gotten faster and more efficient. She's a great conversationalist and is also very reliable when she schedules appointments."

Round hasn't necessarily set her sights on making the business a more serious endeavor, as she is minoring in sport management and digital marketing and is leaning toward pursuing sports marketing. However, she hasn't entirely ruled it out. She has also done makeup and hair for weddings and has considered going to beauty school.

"I don't really know if my plans are directly leading me towards beauty school," Round said. "If I decide that I'm not liking my job at the time, I know that I love hair and makeup, so that's always something to fall back on. My mom is convinced that I should open up a Drybar and that her and all her friends will keep me in business. I think having a business degree would also help because I would like to open my own business since I'm pretty particular."

You can check out Round's business, @mckennymoohair on Instagram.

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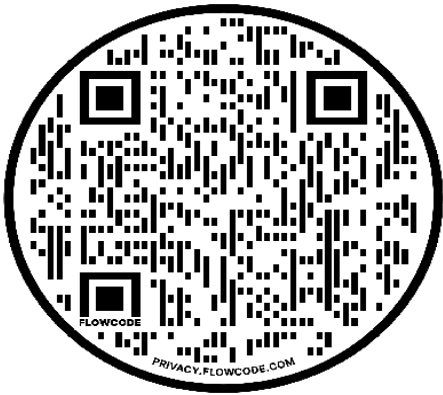
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# Let's get Groovin: Students combat greenwashing one click at a time

Three Hogan students create a browser extension to identify products' sustainability status

By MARY SHERDAN

If you've ever wondered what it really means for a product to be "green," you are not alone — senior environmental science major Abby Dodd's quest to answer this question began as a class project and has now blossomed into an award-winning business idea.

On her first day of the Hogan Leadership program her sophomore year, Abby was assigned to come up with a 60-second business pitch. Thinking on her feet, she presented Groove — a free browser extension that provides the consumer with a well-sourced sustainability rating of their online shopping choices. As quickly as she had come up with the idea, she was joined by two other students in the program — Emmy Wagner, a business major with a finance concentration and Linden Beemer, a computer science major.

"It was just a great team; we hit it off right away," Dodd said.

The three entrepreneurs began working immediately, creating a minimum viable product (MVP) to put on the Chrome Web Store.

Almost two years later, Groove's concept has remained true to the original pitch. As a browser extension, it exists as a software one can download from the web for free. Once downloaded, Groove keeps a low profile until users begin to shop for products online. The extension works to inform the consumer of their given products' sustainability, providing a score from one to 10 (10 being the most sustainable.)

Groove judges products based on three criteria — waste impact, emissions and fair trade — which includes worker standards. Assigning a numerical score to each of these categories is an active step that Groove takes against "greenwashing." This is when companies claim their products are sustainable and green without the proper scientific data to match.

"We started to discover that a lot of companies just don't self-report and don't take any public analytics, they just want to be like behind closed doors," Dodd said. "So, we also started incorporating a system where if the company's hiding their data, we rate you like a zero. Transparency is a really big deal to us."

Dodd also made a point to emphasize the primary mission of Groove realistically priced alternatives to low-scoring products.

"We're directing customers exactly where they need to go instead of just giving them luxury sustainable products, which is what the market is so full of," Dodd said. "So, there's a bunch of levels of



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Linden Beemer (left), Abby Dodd (middle) and Emmy Wagner (right) created Groove to find the sustainability of different products.

engagement for customers. Even if people don't want to change their habits, we're still there giving information to the public that wasn't there before."

This focused mission of informed sustainability inspired the group of Hogan students to take the class project to the next level. In the spring of 2021, the team entered Groove in a nationwide business competition held at Washington State University where they won first place in the open league.

Dodd said this win meant so much to her group, especially in the era of remote business meetings.

"This was all in the world of [COVID-19], so we had to do all of our pitching on Zoom to these investors," Dodd said. "It was really eye-opening to see that adults, people that work in the world of business and online shopping and even an executive from Amazon were telling us 'we love your product.'"

Wagner, the chief marketing officer for Groove, described this as her first major

business venture. Like her teammates, she had always had an interest in sustainability, but her involvement in Groove pushed her to achieve more than she ever thought. Wagner noted that her student status allowed for unique opportunities in the development of the business.

"One of the biggest advantages definitely is how many resources Gonzaga has for you," Wagner said. "We set up so many meetings with so many different people to get their perspectives and help us figure out some issues. People are always willing and really excited to help students pursue whatever they're working on."

Between a combination of student-specific resources and a hard-working team of co-founders, Groove has expanded to include an assessment of 80 brands and counting. But the entrepreneurs are far from finished.

Last year, they pitched Groove as a senior design project for computer science and engineering majors to help with the coding aspect of the business. Beemer, one

of the co-founders, now serves as head liaison, as the database begins to grow and improve with algorithms that allow it to stay updated on more companies' sustainability records.

Moving forward, consumers can expect a new and improved version of the Groove software extension in the Chrome store for free this December, as well as a refurbished website. Wagner hopes this re-launch will welcome a wide variety of users.

"Our target customer is someone who wants to be more sustainable but doesn't necessarily have the time or make it their top priority in life," Wagner said. "The people who are super sustainable already know what brands work for them, but then the people who don't necessarily know what brands are sustainable and don't have the time to do that research, are probably going to be the people using our brand."

Mary Sheridan is a staff writer.

## GU student takes community service to the internet with 'YoHelp'

By SAILOR HAWES

Sometimes the best ideas come to you when you are sitting in the car with your brother, or when you are watching a TED Talk on how to run the next billion-dollar company. In Gonzaga University first-year Ren Navarro's case, that's exactly what happened.

Early in his senior year of high school, Navarro began developing his own website and soon-to-be app "YoHelp."

The website's main function is to pair homeowners in the Spokane community with GU students who can provide services such as babysitting, yardwork, tutoring, dog sitting and grocery shopping.

To sign up, students or members of the community input their email and phone number and either sign up to "give help" or "receive help." The website also currently offers zero transaction fees, so signing up and requesting help is completely free.

Navarro hopes the name YoHelp will be appealing to all age groups. The story behind the name is simple — the thought came to him in the car.

"I was sitting in my car with my brother, and we were on the way to the gym," Navarro said. "It just kind of came across my mind. I was just thinking 'yo, help and come over here' or something simple like that."

In seeking inspiration to develop his website, Navarro wanted his motive to be clear — to provide help for those in need in the community and provide help for those who are looking for small jobs.

"I thought I could add value by creating something where I can connect people who are capable of simple jobs and connect them to the homeowners that need help with them," Navarro said. "So, I decided to create YoHelp, and I'm starting with the concept of students connecting with local neighbors outside of GU and offering basic services."

Navarro said a lot of what he has done was learned along the way. He decided to start teaching himself how to integrate algorithms, workflows and data types. After many attempts, Navarro created YoHelp.

Along with the website, Navarro is also in the process of developing an app version of YoHelp that will be accessible to users on their smartphones. The app will work similarly to the website, with just a few additional features.

"A lot of the time students don't have the resources to go mow someone's lawn, so in the app you can actually select whether or not you need the tools provided, and then homeowners can go through and select if they have the tools or not," Navarro said. "It gives everyone an opportunity to make money, and at the same time it's helping people who need it."

While at GU, Navarro has received guidance and help with his website and app from current students, professors and alumni.



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First-year Ren Navarro began creating his YoHelp platform during his senior year of high school.

A friend of Navarro's and current first-year at GU, Ben Hallerman, helped in testing the simplicity of the YoHelp website.

"I essentially [acted] like a member who wanted to sign up, with [Navarro] not guiding me at all," Hallerman said. "He wanted me to figure it all out by myself. It was super simple. Signing up was straightforward, the directions are pretty obvious."

Nick McLain, a GU alum and CEO of OddJobbers, has given Navarro advice when it comes to running a website and company in college.

"[McLain] told me a lot about his process and gave me some good insight on how I should run things and how hard it can be at times," Navarro said. "He also made me realize this is something that needs to be executed. He said that if he were to do it again, he wouldn't do it because of all the problems that emerged, but I feel it'll just take a little bit more time and I think there is potential around [YoHelp]."

Timothy Olson, professor of information systems at GU, was also involved in guiding Navarro with advice for YoHelp.

"I think one of the cool stories with this is that a lot

of times people have an idea, but they don't know how to make the app; he kind of taught himself to build an app, and he's been working on it for eight months," Olson said. "It shows his drive, and it shows how much he's willing to work for this."

With Olson's experience working for companies with seniors, there's more room for growth and development in Navarro's website and app given that he is a first-year.

"I'm excited to see that he's a freshman, so we can see how this grows, and continue to offer him any advice that I can," Olson said.

