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'Tartuffe' tackles hot topics

Students perform in GU Theater's recent rendition of "Tartuffe," which follows a man's fame, success and family fortune and his subsequent downfall.

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Read more about the performance and the reporter's review of it on page 5.

Garden supplies locals food

By RUBY GROSS

In the yard behind Gonzaga University's Faber House sits a small space with significant impacts: a community garden. According to its managers, the garden has become a place for reflection, refining life skills and serving the Spokane community.

The garden, which was founded 10 years ago, has been overseen by the Office of Sustainability for the past four years. However, it is cared for by GU students, staff and volunteers and is accessible to the public at all times.

At the season's peak, tomatoes, potatoes, pumpkins and peppers abound. Plants weave over and around several garden beds, encasing the entire yard in greenery. Additionally, throughout the space, guests can find tools set out to help them harvest whatever they need whenever they like. Jim Simon, GU's director of sustainability, said this collaborative design benefits all parties involved.

"You'll see the joy of people both working in the garden and picking up the produce that we put out for them," Simon said.

Annie Cooper is a senior and the sustainability



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GU's community garden works to combat food insecurity and promote sustainability.

engagement coordinator who managed the garden this past summer. Cooper said she's found working in the garden to be both gratifying and informative.

"I've loved the time I've spent in the garden," Cooper said. "Working with your hands and learning to grow things is really fulfilling. I think that they're skills everyone should know."

Although anyone is welcome in the garden, some guests are more helpful than others. Cooper said she's had

to learn to gently deter the deer and stray cats that have been making their presence known this season.

Just as the challenges the garden faces are a little different each year, what produce it grows varies as well. Simon said some plants return easily, like raspberries and sage, but it still takes planning.

Cooper was in charge of managing last season's

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Maccarone steps into vice president position



Ellen Maccarone

By ALEX HERNANDEZ

"Grateful" and "excited" are two words that came to mind for Ellen Maccarone, the newly appointed vice president of Mission Integration, about the future of Gonzaga University.

"This institution has a lot going for it in a time when many schools around the country are struggling," Maccarone said. "We are grateful to be able to move forward in a way that not everyone can and excited to continue growing our reputation on the national stage to the benefit of our students and [the] Spokane community."

After two years serving as an interim

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Violence prevention specialist educates GU

By NATALIE KELLER

Trigger warning: This article contains mentions of sexual assault.

Sitting in her Gonzaga University office, Gender-Based Violence Prevention Education Specialist Kristina Poffenroth read aloud from a poem she wrote several years ago. Poffenroth has been writing poetry since high school, and she said this particular piece helped her process the emotional toll of her previous job as an advocate for sexual assault survivors.

"How many years will it take to soothe this gut distended with stories?" Poffenroth



Kristina Poffenroth

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read. "All the darkness I have swallowed and held onto like trash in a river bed, like blood in the well water."

Poffenroth has been working in violence prevention at GU for a year, hosting educational workshops and events. Some of her goals, she said, are to normalize conversations on these topics and include a diverse range of voices in the development of her programming.

"If there's one thing that people take away from anything that I do, even if they're not remembering the statistics or any of the information that I put out there, I want them to know that there's help on campus and there's people that care," Poffenroth said.

Prior to her time at GU, Poffenroth worked as a victim advocate at Lutheran Community Services Northwest starting in 2016. Poffenroth said she learned of the job through a partnership that the advocacy organization had with a local slam poetry organization she participated in.

Poffenroth would spend seven years in the position, serving the last three years as a GU campus advocate and acting as a liaison for sexual assault survivors at the university. She said her experiences of working with survivors had a profound impact on her.

"It's emotional labor," Poffenroth said. "It has a really heavy not just mental toll, but a physical toll as well."

Nonetheless, she said she found the work rewarding. "You just see so much resilience from people," Poffenroth said. "You see what they are capable of and how they overcome the worst possible things that can happen to them."

It was during her time as a victim advocate that Poffenroth penned her poem, "On Being a Victim Advocate" or "The Weight of Things I Didn't Realize I Was Carrying Until I Set Them Down," which describes her experiences in the job. Having studied creative writing in college and filled numerous notebooks with poems, Poffenroth said poetry has been a mode of self-expression.

"This was a really good emotional outlet," Poffenroth said. "I feel like it's just a really good way to help process the world."

When she saw the violence prevention job open at GU, Poffenroth said she was excited about a new opportunity but that leaving her previous job was bittersweet. As a result, she wrote a second part to her initial poem detailing her reflections on her final day on the job.

"I wouldn't be who I am today if I hadn't done that work for that long," Poffenroth said. "So it was really important acknowledging all those stories that you carry."

Since transitioning to her role at GU last November, Poffenroth said she has appreciated the opportunity to prevent violence instead of responding to it. Specifically, she said she enjoys working with young people who she believes will go on to shape a better world.

However, the job has come with challenges, including struggles to have high turnout at events. Poffenroth said it can be difficult to encourage students to attend her educational events and care about the issues.

Poffenroth has addressed this by hiring three students to work as peer educators in her office. These students speak at some of the educational events, which Poffenroth said helps drive attendance. She also said the peer educators have been contributing ideas of their own to the process.

Additionally, Poffenroth said she has been partnering with different campus departments and student organizations to tailor her trainings to specific audiences. Doing this, she said, better addresses the trainees' needs by making the content more relevant.

"A 'one size fits all' approach to prevention is not super effective," Poffenroth said.

Gabi Crippen, one of Poffenroth's former coworkers at Lutheran Community Services Northwest and GU's campus advocate, said Poffenroth's excitement for her new role at GU is evident.

"There's a spark in her eye," Crippen said. "The enthusiasm that she's bringing is very refreshing."

Crippen also said Poffenroth's creativity, knowledge and attention to detail will serve her well in the position.

"Hopefully we'll be seeing an increase in students' knowledge of resources on campus — knowledge for themselves to help protect themselves and protect their friends and their family and partners," Crippen said.

Going forward, Poffenroth said she hopes to continue raising awareness and providing education, even if only to a small number of students.

"It's a calling," Poffenroth said. "We only get through this work by building community and being kind to each other and welcoming everyone to the table."

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GU students Melanie Adams (left), Olivia Betzen (middle) and Grace Crantz (right) are members of the new Native American Club.

GSBA adds five new clubs to roster

By CARRERA GUERTIN

The Gonzaga University Student Body Association has approved five new clubs for students, including two cultural clubs.

The new clubs include the Native American Club, the Korean Association, the Creatives Club, the Bowling Club and the Pre-Vet Club.

The president of the new Native American Club is Grace Crantz, a junior and pre-med student. Crantz said she has been looking to start a Native American Club at GU for the past two years. She hails from a densely populated Native area of Montana, and after coming to GU, she said she realized there were fewer than 100 Native American undergraduate students on campus.

"It made sense to me that, due to the low numbers of Native students, there wasn't a club," Crantz said. "But I also thought that, even if we are diminished in numbers, we still need to have that strong community aspect."

Crantz said the club now has 16 members, all of whom are Native American students.

Crantz said she has had support for creating the Native American Club from other cultural clubs on campus, including the Hawai'i/Pacific Islanders Club, the Filipino American Student Union, the Asian American Union and the Muslim Student Association. She said she appreciates the diverse range of cultural clubs at GU, which represent many students and help create a greater sense of community across campus.

"The Native American Student Union isn't just for Native students," Crantz said. "We will welcome anybody and everybody. We just want to create a larger sense of community among the student population, and I think that this is going to help."

Since the club is in its early stages, its large events are still a year out. Crantz said the club is still looking at ways to celebrate Indigenous culture. For example, Crantz said the club could possibly partner with Indigenous Eats, a restaurant near GU that serves Native American food.

The other new cultural club, the Korean Student Association, is being led by senior Ashley Chon. Chon said she is a part of other clubs on campus, including the Hawai'i/Pacific Islanders club and Association of Latin

American Students, which encouraged her to form an organization for Korean students.

Chon said the Korean Student Association is laying the foundation to host large events. As she is a senior, Chon said these will most likely happen after she has graduated, but she is excited to create a community for future students that celebrates Korean culture.

Chon said that the club's name was deliberate to maintain inclusivity, intentionally labeling itself as the Korean Student Association so that students who are Korean American, international or biracial feel welcome, as the club is open to anyone who identifies with the Korean community.

"That's my motivation, creating that space where people can truly feel authentically themselves and not question any part of their identity," Chon said.

Additionally, Chon said the Korean Student Association is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Korean culture. She said the club intends to bring forward the richness of Korean culture and wants that to be represented.

In addition to these cultural clubs, there are several other new clubs on campus. Joshua Garcia and Luca Gillis are at the helm of the Creatives Club, which is for people interested in photography, videography and graphic design.

Meanwhile, Sierra Salter is the president of the new Pre-Vet club, which has a goal of assisting students through the process of applying to veterinary school.

Bowling Club, led by Kai Werst, offers free bowling and the opportunity to meet new people weekly. The club's goal is to encourage and support members as they are learning the sport.