Navarro has done most of the development for his website and app while attending school, whether that be high school or college.

"It is extremely difficult, it just takes a lot of mindset to be able to tell myself I can do it," Navarro said. "I think the biggest thing that has gotten me through is discipline, mindset and the willingness to be able to execute."

Sailor Hawes is a contributor.



# Collective Threadz enters Spokane's booming secondhand scene

By SAM FEDOR

Spokane has no shortage of vintage thrift stores, but Collective Threadz, at 719 W. Garland Ave., looks to stand out in this competitive arena. Having opened three weeks ago, the store is a new addition to the bustling Garland District.

Although new to the area, Collective Threadz brings years of combined experience and a love of vintage clothing to consumers.

According to the owner, Tyees Cardwell, Collective Threadz fits right in with the larger Garland District community and things are off to a good start.

“Business has been really good,” Cardwell said. “We’ve gotten a lot of good feedback on social media, a lot of people coming in. The Garland area is really excited to have this type of shop here in this community.”

The Garland District is notable for its numerous and diverse local businesses, and Collective Threadz is no exception. The shop aims to fill a niche in the community left by the closing of Drop Yer Drawers, the secondhand clothing outlet that previously occupied the space where Threadz is now.

Collective Threadz aims to be more than just an average secondhand clothing store. The focus is on unique and desirable vintage clothing to meet the stylistic needs of customers of all ages and preferences.

“We look for pieces that are unique, pieces that are one-of-one and have meaning and history to them,” said Mike Kay, curator of The Bunker, one of the four vendors at Collective Threadz. “People love to hear the story, where it came from and how I got it ... Basically, every piece has history behind it.”

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Mike Kay, a vendor for Collective Threadz



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**Located in the Garland District, Collective Threadz aims to focus on featuring vintage clothing for all ages and preferences.**

Collective Threadz strives to find uniqueness in the Spokane vintage community by focusing on ‘true vintage’ items.

According to Cardwell, ‘true vintage’ items are those from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and earlier.

“Our vendors Ernest and Grant both have unbelievable collections of true vintage,” Cardwell said. “They have a lot of the old military pieces ... people come in and really love seeing it.”

Besides its collection of true vintage pieces, Collective Threadz specializes in pieces from the 1980s and 90s, which according to Cardwell are very popular right now.

“I think that the selection for the 80s and 90s is huge here,” Cardwell said. “I think we cater to more of a range of ages. I like having the different ages, because that way you’re hitting the different age groups of what people are looking for; older people want more true vintage, younger generations want more from the 80s and 90s.”

The space that Collective Threadz occupies features multiple rooms, and each one is curated by a different vendor. Each has its own specialties and come together to make the shop the best it can be.

“All these [vendors] know each other; they’re on the hunt together, they socialize together, they’re all into the same things,” Cardwell said. “It’s a good mix of people who are on it. Out there looking, getting the new stuff, keeping their areas filled. I think it’s a good mix of people.”

For Gonzaga University students who are looking for new vintage stores to explore, Cardwell said to look no further than Collective Threadz.

“I think the people that are in here, as far as the vendors, have the best vintage in town,” Cardwell said.

And for students looking to show some vintage school spirit, Collective Threadz has that covered too.

“We run across a lot of vintage Gonzaga stuff,” said Ernest Finnie, one of the vendors and a partial owner the shop. “We have lots of sports vintage, and just a cool vibe.”

Students who visit can expect to experience some of the love that these vendors have for their craft along with the collections they curate. Kay hopes that he can share some of that love with his customers too.

“It’s the thrill of finding it, the thrill of having it ... it’s the hunt for me, I guess,” Kay said. “When I see somebody that comes in and gets super excited, it makes me happy to see that. When you come in, you’re part of our family. We’re real; you won’t see a fake side of us, we’re just real.”

Sam Fedor is a staff writer.



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## GU student dies from gun accident

Incident occurred in an on-campus residence early Saturday morning

By NOAH APPRILL-SOKOL

Gonzaga University senior Colton L. Marcantel died Tuesday afternoon from a gunshot wound that he sustained on Saturday morning, according to an email sent out Tuesday evening from GU President Thayne McCulloh and Vice Provost for Student Affairs Kent Porterfield.

Marcantel was a business administration major with a concentration in finance from Texas, and

according to the email, he was regularly on the Dean's and President's lists and participated in GU's Investment Club and intramural activities.

Undergraduate students, faculty, staff and administration were notified by an email from McCulloh on Saturday afternoon about the incident that left Marcantel with "life-threatening injuries."

The Saturday email said that around 4:15 a.m. emergency dispatchers were called to respond to an on-campus emergency involving one GU student

who had suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound. It said the student, who was not named in the email sent out on Saturday, was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

The Saturday email also said the incident happened in the student's on-campus apartment at a social gathering with some individuals witnessing the incident. Some of these individuals were interviewed as part of the ongoing investigation conducted by the Spokane Police Department.

The email sent Tuesday from

McCulloh and Porterfield confirmed the student to be Marcantel, and said that his gunshot wound was determined to be an accident based on interviews with witnesses to the scene.

Marcantel, who was 24 years old, is survived by his mothers and father, brother, aunt and grandmother and will be remembered, according to the email, as someone who lived a life of loving and seeing the best in others. Marcantel, the

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The end of summer brings cooler temperatures and the return of the flying woolly aphids at GU.

## What's bugging you?

The woolly aphid insect has made its annual return to GU's campus

By GRACE SPIEGEL

Fall in Spokane can bring pumpkin patch visits, Scarywood trips and Halloween parties. Yet, it also brings about the annual swarm of what appear to be gnats on Gonzaga University's campus. Students can be seen swatting away at the air, attempting to stop the bugs from sticking to their clothes or hair on their daily commute to class.

However, the insects are not gnats. They are woolly aphids, according to Gary Chang, associate professor of biology at GU.

"Although there are probably more than one species flying in the fall, the most common one seems to be one called Prociphilus americanus — locally called the woolly ash aphid or blue ash aphid — that settles on ash trees," Chang said.

Although small, these woolly aphids are anything but weak. According to a Washington State University study, woolly aphids cause extensive damage to ash

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## GU leaders make pilgrimage to Italy

By NOAH APPRILL-SOKOL

A delegation, including members of Gonzaga University's leadership team and the Board of Trustees, traveled to Italy during the last week of September for a five-day pilgrimage and formation trip, meeting with a series of Jesuit leaders and visiting GU's campus in Florence.

The pilgrimage was organized through the Office of the President and Office of Mission Integration after months of planning and was meant to help educate the Board of Trustees on the Jesuit mission of the university and show them where GU fits within the broad network of Jesuit mission work.

Ellen Maccarone, acting vice president for mission integration, was a member of the planning team and helped prepare the religious elements of the pilgrimage. She said she hoped for the trip to be a community-building opportunity but also a religious and educational experience for the board members.

"We often talk in Jesuit circles of living in the tension, this creative tension," Maccarone said. "Those are some of the experiences we wanted the board to have. We could keep doing what we're doing and be pretty successful at being a Jesuit school or we can invite people to think about the edges, the margins where things get interesting."

Maccarone said the delegation first traveled to Rome to meet with

Jesuit leadership at Jesuit Curia, their headquarters, which is where she said the Board of Trustees learned more about the broad network and mission work of the Jesuits.

The Board of Trustees met with Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., the superior general of the Jesuits, and Fr. Douglas Marcouiller, S.J., regional assistant for the U.S. and Canada assistancy, along with leadership at the Pontifical Gregorian University and a representative from the Jesuit Refugee Services.

GU President Thayne McCulloh, a member of the delegation, highlighted the meeting with Sosa as important in shaping members of the Board of Trustees, noting how his call to be fully engaged and courageous connected to the role universities have in forming the next generation of leaders.

"Contained in these messages is don't allow that feeling of being overwhelmed get in your way of doing good things because you can have an impact," McCulloh said. "Universities are hopeful by nature because they're all about the future, [students] are going to go and do stuff and have the capability to have an impact on all kinds of people, in all kinds of places. That is a powerful opportunity."

The delegation also toured the historic and religious sites of Rome and Vatican City, including visiting St. Peter's Square and the office and tomb

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GU sophomores Olivia Jennings, Juliana Peterson and Faith Watkins hold leadership positions in QSU.

## Queer Student Union forges community among students

By EMMALEE APPEL

Gonzaga University's Queer Student Union (QSU) is a cultural club that aims to create a community for GU's queer students and their allies to celebrate and explore queer culture.

With an all new leadership board, one of QSU's goals this year is to grow their engagement and presence. One way they hope to do this is to be in close connection with the other cultural clubs through being part of GU's Unity Alliance of Cultural Clubs (UACC) and organizing larger events in tandem with these clubs.