Chon said that seeing so many new clubs is positive and that it will help grow the GU community.

"It's important that we move forward with the intention of creating that sense of community," Chon said. "It is wonderful that all these clubs are popping up and it gives students a chance to feel like they're being representatives in some shape or form."

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in the position, Maccarone was permanently appointed at the recommendation of the search committee, supported by GU's President's Cabinet and an all-Jesuit board.

Joe Poss, vice president in advancement at GU and a member of the President's Cabinet, remarked on Maccarone's administrative expertise, saying her vision and experience would strengthen the office.

"Ellen's leadership in areas like ethics, social justice, tribal relations and academic excellence uniquely positions her to guide Gonzaga forward in living out its mission statement," Poss said. "The Office of Mission Integration plays a pivotal role in prioritizing Gonzaga's Jesuit identity, and Ellen's leadership will be instrumental in advancing these efforts and shaping the future of Gonzaga."

Shaped by nearly two decades of service at GU, Maccarone said her experience will help her address issues facing Jesuit universities around the country. She specifically cited the issue of spiritual nourishment for students on campus.

"Students are going through a very different world than those that came before, and, as administrators, we have an obligation to find ways of supporting them," Maccarone said. "That includes their spirituality and personal faith journey. Data shows that students with a sense of strong faith community are happier and more fulfilled."



Maccarone has spent nearly two decades at GU as an educator and administrator.

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Ellen Maccarone, VP Mission Integration

In keeping with this goal, Maccarone said she had already worked toward the restructuring of Campus Mission and Ministry, formerly a single office, into two separate departments during her time as interim vice president.

"By splitting this department into University Ministry and the Office of Mission Engagement, each division can focus on accomplishing their specific purpose with greater efficacy," Maccarone said.

Going forward, Maccarone said that she researched how the divisional office of Mission Integration might be adjusted to increase collaboration with other departments, including Health and Counseling, Student Involvement and University Ministry.

"The mission, for us, is everywhere," said Maccarone. "We are looking to work closely with other teams to make connections and work with our partners to broaden our reach beyond this very small division of 16 people."

With a background in applied ethics, Maccarone said her expertise in philosophy allows her to work well with the board of trustees, an important part of the position.

"I can take the stuff that's really abstract and help our board see how it can be used for the betterment of this institution," Maccarone said. "Our trustees are looking to understand how the life of Ignatius of Loyola and our Catholic history can inform the future. I can help operationalize the mission into our decision-making for the benefit of the University."

Maccarone also stressed the importance of a university-wide project to share GU's story with the world, saying it would offer something to the greater community.

"Gonzaga is a special place that has overcome great challenges to become an agent of good in the 21st century," Maccarone said. "This is important, formative work we do, and I've found people are surprised and excited to discover how we look for our mission in the world."

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GU's garden promotes sustainability on campus with tangible results.

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crops. To decide what was planted, she said she tracks what worked well but also likes to take the community's requests into account. She said that zucchini and tomatoes have been especially popular.

Not only does the garden provide fresh produce, Cooper said, but it balances the industrial aesthetic of a paved campus with a vibrant green space. Furthermore, it allows GU to address social issues in the community.

"Because it is a free garden, it targets food deserts and food insecurity," Cooper said. "The Logan neighborhood is a food-insecure place, so people may not have access to fresh produce. This is a great opportunity to add that to their diets."

Each year, the garden is managed with roughly the same timeline. First, seedlings are grown indoors in early spring, and by May they are transferred to the garden's soil. After the produce is cared for over the summer, harvests take place in the fall. Finally, the garden is winterized; dying plants are uprooted and the soil is covered with compost and straw to protect it from the elements.

Fall harvests from the garden are what provide for GU's Free Farmers' Market. For a few weeks in the fall, the Office of Sustainability arranges its crops along tables outside the John J. Hemmingson Center. Cooper said that anyone passing through campus is welcome to pick up fresh produce, not just staff and students.

Along with supplying fresh food to the community,

Simon said the garden brings value to the Faber House. The building is managed by University Ministry, which often uses it to host retreats and religious discussions. Simon said that, during a retreat, participants might benefit from stepping outside and continuing their reflective exercises in the garden.

Simon said the garden has another intangible value. In a world where environmental progress can be tedious, he said, the garden's real-time results are emotionally uplifting. "Sustainability work sometimes seems really slow," Simon said. "Sometimes progress isn't realized for years, and the garden is a neat example of how you can see, literally, the fruits of your labor grow in a single season."

Cooper said the Office of Sustainability has had to push to raise awareness about the garden. She said the office has had success sharing information through social media and at the Free Farmers' Market itself. But this summer, the office found another method to get the word out: hosting tours during orientation.

"We got to introduce every incoming freshman to the garden, and that was really valuable," Cooper said.

Cooper said that it can be difficult to find people willing to commit to the job of caring for the garden, but from these tours, she's made connections with students who continued to stay involved.

Though there won't be much to do for the garden in the winter, Cooper said, anyone who has questions about the garden is welcome to reach out to the Office of Sustainability via email, officeofsustainability@gonzaga.edu.

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Faith groups support queer community

By LILY PEARSE

Gonzaga's University Ministry has been striving to include previously unrecognized communities within faith through queer-affirming faith groups.

GU Campus Minister Candace Williams said that student-led LGBTQ+ faith sharing groups have been active since 2022 due to students advocating for an inclusive space to discuss relationships with faith while navigating identity.

"It was a conversation for a while, and finally a colleague of mine started it and we've kept it going ever since," Williams said. "I think the beauty of our queer community group, but also all the other small groups as well, is that they're all student led, and so it makes it a less intimidating space for people to walk into."

Cultivating a comfortable space for students to share what's on their hearts has been crucial said Williams, who reiterated the welcoming nature of the small groups.

"It's a space that people can come and be seen, known and loved in a space of faith, where it can be kind of a struggle," Williams said. "Especially coming from maybe an identity in the church that hasn't always been acknowledged."

Regardless of whatever past experiences or complicated relationships students may have with the church related to their identities Williams said, they can find belonging in the small groups run here at GU.

GU senior Faith Watkins attends one of the LGBTQ+ affinity groups on campus and had previously struggled to find a space for both of her identities.

"I would go to Sunday school every week growing up and sometimes they'd say things that were uncomfortable or homophobic," Watkins said. "It would be upsetting because I love aspects of the religion, but then there were aspects that are unfriendly, not welcoming and not affirming."

To Watkins, the groups signaled GU's commitment to inclusion and an opportunity for connection.

Williams said those who identify with the LGBTQ+ community and faith can coincide with groups at GU and the university's mission.

"Hopefully [students will] have some sort of healing in that space and be able to still recognize themselves as faith people too," said Williams. "I think it's bringing those things together and having that integration as a whole person, which is really even the hope of our mission of our university."

For students at GU unsure about their faith or those who are trying to discover if they are open to learning more and potentially integrating it into their lives, Williams said this is a welcoming space for them.

"Even questioning faith — if it's not for you, you're like, at least I got to ask those questions and be in a space where I'm addressing the questions within myself," said Williams.

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Over 6,000 students served

Blaine Garvin leaves lasting legacy after 54 years teaching at GU

By KAITLIN SMITH

When Blaine Garvin first arrived to teach political science at Gonzaga University in 1971, it was surrounded by train tracks and took up less than half of the space that it does today. Fifty-three years later, new buildings and resources have popped up around GU's campus.

Garvin has witnessed all this growth and along the way has taught over 6,000 GU students. He plans to retire at the end of the school year, making it 54 years of being a professor at GU.

"I'm proudest of being a good teacher," Garvin said. "I know a lot more than I used to, and I'm proud that I continued growing in that respect."

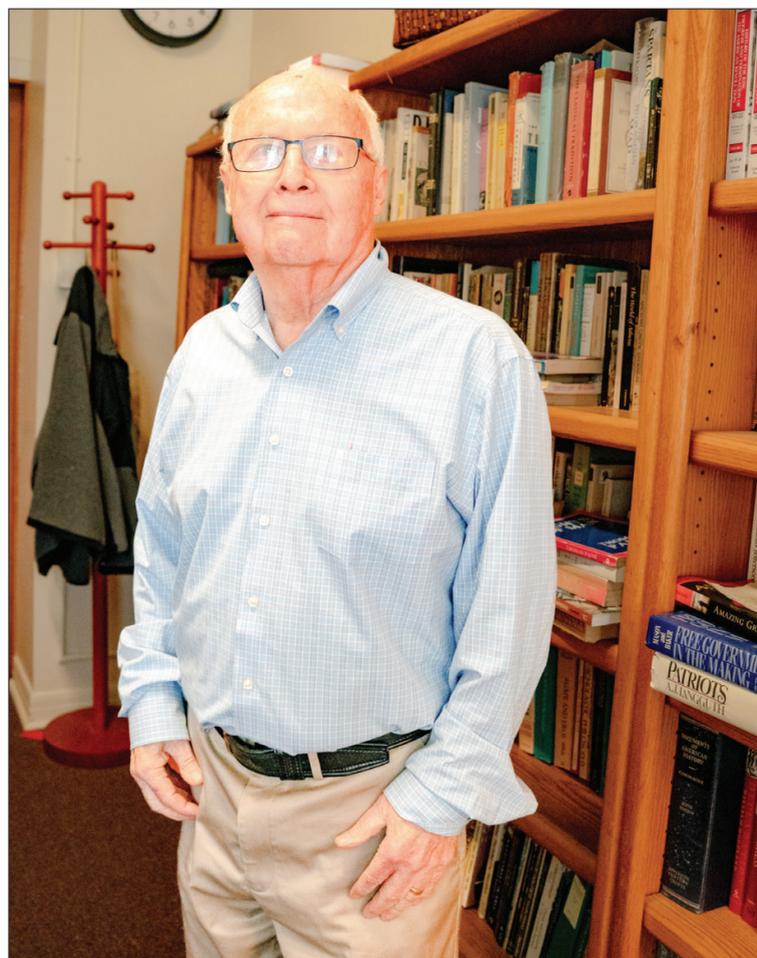
Garvin, a native of Golden, Colorado, came to GU after completing his doctorate in political science at the University of California, Berkeley. Garvin said that upon earning his degree, he only received one job offer, one at a small Jesuit school in Spokane, Washington: GU.

"I had never been up here before," Garvin said. "I wasn't Catholic, I'm not Catholic, I'd never met a priest ... it was all new to me."

After beginning as a professor at GU, Garvin said that he was amazed by the care that was given to students. Garvin said that the students have been the highlight of his time at GU, as well as other faculty and the friendships that he has forged through his work.

"The thing that I liked about GU, and contrasted with Berkeley a lot, was that it was very evident that Gonzaga took students seriously, cared about them, which is what I wanted to do," Garvin said.

Garvin said GU has grown immensely since his arrival on campus. Garvin said



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Gardner has taught political science at GU since 1971 and helped make the department.

that when he started teaching at GU, between a third and a half of all of the professors were priests, and that every department had at least one Jesuit priest in it. While this has changed, Garvin said the university's core values have not.

"I would say that Gonzaga is more Jesuit now than it used to be," Garvin said. "When the Jesuits were here, they sort of took for granted that their mere presence constituted a Jesuit mission. When they went away ... it fell to the rest of us to try to maintain that tradition."

Additionally, Garvin said there is a much stronger presence of women in GU's faculty. He said that when he first started, there were only two or three female faculty members, but now women make up about half of the regular faculty, according to the

2022 diversity report.

While seeing GU grow over the years, Garvin has also witnessed Spokane's growth. During the first years that Garvin spent in Spokane, he said that he would leave at any chance that he got.

"There was no place to go out to eat," Garvin said. "The school was surrounded by coal yards and railroad tracks downtown, where we have that lovely park, was a bunch of derelict rail yards."

Garvin was able to attend the world's fair Spokane hosted in the summer of 1974, and he said that this was a major turning point for the city.

"Everybody went to Expo '74, and the entertainment that summer was just great," Garvin said. "All kinds of big names came to town."

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The honest answer is that Blaine Garvin is irreplaceable.

Joe Gardner, associate professor of political science

Joe Gardner, an associate professor of political science and the department chair, said Garvin's commitment to students is evident to other members of the department.

"I suspect that Blaine would see his most important legacy as his students, the lives they are living and the things they are contributing to the world," Gardner said. "He is so proud of his students and what they have gone on to do."

While Gardner said Garvin has had major impacts on students, Gardner said the longtime professor has been integral to the political science department as a whole.

"Dr. Garvin has had an enormous impact on the department — he practically created it," Gardner said. "As we've moved forward throughout the decades, he's redefined it as a department that is passionately committed to teaching and to our students, prioritizing them above anything else."

Gardner said Garvin's experience as a professor is also a notable advantage to the department.

"In a discipline like political science, there's a lot of value to having more senior, experienced faculty who bring a depth of perspective to the topics that younger faculty just don't have yet," Gardner said. "They can in an immediate, personal and direct way speak to the evolution of American politics, or whatever the topic happens to be."

As Garvin looks ahead to retirement, he said he is sad to be leaving GU. Meanwhile, Gardner said Garvin's shoes will not easily be filled.

"The honest answer is that Blaine Garvin is irreplaceable," Gardner said. "You could just leave it at that."

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Red, white and restricted rights

Each presidential election brings new promises, but for many women, these feel like hollow echoes of battles we've been fighting for decades. Casting my first vote this year, I was met with a mixture of excitement and dread. How is it possible that the rights of half the population are still political chess pieces?

As things currently stand, the Republican Party now controls the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court and the Presidency. This consolidation of power creates a political vacuum in which one party's ideologies can — and likely will — dominate legislation for years to come.

This article is not about partisan loyalty, it is about a disturbing imbalance in power that threatens to erode the rights of half the American population.

During his most recent campaign, Trump reassured Americans that he supported state-by-state decisions on abortion. Let me be clear — this compromise is a thinly veiled tactic that satisfies "red" states that want to limit reproductive rights without framing Trump as an extremist. It's a calculated move and a good one at that.

While "blue" states may maintain protections for reproductive rights, the swath of the nation governed by strict abortion bans will leave millions of women without basic healthcare options. This patchwork approach is not a compromise — it is a dispersion of rights based on geography.

I grew up attending a Catholic middle and high school, with Christian beliefs



By ELLE PRATT

standing strong in my home. I understand and respect that religion influences personal beliefs, and in regard to politics, may sway a person's party choice. But faith should not dictate laws in a nation built on freedom and choice.

The United States is supposed to be a secular nation, yet many of these restrictive policies around women's rights are being justified by religious beliefs that not all citizens share. American citizens have the right to live by their own values, but imposing these beliefs on others through law erodes the very freedom on which our country is based.

It is deeply frustrating to see lawmakers act as if everyone must adhere to a singular set of morals. If someone wants to live by religious beliefs, they are free to do so personally, but they shouldn't impose those beliefs on others.

One of the most frustrating aspects of this election for me was seeing the treatment of Vice President Kamala Harris. She is one of the most experienced

presidential candidates we have seen in recent years, having held roles in nearly every branch of government.

Yet she lost decisively, and I suspect that her gender played a role. The only times that President-elect Donald Trump has won were against women.

America has a long history of elevating men who are less experienced or even openly unfit for office while sidelining women with proven track records. When Trump wins against qualified female candidates but loses to less qualified male ones, the pattern is hard to ignore.

Trump is globally recognized for his impulsive tweets and unfiltered remarks. But here's the key to understanding him: Trump is not a politician. Unlike others, he never trained in a political office, and this is evident in his public behavior.

His base is also different, forming more of a fanatical allegiance that often overlooks his flaws, while others tend to view their candidates through a more critical and realistic lens. This polarization reveals a stark divide: one side is willing to sacrifice values for loyalty, while the other demands accountability and competence.

It doesn't feel like just politics anymore — it's a war on women's leadership and competence.

Harris faced dismissive, even absurd critiques that a male candidate would never encounter. I've seen jokes — jokes that felt less like humor and more like contempt — about her being "too emotional," as if her gender makes her unfit for the office.

The misogynistic undertone is

clear; women in power are framed as unpredictable, emotionally unstable and somehow less rational, despite abundant evidence to the contrary. Men have led us into wars, recessions and scandals, yet here we are, questioning if a woman might "nuke a country on her period." This sentiment isn't just a relic from the past; it's alive and thriving, reinforcing the old boys' club at the expense of progress and equality.

As a woman who wants to enter the legal field and has political aspirations — it is painful to watch successful women well into their careers continue to be trivialized, especially when diverse leadership is needed now more than ever.

While I accept Harris' defeat, it feels like a rejection of the progress women have been fighting for — an implicit message that our place is still on the sidelines, observing rather than leading. If we can't even elect women who are overqualified by comparison, what does it say to every young girl watching? What does it tell new voters like me, casting their ballots with hope for a more equal future?

The very essence of freedom is at stake here, and it makes me wonder: How can we call ourselves a free nation if half the population is still fighting for the right to control their bodies, to lead without question, to live without fear of discrimination? And if these fundamental rights continue to erode, I have to ask — are we still a democracy at all?

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The realities of another Trump presidency

It is a strange thing, living through change. On the morning of Nov. 6, I ate breakfast, packed my lunch and walked to school. The clouds hung low and heavy and the frost that covered the sidewalk had yet to thaw. As I walked to class, I exchanged grim looks of acknowledgment and weak smiles at those I passed.

I sat in my classes and went to work and did homework and spent too much time looking at the news. I talked to my friends and sat in my anger and tried to pretend like any of it mattered.

As the shock began to fade and despair took its place, it felt increasingly difficult to carry on as if things were the same, as if some seismic change had not just occurred, leaving millions reeling from the aftershocks.