At the beginning of the semester, QSU took part in both the club fair and UACC's potluck, which brought the cultural clubs and their members together on Foley Lawn in hopes of making meaningful connections and nurturing the sense of community that GU clubs strive for.

Juliana Peterson, the QSU club president, is a sophomore but said that within just the first two years of joining she has found a place of community through QSU. Although she wasn't expecting to be elected as president, she said

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# GU students complete Akamai Internship

By OLIVIA GALBRAITH

Over the summer, on the Big Island of Hawaii, two Gonzaga University seniors could be found working away near the Subaru Telescope on Maunakea.

Students Chris Chock and Katie Stevens interned with the Akamai Internship Program based in Hawaii. Over the eight weeks of the internship, Chock and Stevens worked on their own respective projects related to the Subaru Telescope.

Chock, an electrical engineering major, worked on a camera system to capture high-resolution videos for astronomical projects, while Stevens, a computer science major, worked on coding a simulation for telescope functions in order to preserve time and resources.

Each intern in the Akamai program is from Hawaii. While there were many project sites where interns were placed, both Stevens (from Maui) and Chock (from the Big Island) lived on the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus to work in offices related to the Subaru Telescope.

Chock's project, the camera system, was built on Mauna Loa, a lower mountain compared to Maunakea. At Mauna Kea Observatory, there is a livestream of the night sky 24/7, but its purpose is purely for enjoyment, Chock said. His camera system takes that livestreaming aspect and adds another layer — data analysis.

"For example, if you're capturing the night sky and a meteor passes by, you can predict its trajectory," Chock said.

Chock designed the camera system, weatherproofed it and set it up on the observatory as part of his project. In order to do so, he researched cameras, the data processing of the image to the computer and making the video as high quality as possible.

The final product of Chock's designs included the camera and a computer inside a box that stands on a frame. The inside of the box has a fan to counteract the heat produced by the camera and computer, while the outside of the box has weatherproofed glass and silicone to protect it from the cold. The cables to supply the design with power are also weatherproofed.

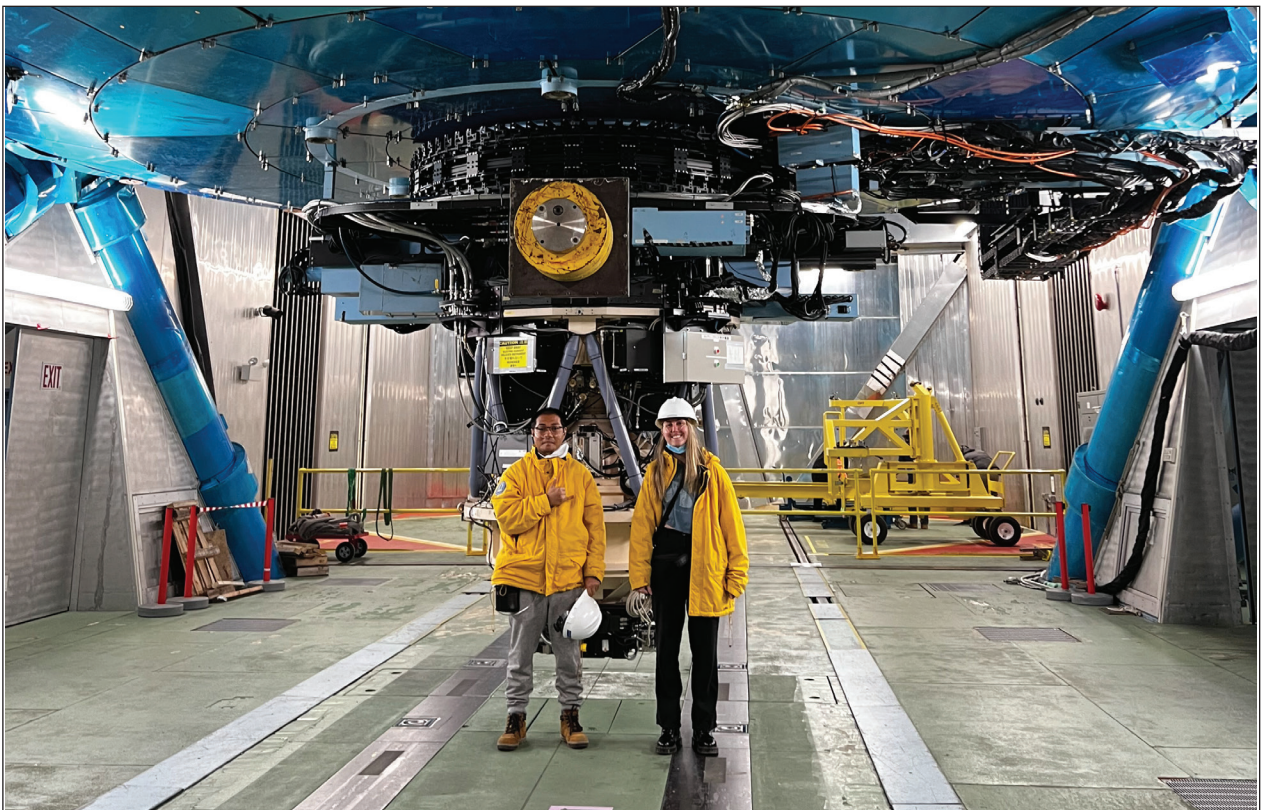
While much of Chock's work included hands-on drilling and wiring, the internship overall helped push him in the direction of "analysis on the computer" when it comes to his career.

"A lot of the work was more mechanical than I expected," Chock said.

Regardless, Chock said the experience was valuable. "I got a holistic view on engineering and project building which is what I really wanted," Chock said. "To see something built from scratch and finishing it."

Stevens' project was somewhat of a continuation of a development from a previous Akamai intern.

According to Stevens, the software of the Subaru telescope is proprietary, meaning "the software engineers couldn't access it." Her project was developing a simulator that can be used to test scripts before they are run on the actual telescope.



Katie Stevens (right) is pictured in front of the Subaru Telescope on Mauna Kea.

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"There's not really a good way to test your scripts beforehand," Stevens said.

According to Stevens, the telescope is being worked on during the day and astronomers observe the sky at night.

"The time at night is very valuable and very expensive, so, preferably, you want to test [the scripts] before you actually run it," Stevens said.

While a decent part of Stevens' project was learning how the telescope works, other parts of Stevens' project was auto-guiding and incorporating something called "threading into the code" which allows the telescope to run different parts in downtime, seeming as if everything is running at the same time instead of linearly.

Overall, her project implemented more commands in the simulation so that the telescope could test more than was possible before. This involved reverse engineering and figuring out what each command actually was, she said, because the code for the telescope is not visible — only the commands and their results.

"That was the majority of it," Stevens said. "Filling in more commands so that more commands can be used to be tested, so they can have less problems when they're actually using the telescope."

As part of the internship, Chock and Stevens each had mentors to help answer questions and be a source to turn

to throughout the eight weeks.

Stevens said her mentors were a great help, giving her experience of what it's like to work on a team. Chock said his experience was similar.

"They taught me how to start a project, how to research it, how to build it and then how to finalize it and implement it," Chock said. "A lot of it was simple things that you just don't know when you're in school versus in the workforce."

Stevens and Chock said there were times when the work was individual, and they each had freedom to work things out on their own before looking to mentors for suggestions.

"It was definitely a really good experience, and it has made me a better coder," Stevens said.

At the end of the summer, interns worked with the Akamai staff to prepare for a symposium on their projects and share them with the other interns. Interns got a certificate and wrote an abstract about their project to conclude their work with the Akamai program.

Olivia Galbraith is a staff writer.

## BUGS

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trees. The feeding of just one aphid can cause permanent damage to a nursery-raised ash tree.

The life cycle of the insect species is complex, with multiple stages of reproduction.

"We might not know all the details," Chang said.

According to Chang, some generations of woolly aphids live on conifer tree roots during the summer and reproduce asexually. And in the fall, a new generation of winged individuals migrate to find ash trees for mating season.

The swarm Spokane sees in the fall is this migration and mating period.

"The fall migration is more noticeable when their population size has grown during favorable summer conditions," Chang said. "They also seem to be flying to a smaller number of trees in the fall so their swarms are more concentrated. I think there are fewer ash trees around than their conifer hosts."

According to a study by the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, the wool on a woolly aphid is actually wax that makes



Every autumn, students battle their way to class against the swarms of woolly aphids.

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them look less appetizing to potential predators.

This tactic sometimes fails the aphids, though. Chang said he has seen

different bugs, beetles, jumping spiders, woodpeckers and other birds eat woolly aphids. Even fish eat them when they fall into the river.

## QSU

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that QSU has helped her come out of her shell and she hopes to give that experience to others as well.

"I hope [club members] have fun as themselves," Peterson said. "They don't need to come a certain way or anything like that, I just want them to have a space to have fun as themselves."

QSU Treasurer Faith Watkins and Vice President Olivia Jennings echoed this hope.

"I hope [club members] get a chance to find what we find, which is friendships and a community, as well as opportunity," Watkins said.

Jennings didn't join at the beginning and didn't have many expectations for the club at first.

"I ended up realizing what a great community it is," Jennings said. "But also, it's not like you have to do something to be part of the club. You can kind of just be there and people will accept you."

As primarily a social club, QSU struggled to keep member engagement as high as it would have liked during the pandemic.

"Zoom meetings just don't work with this club ... our club is for people to gather, to talk to each other and have a good time," Peterson said.

But now that meetings are back to in-person, the officers have detailed plans for presentations and events that they hope will draw people back into engaging with the club and rebuild the community they strive for.

"We have presentations about like, the intersex community, or about certain aspects of the queer community ... and also presentations about like, the concept of coming out or about, like historical legal stuff," Watkins said. "And then we have like more fun presentations about fashion or queer representation in media or dragons."

Peterson said that club members are welcome to give presentations about things they may want to talk about or bring attention to. The officers hope that this will encourage members to feel heard and seen, which

they see as essential for marginalized communities on campus.

In addition to weekly meetings, the officers highlighted QSU's two larger events for the year — the UACC Fashion Show, which will take place in early December, and the QSU Drag Show, which takes place in February.

Jennings said that they also advertise any events the Lincoln LGBTQ+ Resource Center puts on and that the officers work to make club members aware that the Lincoln Center's resources and staff are there to support them at the institutional level.

"Lincoln Center is a Gonzaga organization ... and QSU is a student-run club," Jennings said. "It's kind of like the same topic just approached in different ways."

Peterson emphasized that the club focuses heavily on small social gatherings and building a community where queer students can be themselves and make friends that understand them.

"The way I think of it is like we're a place not an obligation," Peterson said. "Like you can just come and have a good time, you don't need to give anything back."

Watkins added that QSU does have those kinds of opportunities available for those who are interested.

For those interested in joining, Watkins said that people are welcome to join at any point in the semester and weekly attendance is not required to be part of the club.

"You can go to any meetings ... I think sometimes people are scared off because they missed the first meeting and assume they can't go after that but it's not like that," Watkins said.

Meetings are formatted to be relaxed and centered on community.

"We always introduce names and pronouns and do a random icebreaker question ... you'll get to know whether someone wants to be a dragon or a wizard which is like the really important things," Peterson said.

The club meets on Monday nights at 6 p.m. More information can be found about QSU on Zagtivities or through a direct message on their Instagram, @qsugonzaga.

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## STUDENT

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email also said, enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

The Tuesday email asked recipients to keep Marcantel, his friends and family in their thoughts and prayers.

The GU campus community was invited to a prayer service at noon on Wednesday in the University Chapel. Father Pat Conroy S.J. alongside Campus Minister Janeen Steer led the community in a series of readings from religious texts, and Steer gave a sermon on what it means to navigate loss.

Another gathering will be hosted today for the campus community in celebration of Marcantel's life in the University Chapel from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in which Marcantel's family members will be present. All members of the campus community are invited to attend the gathering.

The Tuesday email said there is a list of resources for community members to use for mental, emotional and spiritual support, including StudentLinc., the Center for Cura Personalis and the Office of Mission and Ministry — all of which will be available throughout the week.

"In this time of great loss, we are reminded of the significant support a community such as ours provides," the email said. "Losing a fellow student and member of our community is very difficult. We encourage those who need additional support, or simply wish to connect with others, to reach out to one of the available resources included in this email, or other support options as appropriate."

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# Office of Health Promotion in transition period

OHP services provided still remain available to students despite decreased staff

By KAELYN NEW

After years of providing access to resources regarding recovery, mental health and healthy relationships, Gonzaga University's Office of Health Promotion (OHP) is now in a state of transition.

Paula Smith, acting dean of Student Wellbeing, said that this comes after many employees in OHP transitioned to other paths of work over the summer, leaving OHP with only one employee.

"We had several staff members who simultaneously for a host of different reasons were able to find different kinds of job opportunities ... which we always want to encourage," Smith said.

Despite OHP's lack of employees, she said that the resources provided by OHP remain available to GU students.

"[These resources] are an important element of who we are as a campus," Smith said. "I mean, we are a holistic campus. We look at people's well being from a mind, body and spirit perspective."

According to the OHP website, the Our Unique Recovery (OUR) House program is GU's collegiate recovery program that connects students through similar experiences to reduce or stop harmful behaviors. The program offers weekly drop-in hours in addition to weekly all-recovery meetings.

"We have been very strategic in making certain that there is still Instagram and certain social media things still going to push out messages," Smith said. "We are still providing all of the recovery services through the OUR House program."

According to Smith, the forms submitted on the OHP website are redirected to other departments on campus that are equipped to handle the issue at hand through Student Wellbeing. Additionally, she said the new StudentLinc resource has greatly opened students' access to counselors to 24/7 availability for mental health needs with a network of up to 26,000 mental health providers.

The division of student affairs in the wellbeing area is committed to ensuring that public health services are available and grounded in different dimensions of wellness, according to Smith.

"We have restaffed things in a way to make certain that the access to services hasn't changed from the perspective of a student needing to access those services," Smith said.

She said that Student Wellbeing will still be doing national survey data of current and national local trends to provide adequate services to the community.

Anastacia Lee, the COVID-19 coordinator and health promotion specialist with OHP, said that students can expect relatively no changes in the way that resource services operate on GU's campus.

"We have put a brief pause on those big tabling events

and programming events which I would normally be coordinating," Lee said. "We did a lot of partnerships with Active Minds on campus GSBA's health and safety coordinator to make sure that some amounts of language are still going out about those kinds of topics."

Lee said that she does not foresee OHP becoming fully staffed this semester but will begin to add more staff as the need for it emerges. In the meantime, she said that resources related to OHP are available in other departments on campus such as the Center for Cura Personalis and Health and Counseling.

"Just because OHP itself is in a transition doesn't mean that that same knowledge and professional expertise isn't on campus," Lee said.

Smith said that she hopes she can quell students' fear about the transition happening within OHP, as students' wellbeing will always be a top priority for GU as students still have access to many of the same programs that they did prior to the transition.

"There has been an increase in us wanting to be responsive especially to mental and emotional health," Smith said. "Those are significant issues on college campus right now, so we want to build capacity around that."

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## POPE

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of St. Ignatius. It was in Rome that the delegation participated in a general assembly with Pope Francis.

The delegation met with students, faculty, staff and administrators at GU's campus in Florence before concluding the trip. The board members learned about the GU study abroad program, which came up in the quarterly meeting held there during the trip.

"[The pilgrimage gave me] just more of a sense that I'm part of something much bigger than my experience with the Jesuits so far," said Fr. Tim Clancy, S.J., who attended the pilgrimage. "The headquarters and having this panorama of what the Jesuit order is trying to accomplish in the world today. It just gave me a sense of being part of something bigger."

With the pilgrimage completed, Maccarone and McCulloh both emphasized the hope of the trip in shaping the board of trustees in becoming more Jesuit-grounded leaders. They named no concrete steps stemming from the pilgrimage, but said they believe the pilgrimage will effect how the trustees will lead the university.

Sasha Kopp, provost for the university, said the pilgrimage was helpful for him to think about updating the strategic



The delegation visited religious and historic sites in both Rome and Florence.

plan, which is a task he is in charge of stewarding this academic year. He said the pilgrimage allowed him to have time away from campus to reflect upon the process.

"All of the questions we have for the campus in the strategic planning process are meant not only to fulfill our mission

as an institution of learning, but a Jesuit institution of learning," Kopp said. "It's meant to be very mission informed. The Society of Jesus has formed these universal apostolic preferences that's meant to inform all of its work across the globe, including higher ed. Things like standing

with the young, preference for the poor and vulnerable, care of the earth, there's really important work there."

McCulloh said the pilgrimage is a sign of the board of trustees' commitment to the Jesuit mission of the university, noting how a third of the voting trustees attended the pilgrimage, paying for their own expenses and the GU employees who attended the trip.

An email about the pilgrimage was sent out to university faculty and staff, but students did not receive an email about the trip. Further updates about the pilgrimage will be released in future university publications, according to the email sent to faculty and staff.

"It's one thing to talk about and to read about these kinds of things, whether it's as a board member or administrator or student, but there is something very different about being immersed and having the opportunity to come face to face, both with people and experiences," McCulloh said. "My hope was that we would be able to really create a special opportunity that would allow them then to come at the various issues that trustees are obligated to look at with a richer, deeper context."