At the same time, there is hope in the continuity of our lives. There is hope in the reality that despite the fear, the darkness, the rage, we continue to learn, to hug our friends, to sing and dance, to watch the sunrise. We will carry on, dragging our hopes and dreams along with us. But this hope is not enough, at least not on its own.

Trump has won and we will carry on, but for any of it to matter, we must learn from the past eight years and the four that lie ahead. One win may be an anomaly, but two signal the pervasive nature of Trump's politics and the strength of his message, one that taps into the fears of many Americans to further rage and hatred.

On Election Day, over 75 million Americans put their trust in Trump, in the change he promised. It is not enough for Democrats to warn of the danger of another Trump presidency and to ostracize his supporters. The



By CLARINNE KIRK

fear and suffering felt by these individuals is real; that is evident by Trump's continued success.

The question should not be, "How do we rebuke these individuals?" nor should it be, "How do we reason with them?" The question should be, "What fears make Trump's hateful rhetoric so compelling, and how do we address the root causes of these fears?"

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders eloquently acknowledged the change millions of Americans rightfully crave, and the failure of the Democratic Party to deliver it.

"It should come as no great surprise that a Democratic Party which has abandoned working class people would find that the working class has abandoned them," Sanders said. "While the Democratic leadership

defends the status quo, the American people are angry and want change."

This election proves that the divide Biden promised to fix remains significant as ever, and Harris' appeals to unity did little to acknowledge the frustration Americans feel as inequality between the top 1% and the rest of the U.S. population exponentially grows.

In times of darkness, it is easy to hate. I'd be lying if I said I don't. And while those who voted for Trump supported a racist, convicted criminal and sexual abuser, spiraling into hate and cementing our divisions does little to address the root structures of inequality that compel many Americans to hear Trump's promises of radical change and think "that is what I want."

Election Day has come and gone. Trump has won and life has continued. So, what next?

Now is when we must open our ears, our hearts and learn from this defeat, this despair. Now is when we love and hope and refuse to give in to the hatred. Now is when we collectively mobilize — when, instead of diminishing the fears and hardships of others, we create networks that recognize the solidarity of our suffering and organize to bring liberation to all.

Because, if we do not, when November 2028 rolls around, will anything be different?

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Where Democrats went wrong

The long anticipated 2024 election has finally ended, and Donald Trump will return to the White House.

Trump's opponents characterized him as dangerous, corrupt, hateful and authoritarian. Indeed he has a long history of inflammatory statements, often targeted at immigrants. His refusal to concede the 2020 election is well documented, as is his encouragement of the Jan. 6th riots. His 34 felony convictions and unsettled criminal cases speak for themselves.

But American voters were seemingly unphased by these criticisms. Trump is projected to win the popular vote and has dominated the electoral map, outperforming both his 2016 campaign and Biden's in 2020.

Millions of Americans were left dumbfounded by the results. How did such an extremist figure make his way back into power?

The answer is that Trump's opponents cannot acknowledge how fringe many of their own positions have become.

Through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and affirmative action, the far left condones race-based decision-making in businesses and schools. Although these programs have good intentions, they are, at their core, racist. An applicant's race or ethnicity should play no part in their acceptance.

That's not to say we shouldn't help disadvantaged communities. But aid should be given based on income, not skin color.

Progressive gender theory has also become a highly unpopular position on the left. Biological males continue to compete in women's sports. The



By THEODORE FERRO

NCAA faces an ongoing lawsuit from multiple athletes including University of Kentucky swimmer Riley Gaines and co-plaintiffs who allege that the NCAA violated Title IX by forcing them to compete against and share locker rooms with Lia Thomas, who swam for the University of Pennsylvania men's team before joining the women's team midway through her collegiate career.

Many on the left also defend medical gender reassignment for minors, with little to no evidence showing it is effective. Nations such as the UK and Sweden have begun to pull back on the treatment for minors, finding the risks of puberty blockers and hormone therapy outweigh the potential benefits.

In 2023, Chloe Cole, who received testosterone and a double mastectomy underage, testified to U.S. Congress about the harm it has done to her.

In spite of all this, medical gender reassignment is often hailed not just as safe medical treatment, but a universal right. Any candidate who cannot unequivocally denounce these practices will have a hard time winning. It is truly common sense, and people from all sides have started to call it like it is.

A lot of people say these

issues aren't that important or don't affect that many people. And that might be true. But they are still influencing people. Late in the race, the Trump campaign ran clips of Harris talking about gender transitions.

The far left continues to double down, branding their opponents as "bigoted" or "hateful."

Just as Republicans have a history of calling anything they oppose "socialism," Democrats have grown fond of calling anything they oppose "racist" or "fascist." Like the boy who cried wolf, these terms are losing their power.

In the end, the Democratic platform came off as a lecture. In an attempt to garner support for Vice President Kamala Harris among Black men, President Barack Obama chided them for being too sexist to support a woman.

Blaming voters is not an effective sales pitch. You catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

Ultimately, voters were not just choosing between Harris and Trump. They chose between the left and the right, between Democrats and Republicans.

As bad as Trump may be, the Democratic Party simply did not represent the current culture or the average American.

The 2024 election should be seen not as an approval of Trump, but a failure by Democrats. It is an indictment of their out of touch, deeply unpopular positions.

Rather than blame the majority of America, Democrats should reconsider their message.

Theodore Ferro is a staff writer.



GU Theatre students bring the comedy classic "Tartuffe" to life in a satirical performed at the Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center.

ASH ELLIOT

Modern twists in GU's 'Tartuffe'

REVIEW
By ALLY ALSEPT

The satirical play "Tartuffe," filled with lust, passion, lies and ownership hit Gonzaga University's Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center for the debut show on Thursday night.

Director Blake Edwards stood on stage before the show and described the play as 360 years old, but "as relevant as ever," as it features a deceitful character who is put into power.

Starring GU first-year Jack Champlin and second-year Tave Reiss, the play follows a man of fame, success and family fortune and his downfall of trusting an imposter to the household.

Despite covering hard topics such as infidelity, atheism, arranged marriage and fraud, the production still filled the auditorium with laughter. The satirical nature of the play held sarcasm to a high standard, and it was well-received.

Characters in the back often carried the comedy while foreground arguments or heated scenes were unfolding. Actors were picking up and fluffing a pillow that had been thrown on the ground in an argument previously, or snacking on treats relevant to the scene.

There were many moments where the audience

laughed and clapped along in approval of a joke or dramatization of movement.

Though the play is dated, the actors and stage design allowed for a modern interpretation, and even guided that portrayal through certain props and wardrobe choices. A framed photo of Elon Musk posed with Orgon, played by Champlin, was a part of the set.

The framed photo originated as a gift tied with a red bow from the other main character, Tartuffe, played by Reiss. The prop was reincorporated into the performance when the son of Orgon hit Tartuffe with it, creating a hole over Musk's face.

Tartuffe was a highly anticipated character, viewers only having heard of him in either an extremely vile way, or the contrasting opinion of him being nothing short of an angel. He didn't appear for the first many scenes, but by the end he became a memorable character that was executed brilliantly.

With a slow start, Tartuffe shockingly revealed a much more scandalous outfit underneath his godly robes and pants, allowing the audience one of the biggest eruptions of laughter throughout the entire production.

GU Theatre and Dance encapsulated slapstick comedy tied together with adult humor in a manner sure to get a laugh from all audiences. Large, exaggerated

gestures and facial expressions guided viewers to be gently let in on the satire.

The production was cast very well, so much so that my favorite character was shown only in the beginning and end scenes — Madame Pernelle, played by junior Caroline Botsford. She is the strong and impenetrable mother of Orgon, and had the pleasure of waving a thought-provoking cane through the air.

While some audiences may struggle with the occasional French accent or the poetic rhyme scheme way of delivering lines, the overall comedic timing of the performance was impressive and earned some well-deserved audience feedback.

The scene was set with a large dining table in the center, and hanging over it a Forbes image of character Orgon, with writing in red, white and blue. To the left was a highly used bar cart, complete with bottles and chips.

"Tartuffe" serves a great purpose as comedic relief following midterms and the dread of the Spokane winter coming in. It successfully took on difficult topics and proposed them in a way that would be funny to an audience, a task worth applauding.

Ally Alsept is a staff writer.

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Simple remedies for cold and flu season

COMMENTARY

By JOSIE KUFFNER

Cold and flu season is upon us here in Spokane, and everyone is coming down with some form of illness. Now, everyone will tell you to get rest and eat chicken noodle soup, but coming from a university student, there are better and simpler ways to fight that college cold.

The first thing, the one that might be the most important, is to hydrate. I don't think I can emphasize this enough. Spending all week walking from College Hall to Bollier to Jepson will dehydrate you and make you sick. Having your emotional support water bottle becomes a necessity, especially during these chilly times.

Adding lemon or honey to warm water also soothes the throat and adds vitamin C for a simple remedy. I have also been living off of Liquid IV, a staple hydration quencher with electrolytes and nutrients.

Continuing on the liquid track, warm teas with herbs and spices are an easy way to remedy a sickness from the comfort of your dorm or apartment. Herbs like turmeric and ginger have antioxidants and immune boosting properties and can be added to an herbal tea in the morning or before bed.