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# Bitcoin: Not the final frontier... just another frontier

It was a Saturday night: I was standing in a circle with some friends, and we were all silent.

One member of the circle alone had been talking for the last 10 minutes, and with every word, I watched as our eyes collectively glazed over — mouths going dry, legs numbing from boredom. We all clocked out entirely, from the minute those first words were uttered — the “See, the thing about Bitcoin is...” — that took us on this slow, agonizing road to sleep.

I stared into the moving mouth from which that long, unprovoked speech came from, and was captivated by the message coming through. And no — not an actual explanation of cryptocurrency; that was long lost in the ramble of haughty economic jargon thrown around.

Instead, it was that underlying sense of importance: that “this is essential knowledge,” that “aren’t you paying attention? This is huge!” message that this stranger possessed.

It was as if he had struck gold and wanted us all to know about it.

In a way, it may have been, and as I was finally pulled away from the “conversation,” I was left wondering if I was, in fact, missing out on something life-changing.

The couple of years that have passed since then have produced little improvement in my total knowledge of how to play the market; my interest in the subject is still minimal.

And yet, in a world so heavily



By MADELEINE REED

controlled — in every facet — by economics and the stock market, cryptocurrency is, in fact, very relevant, and is continuing to shape our culture and world, not always for the best.

We should be paying attention.

It’s difficult to see the value of these topics at present, while they stand at some striking lows. On Oct. 11, at the time of my writing, one Bitcoin was worth \$19,044 USD — roughly one-third of its value from one year before.

Volatile as this market is, the downward trend has been steady, primarily after a sharp spike downward in early November 2021 into January of this year. Many blame the money-tightening policies of governments around the globe as they try to combat sharp inflation.

“We expect Bitcoin’s price to be very

macro driven in the near term,” said Darius Sit, co-founder of crypto investment fund QCP Capital Pte, to Bloomberg Businessweek.

It is ironic, in a sense, that the currency, founded on the promise of economic freedom — meant to prosper beyond bounds of government and resources — is once again at the mercy of government regulation.

That being said, I am no economist.

Whether you’re planning to invest or not, however, I think that the social implications of bitcoin, primarily on American society, are a difficult pill to swallow.

There is a sense of opportunity within the crypto-community that strikes me as eerily familiar to that of the ‘American dream,’ in that classic, world-is-your-oyster, seize-what’s-yours type of way. Manifest your destiny; there’s gold out West — go stake your claim in fortune.

Founders of Bitcoin aligned their company with these same values, defining economic freedom as “the ability to make choices with respect to one’s personal resources, unencumbered by trusted third parties or borders or lack of access ... the foundation of peace and prosperity, and by creating more of it for people, we are reducing suffering in the world,” in their mission statement. Seeking economic liberation, this may seem like a fulfillment of that American dream.

Not everyone won in the gold rush, though.

In fact, many in this new frontier found immense loss — hopes shattered, this dream did not solve any of their needs.

Bitcoin and other currencies seem to provide a similar sort of escapism from the seemingly-oppressive systems and regulations set in place. Government and corporate corruption have only aided this distrust of regulation, making the lack of control all the more appealing.

But these regulations also serve to fight the corruption that comes with unregulated wealth and power I fear that like those who risked it all centuries before, many investors today will see similar loss and exploitation, unprotected by the systems put in place in other markets and currencies.

As we navigate this new frontier that is artificial intelligence and all of its capabilities, it’s essential to not only look back at the past, but to observe the patterns that keep repeating their harmful cycles: do we need cryptocurrency if the fear of corruption is removed?

If our laws can reflect that intrinsic craving of “liberation” that the American dream promises, perhaps we wouldn’t feel the need to “strike gold,” throwing our trust at the promise of good fortune.

I think about that stranger from the party often, and I wonder if he’ll ever strike a fortune with his investments. I hope he does, though — that the dream he placed so much confidence in serves him well.

I hope he is paying attention.

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## 'Core' shouldn't bore; curriculum is packed with potential

The typical college student is surrounded, if not bombarded, by role models. Professors, advisors, community leaders, employers and mentors all serve as excellent sources of information, wisdom and guidance. Despite this, a certain demographic of college students has glommed onto an entirely different type of role model — one which can only be described as the bewildering intersection of the soulless Patrick Bateman from “American Psycho” and the restless, detached Tyler Durden from “Fight Club”. Clearly, something went wrong.

This role model issue is not unique to Gonzaga University, but we are certainly more equipped to deal with it than other schools. Thanks to both Jesuit roots and the centuries-old tradition of liberal arts that the university has made itself a part of, students are at least somewhat safeguarded from such delusion.

I say somewhat because at the end of the day, the curriculum



By MICHAEL BEIRNE

ends up finding you — not the other way around. Your three, weighty and required philosophy courses might cover the pitfalls of social destruction and anarchy, or you could end up merely glossing them over. See how some ideologies (and role models) can slip through the cracks?

The university core, even in its current state, provides a partial safeguard. By requiring that students are exposed

to studies beyond their own discipline, the university encourages us to become students of our own nature. Core curriculum does not exist as a punishment or a religious tribute; core curriculum pushes students past specialization, allowing for one last glimpse at our inherent, individual humanity before the American workplace begins squashing it.

Our core curriculum provides GU an irrefutable claim to its humanist nature and attribution. The university mission statement spells out the necessity of its core curriculum. If liberal arts, humanism and religious education were not what you signed up for when you enrolled at GU, you might want to check again. Why would you come to a liberal arts school with the expectation of not having to study the liberal arts?

It’s important to remember that our core is not set in stone. In fact, the GU core is contentiously malleable. The

current requirements are the answer to a 15-year debate of policy and academic discourse. Years of department politics, tradeoffs and side-deals have built the humanist guardrail that traps you in unbearable class, unfortunate seminar, or biology lecture.

In true homage to its roots, GU’s current core serves as the manifestation of the centuries-long discourse on what exactly a university should do, and the discussion has moved far past the point of arguing about the necessity of a liberal arts core. We just need to collectively determine how dedicated we are to that core.

If GU desires that its students receive a liberal arts education, the university core needs to reflect that — literally. Student learning occurs with much more inspiration and dedication when students are empowered with not only choice, but variety as well. Instead of offering 20 different Philosophy

201: Human Nature courses without specification, perhaps the philosophy department could make distinctions among them, catering them more to certain fields of study and application.

While you can lead an engineering major to a shower, at the end of the day, you can’t always get them to jump in. As students, at minimum, we must be willing to meaningfully engage with curriculum outside our comfort zone. Under the current mandated core, the margin for such academic freedom remains quite small.

I find it not too much to ask of a university with a \$70,000 price tag or a department with the most core-requirements (as well as the vast majority of Core Integrative Studies courses) that we, as liberal arts students, are given the academic freedom to at least choose the kind of liberal arts we study.

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## Biden's mass marijuana pardon is too little, too late

It’s hard not to have mixed feelings about President Biden’s recent mass pardoning of those federally convicted of marijuana possession. It all feels like a little too little too late. But at the same time, it’s representative of a shift in the federal approach to cannabis; and it’s about time for that. So where does this act of clemency — the largest in a generation — leave us?

For starters, I think it’s important to be aware of what this pardon actually does, or rather, fails to do. Because oftentimes, simple drug possession cases are heard at the state level. And these convictions are something that Biden and his administration have no control over.

Not to mention the fact that, according to the Marshall Project as of the time of writing, there is no one in federal custody for marijuana possession.

Biden followed up his clemency announcement with a plea for state governors to follow his lead and grant clemency to the 30,000 individuals incarcerated for state marijuana possession crimes. And while it’s no surprise that those sympathetic to his cause are already way ahead of him, those who oppose the president are unlikely to play along. In states with sympathetic administrations, lawmakers have already set up programs to expunge records of possession crimes as recreational cannabis is legalized across the country.

So, if Biden’s federal pardon won’t get people out of jail for marijuana possession, what will? In some states, granting mass pardons like the ones Biden has asked governors for is against state law due to bureaucratic restraints on pardoning power. And while some governors who



By SAM FEDOR

align politically with the current administration have praised the pardon and the proposal for further clemency, those who don’t have been unresponsive.

All of this said, there are some who will benefit from Biden’s clemency act. There are thousands of people with prior marijuana possession convictions who are not currently incarcerated who will have their records expunged and their civic rights restored, assuming that marijuana possession was the only felony conviction on their record. Most importantly their right to vote would be restored.

Some critics have pointed to the timeliness of Biden’s actions in relation to the upcoming midterm elections and crumbling approval, and I would argue that the number of people who will have their right to vote restored pales in comparison to the more than 6 million Americans whose right to vote has been withheld due to a felony conviction — certainly not enough to make a dent in the upcoming midterms.

Pundits across the political spectrum have been critical of just how little this act of clemency does to address the racial disparity in the prosecution and sentencing of

drug crimes. And although Biden referred to the fact that Black Americans are disproportionately more likely to be charged and sentenced for marijuana possession than white Americans, despite similar rates of usage, this act of clemency does nothing to address this disparity.

If the goal of this act was to address mass incarceration and the racial imbalances in our prison system, then this pardon is not nearly enough.

Along with his pardon and plea to state governors to do the same, President Biden has also instructed his administration to review the way cannabis is classified under federal law.

Marijuana is classified as a schedule I substance, the most restricted class of drugs, meaning that it is seen as having no medical value and a high likelihood for abuse. But considering that 37 states have legalized some form of medical marijuana, and a further 19 have legalized adult recreational use, this is clearly not the consensus. And as research has indicated for some time, it’s also not true.

So where does this leave us? Where this federal review of cannabis’ classification to go through and see the drug moved to a less restricted category or removed all together, it could shift the conversation around cannabis toward decriminalization nationwide.

Only then can we begin to undo the decades of harm done by mass incarceration for low level drug offenses. But for now, we’ll have to settle for a pardon that does little to address the root problems with the war on drugs and mass incarceration.

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# Get to know your professors by taking a peek behind closed doors

By CARMEN MACRAE

Attending office hours is a way to catch a look at professors’ unique office decorations and find out their interests beyond the classroom. Gonzaga University math and mechanical engineering professors Tom McKenzie, Pat Ferro and Melody Alsaker have designed their offices with large collections of different items.

Math professor McKenzie’s office in Herak has several unique collections. Ranging from pop culture artifacts, ancient coins and rocks, McKenzie made sure his office would be entertaining for anyone who visits.

“The theme is just things that interest me that I think might interest students,” McKenzie said. “The students come into my office and they’re working out math problems ... so I want there to be something just entertaining that we can talk about that’s not math.”

An extensive collection of “Star Wars,” “Star Trek” and “Babylon 5” memorabilia line the walls of McKenzie’s office. He also has interactive items like a Tippy Top and Rattleback that spin across the desk to occupy students during office hours.

McKenzie said his most unusual decoration was a Playbill from Sir Patrick Stewart’s one-man performance of “A Christmas Carol” on Broadway. He said his favorite decoration was a set of rocks gifted to him by his young son when he first started working at GU. During one of his runs along the Centennial Trail, McKenzie picked up his biggest decoration, a nearly life-sized storm trooper that watches over his office from atop a shelf.

“We were out by Bowl and Pitcher, and I got lost,” McKenzie said. “But then I happened upon a yard sale, and this guy was out in front.”

As time goes on, he plans to continue adding decorations from unique locations.

Alsaker, who also teaches math, took a similar approach to decorating her office. Located in Herak, she aims to provide a welcoming space for students coming in for office hours. Her collection mostly features natural objects she has found like minerals, fossils and seashells.

“I used to have everything at my house and then I realized I was really one of the only people who ever got to see it,” Alsaker said. “So, I figured more people could enjoy it this way, and people do seem to like it.”

Alsaker’s rock collection began when she was a kid, and she has now gathered multiple bookshelves full of items. Alsaker’s biggest seashell came from her grandmother’s collection that was gifted to Alsaker when her grandmother passed away.

“Liking to pick up rocks and seashells seems to run in the family,” Alsaker said.

Alsaker said one of her favorite decorations was a box of sea glass from a beach town in Sicily, Italy. She said her most unique decoration is a piece of slate that may be a fossilized piece of squid she picked up from the Swiss Alps. Many of Alsaker’s other decorations came from her travels and found a permanent home in her office.

“I consider myself of scientist,” Alsaker said. “I guess [my office] is a reflection of me as a scientist and as a person who wants others to enjoy science as well.”

Ferro, a mechanical engineering professor, also



In his office, professor Pat Ferro decorated the space with a collection of natural minerals, wooden furniture and a tuba.

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I consider myself a scientist. I guess [my office] is a reflection of me as a scientist and as a person who wants others to enjoy science as well.

Melody Alsaker, math professor

decorated his office in Herak with a large collection of natural minerals.

“My office is where I keep all my stuff,” Ferro said. “I’ve got a lot of cool things like big pieces of copper, or pieces of tungsten and obsidian.”

Ferro considered his tuba a piece of material that is an example of brass, though he does also play music with it. Ferro said that there was no explicit theme to his office, but he did try and stick to wooden furniture over metal.

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# Explore Spokane this spooky season at Greenwood Cemetery's 1,000 steps

By JONAS BEARS

On the edge of Greenwood Cemetery, a crumbling staircase lies in disrepair. Each Halloween these “1,000 Steps” are featured on the list of Spokane’s most popular haunts.

“The local legend is that it feels like it takes a thousand steps to get up to the top because there’s so many ghosts that try to stop you from reaching the top,” paranormal investigator Amanda Paulson said. “There’s one story of an apparition of a green man, and there’s also been lots of reports of orbs, mist and also voices.”

According to spokanehistorical.org, the stairs were built in the late 1800s by a fraternal order called the Elks Society. The steps lead to an abandoned mausoleum, which was initially meant to serve as the final resting place for members of the order. Instead, the Elks went bankrupt, and the steps and mausoleum were both deserted.

The ruins are now obscured by overgrowth and inscribed with eerie graffiti-poetry of recent visitors. In reality there are only 60 or so steps total, but the climb to the top is treacherous — as many of the steps are uneven and covered with debris.

Paulson advises caution to those interested in traversing the steps.

“Be careful, because they’re really decrepit stairs, and I would say start from the top — actually get a good lay of the land before you just start climbing up the stairs because they’re pretty rough,” Paulson said.

According to Paulson, the stairs largely derive their reputation due to their liminality — a trait commonly associated with haunted locations.

“I find those stairs to be a very liminal place, and a lot of people say liminality can bring paranormal activity because a liminal space is a place in between one and the other, you know, like a doorway or a hallway or a staircase,” Paulson said.

Though she has never had a run-in with ghosts at the “1,000 Steps” herself, Paulson believes communication is key for those anticipating a paranormal encounter.

“I always tell people to state your intention there and say out loud, ‘Hey, I just want to talk to you,’” Paulson said. “Speaking out loud is a really powerful way to establish what you’re doing there and establish yourself with the ghosts; I would say to anyone going to check it out, use your phone. There’s lots of ghost hunting tools on your phone.”

Paulson believes that despite their allure, accessing the steps at night when paranormal activity is most likely to occur may not be possible.

“I do think the cemetery is haunted,” Paulson said. “I’ve investigated the cemetery a handful of times, but the steps themselves I’ve only investigated once, and it was in the daytime because it’s not legal to be there at night. But I don’t know how ownership of the cemetery is anymore, if they kind of turn a blind eye I have no idea.”



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The "1,000 steps" at Spokane's Greenwood Cemetery, located at 211 N. Government Way, are believed to be haunted.

In the past year a bronze gate has been installed in front of the steps, which may be an attempt to ward off curious haunt-seekers.

According to Candace Arambaru, director of human resources and marketing at Greenwood, the cemetery has had issues with vandalism and litter being left at the steps.

“For us it’s really just about respecting the families and their loved ones,” Arambaru said. “We’d prefer people just stay safe and not go around the steps. People think it’s our property, but it’s really the Elks’ property, and people haven’t really been involved with it in forever.”

Though Arambaru discourages visiting the steps, she is well aware of the lore surrounding them.

“I’ve lived in Spokane my whole life and everybody knows about the thousand steps,” Arambaru said. “And

Greenwood itself is supposedly one of the top 10 most haunted cemeteries in the United States, so we hear that a lot too.”

Greenwood is located at 211 N. Government Way. The cemetery is large, so navigating to the steps can be difficult. They sit on the north end of the cemetery directly across the street from the Riverside Memorial mausoleum. Greenwood is open daily from dawn to dusk.

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## Balance is key: Students get real about maintaining demanding schedules

By SAILOR HAWES

Balancing school, work and a social life can be tricky for students in college. With classes taking up a lot of time in students’ schedules already, it can be difficult to find a way to have a job, or multiple, all while making sure to not be spread too thin with a busy schedule.

Junior Carmella Famolaro works four jobs all while juggling the coursework for her human physiology major.

Famolaro works as the assistant resident director on Coughlin Block for Gonzaga University Housing, a lifeguard at the Rudolf Fitness Center and a teacher’s assistant for the anatomy lab at GU while also working at Wild Walls Climbing Gym.

“I’m really spread thin at the moment, especially since human physiology is a very taxing major,” Famolaro said. “I’m having a very difficult time balancing it, but I’m usually pretty productive throughout my day.”