This next one I learned from my grandmother. Elderberry is an antiviral remedy for a cold or flu. The berry promotes the health of the immune system and can be ingested easily, as a vitamin gummy or as a syrup. It's a quick addition to your daily routine.

When you feel the sickness coming — your throat itches and your nose is stuffy — there is no time to waste

when it comes to your health as a college student.

This past week I learned this the hard way when it hurt to swallow in the morning — one of the most dreaded feelings to wake up to. I made the mistake of not trying to snuff the illness immediately, and I regretted it the following morning. Now, I have to huff it over to John J. Hemmingson Center to grab a "Medicine Ball" tea from Starbucks to try and soothe the pain.

That's another simple treatment for sickness. Although, I can't say it has real medicinal values, a Honey Citrus Mint Tea from Starbucks — more commonly known as a "Medicine Ball" — does soothe the throat. But don't mistake it for a real remedy to cure your college illnesses.

If you're feeling a stuffy nose like I have been these past few days, spicy foods can clear your sinuses. It keeps your nasal passages clear, which when stuffed can be an annoying problem to deal with in your 9 a.m. lecture. You'll long for the feeling of clear sinuses that you took for granted two days prior.

For a college student, avoiding cold and flu season is practically impossible, but taking some quick and easy proactive measures to ensure you aren't suffering in your chemistry lab or Jepson lecture will look a lot more appealing when you are reminded what not being able to breathe feels like. It seems like a drag, but so is a scratchy throat.

Drink water, tea, take your vitamins and eat some spicy COG food — you won't regret it later.

Josie Kuffner is a staff writer.

Tips and tricks to stay healthy



Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!



Spicy foods clear your sinuses.



Take your vitamins.



Drink herbal tea.

A foolproof banana bread with streusel

COMMENTARY

By SHEI MCLAUGHLIN

No truer statement has ever been made than that in which baking was declared a science.

Growing up with young parents, we were no stranger to the store-bought cookie dough and boxed brownie mixes. While the instructions for these products were foolproof, they lacked that feel-good, family recipe vibe. Turning over a bag of Nestle Toll House chocolate chips, my mom set out on a mission to achieve the bragging rights that came with something homemade.

Mom's homemade chocolate and butterscotch chip cookies made the premade ones seem so lifeless. The worst part of these cookies was that I had to share the dough-covered beaters with my older brother. With this success, our mom began accumulating recipes that we would adjust and add our own twists to, making them our own.

With a newfound appreciation for homemade baking, I begged my mom to teach me our "family" recipe. As she showed me the back of a bag of Nestle Toll House chocolate chips, I was disheartened to discover that these cookies weren't the fruit of a handwritten, time-worn recipe from my ancestors. My disappointment deepened when I realized I was comically terrible at making cookies from such an amateur recipe.

My catastrophic cookies became a family joke, somehow managing to bake cookies that were simultaneously raw in the center and burnt around the edges. I strived to be the person that baked treats to share with friends and to have the opportunity to downplay a dessert as if I didn't know it was decadent. Instead, my brother would beg to have our mom make the cookies instead of me.

I accepted my fate for a long time and even humbled



SHEI MCLAUGHLIN

Shei McLaughlin's two loaves of homemade banana bread with her streusel crumbled

my ego enough to ask my mom to make the cookies from time to time. This was until I decided enough was enough and that I couldn't be in my 20s and unable to bake a proper cookie.

During winter break of my junior year of college, I baked and baked and baked until I finally understood the many ways in which I was sabotaging my own cookies. Once I finally got the recipe down, my mom started asking me to bake for her. This validation set me on a baking spree, learning all of the recipes she had accumulated over the years until I mastered them.

While I have my favorites, my banana bread with a streusel topping is the treat I get the satisfaction of sharing with my friends and downplaying how amazing I know it to be. And the best part of a banana bread recipe is if it ends up being a little raw or a little over cooked, it is still decadent.

Shei McLaughlin is an arts & entertainment editor.

Ingredients for the banana bread (makes two loaves):

4-5 ripe bananas

3/4 cups of butter

8 ounces of cream cheese

2 cups of white sugar

2 large eggs

3 cups of all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Ingredients for the streusel:

1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup light brown sugar tightly packed

1/3 cup white sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons unsalted butter

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line two bread pans with parchment paper. Pro tip, crumple the parchment paper to make it easier for it to line the sides of the pan.

Step 1

In a medium sized mixing bowl, mix together your dry ingredients: the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

Step 2

In a large mixing bowl, combine the butter, cream cheese and sugar using either a standing mixer or hand mixer. Combine until the consistency is smooth and free of chunks but be careful to not over mix.

Step 3

Add the wet ingredients, the vanilla and eggs. Mix until combined, once against being careful to not over mix.

Step 4

Slowly add in the dry ingredients, alternating between adding a portion of the dry and mixing to ensure that the flour doesn't get everywhere.

Step 5

Using the now empty dry ingredient bowl, add the ripe bananas and mash using the fork. Mash the bananas as smooth or chunky as desired.

Step 6

Add the bananas to the other ingredients and fold in using a spatula. Add any desired additives to the dough here by also folding with the spatula. I recommend adding wild blueberries or cinnamon to the bread, but mini chocolate chips is also a favorite.

Step 7

Pour the dough mix into the two parchment-lined bread pans.

Step 8

In a small microwave-safe bowl, add the butter and cook in the microwave until it is melted but not boiling. Set aside.

Step 9

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together the streusel dry ingredients. Combine the flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salt using a fork.

Step 10

Drizzle the butter over the mixture and use a fork to toss the mixture. Be sure that the butter is thoroughly distributed throughout the mixture, but try to keep the mixture as chunky as possible. Over mixing could cause the streusel to lose its intended crumble form.

Step 11

Add the streusel on top of the banana bread dough, making sure it is evenly covering the top of the loaf.

Step 12

Bake the loaves until the streusel is a golden brown, this should be about 40 minutes. Take the loaves out and cover them with aluminum foil. Return the loaves to the oven for another 20 to 30 minutes or until they pass the toothpick test.

Step 13

Let the bread rest in its pan for 5-10 minutes before taking it out by using the parchment paper so as not to lose the streusel. Set on a cooling rack and carefully remove the parchment paper. Wait to serve until the bread is completely cool. Best served with a healthy lathering of butter.

Fallin' for folksy art

Spokane Fall Folk Festival unites community through the power of creative expression

By CLARINNE KIRK

For nearly three decades, Spokane's Fall Folk Fest — presented by the Spokane Folklore Society — has brought individuals of all ages and cultures together to celebrate our diversity and common appreciation of art's beauty and power.

Following a divisive election, Kathy Gunderson, a veteran folk festival volunteer who has been volunteering with the event since 2006, said the festival's ability to broaden individuals' knowledge and perspectives while uniting around common values is perfectly timed.

"Nobody got everything they wanted [in the election], and [the folk festival] is a time to have some joy of whatever sort that you find here," Gunderson said. "And, there's lots to be had."

Colours Wil Reign, one of the festival's

art vendors, said despite differences in age and background, everyone at the event can unite over core values.

"From kids who can barely walk to older folks who can barely walk, everybody's here enjoying the same thing," Reign said. "It just comes back down to three main reasons why we want to get out of the house: we want some good food, we want good music and to enjoy it with some good people."

Showcasing over 100 performers, including dancing, musical groups and solo artists, the event took place on Saturday and Sunday in Spokane Community College's The Lair.

Many of the performances uplift the diversity of different cultures, providing representation of music and dance from cultures around the world, which Gunderson said is a core facet of the event.



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Handmade items on display for purchase at the festival.

"It's very joyful, and people learn about different cultures and different music," Gunderson said.

The folk festival also featured a variety of local artist vendors, with diverse offerings, including hand-made sweaters, pottery, jewelry, instruments and much

more. The diversity of the offerings allows everyone in the diverse range of attendees to find something they love, Reign said.

"There's a little bit of something here for everybody, and there's a lot of everything for others to get lost in and find some inspiration, whether it's cool art, nice looking garb, a great new instrument to complete that piece of their band," Reign said.

Reign first came to the folk festival 15 years ago and found the experience to be extremely impactful.

"It was one of the most memorable times of good people, good food, great music," Reign said.

Reign added that the timing of the folk festival allows individuals to come together before the winter season begins and showcases artists often for the last time of the year, as many artists begin working on their craft during the winter months.

"Everyone wants to gather, commune, make music and create," Reign said.

Michael Dalke, a Coeur d'Alene resident and member of a square-dancing group, came to the folk festival to showcase his square-dancing skills and help teach square dancing to others. A first-time attendee of the event, Dalke said he was surprised by the event's scale.

"It's so much bigger than I thought," Dalke said. "We're just barely scratching the surface."

The Spokane Fall Festival will return fall 2025, celebrating its 30th anniversary. To ensure the event can continue, the folk festival board is looking for new committee members. For more information on how to get involved, contact the festival's director, Sylvia Gobel, using the email address, director@spokanefolkfestival.org.



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Spokane's artists share their appreciation for folk music at the Spokane Fall Folk Festival.

Clarinne Kirk is a news editor.

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Edited by Patti Varol

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- 1 Barrio grocery
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 - 18 Suggestive
 - 19 Love, in Roma
 - 20 Actress Dahl
 - 21 Cleanup duty after Humpty Dumpty's accident?
 - 23 Crept around
 - 25 Intercontinental mountain range
 - 26 Pad
 - 27 Mixes in
 - 29 Nail polish brand in square bottles
 - 30 German 39-Down
 - 31 Color wheel display
 - 32 Bring in, as crops
 - 34 Place to stay
 - 35 Mind-altering synthetic drug
 - 36 Puts a lid on
 - 37 Rental stipulations for a large family's befuddled matriarch?
 - 41 Field event
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 - 44 Boost
 - 45 Crumple (up)
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 - 52 Big bullies
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 - 56 Electron stream
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 - 63 Word typically ignored when alphabetizing
 - 64 Hog's grunt
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 - 67 Musical endings
 - 68 Makeshift screwdriver, maybe
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 - 70 Phylum units
 - 72 Serving dish for Old Mother Hubbard's dog?
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 - 85 Vegetarian chili bits
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 - 91 heralding Jack's candlestick feat?
 - 94 100 smackers
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 - 97 Go gray, maybe
 - 98 Origin
 - 99 Old cars from Sweden
 - 100 Take different routes
 - 101 Local language in Copenhagen
 - 103 Happy ___
 - 106 Currency symbolized by €
 - 107 Apple gadget
 - 108 Arranged like train cars
 - 110 Weasel's mindset after being chased by a monkey?
 - 113 Cleared for takeoff, in a way
 - 114 Batter's box neighbor
 - 115 "Très chic!"
 - 116 Button in some shortcuts
 - 117 Mélange
 - 118 Elegant strand
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 - 16 Finishes, as a cartoon
 - 17 Driver's setting?
 - 21 Energy sources
 - 22 "It ___ over till it's over"
 - 24 Family rooms
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 - 36 Charley horse, e.g.
 - 37 Typeface flourish
 - 38 Practical HS course, once
 - 39 Countdown end
 - 40 Lightbulb, in the comics
 - 42 Fine-tune
 - 43 Silent film star broker
 - 46 Puts a lid on
 - 47 Cookie brand owned by Mondelez
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 - 50 Sesame sauce
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 - 53 Direct a smile toward
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 - 56 Cereal grains
 - 57 Simplify
 - 59 Indonesia's "Island of the Gods"
 - 61 Gillis of old TV
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 - 70 Strong flavor from that little Homer kid's Christmas pie?
 - 71 Paris Olympics opening ceremony site
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 - 91 Country with a border in Lake Victoria
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 - 104 Intro courses?
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GU sports club aids pro franchises

By CARRERA GUERTIN

Gonzaga University's Sports Consulting Club has rapidly risen to become one of the most business-savvy clubs on campus through its work with some of America's most well-known sports organizations and brands.

Largely intertwined with GU's School of Business, the club's three directors are seniors Jayne Deibert, Blake Rivera and Evan King. These three have been involved with the club since its creation three years ago.

At the time of the club's creation, it was composed of five members, though the club has since increased its membership to over 30 students over the past few years. The club's first two clients were the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers and MLS' Seattle Sounders.

Other clients that GSCG has worked with include the Detroit Lions, Arizona Diamondbacks, Seattle Kraken, Seattle Seahawks, San Francisco Giants, Utah Jazz, Denver Nuggets and Los Angeles Clippers. In addition to these teams, the club is also working with New Balance as its first non-sports team client.

"We landed our first women's sports team, the San Diego Wave, and then we're also doing another unique project working with Climate Pledge [Arena] on how to reintegrate the SuperSonics," Deibert said.

Over the summer, the club worked with the Spokane Chiefs. Deibert said the project focused on maximizing revenue and attracting more fans to the games. In addition to its work with the Chiefs, Deibert said that the group proposed bringing the Canadian Hockey League Championship to Spokane.

Deibert said GSCG is trying to integrate more sports teams and continuing its legacy. Rivera said the club also focuses on furthering students' paths, preparing them for future internships in addition to giving them opportunities as a consultant.



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GSCG members have worked with New Balance and other top-level professional sports organizations.

One of the club's projects this semester is with the Lions, with the project centered on increasing season ticket holder demand and improving fan experience, according to Rivera. Scalzo said one of the ways the students have worked on this project is to get younger audiences more involved with personalized ticket packages.

The club has also started to partner with other clubs and organizations in GU's School of Business.

"We're integrating with other clubs," Rivera said. "The Diamondbacks have a lot of sensitive data, so we're partnering with the Zags Business and Tech Club within the business school to go analyze the data and protect it."

Beyond GU, Deibert said GSCG alumni already have found pathways in business. Club founder Matteo Valdez graduated last year and now works at Microsoft, said Deibert. Other alumni of the club have found paths at the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Timberwolves, as well as finance firms like J.P. Morgan.

Deibert said further plans for the club involve engaging more women to join the club ranks. Deibert is planning on hosting panels in the future to get more women in the business program to join the club, while also introducing them to potential professional paths.

"I think the No. 1 step in making a difference is to draw more awareness to

... successful people who have made it in the industry and to have them share their stories and inspire other girls," said Deibert.

Through GSCG, members find outlets for professional development, while also engaging with a new on-campus community involved with finding the link between sport and business.

"I'm just grateful for this club at the end of the day," Scalzo said. "It's really been the start of my career, before even knowing it was. So that's awesome."

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Two Zags land NBA extensions

COMMENTARY
By KYLE SWEENEY

Two former Gonzaga men's basketball stars, Jalen Suggs and Corey Kispert, agreed to contract extensions with their respective teams last month.

The NBA held an Oct. 21 deadline for players eligible to receive rookie contract extensions to officially sign a deal, with an exact deadline of 3 p.m. PST. If a player did not agree to a deal, they would be a free agent following the conclusion of the 2024-25 season.

Because Suggs and Kispert were first-round picks in the 2021 draft, they were both part of the player pool that was eligible for an extension.

Suggs agreed to a massive five-year, \$150.5 million rookie contract extension to stay with the Orlando Magic, who drafted him with the fifth overall pick back in 2021. Rumors had circulated days before the agreement that Suggs was looking for \$30 million per year, and the Magic obliged.

The news broke at 1:34 p.m. on Oct. 21, just an hour and a half before the designated deadline.

Just 13 minutes later, ESPN reported that Kispert had re-signed with the Washington Wizards on a four-year, \$54 million deal. The Wizards, who selected Kispert 15th overall in the 2021 draft, gave the 6-foot-6 forward a payday.

Both players showed massive growth last season, blossoming into the players they were drafted to be.

Suggs emerged as one of the NBA's elite perimeter defenders last season, earning second team All-Defensive honors. Suggs averaged 12.6 points per game that year to go along with nearly five rebounds and three assists per night.

The biggest leap he took during his 2023-24 campaign was in his

efficiency, especially as a 3-point shooter. Suggs shot 40% from behind the arc last season, a major improvement from 21% his rookie season and 33% the next.

Suggs looked back on his early career struggles and even surprised fans when he opened up about how this was affecting his outlook on basketball.

"Three years ago this time, I was in [coach Jamahl Mosley's] office crying in tears, having a heart-to-heart conversation about if I wanted to continue playing basketball," Suggs said. "My newfound love for the sport, my newfound love for myself and my newfound relationship with Jesus has saved me, honestly."

At the start of 2024-25 season, the Magic looked like a promising young contender in the Eastern Conference before suffering a major setback when their leading-scorer Paolo Banchero tore his right oblique in a game on Oct. 30.

With Banchero expected to miss four to six weeks, Suggs' scoring volume has already seen an uptick. In the first game Banchero missed, Suggs put up 28 points to go along with eight rebounds and seven assists in 37 minutes.

Even if Suggs continues to perform at a high level, the Magic may still struggle until Banchero's return. The team has a 6-6 record after a 3-1 start to the start.

Nonetheless, Suggs will seize the opportunity to demonstrate to the league that he's much more than just a defensive stopper and playmaker.

Looking beyond this season, the contract Orlando gave Suggs reflects his value in maximizing the team's efficiency and complementing its other young stars.

Kispert entered the league as a very different prospect than Suggs, boasting an elite shooting ability, but was criticized for his defense. As a

scorer, Kispert has improved every year, going from 8.2 points per game his rookie season to 13.4 last season. Kispert also shot 38% from beyond the arc on six attempts per game in last year's campaign.

Another strong aspect of Kispert's career so far has been his availability. He has never missed more than eight games of the 82-game season through his first three seasons and has been an efficient scorer along the way, with career shooting splits of 47.8/38.3/79.2.

The Wizards ended 15-67 last season, the second-worst record in the league, and project to have a similar finish in 2024-25. Through nine games so far, Washington is 13th in the Eastern Conference with a 2-7 record.