With her busy schedule, Famolaro makes sure to find time to get schoolwork done and to have a bit of downtime away from school.

“I try to keep my evenings free [because] that’s my time for homework, and I also like to climb a lot during the week so that’s my time to go relax and exercise,” Famolaro said.

Although being spread thin with certain jobs and activities can be a lot of work, it also comes with a lot of advantages.

“Because I’m involved in so many things, I know a lot of people and I make a lot of friends that way, so I’d say that is probably the most rewarding part,” Famolaro said. “[As well as] being able to dip into so many different parts of Gonzaga life and Spokane life.”

Similar to Famolaro, senior Kiah Remillard also works multiple jobs while attending GU as a kinesiology major.

“I work at the library part-time on campus and off campus I work as a server at the Melting Pot,” Remillard said. “At the library [I work] about six hours per week, and I do anywhere from 15 to 20 hours over at the Melting Pot.”

While those two jobs take up a lot of hours per week, Remillard is also enrolled in 16 credits this semester, which equates to about five classes.

“It’s a lot of trying to do homework at the library, which they can kind of be sticklers about doing homework there,” Remillard said. “So finding the balance of getting my stuff done that I have to do at the library and then also getting my homework done; I’ve been finding the balance of being able to go to school, have a job, and then also find time for the people

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**Because I'm involved in so many things, I know a lot of people and I make a lot of friends ... that is probably the most rewarding part.**

*Carmella Famolaro, GU junior*

that I want to spend time with.”

Senior Kate Swyers is also finding ways to balance her busy workload with being a biology major with a research concentration. Swyers is a teacher’s assistant for the biology department at GU and works on research in a biology lab on campus for professor Betsy Bancroft while also working at Polka Dot Pottery.

With her different courses, jobs and research, Swyers finds ways to balance the three throughout the week.

“Most days I’m up by 7:45 a.m. or 8 a.m., then I’ll go to class,” Swyers said. “Usually, class is in the morning for me, and then lab hours are the fun thing to figure out [how to schedule]. They’re kind of like filler hours, so I’ll hop in the lab for an hour if I have the time.”

Swyers said that she enjoys being busy and it helps her keep her days going.

“In high school I played sports and had a part time job, so I am very used to it,” Swyers said. “I like having my days packed with things to do because if I sit there and don’t have anything to do I will just take naps, so it’s always nice to be busy.”

Swyers said that although being constantly busy can be taxing at times, there also is a big reward within it as well.

“Being able to walk out of college prepared beyond just what [professors] can teach you in a classroom; so, a lot more practicality type things,” Swyers said. “Also, having a job is nice for time management, learning how to manage your money, like so many things that are going to carry you a lot further.”

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COURTESY OF KIAH REMILLARD

Kiah Remillard works multiple jobs while working to complete her kinesiology degree.



COURTESY OF KATE SWYERS

Part of Kate Swyers' research position is spending time out in the field collecting data.



# In the classroom and on the court, De la Bassetiere gets it done for GU

By TOMMY CONNOLLY

Reims, France and Spokane are 4,881 miles apart — a long way for a vacation let alone to go to school. But this is what one Gonzaga University men's tennis player did when he decided to commit to play tennis for the Bulldogs.

Arthus De la Bassetiere traveled all the way to Spokane, and not just him and his belongings made the travel, but so did his tennis game. The decision to come to Spokane has been paying dividends for De la Bassetiere and the Zags after going unblemished (11-0) in singles competition in 2022 and earning All-West Coast Conference Honorable Mention.

“When looking at Gonzaga, I was recruited by the old coach, Jonas Piibor,” De la Bassetiere said. “The team also felt like a good match for me, I would be able to contribute and the academics at Gonzaga.”

Since De la Bassetiere’s commitment and arrival on campus, Piibor has left the Zags program, being replaced by current head coach and former women’s head coach D.J. Gurule.

De la Bassetiere stepped in right away to play in the No. 3 and No. 4 singles spots, as well as on the No. 3 doubles court with a record of 5-3.

“Technically, his forehand and serve are his main weapons, but more than anything else, he has done an excellent job of being a student of the game,” Gurule said. “He is learning how to utilize his strengths.”

Besides hitting forehand winners and serving aces, playing tennis is not the only thing that De la Bassetiere has excelled in during his time at GU. De la Bassetiere is a sophomore mechanical engineering major. When looking at coming to play for the Zags, academics played a huge role in his decision to do so.

“I was going for tennis, but also for the school part,” De la Bassetiere said. “I knew that Gonzaga had a really good engineering school.”

Balancing an engineering workload



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From France, De la Bassetiere is one of five international players for GU men's tennis.

paired with the schedule of being a student-athlete, and De la Bassetiere has a lot on his plate.

“For me, it is not a problem to work really hard a lot of the time,” De la Bassetiere said. “To be honest, I really don’t sleep a lot, but it is not a problem for me because I really like what I am doing.”

Back on the court, De la Bassetiere is continuing to thrive in the fall season, seeing time on the doubles court with Pablo Gomez Galvan and action on the middle courts in singles, continuing to be an anchor for coach Gurule and the Zags.

“Everyday his focus is on development, which is evident in his success,” Gurule said. “The more he becomes a student of the game and understands that how to dictate with his strengths the better he will become.”

Growing up in France, De la Bassetiere played predominantly in singles, as shown by his record in the spring season. Toting both a huge serve and forehand from the right side, his weapons are traditionally made for someone to excel on the doubles court, but De la Bassetiere has found comfort in being on the court alone.

“Back home in France we do not play a lot of doubles, so when I came here, I had to improve a lot on my skills in doubles,” De la Bassetiere said. “We really worked on my volley, and I feel more comfortable, but I have been working hard to improve and get better.”

One benefit that De la Bassetiere can use to his advantage is his experience playing on the hardcourt surface. In Reims, De la Bassetiere played on hardcourt indoors, the same environment as the Stevens Center at GU.

“College tennis is the perfect match for my game because of the surface,” De la Bassetiere said. “Because it is only hardcourt, indoor or outdoor, for me it is not a problem. I really like it.”

De la Bassetiere is one of five international students who make up GU’s men’s tennis roster. Rounding out the remaining players is Gus Krauel from Portland, Oregon, Tom Hann from Perth, Australia, Gomez Galvan from Mexico City, Mexico and Sasha Trkulja from Toronto, Canada.

“I remember the first week there is an Australian guy on the team, and we didn’t understand each other because of our accents,” De la Bassetiere. “The guys on the team have a house, and they call it the Embassy, and it’s really fun.”

Looking forward for De la Bassetiere, the International Tennis Association Super Regionals take place this weekend Oct. 21-24 in Palo Alto, California, where he will be competing in the singles bracket. The Zags will round out their fall season at home on the first weekend of November when they host the Gonzaga Invitational at the Stevens Tennis Center.

“He brings such a huge amount of energy and intensity to the team every single day,” Gurule said. “He is and will continue to be one of the best tennis players in the country.”

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# GU men's basketball opens season at No. 2 in AP poll

By HENRY KRUEGER

For the first time in two years, the Gonzaga University men’s basketball team isn’t the nation’s top-ranked program entering the season.

The Zags were picked second behind No. 1 North Carolina in the preseason Associated Press Top 25 poll released Monday. It marks GU’s 115th consecutive week in the top-25 and their 10th-straight year as a top-20 preseason team.

The NCAA Tournament runner-up, North Carolina

claimed 47 of the 62 first-place votes, while GU grabbed 12, No. 3 Houston collected one and No. 4 Kentucky received two. Completing the preseason top-10 were Baylor and Kansas tied at No. 5, No. 7 Duke, No. 8 UCLA, No. 9 Creighton and No. 10 Arkansas.

GU’s No. 2 ranking comes after losing to Arkansas in the Sweet 16 of last season’s tournament. The Zags retained three starters from that team, including senior forward Drew Timme, a two-time All-American and the reigning West Coast Conference

(WCC) Player of the Year.

The two other returning starters are Julian Strawther and senior guard Rasir Bolton, who were both named to the preseason All-WCC team heading into the 2022-23 season.

Considered by many to be a national championship contender, the Zags are scheduled to face at least four preseason top-25 teams during nonconference play, and another in an exhibition.

GU opens the preseason against No. 11 Tennessee in the Legends of Basketball Classic

on Oct. 28 in Frisco, Texas. It will be a pay-per-view broadcast with the proceeds benefiting the McLendon Foundation.

The Zags’ first top-25 regular-season game as of now is going to be at No. 12 Texas on Nov. 16. The contest is the second meeting of a home-and-home series that began with GU defeating the Longhorns 86-74 at the McCarthy Athletic Center last season.