With Kispert being one of the few proven guys on the roster, he's managed a bigger workload for the team this season.

Kispert has averaged 29.8 minutes coming off the bench. He's still trying to find a rhythm from beyond the arc, where he's shooting 25% this season.

There are several signs that suggest Kispert's efficiency could return to last season's level. Despite shooting just 36.8% from the field overall, he has still converted 54.3% of his 2-point attempts and increased his free-throw percentage to 80%.

After signing their new deals, Suggs and Kispert now join a group of former Zags that have signed big contracts since 2022, with the players listed below via @SKarrGO on X:

Corey Kispert: 4 years, \$54 million with the Washington Wizards

Jalen Suggs: 5 years, \$150 million with the Orlando Magic

Andrew Nembhard: 3 years, \$59 million with the Indiana Pacers

Zach Collins: 2 years, \$35 million with the San Antonio Spurs

Brandon Clarke: 4 years, \$52 million with Memphis Grizzlies

Domantas Sabonis: 5 years, \$217 million with the Sacramento Kings

Kelly Olynyk: 2 years, \$26 million with the Toronto Raptors

Rui Hachimura: 3 years, \$51 million with the Los Angeles Lakers

Zag alumni are making a name for themselves in the NBA, with two stars from the 2021 national championship game team locking up well-deserved big contracts right before the extension deadline.

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The Zags took down Arizona State 88-80 on Sunday.

Zags rise to No. 4 in AP Poll

By CAM MCCANN

After an undefeated first week, Gonzaga moved up to No. 4 in the Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball poll, a two-spot improvement from its preseason rank of No. 6.

GU also racked up 1,371 total points, and received three first-place votes. This was a 214-point improvement from their preseason rank. KenPom rankings also have the Zags at the No. 4 spot.

The Bulldogs' strong start began with one of the best wins in program history, as they routed then-No. 8 Baylor on college basketball's opening day. Baylor rebounded from the 38-point blowout loss with a 72-67 win over John Calipari's Arkansas squad and fell only to No. 12 in this week's poll.

The top three teams in the AP poll remain unchanged, with Kansas at No. 1, followed by Alabama and UConn, all at 2-0. Right on the Zags' heels is Auburn, which rose six spots to No. 5 after an impressive win over Houston, now ranked No. 8 after opening at No. 4.

GU's first week concluded with a competitive home opener against Arizona State at the Kennel. Basheer Jihad's 22-point performance kept the Sun Devils within reach. The game was tied with less than five minutes left and was within four points in the final minute.

While ASU remains unranked, its talented roster, bolstered by substantial NIL investments, posed a challenge on Sunday, with the Zags struggling to pull away until the final moments.

Mark Few's team ultimately prevailed in their first-ever matchup against ASU to avoid a blemish on its early-season resume.

Even including the closer-than-expected slugfest against the Sun Devils, Gonzaga holds on to the highest rated offense, according to KenPom. Their 104 and 88 point outings have both been two strong offensive performances in two sharply distinct manners, highlighting the versatility this unit brings.

Looking ahead, GU's next marquee matchup is a road game against San Diego State, which reached the Sweet 16 last season before falling to eventual champion UConn. This matchup will become a regular fixture beginning in 2026, when both teams join the Pac-12 Conference.

The Battle 4 Atlantis tournament (Nov. 27-29) and three neutral-site games against No. 19 Kentucky (Dec. 7), No. 3 UConn (Dec. 14) and UCLA (Dec. 28) will offer the Bulldogs multiple high-level matchups before conference play begins.

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Corey Kispert was re-signed to the Wizards on a four-year, \$54 million deal.

Gonzaga set to face old, new rivals moving forward



San Diego State defeated GU 84-74 in the Kennel last season.

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GU has beaten UCLA in its last four matchups, and it looks to continue the streak in December.

Pac-12 gives Zags stonger competition

COMMENTARY
By KYLE SWEENEY

As Zag fans know by now, Gonzaga has moved on from the West Coast Conference and is set to join the new-look Pac-12 Conference.

The news was released to the public on Oct. 1, with GU officially set to move to the Pac-12 on July 1, 2026. When GU exits the WCC, it will represent the end of a four-decade tenure as a part of the conference.

For GU men's and women's basketball, both programs will be facing top competition on a more consistent basis in conference play. Past Zag teams have faced backlash for having an easier conference schedule in the WCC, and fans have speculated that this is why this success has not translated to a national title.

GU will join a host of state schools in the Pac-12, including Washington State, Oregon State, Boise State, Utah State, Colorado State, Fresno State and San Diego State. In order for the conference to be recognized formally by the NCAA, an eighth school with a football program will need to be added.

Nonetheless, this development will drastically change the outlooks of GU's men's and women's teams. In order to recognize this difference, one must know about how Quadrant wins and losses affect schools when it comes to the NCAA tournament.

Quadrant wins became an incredibly important factor in determining strength of schedule for seeding when it comes to March Madness, both for the men's and women's side. Here's how it's broken down (via NCAA.com):

Quadrant 1: Home 1-30, Neutral 1-50, Away 1-75

Quadrant 2: Home 31-75, Neutral 51-100, Away 76-135

Quadrant 3: Home 76-160, Neutral 101-200, Away 135-240

Quadrant 4: Home 161-353, Neutral 201-353, Away 241-353

The NCAA Evaluation Tool (NET) rankings determine where a team lands from Quadrants 1-4. These rankings replaced rating percentage index (RPI) rankings prior to the 2018-19 season.

The new ranking system included more factors than RPI, which only included a team's winning percentage versus their opponent's winning percentage and strength of schedule combined. NET rankings take into

account game results, strength of schedule, game location, net offensive and defensive efficiency, and the quality of wins and losses, according to NCAA.com.

Last season, the GU men's team had three Quad 1 wins. These included the win on the road against Kentucky (18), a win at the Chase Center against San Francisco (66) and an away win over Saint Mary's (16).

These reflect end-of-season rankings, and are not reflective of the team's status at the time of the game. Rankings can and will change as the season goes on, so the amount of Quad 1 wins can change.

In the final NET rankings of the 2024 men's season pre-NCAA tourney, six of the eight teams in the new Pac-12, including GU, were ranked in the top 50 of NET (all six made the NCAA tournament). In the WCC, the only other team in the top 50 was Saint Mary's at 16, with San Francisco being the next highest at 66.

As a result of GU's move to the Pac-12, its strength of schedule will go up. The amount of Quad 1 win opportunities, will increase. In the strength of schedule sector, maximizing Quad 1 wins and minimizing Quad 3-4 losses can be some of the biggest factors in March Madness seeding.

In the coming seasons, GU will be more battle-tested as it enters the tournament, being rewarded with improved seeding if it continues to stack wins. Though GU will not join the Pac-12 until 2026, and college basketball is in near-constant change, the new-look Pac-12 is a legitimate powerhouse conference.

On the women's side, two of the new schools finished last season ranked among the top 50 in NET, those being Elite 8 program Oregon State at 16 and Washington State at 33. In contrast, the next closest WCC team was Santa Clara, sitting at 74.

Although the women's Pac-12 isn't as stacked as the men's side, it is still a substantial upgrade for the women's team, which has made a name for itself nationally in the last couple of years. The team worked its way to a 16-0 conference record and a Sweet 16 appearance last year. There will be more opportunities for Quadrant 1 wins on the women's side to give the Zags a boost in the national rankings.

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Who will be the GU's rivals in the future?

COMMENTARY
By AIDAN BRAATEN

Starting from the 2026-27 season, Gonzaga athletics will join the new-look Pac-12. The conference move will end a partnership with the West Coast Conference that lasted for nearly a half-century.

GU's exit from the conference will also end a generational men's basketball WCC rivalry with Saint Mary's. The schools have met 116 times throughout their history and have collectively dominated WCC men's basketball for the past 25 years.

GU handedly leads the all-time series with 81 wins and 35 losses. It also holds the longest winning streak in the rivalry, having notched 17 straight triumphs from 1999 to 2004. Before the 2023-24 season, NCAA analyst Andy Katz ranked the rivalry as the fifth-best nationally and the top rivalry in the Western United States.

The only school other than GU or Saint Mary's to win a WCC championship since GU's 1999 WCC title is San Diego. The Toreros won in 2003 and 2008.

The Zags and the Gaels typically meet twice between January and February during conference play, but they often play a grudge match at the WCC Tournament in March. The two have met in seven of the last nine title games.

If the two decide to extend the rivalry, it would likely use a home-and-home structure, where the schools play once annually at alternating home arenas.

Washington and Washington State football made a similar move to extend the Apple Cup until at least 2028 after Washington departed for the Big Ten. This might be unnecessary, though. An ESPN report alleged that Saint Mary's has held its own talks with the Pac-12 to join the rebuilt conference.

If GU bids farewell to the Gaels after 2026, it will likely establish a new rival. Geographically, Washington State is the most practical replacement. A mere 77 miles along the Palouse separate the two campuses, which is almost five times closer to GU than any of its WCC foes.

However, the two schools are siblings of sorts. During football season, the Cougars garner significant attention from Spokane. During basketball season, the Zags dominate the Inland Northwest.

The greater Spokane area embraces GU and WSU as the crown jewels of Eastern Washington sports. Mutual disdain between the Zags and Cougs is

unlikely to develop.

San Diego State is the most likely answer when it comes to basketball viability. The 2023 NCAA Tournament runner-up is the only other school joining the Pac-12 that has made a Final Four in the 21st century. The Zags travel to play the Aztecs at Viejas Arena on Monday, having been upset by the Aztecs 84-74 at the Kennel last season.

A potential rivalry could also spark up with Boise State. The Broncos are led by Coach Leon Rice, who served as an assistant coach at GU from 1999 to 2010. Boise State has struggled to find success on the court like San Diego State has, however. In 10 all-time NCAA Tournament appearances, it has yet to make it past the first round.

Another option that GU might consider is to take advantage of the non-conference window to preserve classic rivalries like its one with BYU.

The Cougars had a 12-year stay in the WCC from 2011 to 2023, but the schools have yet to play since their last conference game in February 2023. The Zags won in its most recent clash 88-81 after trailing for a majority of the game's final minutes.

Recently, GU and UCLA agreed to a two-year series. The first matchup will be on Dec. 28 at the Intuit Dome in Inglewood, California. Seattle's Climate Pledge Arena will host the second game in the 2025-26 season.

The matchup has been much kinder to GU in the latest contests. It has defeated UCLA in four consecutive seasons dating back to the climactic 2021 Final Four contest.

The rivalry was born when the Bruins defeated GU 73-71 in the 2006 Sweet 16 after trailing late by 13 points. The Bruins nearly replicated the comeback in the 2023 Sweet Sixteen before Julian Strawther's late three-pointer sealed a 79-76 win for the Zags.

Finding a rival that mirrors the atmosphere found at a Zags-Gaels contest on a cold, rainy night in Spokane will be difficult. Fortunately, GU has a handful of options in the post-conference realignment world.

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Freshman off to hot start for WBB

By HENRY KRUEGER

Lisa Fortier had little to celebrate after the Gonzaga's loss to Stanford on Sunday. The Cardinal surged to a 26-4 lead in the first quarter and kept control until the final buzzer, securing an 89-58 victory in Palo Alto, California.

Yet, even in a game that laid bare some of Bulldogs' (1-1) early-season struggles, a promising new talent has emerged. Fortier turned to freshman reserve Allie Turner for significant minutes in only her second college game.

The 5-foot-8 guard finished with 18 points, shooting 6-for-10 from the field and 4-for-6 from deep. Her performance on Sunday followed up another 18-point outing she delivered in GU's season-opening win over Montana on Nov. 5.

Turner's hot start to the season earned her West Coast Conference Freshman of the Week honors, the league announced on Monday.

Fortier said Turner has capitalized on the opportunity to lead the second unit, especially with guards Tayla Dalton and Bree Salenbien sidelined with injuries.

"She's making the most of an opportunity," Fortier said. "We knew that she was going to be this good, but we didn't

know that we were going to have to rely on her as much as we have had so far this year. We thought that Taylor and Bree and some of those people were going to take some of that load."

While Turner has yet to crack the starting five, her teammates already see her potential as a dynamic playmaker.

"I think she does a really good job, just like creating opportunities for people," said Yvonne Ejim, the reigning WCC Player of the Year and Mid-Major Player of the Year. "That's kind of her job as a point guard, but just her on the court, she really flexes it out and makes people available. And I think that's the best thing that she does, not only from her shooting, but the way she attacks and looks for people."

Through her versatility as a shooter, playmaker and defender, Turner is able to lighten the responsibilities of starting guards Inès Bettencourt and Claire O'Connor.

"I think it's super important to have players like her who are ready and willing to do different things for our team — shoot the ball, defend, create open shots for other teammates," Ejim said. "I think that's really important to get us going, especially if she's coming off the bench. We need a little boost."



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Turner has led the Zags in scoring through the first two games of the season.

As GU returns more players from injury, Fortier said she'll have tough decisions to make over playing time, especially with Turner and sophomore forward McKynnlie Dalan shining in large reserve roles.

Dalan, a transfer from Minnesota, has averaged 9.0 points per game on 54.5% shooting from the field off the bench.

"I think long term, it just adds to the depth, so when we do become fully healthy, we're going to have that many more options," Fortier said. "And it becomes a

problem for me after that, like I have to figure out playing time or whatever. But that's a problem that coaches are always really happy to deal with."

The Zags will return to McCarthy Athletic Center for three straight home games, starting with Cal on Thursday at 6 p.m. and then Wyoming on Sunday.

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NIL idealism marred by policy's reality

COMMENTARY
By AIDAN BRAATEN

Continuity in college athletics has been in short supply since the modern era of conference realignment and reimagined transfer portal standards began three years ago.

The greatest complication to come out of the recent frenzy, however, concerns student-athlete compensation. In July 2021, the NCAA implemented its first-ever Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) policy, allowing student-athletes to profit from their personal brand.

At first glance, incorporating NIL into college athletics seems practical. For mid-sized cities and regions with high-performing college teams, a top student-athlete can become the most marketable figure in town. In Spokane, for example, the sports market is dominated by Gonzaga basketball.

In the current NIL era, you would be hard-pressed to go an entire day without seeing at least one Zag collaborating with a Spokane-based business on local television.

Geography plays a significant role in this matter when considering where many dominant college programs call home.

Alabama has zero major professional sports teams, so many state residents follow University of Alabama football religiously. Montana is hundreds of miles from the nearest NFL stadium, but it has two universities that have each made an FCS football national championship appearance in the past two seasons.

Allowing student-athletes to enter these niche media markets is economically efficient as all those involved benefit in some shape or form.

Regrettably, this is an idealistic interpretation of what NIL has become. It has quickly matured into a hierarchy designed to benefit the largest schools while leaving others in the dust.

On Sep. 28, UNLV football thumped Fresno State 59-14 and earned its first 4-0 start to a season since they moved up to Division I in 1978. The following day, it was ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time ever.

However, an unfulfilled promise related to an NIL payout just sent shockwaves through a program enjoying a generational start to the season.



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NIL policies have come under scrutiny following instances of financial redshirting.

Their quarterback, Matthew Sluka, departed the program just days before the game against Fresno State. He will redshirt the 2024 season and transfer to a different school for the 2025 season.

Sluka stated that he had been offered \$100,000 by UNLV offensive coordinator Brennan Marion as an incentive to choose the Rebels over other potential suitors. He previously played four seasons of FCS-level football with Holy Cross.

Sluka's father claims that UNLV head coach Barry Odom informed him that there would be no payment because he himself had not made a formal promise. UNLV claims that Sluka's demands are in violation of NCAA "pay-to-play" laws.

These so-called "pay-to-play" laws, though, are dissipating. In April, Virginia governor Glen Youngkin passed a groundbreaking law that prohibited the NCAA from punishing Virginia colleges that gave direct payments to student-athletes.

In May, the NCAA and the Power 5 conferences — SEC, Big Ten, Big 12, ACC and Pac-12 — signed a deal that afforded all Power 5 schools the same privileges as the Virginia law.

UNLV is a member of the Mountain West, a non-Power 5 conference. Accordingly, it was not included in July's

deal.

Allowing private corporations and businesses to compensate student-athletes for their image is sensible. Enabling universities themselves to give lump-sum payments to students is excessive and will likely harm any hope for parity in the future of college sports.

In 2021, the NCAA removed a policy for certain sports that forced student transfers to go through a one-year waiting period before being eligible to play for their new school. This has disastrous implications in the aftermath of July's deal.

As Power 5 schools begin to offer guaranteed payments to players, the "Cinderellas" that the sports world has grown to love might lose potential star players who opt instead for a bench spot with a paycheck at a larger college.

For mid-major schools, convincing a local star to play for them on a full academic scholarship when a school like UCLA or North Carolina is offering NIL opportunities that can total more than \$1 million annually will be next to impossible.

GU men's basketball is arguably the greatest "Cinderella" program in the history of college sports. A private college in Spokane with zero tournament wins prior to 1999 would never have grown into the modern powerhouse status that GU

GU SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 14
➔ Women's basketball vs. California, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15
➔ Cross country at NCAA West Regional Championships, Colfax, Washington, 11 a.m. (women's), Noon (men's)

Saturday, Nov. 16
➔ Men's basketball vs. UMass Lowell, 6 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 17
➔ Women's basketball vs. Wyoming, 1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18
➔ Men's basketball at San Diego State, San Diego, California, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20
➔ Men's basketball vs. Long Beach State, 6 p.m.

Home games in bold

boasts without the opportunity and loyalty that existed for the "little guys" in the pre-modern NIL transfer portal world.

Regardless of the stance taken on the evolving NIL issue, one matter is certain: money now talks in college sports, and smaller schools should be incredibly wary.

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