A few days later, the Zags welcome Kentucky to the Spokane Arena on Nov. 20 for the first matchup in a six-game series that will conclude in 2027. GU’s last two ranked opponents are No. 5 Baylor on Dec. 2 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and No. 20 Alabama on Dec. 17 in Birmingham.

The schedule will also feature a game against Michigan State on Nov. 11 on the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier in San Diego, and the Phil Knight Legacy tournament from Nov. 24-27, in Portland.

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# Men's and women's cross country falls out of top 30

By TOMMY CONMY

Gonzaga University men’s and women’s cross country placed 26th and 36th respectively at the Nuttycombe Invitational in their penultimate race before the West Coast Conference (WCC) championship meet.

The Nuttycombe Invitational held in Madison, Wisconsin, is one of the premier meets in the college cross country landscape. This year’s race was no different, with 24 ranked women’s teams and 19 ranked men’s teams competing in one of the most competitive regular season fields assembled each year.

The GU men came into the meet ranked No. 14 in the nation and No. 2 in the West region behind national No. 2 Stanford. The Zags achieved a program best No. 11 ranking earlier this year before falling slightly in subsequent polls.

The top finisher for head coach Pat Tyson was sophomore Wil Smith, finishing 32nd in a time of 23:37.1. Smith was followed by Cullen McEachern in 156th (24:26.4), Bryce Cerkowniak in 158th (24:27.1) and Dominic Arce in 160th (24:27.7). Standout redshirt senior Yacine Guermali was the last GU runner to finish in the men’s “A” race after leading the Bulldogs to a 10th place team finish at the Cowboy Jamboree earlier this season.

Following the meet, GU fell from No. 14 to outside of the top 30 and was one of six schools to receive at least one vote in the poll. The Zags also fell to No. 7 in the West region behind WCC foe University of Portland at No. 2.

James Mwaura has yet to race in a GU singlet this season. Mwaura’s last race came at the NCAA Championship Track and Field meet last spring. The Tacoma native ran a 28:29.8 in the 10K to take home second team All-American status, placing 15th overall.

Mwaura ran in last year’s Nuttycombe Invitational after debuting in the Dellinger Invitational. He finished 14th in



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Kristen Garcia and Rosina Machu compete at Eastern Washington earlier this season.

Wisconsin after an early fall derailed his race.

The GU women fared similarly in Madison. Paced by top finisher Kirsten Garcia, the Bulldogs finished 36th overall in a field that featured eight of the top 10 teams in the country. Garcia finished 121st in 21:01.5 over 6K. Alicia Anderson placed 168th after passing 26 runners over the last 2K to run 21:19.4. Grad transfer Caramia Mestler from the University of Oregon was third for the Bulldogs, finishing 211th in 21:4.9

GU fell out of the West region top 15 after opening the season ranked No. 4. The women’s team peaked at No. 3 last season after a strong showing at the Nuttycombe

Invitational and the WCC Championship.

Head coach Jake Stewart is still without top-five runner Rosina Machu, who is battling an injury that is preventing her from competing. Machu finished 17th overall and fourth on the team for GU in last year’s WCC Championships, helping the Zags to a runner-up team finish behind BYU.

The Zags last opportunity to race before the WCC Championship will come at the Downriver Classic in Spokane on Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

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# WCC adds men's basketball talent through transfer portal

COMMENTARY  
By TOMMY CONNOLLY

The transfer portal has become a weapon for student-athletes to find a new home or more playing time, and the West Coast Conference (WCC) is no different. With all but one member of the conference (Santa Clara) adding talent through the portal, the WCC looks to follow-up a season in which three teams made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 2011-12 season. Multiple teams added more than one piece to their rosters, with three teams in the conference landing three or more players. Loyola Marymount, San Diego, Gonzaga University and Pacific each added multiple high-major players to their roster.

San Diego will look the most different in the WCC after hauling in three transfers and hiring former UCLA and St. John's head coach Steve Lavin.

Lavin last coached St. John's from 2010-15 before taking the last seven years off coaching. His pedigree and experience helped the Toreros land grad transfer wing Jaden Delaire, a former top 100 recruit who averaged 10.1 points in 32 games for Stanford.

"The short answer is coach Lavin. But the long answer is I feel like I really connected with him," Delaire said to the San Diego Union-Tribune. "I'm real excited about what USD has to offer me."

Joining Delaire for the Toreros is fellow Pac-12 player Eric Williams, Jr. from Oregon. Williams played three seasons in Eugene before entering the portal this spring. Nic Lynch, a center from Lehigh, also joins the mix, giving San Diego a solid core for a team looking to make a leap in the conference after going 15-16 last season.

Staying in the state of California, Saint Mary's added the biggest impact freshman of the cycle by way of highly-touted guard Aidan Mahaney.

A four-star recruit from Moraga, California, Mahaney is accompanied by Joshua Jefferson out of Liberty High School in Henderson, Nevada, the same high school that current Zag Julian Strawther attended. Mahaney is the Gaels third-highest recruit ever and has a chance to make an immediate impact next to star point guard Logan Johnson.

"I don't want to say the name Steph Curry, but he's shifty like that," said Jason Jordan, head recruiting analyst at Sports Illustrated. "He was always someone who caught my eye, just because he plays very confidently."

6-foot-8 power forward Mason Forbes from Harvard rounded out Saint Mary's head coach Randy Bennett's additions.

Staying in the top half of the preseason



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**GU center Efton Reid averaged 6.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game at LSU last season.**

conference predictions, San Francisco went through a lot of change this offseason with former head coach Todd Golden setting sail for Florida and the departure of point guard Jamaree Bouyea.

However, new coach Chris Gerlufen added Tyrell Roberts from Washington State to pair in the backcourt with Khalil Shabazz. Roberts will look to step into the mammoth size shoes left by Bouyea, as USF looks to make back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Another team looking to make it back to the NCAA Tournament after a one-year hiatus is BYU. The Cougars got hit hard in the offseason with the departure of Alex Barcello and transfer of starting power forward Caleb Lohner to Baylor. Head coach Mark Pope does have first-year student Richie Saunders on campus after a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the freshman could have an opportunity to play big minutes for a team in need of scoring.

No team, however, benefited more from

late additions in the transfer portal than the Zags, with the addition of Malachi Smith, the Southern Conference Player of the Year last season at Chattanooga. Smith averaged 20.1 points per game for the Mocs and has a chance to start in the backcourt this season.

"My goal is to be a part of something special, and elevate my game," Smith told ESPN after committing to GU.

GU's transfer class also includes former five-star Efton Reid from LSU. Reid averaged 6.3 points and 4.3 rebounds last season.

While GU hopes to remain atop the WCC, Pacific is looking to avoid finishing at the bottom of the conference. Its additions of Oklahoma State tandem Donovan Williams and Keylan Boone should give the Tigers a chance to perform better than last season. Boone has played three seasons and averaged 17.4 minutes per game last season. Williams, a former four-star recruit from Lincoln, Nebraska, only saw action in 15 games in his two seasons playing for the Cowboys.

Moving south in California, LMU added three high-major players through the transfer

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➔ Women's soccer at BYU, Provo, UT, 6 p.m.  
➔ **Men's soccer vs. Pacific**, 7 p.m.  
  
Monday, Oct. 24  
➔ Women's golf at Rainbow Wahine Invitational, Kapolei, HI, all day  
  
Wednesday, Oct. 26  
➔ Cross country at Downriver Classic, Downriver Golf Club, Spokane, all day  
➔ **Men's soccer vs. Portland**, 7 p.m.  
  
**\*Home games in bold\***

portal: Justin Ahrens from Ohio State, Noah Taitz from Stanford and Rick Issanza from Oklahoma. Ahrens is a grad transfer after starting 19 games last season for the Buckeyes. Both Ahrens and Taitz are known as good outside shooters, with Ahrens knocking down 40% of his 3-point attempts at OSU.

With the conference stacked full of new talent, it's expected to be a competitive season that could see as many as four WCC teams having their names called on Selection Sunday come March.

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FREE SIDE OF CHIPS & SALSA WITH PURCHASE OF TACOS. VALID ONLY AT REMINGTON QDOBA. VALID ONLY ON TUESDAYS. PROMOTION SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**We Love Local Sourcing!**

**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT GIVEAWAY**

**Hemmingson**  
**Thursday, November 3rd**  
**2-4:30pm**

**Scan the QR code and complete the survey to claim your free sustainable product!**

**NORTHWEST FOOD HUB NETWORK**  
Northwest Food Hub Network (NWFHN) provides Zag Dining with produce from farmer-owned hubs across Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

Look for this sticker when choosing a meal at the COG!

Much of the salad you find in the COG was grown in our greenhouse on the roof of Hemmingson.

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